

# Footprints

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**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021**  
**from 11am to 3pm**

## **BROADWAS VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS FAYRE.**

**Free entry and plenty of parking**

**Visit our Christmas Fayre in our bigger and better,  
newly extended hall and help support local crafters and  
businesses.**

**We'll have Christmas cards, wrapping paper and advent  
calendars. Christmas gifts, knitted toys, hats and  
scarves, Xmas puddings, Xmas cakes, mince pies,  
tombola, jewellery, skin care/cosmetics, Xmas wreaths,  
wooden gifts and a nearly new stall.**

**So, if you are new to the area or a regular supporter you  
will be very welcome.**

**Refreshments available.**

**To book a table £10**

**Please contact Yvonne Hayward 01886 822023**

**Donations for our tombola table will be gratefully  
received.**

**For this years Christmas Card Appeal see page 4**

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

The final month before retirement is upon me. How time flies. I recently had a flashback to the memory of when I left our home (in Redditch), and my job as a Medical Laboratory Scientific Officer in the health service (in Bromsgrove General Hospital), to train at a theological college in Nottingham setting off with my wife Jane and our two daughters at the time, Rebecca and Rachel. On that first day I remember sitting in the college lecture room, somewhat in awe and realising the significance of what I had done, wondering what the future held. We had really done it! Heard the call from God and given up my job to go train and serve God wherever we were led. Yorkshire,(where our third daughter was born, Natalie), Worcestershire and now as I relinquish my full time role a new chapter in life unfolds in Wales and beyond.

Retirement, as many of you have told me is not a giving up but a taking on of new things, and a time to pursue interests that time has not allowed up till now. We will of course continue to be part of a church community wherever we go and hopefully we will get involved and be able to help in whatever way we can. I certainly do not want my puppets to retire nor my guitars be redundant. I also, as many of you know, enjoy fishing so that will be part of my days too. I have also dabbled with art and I am trying to learn welsh at the moment, so I will not be idle.

It will be good to be more available to our family and help where we can, whilst keeping in touch with friends and making new ones. It will be an exciting time, though we know we will feel the loss of moving away from you all and the role I have had for 20 years. It has been a privilege to have been involved with you all and served the Lord within the wonderful communities in which you live. We will miss you all, missing bumping into you when out and about and being involved in your lives at crucial points like birth, marriages and at times of loss and leading you in the worship week by week.

Thank you for all your love and support over the years, we have shared so much together, sadness and Joy, tears and laughter. Thank you for being a part of our lives and we hope we have been able to share God's love with you in some way over the years. Jane and I will keep in touch with many of you and hopefully see some of you when you visit Wales. I do wish my colleagues and whoever will come into my place

God's blessing as I do all of you.

The following verses of scripture are a good summary for me to you;

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 1:3-6*

### **Farewell events**

In order to have the opportunity to see you all before we leave we will be holding a tea and cakes afternoon at Martley Village Hall

**on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm -4.30pm**

when we can have a time to reflect and have some fun. I am sure the puppets will be there and we might have a sing, O yes we will (do I detect a pantomime). Please come and say hello (and goodbye)

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

there will be a celebration service at **10.30am at St. Peter's Martley** when we will be able to look back and forward and give thanks for one another. You are most welcome

followed by food in the hall **at Chantry High school.**

Please join us for what you can. God bless you all

David and Jane

### **Services for November 2021**

#### **November 7th**

10.30 am – Martley Holy Communion

10.30 pm – Morning Worship, Broadwas

#### **November 11th**

11.00am - Act of Remembrance outside the Talbot Hotel

#### **November 14th - Remembrance Sunday**

10.45 am – Remembrance Service - Broadwas

#### **November 21<sup>st</sup>**

10.30 am – Broadwas Holy Communion

#### **November 28<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am - Team Farewell Service for Revd Canon David Sherwin  
St Peter's, Martley (followed by refreshments at the Chantry)



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## Christmas Card Appeal 2021 Applica- tion

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I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. [delete if not applicable]

Signed :

Address :

To: The Editor, Footprints, Norton House, Broad Green,  
Broadwas on Teme, Worcester, WR6 5NW

## The Almshouse Wood

on the border between Suckley and Knightwick parishes.

We are very pleased that groups such as scouts, guides, school, church WI and our allotment holders use it for various activities and social events.

It has been unchanged since 1987 when parts were felled and replanted with native trees. Now, for our retirement project (!) we want to enlarge it into one of our fields. We intend to call it the Jubilee plantation to mark HM's platinum Jubilee next June.

We are buying from The Woodland Trust who are supplying the trees, guards and stakes. A mixture of 1000 native trees, mostly oak, but also rowan, willow sweet chestnut, wild cherry alder, aspen, field maple, silver birch and hedging plants for the boundary will be planted. They will arrive in the next couple of months so here's the crunch.....

Would anyone be able to help us plant some of the trees? Any volunteers would be appreciated. Bring your own spade! We will supply drinks and snacks for anyone kind enough to give us a few hours. Date to be arranged.

