

Footprints

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Happy New Year Everybody

from the whole Footprint team and also from Sylvia Birch, John & Sue Humphrey, Roger & Barbara Lloyd, and Jay Popplewell , who didn't quite make my rather early print deadline last month

I know it's been a dark wet miserable winter so far, but there must be joy somewhere just around the corner, once/if we can get Brexit behind us and consign that word to the History Books.



Latest News

Cotheridge Church Tower

The tower has, in the past, been dated “loosely” to the 15th century. This has now been tightened to the 2nd quarter of the 15th century, more precisely to 1430. A small team from Nottingham have spent a couple of days drilling core samples from the main structural timbers in the lower and upper sections of the tower, which appeared to have been built at separate times. However the tree ring analysis has shown that the trees used to have been cut down in the

same season. In fact so close were patterns that several of the timbers could have come from the same tree! Now we have to do some more analysis into the constructional techniques to try to discover why the top section appears to be different. The story goes on!- the joy of being interested in history - there's always more to be discovered.

Happy New Year to You All.

As I write this my thoughts about the New Year have mixed feelings, for today is the 12th December - Polling Day. I am unaware of the outcome of the General Election but I am fully aware of the unease at which many people are approaching this election and are concerned about its outcome. By the time you read this we will have an outcome and all will be known.

I suppose in many ways each year is like today. We have an unknown future before us with many ups and downs to face and hopefully many joys and not too many sorrows. How we approach those things will depend on our outlook in life which is very much like I am sure the outcome of a General Election. You may be delighted, you may not be, but what you have you have.

The life we have is given to us by God. Perhaps we sometimes feel we haven't been dealt a good hand, as they say, we wish things were better, but finding God within our lives can help us appreciate every day we have and even the most insignificant of things can give us joy.

The beginning of January in the church year celebrates what we call 'Epiphany'. An Epiphany is something becoming very clear and apparent to us, seeing something as it really is. It may be that in the political realm things are still not very clear, but as far as our Christian faith is concerned the visit of the Wise Men was indeed an Epiphany. They saw Jesus for who he was, his gifts revealing to us that he was a King, a Priest and his love would lead him to make an ultimate sacrifice. That Epiphany can give us joy as we see Jesus for who he is, 'the Son of God', and realise an Epiphany of ourselves, that we are his people and those he came to save.

We ourselves are not insignificant to God. We have just celebrated the fact that God has given us his greatest gift in his son Jesus, and he has promised to be with us always.

Maybe we can elect to allow Jesus to guide our lives in the year ahead and live out his manifesto which has been given to us in his teachings, most significantly to love one another as he has loved us.

Once again may I wish you a Very happy and Peaceful New Year.



Tom Elliott's "Oh My Days!" tour is coming to Martley!

Tom is a comedian and magician and his show brings laughter and tricks for all ages. Described by Miranda Hart as 'Such Fun', his performances are clean and non-offensive, ensuring you a great evening of live entertainment. He takes his show to theatres, churches and corporate events across Britain and will be taking it to the Edinburgh Festival next summer. A great night for the whole family to laugh away the winter blues!

Saturday 18th January at 7.30pm, Martley Church (£5.00 on the door)

Moving on to..... the future of YOUR church....

Everyone who is interested in the role of the church in their parish, whether a regular member, an occasional attender or even a non-attender is invited to join in a conversation with the Diocese to look at how effective ministry is shaped and resourced and how it is funded. There are nine non-area specific conversations across the diocese, but I have only listed the ones closest to us below.

Tuesday 14 January, 10am – 12.33pm, Pershore Town Hall, WR10 1DS

Tuesday 14 January, 7 – 9.15pm, St James' Church, Welland, WR13 6LP

Thursday 30 January, 2 – 4.30pm, The Old Palace, Worcester, WR1 2JE

If you want further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or go onto the Worcester of Diocese website.

Notice of Road Closure

Closure Reason : Drainage Work / Flood Alleviation

Proposed Start Date **15/01/2020** Proposed End Date **07/02/2020**

Proposed Times : **07:30 - 16:00**

Location LIGHTWOOD LANE, C2067 (usrn: 24406943), COTHERIDGE

Highway Section Closed from Junction with A44 Bromyard Road for a distance of approximately 350 metres in a north easterly direction along C2067 Lightwood Lane

Diary ~ January 2020

Thurs	2nd	12 for 12.30pm	Lunch in Company - Village Hall, Broadwas
Sun	5th	10.30am	Contemplative Worship - Broadwas Church
		6.30pm	Evensong - Cotheridge Church
Mon	6th	6.30pm	R.B.L. - Talbot Hotel, Knightwick
Sun	12th	9.00am	Holy Communion - Cotheridge Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
		11 - 1.30pm	Farmers Market at Talbot (Plough Blessing at 12noon)
Wed	15th	2.00pm	W.I. Lunch at Holt Fleet
Sat	18th	7.30pm	Tom Elliot "Oh My Days!" Martley Church (£5.00)
Sun	19th	10.30am	Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
		3.00pm	Evening Worship - Knightwick Chapel
Wed	22nd	9.00am	Morning Prayers at Cotheridge Church
Sun	26th	10.30am	Family Worship - Broadwas Church
		6.30pm	Evening Celebration - Martley Church
Thurs	30th	7 - 8.30pm	WWRT Youth - Martley Old School

Worcester News and Equipment Service for the Blind WANTED URGENTLY

Worcester Talking News has been supplying the visually impaired in Worcester and Droitwich with stories from the Worcester News and recorded on memory sticks for over 40 years.

