

Footprints

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POSTPONED - POSTPONED - CANCELLED !

The Pastoral Team and the LinC Ladies are very sorry these 2 events have had to be postponed and are sorry for any disappointment caused but are pleased to say the rescheduled dates are: for the

Tea Party - Thursday July 22nd,
2.30-4pm at Martley Village Hall

and

the LinC Lunch - Thursday 5th August,
12-2pm at Broadwas Village Hall.

Again, of course, we will be subject to Government regulations as we want everyone to be kept safe from infection but hope and pray that we will be able to go ahead.

Jennifer

Cancelled is **Cotheridge Fete** , for the second year running! It was considered too difficult to try to reschedule this event a) with the uncertainty and b) the likelihood of clashing with other local events.

That said there are several of our loyal providers who have jams, chutneys, plants and produce that are available, we will do our best to put you in touch .

As last year we would ask you to be as generous as ever and make donations to the Church Funds, in lieu of the fete. These can be given to any of our church members or by attending one of the limited number of services that are still taking place, (- see p.3)

Church Words by Rev. Canon David Sherwin

Dear All

Please allow me to indulge in a little reminiscing as I approach 20 years as your parish priest, and how I see the next step in my life opening up.

I arrived in this area in 2001 having spent 16 years in south Yorkshire in the diocese of Sheffield where I had been ordained. Being a midland's lad, it seemed appropriate to return to the midlands where many of our family lived, and so I became the 'Priest in charge' of Martley Wichenford and the Lower Teme Valley. So began the beginning of my ministry here. Getting to grips with rural parish life was complex, being 'the Vicar' to so many different villages and schools it was certainly a challenge. In 2003 I was grateful for being given the role of Chaplain to the High Sheriff for a year, then in 2008 I was made Rural Dean of Martley and Worcester West and in 2009 was made Team Rector of the newly created 'Worcestershire West Rural Team', which included Clifton, the Shelsleys, and Lower Sapey, as well as my original Parishes and we also joined with the Parishes of the Team Vicar of Leigh, Alfrick and Suckley. In 2015 I was given the position of Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral, whilst carrying on my Parish work. I have also had the privilege of being 'Bishops Advisor in evangelism' and a member of the Church of England 'College of Evangelists'. I may have been busy but I would not have had it any other way. All these roles and the work they involve have been an honour to undertake.

But the most important part of the role and work has been, and continues to be YOU, the people of the parishes and diocese in which I have been called to serve. It has been a pleasure to get to know you all and a privilege to be involved in your lives for the happy and the sadder times we have shared together. The parishes and the villages in the area have great variety, there is always something happening somewhere. The advice given to me all those years ago was, that due to my recovering from a 'heart attack' in 2000, I needed a 'quieter' parish, a contrast from the urban housing estate parish I was leaving. However, I have found there is nothing 'quiet' about rural life, it is vibrant and lively and there is 'never a dull moment', as they say.

Having given you this preamble I now repeat some personal news which I shared at Church services at the end of May which I would

like to share with you all now;

This year I will be celebrating and giving thanks for being involved with the Parishes of this area for 20 years and for being in full time Christian service for 35 years. I have much to thank God for and thank God for your part in that journey of faith that I have been on. That journey will be taking a different direction next year as I celebrate my 66th Birthday. It is my intention to retire from full ministry in January and move to our retirement home. In the meantime I will continue to work to enable things to continue with ease during the vacancy and I am sure that Anne and the team will be there for you all.

I will give further details when timings have been worked out more carefully and hopefully we can have time together to say our farewells without the restrictions we have been under during the months of this pandemic.

Thank you for your prayers for Jane, myself and our family over the last 12 months.

Once again I thank God for you all and thank you for your love and support for my family and me, over these last 20 years.

God bless

David and Jane x

Services for July 2021

July 4th

10.30 am – Martley Holy Communion

10.30 am - Broadwas Morning Worship

July 11th

10.30 am – Crown East all age

10.30 am – Wichenford Holy Communion

3.00 pm – Knightwick

July 18th

10.30 am – Martley Morning Worship

10.30 am – Broadwas Holy Communion

July 25th

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



With the prospect of warm sunny weather we were able to enjoy two informal afternoon meetings sitting outside the Village Hall. How lovely to meet in person and share our news. There were 10 of us on the Monday and 8 members on Wednesday.

Next meeting - **July 21st** should go ahead all being well. We meet at 7.30pm, for a talk by Davis Withey - 'Work is a Four Letter Word.' This sounds interesting !

Susan Reeve

Would you like to win £100 of National Book Tokens?

