

Footprints

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OPENING UP? We do hope so!

Subject to Covid restrictions being lifted on Monday 21st June as the Government has planned:

The Pastoral Team of Martley, Wichenford and The Lower Teme Valley will be having a

CELEBRATORY TEA PARTY

When? **on Thursday 24th June 2021**

Where? **at Martley Memorial Hall**

at what time? **2.30-4pm**

Do join us for tea and a chat with friends old and new.

Jennifer Whittaker

The Missing *LinC*?

For all who usually eat on their own the LinC Ladies have some good news! On condition that the Government lifts the remaining restrictions as planned on June 21st, the first LinC Lunch since the onset of Covid will take place on Thursday **1st July, 2021.**

We are all looking forward to welcoming you back!

Jennifer
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Church Words **by Rev. Canon David Sherwin**

It is good to see our communities opening up more as pandemic restrictions are slowly lifted. Life seems to be settling back to a new 'normality'. Most importantly we are becoming more able to be more at ease around each other and even hug and kiss those nearest and dearest to us. All this does not mean we can 'throw all caution to the wind', the world still struggles to cope with the pandemic and some areas suffer significantly. Let us also remember those who still feel uneasy about mixing with others and those who are lonely and do not have those around them to hug.

I was reading an article by Jeremy Paxman recently, now you wouldn't immediately put him in the tactile group, but even he commented how important we have now realised touch and human contact is. Even a handshake is important. I also know there are some who will relish the thought that they don't have to hug and kiss. Yet we need that social contact and discourse with one another, hopefully without the masks hiding our smiling faces soon.

Scripture does recognise this physical contact and in most of Paul's letters he urges the early church to 'greet one another with a holy kiss'. Done worry I am not going to stand by the door of my churches and expect a kiss. Joking apart, behind all this lies community and our need to socialise and be with each other. The Church is a community, though you may not be a churchgoer you may very well be part of another 'community', a sports team, a local interest group, rambling groups and so on. The function of these groups or communities goes beyond the meeting for the purpose they are set up for, they also enable social interaction and support which everyone needs at sometime.

Jesus knew our need of one another and the teaching he gives in the New Testament highlight that interaction, 'to love God and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves'. That means we are not isolated beings we were made for interaction, and we are made to show that love to one another in word and action.

We have recently been challenged during Christian aid week to consider our actions, not just locally, but how they affect others across the world. The love Jesus challenges us with is not just for those local, nor for those we 'like'. It is a love that is for all Gods creation, and for

you and me.

I look forward to greeting you in a suitable way over the next few months, don't worry, I won't greet you all with a holy kiss, but I do wish you God's blessing and pray you will know good health and peace in the days ahead.

Services for June 2021

June 6th

10.30 am – Martley Holy Communion
10.30 am - Broadwas Morning Worship

June 13th

10.30 am – Crown East all age
10.30 am – Wichenford Holy Communion
3.00 pm – Knightwick

June 20th

10.30 am – Martley Morning Worship
10.30 am – Broadwas Holy Communion

June 27th

9.00 am – Martley Holy Communion
10.30 am - Crown East – BCP Holy Communion
3.30 pm - Forest Church at Almshouse Wood, Pewcroft Farm.
6.30 pm – Cotheridge Evensong

Nora Parsons Day Centre News :

Advance Notice : **2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
at 7pm. on Wednesday 7th July 2021

We also have great news that we have agreed with AgeUK for them to set up a Dementia Meeting Day one day a week at Nora Parsons Day Centre. More information to follow when available.

Our Zoom meeting speaker this month told us about 'Lessons from a Long Walk'. Julia Goodfellow-Smith told us how she needed a physical challenge and decided to raise funds for the Marine Conservation Society. After intensive training up on the Malvern Hills, last September she set off on a 2 month expedition walking the 630 mile long South West Coastal path alone with her own tent and basic essentials. We were fascinated by the stories of the people she met, old friends and new, and some of the challenges she faced including Storm Alex. The winds were so severe she had to crawl along some of the cliff paths. Julia's talk was both entertaining and interesting. We were absorbed by the anecdotes. It was quite moving too. Her involvement in conservation projects is wonderful and we heard how her next project will be with Raleigh International where she will be working with young people getting involved in sustainable development work. Looking forward to another talk!

We held our Annual Meeting and re-elected Heather as our President. Despite lockdown we have managed to meet via Zoom and have even welcomed a new member.

Our June meeting is scheduled for the week before we can safely meet indoors in a group so we have decided to have a picnic outside. It has been suggested we keep an eye on the weather forecast and decide on a date nearer the time. We will contact all members with further details.

It will be lovely to be able to meet up in person. Let's hope we have some sunshine very soon!