If you might be willing to consider joining us in this exciting green project please give us your email or phone no, so we can contact you when the trees are here.

Many thanks, John and Jill Hammonds

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Jill Salmon came to talk to us about costumes and cultures of South West China. We were enchanted by the variety and intricate embroidery and design of the garments which were on display. It was a very interesting talk and it was fascinating to learn that each community had its own designs and traditions. Many items on display were well worn and clearly made with skill. It was a thoroughly delightful afternoon.

November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, we will hear a talk about Cuba from Robert Beech. All welcome

Susan Reeve

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## **Advent Soup Lunch - Thursday 25th November**

The Pastoral Group of Martley, Wichenford and The Lower Teme Valley invite you all to come to share a generous lunch of soup, cheese, fruit and mince pies as we remind ourselves that the season of Advent is fast approaching. These are the days leading up to Christmas when we find time, not to plan or to shop, but to consider what we celebrate each year with the coming of God to earth, to live among his people. What it means for us both today and in the age to come.

Do come and join us at **Wichenford Memorial Hall** from **12-2pm** to meet friends old and new, to share fun and laughter around the tables and enjoy home-made soup and mince pies as well as the other fare on offer.

Further information from Jennifer (01886833897) or other members of the Group.

Looking forward to welcoming you.

*Jennifer*

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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.

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### **THE CHANTRY**

A Chantry, of unusually ambitious proportions, was established at Broadwas in 1340, by John de Broadwas or Bradewas, a tenant of the Priory; who with the consent of his over-lords, endowed it with a hundred and twenty acres of land in Cotheridge, "notwithstanding the Statute of Mortmains." A copy of the Foundation Deed is in Nash.

The Chantry Chapel, which has been pronounced "exquisite" and was dedicated to the Virgin, was to be served by two priests, to be nominated by the founder; and whose duty was to say daily mass, primarily for the souls of John de Bradwas and incidentally for the souls of King Edward III, his Queen (Phillippa of Hainault), the Bishop and Prior. And John de Broadwas' parents, kin and benefactors; and the provision for maintenance included not only 120

acres of land, not a manse, with household requisites; and live and dead farming stock, comprising eight oxen for plough teams, plough and harrow, a wain and a cart; all which the Chantry priests were to preserve intact, and when necessary replace, and hand down to their successors.

Nine years after the foundation, the patronage had passed, presumably by the founder's death, to the Priory; and a century later the appointment of Chantry priests ceased, without apparent explanation.

Probably owing to the proximity of Broadwas to Worcester, the service of the Chantry devolved on monks of Worcester; as in a previous case we found similar duties discharged by visiting members of a Hereford fraternity; and the revenue of the Chantry falling into the common fund of the Priory, convenient doubts arose whether so small a village needed three priests, and possible whether the permission to John de Broadwas to appropriate to the Chantry, "notwithstanding the Statute of Mortmains," lands held under the Prior, was justified or legal.

The ultimate result was not affected. If by resumption saved from confiscation as Chantry property, the endowment, must have passed to the Crown on the dissolution of the Priory; and all that remains to recall John de Broadwas' foundation is the chantry chapel in the parish church.

### **THE WORCESTER FREE SCHOOL**

In Commonwealth times Parliament was always anxious to redress local wrongs; and it may have been recognition that the Broadwas Chantry endowment should, at least in part, have been devoted to education, which induced Parliament to order that out of the sequestered manor, in which this endowment had merged, an annual payment of £20 should be made to the "Worcester Free School," now styled "Queen Elizabeth's"; which was not too far away for Broadwas boys to attend.

This annuity, like others of a similar character, of course, ceased when the Restoration revived all pre-Commonwealth abuses.

To be continued

## Retirement Gift for David and Jane Sherwin

Our team rector, David Sherwin, is retiring at the end of November and it is planned to present him and his wife Jane with a retirement gift at David's final service at St Peter's Martley starting at 10.30 a.m. on 28 November. If you would like to contribute towards that gift, monies may be paid online to the following bank account:

Account name: Worcestershire West Rural Team  
Sort code: 20-98-68  
Account number: 53094189  
Reference: DAVID SHERWIN

Alternatively, cheques made out to *Worcestershire West Rural Team* or cash may be handed to either:-

Robert Pearce	or	Peter Walker
West Winds		Norton House
Little Green		Broad Green
Broadwas		Broadwas
WR6 5NN		WR6 5NW

It would be appreciated if all contributions are received by **Wednesday 10 November 2021**.

# Village Information

## **Church Officials:**

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## **Parish Councils**

Broadwas & Cotheridge : [www.broadwas-cotheridge.com](http://www.broadwas-cotheridge.com)

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Knightwick & Doddenham

Clerk – Geoffrey Brewin 01886 821386

**Village Hall—Broadwas** Geoff Winkworth, Chairman,  
01886 822215

and for all Bookings - Timesavers - 01905 312456,

[www.timesaversconcierge.co.uk](http://www.timesaversconcierge.co.uk)

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