

Footprints

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Happy New Year to all our Friends

and from the following who just missed my deadline for the
December issue.

Pete & Sandie Greenwood
Maggie Presland
Pauline & Mike Key

I hope everyone has survived the latest lock-down and the most extraordinary Christmas that I can ever remember.

With the advent of the possibility of vaccination things should now start to improve over the next few months so that by next Christmas things should be very, very different.

In the meantime we need to maintain the vigilance of social distancing and hand washing for as long as necessary, We still have a long way to go and it will be well into the new year before the brake finally comes off.

So here we are with the NEW format Footprints, *not really*, just that the majority of you can now pick it up from the Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council web-site :

www.broadwas-cotheridge.com

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

As I open my thoughts concerning this New Year I do hope that we can have, as we often say, a ‘Happy New Year’. The thing is happiness is often fleeting and temporary and I do hope that the situation we find ourselves in begins to ease so that we can have what we would regard as a more normal lifestyle and that we can be happy again.

Normality is obviously different for each of us in what we regard in that light, but I do hope that some of the things that the pandemic situation has taught us do not go away.

Early in the first lockdown we saw tremendous community activity that enabled us to ‘love one another’ in active and practical ways. We showed great appreciation for key workers, especially the NHS, in the risks they were taking to treat people and enable research. We are thankful for them and continue to be so.

The pandemic has probably also enabled us to consider what is really important. It may seem trivial, but as I ponder the song that came to number 1 during the Christmas period – namely Mariah Carey’s ‘All I want for Christmas is You’ – she not having had a number 1 with that song since it was released in the 90’s. The sentiment of the song is probably something we all long for, not just for Christmas, but we do want to be with our loved ones - to be able to see them, share our lives with them and probably give them a hug.

For some of you this has not been an easy time with friends and relatives who have been isolating at home, maybe in hospital where we were not allowed to visit them, or in care homes where we weren’t allowed to see them for their own safety. And sadly for others you are still living with the bereavement of losing a loved one whether through COVID or other reasons. And if I might use that song again and rephrase it – all I want for the New Year for you and for all of us is that we once again can be that real community of life where we are able to interact and enjoy each others company and receive that friendship and love that we all need and long for.

That love for me comes from the one who is love, and that is God. The Bible tells us that ‘God is love and those that live in love live in God’. May we find ourselves living in love and know the presence of our creator by our side whatever we face in the year ahead.

The season we are in at present is called Epiphany. As I mentioned

we have had some epiphanies about life in general and the way we live together due to the COVID crisis, but may we have an epiphany that will enable us to realise the truth of Emmanuel God with Us in every circumstance of life in the year ahead.

God bless you all and may I wish you a peaceful, safe, healthy and happy New Year.

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RBL Poppy Appeal

This years Poppy Appeal total for the Knightwick and District area is £3,328.67. This is roughly half of what we would normally raise. Considering that because of Health and Safety rules relating to the pandemic we could not carry out house to house collections, it is not a bad total. Also there were no Church collections although the Churches did donate a substantial amount to the appeal.

What we also cannot collate are any online donations, we do know that by the 11th of November over £5,000,000 had been donated online to the appeal but we don't know from which areas the money came from so it may very well be that our total could be greater.

Many thanks once again to everyone who did donate to the appeal. Every penny will be put to good use.

We will update you on the final total when we receive it.

Stay safe.

ED JONES / SUE GANDERTON. Poppy Appeal Organisers.
Knightwick & District. R.B.L.

W.I.

December sees the days draw in and at our Zoom meeting on the 9th we wore merry hats and fancy jewellery to help lift our spirits, some members were drinking said spirits! This was to

toast the season.

We would like to pass on best wishes to those members who were unable to attend and we hope everyone will have a good Christmas and a peaceful New Year. The prospect of covid19 vaccines gives us light at the end of the tunnel.

Through January I plan to read and catch up on a few films and continue with my singing projects as well as sewing and knitting. See www.worcestervoices.org.uk for some entertainment. I will send out invites to our next Zoom meeting, which will be on Wednesday, January 20th 2021 at 2pm.

Stay safe. Susan Reeve

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