Susan Reeve



cooperate - used of oneself : to enter into a constructive collaboration with another person; used of someone else : to do exactly as one is told

Cotheridge Fete

**Saturday 10th July 2021 2 – 4pm
at Dingle End, Court Lane, Cotheridge**

We would love YOU to donate items to the Fete. ANYTHING would help us to raise money (except clothing). Remember that the cake stall is now the Home Cooked food stall so will be taking any home cooked food – pies, bread, quiches etc.

I know a lot of you have been sorting cupboards and garages out during lockdown. We can only take smaller items on the White Elephant stall and we may also have to limit items if we get too much.

MAIN COLLECTION POINT for non perishable items.

From July 1st - the collection point is at Eric and Heather Dale's garage, Woodlands, Court Lane, Cotheridge. Please open the garage door and put your items on to the correct table (named Tombola, White Elephant and Books) . DELIVERIES TAKEN FROM JULY 1st

Plants to be delivered to Heather Dale at Woodlands, Court Lane as usual.

Jams, chutneys, fresh veg, flowers etc– please hold on to these until I give you an address to deliver them to, but it will be after 1st July

Items for the home cooked Food stall to Helen Walker either on the day or to her home on the day before.

If any of you can rope in additional family or friends to help out this year, please let me know.

More information in the next edition of Footprints.

Many, many thanks for your support.

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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.

BROADWAS

A "Middleman" Lord of the Manor

In 1561, the Dean and Chapter departed from the immemorial custom of the Priory, to retain the manor in hand as "desmesne"; and in lieu granted a lease to a "middleman," which comprised the "manor," with the Court house, orchard and vineyard, and other demesne lands; and the lessee became known as "lord of the manor."

The Chapter doubtless had in view the saving of trouble, by dealing with a single responsible tenant, instead of numerous smaller ones, each with inconvenient memories of "good old times" when they held under the Priory. Probably also the letting secured a substantial fine, payable in advance, which relieved temporary financial embarrassment.

The Cratfords

The Lessee was a Cratford; probably of the same family as one who, in the time of Henry VII., was master of both the Priory and Worcester City schools; apparently so appointed with a view to terminating a rivalry found injurious to both; and who strengthened his position by obtaining a prohibition of any competing school.

The Cratford connection with Broadwas continued for about a century; the lease, apparently, being from time to time renewed.

In 1634, Charles Cratford, who described himself as of Broadwas and Claines, entered his arms at the Heralds' Visitation of Worcestershire; and in 1636 obtained from the Chapter a renewal of the lease of Broadwas. A memorial in Broadwas church of his wife, Elizabeth Cratford, who died in 1623, was mentioned by Habington, Nash and Prattinton.

The Cratfords' tenure of the manors probably ended with the confiscation of the Chapter estates by the Commonwealth; and it had not been uninterruptedly comfortable. Disputes and litigation between

themselves are recorded; and Quarter Sessions Roll mentions that in 1619 one of them was indicted, charged with tampering with the “parish book containing assessments, rules and customs.”

The Commonwealth Survey

For the condition of the manor, some thirty years later than the Indictment of the “Lord,” we are indebted to an exhaustive survey by a Commonwealth Committee. The manor had then been sequestered.

The rents aggregated £36 1s. 10d., receivable from twenty-nine tenants, of whom three were freeholders, holding 62 acres and paying merely nominal quit rents. Of the remainder, nearly half (£17 9s. 6d.) was paid by three leaseholders, who with the freeholders may be assumed to have been the larger holders, or farmers; while £18 4s. 8d., was collected in twenty-three sums from copyholders, who were the “small-holders.

Eighty years earlier, in Elizabethan times, there had been only twenty-one families in Broadwas, and in Dr. Nash’s day, some century and a quarter later, there were but thirty; and it is therefore probable that in Commonwealth times practically every house-holder was a property owner, either as free-holder copyholder or leaseholder.

“The three F’s.”

The system was singularly favourable to the tenants. In the case of the copy-holders, the rents payable were only one-eighteenth part of the actual or “improved” value; and even the lease-holders paid less than a quarter.

The explanation was that the tenancies were of old creation, having been handed down in the same family, or passed by sale from outgoing to incoming tenants, in the case of the copy-holders from time immemorial, and of the lease-holders for centuries; and that by custom the rents remained as originally fixed, irrespective of improvements to the holdings, or changed value of currency.

The tenants enjoyed the three “F’s,” which in Victorian times were the ideals of tenant-rights agitators. They had fixity of tenure, fair rents, and even freedom of sale, at least as between themselves; for copy-holders could sell to one another, or exchange, without license from the lords.

[To be continued as space allows]

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