At Broadwas Primary School we are busy trying to develop our school library and we wondered whether you would be willing to help us? All you would need to do is to nominate Broadwas C E Primary School in this year's National Book Tokens competition. Every year they have an annual big prize draw which gives our school a chance to win £5,000 of Book Tokens. If you are kind enough to nominate us and your entry is selected, you will also get £100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself! The more people who nominate our school the more chances we have of winning. If you would be happy to help us please visit www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools

Thank you and good luck!

Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council

The Parish Council has funds from the sale of the Village Hall available for projects that will benefit the community.

Please contact the clerk to the council for details.

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Nora Parsons Day Centre

AGM 7th July 2021

This is a reminder that our AGM is at Nora Parsons Day Centre on the 7th July 2021 at 7 pm

WE ARE OPEN albeit quietly to enable us to comply with all the terms of the Covid Safe regulations and for only one day a week, but as soon as our numbers increase, which they are doing week by week, we will be looking to open for a second day. Our long term members are delighted to be back and are looking forward to a bright future for the Centre. We have updated inside the building and are now looking to improving the exterior paths and flower beds that had to be put on hold in Autumn 2019.

We are privileged to welcome Harriett Baldwin MP as our Patron. She is local to Wichenford and has been a supporter of Nora Parsons Centre for many years. We are always looking for new committee members and volunteers with an interest in *“relieving elderly persons and mentally and physically persons living in the (21) Parishes listed in our Constitution with the object of improving the conditions of life for such persons and for the provision of meals for such persons who are in need whether financially or otherwise”*. Our specific needs are those with an interest in dealing with the administration. We welcome visitors on our days of opening who wish to see how we function.

We are pleased to welcome AgeUK who are renting every Friday from us to operate a Dementia Meeting Place. They’re advertising is already circulating and they are holding an Open Day on Friday the 25th June.

Nora Parsons Day Centre Committee.

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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

"Fines"

The tenure seems an ideal one, but yet tenants were not happy. As a counterpoise to the gradual fall in the purchasing power of rents fixed hundreds of years earlier, there were "fines" at intervals.

The copy-hold grants were for six lives, three "in possession" and three "in reversion," and when these died and had been replaced, a fine was payable, based on the up-to-date annual value.

A Tenants' Grievance

Thus arose the tenants' grievance of assessment on their own improvements, the consequences of which are told by Dr. Nash. "it were much to be wished," he wrote, "that some fixed mode of renewing could be agreed upon, between the lord and his tenants, so that the latter might cheerfully expend their money in improvements, without the disagreeable apprehension of the lord's collecting the profit. These servile tenures are inconsistent with the present times, and occasion ill-will to the lords, and uneasiness to many honest men. Might not Commissioners be appointed to ascertain the value of the lord's interest, and give him a certain portion, either in corn or in rent?"

Enfranchisement.

The time came, some three quarters of a century after Nash wrote, that his suggestion, at least as far as related to Broadwas, was in part adopted. Commissions were appointed, who ascertained the value of the lords' interest in each property, and gave the copy-holders the option of buying at a fixed price; and to stimulate this conversion into freeholds, declined to allow further

renewals of copy-hold interests.

A New Grievance.

Even then there was dissatisfaction. When copyhold tenure was doomed, its merits became more appreciated. While “Hobson’s Choice” was generally accepted, not a few regretted the extinction of a system which had fairly divided the burden of ownership between lord and tenant; and some copyholders even disputed the right to withhold renewals, based on a custom dating from the dawn of history.

Mortgage hold.

And the main object of the legislation, the extinction of dual interests in land, was not generally effected. Dr Nash’s proposal to compensate the lord by a rent charge not being acted on, the lord’s place was as a rule taken by a mortgage, who lent the money to pay him out, and charged for it a much higher rate of interest than the lord was able to make of it.

Land tenure reforms are complicated businesses, but we live and learn; and in some recent legislation with reference to extinction of copyholds, Parliament has actually adopted the plan formulated by Dr Nash in the early years of George III.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners

In Victorian times the manor of Broadwas, as part of the Worcester Chapter Estates, was transferred to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners; and its connection with “the Church of Worcester” thus closed, after a continuance of nearly twelve centuries. Court Leet and Court Baron, which to that date had been continuously held, then ceased; and enfranchisements practically extinguished the manor.

The present principle landowners are the Greswolde-Williams family, with whom we met as chief owners in the adjacent parishes of Doddenham and Knightwick; and their property includes Broadwas Court.

[To be continued as space allows]

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