It is based in Wyld's Lane, Worcester and is in desperate need of reliable volunteers who can carry out vital admin tasks on :

Thursday afternoons (between 2 and 3 hours)

or Friday mornings (approx 1 - 1.5 hours)

- once every fourth week. Full training will be given.

If you have that time available we would love to hear from you.

Contact Liz on 07812039188.

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

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

- 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
 - **A welcome to two new Volunteers** - please ring
Helen Walker - 01886 822137 for details
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Great News !

The Parish Website <https://www.broadwas-cotheridge.com/> is now available on your smart phone.

May the Parish be with you ! (Apologises to Star Wars fans)

MONTHLY POLICE SURGERIES

Venue: **Lower Broadheath Community Shop**

Informal Drop-in service

Meet your local police and discuss any issues and concerns.

11 am – 12 noon

Thursday 23rd January

Thursday 27th February

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Members congregated at the Talbot Hotel for the annual darts match. Members fought with determination to stop that wizard Andy Callow. Striker Sue took out last year's champion Keith Brooks so the rallying cry was "come on chaps you can beat him" but alas his skill was too powerful so Andy took the cup home this year. Well done to everyone but especially to Andy and the runner up John Turley. There is always next year! Wonderful sandwiches, chips & sausage rolls were enjoyed by all.

We hope 2020 will be a healthy and peaceful year for everyone. Our next meeting will be on the **6th January** at the Talbot Hotel 11am, hope to see you there.

This year's Poppy Appeal total so far is approx £6,400, there is still some money to come in so I am hopefully expecting a total of about £6,600. This total is slightly down on last years, probably due to last year commemorating the end of World War one.

This total does not detract from all the hard work carried out by our House to House Collectors nor the fixed posts we have in the area. Every penny raised goes towards helping ex Servicemen/Women and their families who find themselves in need.

I would like to thank everyone who helped to raise the marvellous total. I will let you know at a later date the full total.

I would like this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Ed Jones - Poppy Appeal Organiser, Knightwick & District Royal British Legion

<p>common sense - practical wisdom and understanding, and as such, not common at all</p>

W.I.

December is always a busy month with lots of extra preparation for Christmas, and opportunities to celebrate, which is what we did after our talk.

We had invited Penny Seabrook to tell us about her life as a Vicar's wife. Her stories were both humorous and enlightening. Penny is a member of Bromyard WI which sadly has had to close due to declining number of members.

We are delighted to report that for 2019 Broadwas membership has increased. We continue to welcome visitors to our meetings.

January 15th 2020, 12.30pm lunch at Holt Fleet

Susan Reeve

HEATING OIL BULK BUYING GROUP

Of late there has been a lot more media coverage about bulk buying initiatives for Domestic Heating Oil. Martin Lewis the Money Saving Expert (no relation), Community First, Boiler Juice and Oil Club etc., but I wondered if you know I have been doing just this since 1976 for a group of friends, neighbours and colleagues in Broadwas, Cotheridge, Knightwick, Cradley, Wichenford and Broadheath.

Prompted by a colleague who knew a manager of Butlers Oil and the penalty I was paying for having a small oil tank, I was never able to order over 1000 litres to get the best price. Now, by buying in even greater quantities we can enjoy even better prices.

Our group is sadly reducing in size by bereavement and folks moving away so my ability to negotiate prices for a full tanker of 23,000 litres is getting difficult.

If anyone is interested in joining our group please mail me and I will give you more details. There is no commitment and you can always cancel after I place an order if you didn't like the deal. I usually order 2 - 3 times per year in bulk and anticipate the next one to be January / February.

Alan Lewis MAIL: alan.lewis069@btinternet.com

TEL: 01886 821 714 Mail Preferred

Martley Young Farmers - martleyyoungfarmers@gmail.com

On the 4th December we were joined by Reverend Sherwin to do our annual carol singing around the local pubs. We started off at The Talbot at Knightwick, we then went on to The Royal Oak, The Dewdrop and finished off at the Bell.

It was a very enjoyable evening and we raised £189.19 which we have split between the Club, Air Ambulance and St Peter's Church, Martley.

Thank you to everyone who donated.

Our annual **BIG BREAKFAST** is fast approaching – **23rd February** at Martley Memorial Hall : two sittings : 9 or 11am - £7 per person (£5 for under 12s). Tickets available from Martley Shop or you can order them by calling Zoe on 07772202840 or Amy on 07975636122.

Please buy or order by Tuesday February 18th.

We have also organised an **EASTER BINGO** on Saturday **4th April** (please note this is a revised date to the one previously advertised) at Martley Village Hall. The doors open at 7pm and eyes down at 7:30pm. There will be refreshments available and a raffle. Bring all the family along! For more information contacts as above : Zoe or Amy on 07975636122.

All profits made at each event are for charity. We look forward to seeing you.

Village Information

Church Officials:

Priest in Charge - Rev David Sherwin 01886 888664
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Rob Pearce 01886 821959
Peter Walker 01886 822137
Deputies: Broadwas – Helen Walker 01886 822137
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]**

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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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