

Footprints

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Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 7th MARCH 10.30-1.30
at Broadwas Village Hall

Come and see what Broadwas & Cotheridge has to offer
Let us know your ideas and thoughts on your local parish
Information. Ideas. Friends. Cake. Chat. Tea. More Cake

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Nearly New Sale

on Saturday 21st March 2pm - 4pm at Broadwas Village Hall.

A big thank you to those who have already contributed to our sale. We really do have some fabulous items and these will be on sale at the village hall on 21st. However, we do need more, so please if you are having a spring clear out, consider donating to this good cause and support your village hall in raising funds towards the extension planned for Spring 2020.

Wanted: Good clean clothing, books, unwanted gifts, accessories, small items of furniture, mirrors, garden items etc.
please contact:

Yvonne 01886 822023 Mob 07967521426

Sarah 01886 821077 Mob 07719669696

Sharon 01886 821415 Mob 07970698790.

We will be happy to collect if required.

Church Words

by Rev Jennifer Whittaker

At the time of writing much of the surrounding area of Worcester is covered with flood water and in other parts of the country people are dealing with homes and businesses which have been hit twice already this year. It is a devastating and difficult time for many. While my home is not at risk, I am unable to reach our parishes and I find myself forced to stop; to stop running around and instead to pause. A good preparation for Lent, which, by the time you read this, will be upon us, having begun on Ash Wednesday (26th February). It is the season in the Church which leads us to Good Friday and to Easter. It is traditionally a time of penitence and fasting and often those who want to shed a pound or two choose the discipline of giving up chocolate or biscuits or cake, or even all three for the 6 week period. Others will often select a Lenten book to read during this season or will go on retreat for a few days to focus on God and Jesus, learning more about them and deepening their relationship with them.

I find it interesting that the word Lent itself means Spring. It points to the shoots and growth of new life which appear in our gardens and by the roadsides as we move towards the end of winter. It encourages us to look and to see beyond the darkness and despair in the world, in the difficult times we face, and to go forward with hope, remembering that although Jesus's Lenten journey to Jerusalem took him to his death on the Cross, he rose from the 'cold-stone tomb' on that glorious first Easter Day. He lives always in our hearts and continues to be the source of light in the darkness, the bringer of new life. So I pray that we may all find time to pause and, as we see the shoots and buds appear in gardens all around, reflect, and draw closer to him that he may fill us with the hope and peace of new life in him.

Into the dark world a snowdrop comes,
a blessing of hope and peace
carrying within it a green heart:
symbol of God's renewing love.
Come to inhabit our darkness, Lord Christ,
for dark and light are alike to you.
May nature's white candles of hope
remind us of your birth and lighten our journey
through Lent and beyond.

Written by Kate McIlhagga (Invocation for Lent)

Try Croquet This Season!



We're looking forward to another great Season of Croquet at Broadwas. More than fifty of us play at least once a week as soon as the lawns are ready (end March/early April). We love the game because it's fun. Croquet involves skill not strength: it's a game where guile and technique invariably overcome brute strength so men and women can play on equal terms.

We'd love to introduce you to the pleasures and challenges of the game. Why not come up and give it a go: you really have nothing to lose. Your first three visits are free-to-try and with annual Club Membership at around £2 a week and no joining fee, what better way to spend a couple of afternoons a week over the Summer. Gentle exercise, fresh air, beautiful views and friendly people.

Tuesdays and Fridays are our Club Days when members roll up from about 1 30 pm onwards. We're always happy to show new members the basics. In fact, you could be off and playing a proper game within a few minutes of arriving. Casual wear is fine (shorts, jeans and t-shirts along with a pair of flat trainers) and tea and coffee are available afterwards in our comfortable pavilion. We offer regular coaching sessions and have several Club competitions to suit all levels.

You may have seen us promoting croquet on Midlands Today or at the Three Counties Spring Show or heard us on the local radio. We're current West Midlands champions and play regional and national competitions. While some members compete in leagues, the rest of us are in it for fun and the chance to meet old friends and make new ones.

We have five full-sized lawns located about six miles from the centre of Worcester, just off the main A44. It's a lovely, rural location set in the heart of the Teme Valley. But then you can read all about us on our website (www.broadwascroquetclub.org.uk). Do take a look at the photographs: they'll show you the beauty and tranquillity of our surroundings.

Interested! Then why not come up and see us? We're always at the ground on Tuesday or Friday afternoons. Just give our Chairman, Stuart Smith (01886 853311), our Club Captain, John Guy (01905 748192) or our Fun Croquet Organiser, Chris Croft (01886 821664) a quick call to let us know you're coming.

A final word of warning though - don't be surprised if you get hooked. Croquet can and does become extremely addictive!

