

Footprints

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Parishioners you are warmly invited to :

the **Broadwas and Cotheridge Annual Parish Meeting**
immediately followed by the AGM of the Parish Council
on **Sunday May 2nd at 4 pm**

This is when we hear from all organisations and groups in the parish about the past year and their thoughts about what's important for them and the Parish Council in the coming year.

For a link to this meeting : contact the Parish Clerk :

parishclerk@broadwas-cotheridge.com

Knightswick and Doddenham Annual Parish Meeting etc

It is intended that this will be a "live" meeting held at the Talbot Hotel at 7.00pm. on Monday the **24th May**

- Covid restrictions allowing.

Public Notice : Re-surfacing on the A 44

Be aware there will be resurfacing work on the A44 between Broadwas and the County boundary from the end of April through to the 2nd week of May. This will cause journey delays and possibly diversions. Allow more time if visiting the Doctors Surgery

Please be patient and drive carefully.

There should be more details on the Highways page on the County Council Web-site

Church Words by Rev. Canon David Sherwin

I wonder if you like me found the news of the death of Prince Philip, whilst not a surprise with his ailing health, was still a great sadness. The loss of such an influential person that most of us have grown up with, has caused us to reflect, on his life, achievements and influence, and what made him the man he was.

Whilst I never met Prince Philip in person, I did, like many undertake the 'Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme', however only reaching bronze level. Like many, who have said how much the scheme affected them, it had an effect upon me too. Giving me confidence, helping in making friendships and enabled me to undertake things I may never have done without the challenges the award presented.

Rightfully there have been thousands of tributes made to the Prince, but the most significant were given a few years ago by his loving wife, the Queen, who praised him at their Golden wedding celebrations saying that;

"He has, quite simply, been my strength and stay all these years, and I, and his whole family, and this and many other countries, owe him a debt greater than he would ever claim, or we shall ever know."

The one word that stood out from the thousands of tributes that came from world leaders and the general public was that of 'Service.' He was a man who served our nation, the Commonwealth and beyond. Affecting people's lives for the better.

It would seem that he took the words of the one in whom his faith lay very seriously. Being a committed Christian he would have known the words of Jesus, that true greatness is not found in your position in life nor through privilege but rather through serving those around you, whoever they are.

Both he and our Queen have shown that sacrificial devotion to our nation and beyond throughout their lives. No-one is saying that Prince Philip was perfect, none of us are, but he strove to make the world a better place for all. Regardless of our social standing in life each of us are called to do the same, to serve one another, as we follow the greatest example to us all, Jesus.

In this Easter season I am reminded of the call that Jesus laid upon his disciples and all of us, to live a life of service empowered by Christ's risen presence with us. As Jesus said,

'Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbour as you love yourself.'

We may not have Prince Philip around in body any more, but we do have the ideals and teachings he lived by, those teachings and ideals being embodied in the one whom we are all called to follow and to serve, Jesus, who calls us all to be servants of one another. Let's all play our part in doing that and in doing so bring the values of the Kingdom of God on earth as they are in heaven.

May Prince Philip rest in peace, and may we live in peace with one another day by day.

God bless

Services for May 2021

2nd	6.30pm	Evensong	Cotheridge Church
9th	3.00pm	Evening Prayer	Knightwick Chapel
16th	10.30am	Holy Communion	Broadwas Church
23rd	10.30am	Morning Worship	Broadwas Church
30th	10.30am	Group Service	t.b.a.

Cotheridge Fete

Having canvassed the helpers, it has been decided that the Cotheridge Fete will take place again this year (with the now standard proviso regarding Government Covid Restrictions)

Saturday July 10th 2 - 4pm
at Dingle End, Cotheridge Court.

Any questions and offers to help,

to Pauline Key : 01905 333526

April's meeting was the second Wednesday of the month which caught some people unawares and I apologise for that. I was unable to organise a Zoom meeting for the third week as I was able to go away for the first time in ages. Paul and I enjoyed some glorious sunshine in North Yorkshire. We were celebrating our Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

Our April meeting was but a select few and we had entered into the Easter theme by wearing Easter bonnets. Good to have a chat.

Next meeting is **19th May at 7.30pm**. Julia Goodfellow Smith will tell us about 'Lessons from a long Walk' via zoom. I will send out the invite early in May. We will also hold our 'Annual Meeting'.

Susan Reeve

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.

Wichenford Heritage Group :

Free Talk - 2.00pm 19th May
“The Origins of Local Footpaths”

- looking at the local parishes of Wichenford, Martley, Hallow, Grimley, Cotheridge and Lower Broadheath

This will be a Zoom talk lasting about an hour.

To join this zoom meeting e-mail : heatherrendall46@gmail.com and she will send you the link.