Diary ~ March 2020

Sun	1st	10.30am	Contemplative Worship - Broadwas Church
		6.30pm	Evensong - Cotheridge Church
Mon	2nd	11.00am	R.B.L. - Talbot Hotel, Knightwick
Wed	4th	9.00am	Morning Prayer - Broadwas Church
		10 - 4pm	Church Quiet Day at Holland House, Crophorne
		7.00pm	Lent Talk 1/5 - Martley Church
Thurs	5th	12 for 12.30pm	Lunch in Company - Village Hall, Broadwas
Sun	8th	9.00am	Holy Communion - Cotheridge Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
		11 - 1.30pm	Farmers Market at Talbot
Mon	9th	7.30pm	Broadwas& Cotheridge Parish Council
Wed	11th	7.00pm	Lent Talk 2/5 - Martley Church
Sat	14th	8.30am	Men's Breakfast - Talbot at Knightwick
		10am - 12	Easter Foam Free Pedestal Workshop - Martley Ch.
Sun	15th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
		3.00pm	Evening Worship - Knightwick Chapel
Wed	18th	2.00pm	W.I. visit - Link Nurseries, Powick
		7.00pm	Lent Talk 3/5 - Martley Church
Thurs	19th	2.40pm	Mobile Library - Broad Green
Fri	20th	9.50am	Mobile Library - Broadwas Church
Sat	21st	2 - 4 pm	"Nearly New Sale" - Broadwas Village Hall
		2 - 4.30pm	Nora Parson Day Centre - Easter Fayre
Sun	22nd	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Worship - Broadwas Church
		4.00pm	Mothering Sunday Celebration - Martley Church
Wed	25th	9.00am	Morning Prayers at Cotheridge Church
		7.00pm	Lent Talk 4/5 - Martley Church
Thurs	26th	7 - 8.30pm	SHYP Youth - Martley Old School
Sat	28th	9.30am	Broadwas Churchyard Tidy-up
Sun	29th	10.30am	Group Service at Wichenford Church
Mon	30th	9.00am	Morning Prayer - Knightwick Chapel

Sat **APRIL 25th** *An Evening with Roger Valentine*
at Broadwas Village Hall - Tickets : £12 to incl. Hot two Course Meal
to book : **Contact: Sharon Downes on 01886 821415 Yvonne Hayward**
on 01886 822023

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

Helen Walker	01886 822137
Jill Blakeley	01886 821102
Jim & Mary Dryden	01886 822251
Barry Kirby	01886 821577
Jim Norris	01886 821246

- 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 - please ring

Helen Walker - 01886 822137 for details

LinC in May

LinC is off to the pub again! Unfortunately there will be yet another election in May this year (Police Commissioners) so, as the Hall is not available, we will be having lunch at The Bell in Lower Broadheath on **Thursday 7th May**.

This month (April) the menu will be available so that you will be able to select your meal. If for any reason you are unable to come in April please ring :

Jennifer - 01886 833897- or Gill - 01905 425652 - before the end of the month so we can put an order in for you.

The next LinC - Lunch In Company for those who eat on their own - is at Broadwas Village Hall as usual on **Thursday 2nd April**.

Hope to see everyone there.

Jennifer

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A jolly number met at the Talbot Hotel for our monthly meeting.

The Royal British Legion is selling several of its break centres and hoping to raise £5.8.million which will be used to support servicemen and members.

Arrangements were made for a lunch to commemorate V.E Day. This will be on the **6th May** at the Cob House Martley 12 for 12.30 do join us but let Sue know on 01905422711 if you are coming.

Next meeting will be on the **2nd MARCH** 11 am at The Talbot Hotel why not give it a try.

W.I.

This month our speaker was David Wornham who came to talk about the River Salwarp from its source in the Lickey Hills to where it joins the River Severn. The videos of the recent flooding on this stretch of river was very interesting. We particularly enjoyed the slides of our local area and learnt about the locks in Droitwich.

March 18th 2pm- we will visit Link Nurseries , Powick

Next lunch date:

April 1st, is actually afternoon tea at Ego, Manor Farm.

Susan Reeve

WANTED

Suckley School – Lunchtime Supervisor

Thursday and Friday - 1 hour each day (12.15 – 1.15p.m.)

Contact the school on 01886 884283 for further information

Broadwas and Cotheridge Community Fibre Partnership

The Parish Council is working with Worcestershire Council's Superfast Broadband Team and BT Openreach to use the government funding to improve our internet connections, by replacing the copper connections that run from the local cabinets to homes and businesses.

Based on how different parts of the parish connect to cabinets, we are at different stages.

We have a cost from Openreach for the 27 addresses in Little Green, which means that each address will shortly get a letter and a form. Hopefully as the success of the scheme depends on as many people as possible signing up, by the 5th of March everyone will have made their decision. For each sign up we can get a government voucher, and as long as the total value equals the cost of installation we will be able to place the order, and within 12 months people will be able to take up the better service.

We will soon get the costs for the main areas of Broadwas and Cotheridge and then be able to ask people to sign up.

When you get your letter please look at it carefully and if you have further questions please visit the Parish Council website <https://www.broadwas-cotheridge.com> and look for the page Community Fibre Partnership.

We have learnt that the government fund is running low so timing is now crucial. Although a fibre connection and the faster speeds it brings may not be a priority for everyone, for many homes and businesses in the parish this also addresses the very slow speeds and poor connections they experience.

Richard Burrows

BROADWAS AND COTHERIDGE CHRISTMAS STAMP APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who took the time to cut off the stamps at Christmas for the RNIB. I'm pleased to say that we will have collected enough for them to raise in excess of £40 thanks to your generosity. I'd also like to thank the churches for agreeing to be the collection points. With such a response I'm happy to organise it again next year, so please keep collecting.

Elizabeth Winscom

Village Information

Church Officials:

Priest in Charge - Rev David Sherwin 01886 888664
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Rob Pearce 01886 821959
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
Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm)
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

Broadwas Sports Assoc. Sec. - Gill Brooks 01886 821292
Croquet Club – John Guy 01905 748192
Royal British Legion – Sue Ganderton 01905 422711
W.I. – Barbara Lloyd 01905 333635

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