Broadwas Green for Go!

It's that time of year again here at Broadwas Croquet Club! New grass to be cut, lawns to be rolled and marked up, mallets to be repaired and re-waxed and hoops re-painted – all set for the opening of the 2021 croquet season, hopefully in just a few weeks' time. We want to be ready to roll as soon as the Government gives us the green light - and the weather becomes a bit warmer.

There's lots to look forward to this season. As well as our normal games of singles and doubles and our internal tournaments, we very much hope to begin playing league matches against other Clubs again. And we still plan to support the Club's social activities which are always popular, so we hope the easing of lockdown will enable us to restart our weekly Roll-ups and Fun Days. Be assured that we will be socially distancing, hand sanitising and keeping Covid procedures in place until we are officially allowed to reduce them.

We're extremely fortunate to have two fully qualified coaches at Broadwas who run courses for beginners and for our more experienced players. Not only that, they're always happy to give anyone help and guidance whilst up at the Club.

Broadwas is a great Club for folk who like to play competitive sport with lots of fresh air and in idyllic surroundings. In fact, a common admission among new members bitten by the croquet bug, is that they spend rather more time up at the Sports Ground than they can really afford. Why? Because they love the Club's friendly, join-in atmosphere and the idea of playing a game that can be as infuriating as it is compelling!

Our season runs from April to October, so if you'd like some more information about this year's programme of events for members, or you've thought of booking the ground over an evening or weekend for a special event, please get in touch with our Club Captain and Secretary, John Guy on 01905 748192 for further details.

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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 Priory Demesne

Broadwas was one of those Priory manors in which the monks of Worcester took particular and personal interest. They refrained from leasing it to a middle-man, and retained it in demesne; managing it with the aid of a bailiff, who superintended the home farm, collected for them the chief rents payable by the numerous copyholders and leaseholders, and by the few freeholders of the manor, as well as heriots on death; and attended to the minor details of estate control. The Priory steward presided at the periodical Court Leet and Courts Barron, and with the aid of the bailiff fixed the fines payable on renewals of leases, or on admission to copyholds.

As at Crowle, Grimley and More, the demesne included a Court-house, where the Courts were held; and to it an orchard and a vineyard were attached. These amenities, coupled with they convenient distance from Worcester, the pleasant situation, and the excellent fishing, must have made it an attractive resort of the monks

Domesday

The Norman Conquest made little difference to Broadwas. As a genuine Priory demesne, it was untouched by the conquerors; whose forbearance emphasises the distinction which they drew between real Church manors and those of the Bishops and Priors, in breach of their trusts, had in Saxon times flung to kinsmen and friends. The Domesday Survey, accordingly reported Broadwas as "held by the Church of Saint Mary at Worcester," with no qualification.

Sport

In 1148, the Bishop of Worcester "confirmed" that, as between See and the Priory, Broadwas belonged to the latter; and in 1256 the Prior

secured sporting rights over the manor, by obtaining from the Crown a Charter of Free Warren; which enabled him, with palfrey hawk, and hounds, to hunt by Teme-side, a right much appreciated by the Priors, who as we found in Feckenham Forest, were keen sportsmen and not above poaching on occasion.

The Priory Vineyard.

To special interest of the monks in Broadwas was as a favoured demesne, may be attributed an obligation which they imposed on Doddenham tenants, experienced vine-growers, to work two day a year in their Broadwas vineyard, as well as to help on two more days in harvesting on the Priory corn land.

This interest is further evidenced by frequent purchases of small plots of land. The Priory seems to have lost no opportunity of “rounding off” its Broadwas estate, by acquire=ing anything adjacent which came on the market; and several of these purchases, with the names of the vendors and other particulars, are detailed in still surviving records.

The “Good Fat Boars”

There were intimate relations between the monks and the Broadwas tenants, and among other interchanges of courtesies, it became customary for the tenants to present the Priory annually with a “good fat boar.” For the celebration of All Saints; with wood for the tenants at Christmas and Lady Day a hundred “dishes,” probably plates and possibly of wood, made like cricket bats from tough river-side willows.

The Passing of the Monks

Even the dissolution of the Worcester Priory made at first comparatively slight difference to Broadwas. Its long connection with “Church of Worcester” was renewed by King Henry’s grant of the Priory property there to the newly constituted Cathedral authority, the Dean and Chapter; and so fa as Broadwas people were concerned. The chief change must have been to appointment of a new steward of the Manor. More serious consequences resulted, in early Elizabethan times, from a change in the system of estate management.

[To be continued as space allows]

Village Information

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Chairman – Eric Dale

Clerk – Carole Hirst tel: 07903 377066 (Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm)

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Knightwick & Doddenham

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www.timesaversconcierge.co.uk

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