

# Footprints

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Big Parish events in the next 3 months

## **Grand opening of the Village Hall**

we are inviting all who are interested to the

**Opening Afternoon Tea Party  
on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 3 pm to 5 pm.**

## **Broadwas & Cotheridge**

### **Jubilee Celebrations**

**Sunday 5th June 11am - 4pm**

Also Broadwas Village Hall

More info.:

**[www.broadwasandcotheridgecommunity.co.uk](http://www.broadwasandcotheridgecommunity.co.uk)**

## **Cotheridge Fete**

**Saturday 9th July 2 - 4pm**

**Dingle End, Cotheridge Court**

# **Church Words      by Rev Anne Potter**

Time marches on and we are already in May with the longer days and warmer weather. Last month I wrote about Easter hope, the hope that is always with us. The world around has blossomed with new life as we move towards the summer months, reminding us of the never-ending cycle of the seasons.

Within our Benefice of the WWRT the parishes are moving towards visioning who we are, what are the gifts each of our churches, how do we relate to each other both as parishes across the WWRT and as individual churches within our villages. Why are we doing this? To put together a 'job advert' to fill the vacant post following David Sherwin's retirement in January. There is a 'task team' who have been meeting with Alison Maddocks, Dean of Smaller Churches, Diane Cooksey, Area Dean and myself to put together a day for anyone who is interested in the future of our parishes, churchgoer or not. During the morning we will have the opportunity to share the characteristics of individual parishes and to work collaboratively in working out our identity as the Worcestershire West Rural Team.

The parish in which we live is important. Our church is important, whether we are a regular worshipping member or an occasional worshipper or an attender of hatches, matches and despatches or we just simply want to keep our beautiful building as a feature of the village. Many, many moons ago (probably long before any of us remember) each church had its own Vicar and then gradually over the years the number of stipendiary clergy (Vicar) serving the rural churches (and in some cases the urban churches) has decreased. In our case we have reduced to two beneficed or licenced clergy keeping an overview of 10 parishes and 14 church buildings.

Over the years there has been various ways in which ordained ministers have been licenced to serve parishes including having a house for duty Vicar, which Clifton, Harpley and Shelsley had for a number of years when Rev John Sumner was in post; occasional curates who usually serve for three-four years; and non-stipendiary (NSM) or self-supporting (SSM) which Martley, Wichenford and Lower Teme Valley had until Rev Jennifer Whittaker had to retire from that post (it comes to us all even in the Church of England and she started as a curate with David). However, we, in the WWRT, are blessed to have her continued

ministry along with three other PTOs (Priests who have been granted **Permission to Officiate** by the Bishop of Worcester) Rev Ruth Wintle, Rev Jen Denniston and Rev Mike Gardner.

Having given a quick potted history of the past, a resume of the current situation in the WWRT, the present and now we need to look forward, to the future. Following Rev Canon David Sherwin's retirement, we are being guided by the Diocese to create a 'vision' of how we, the individual parishes, whilst also recognising our unique characteristics, can work collaboratively together to formulate an identity for the benefice. An identity that encompasses 'who we are' so that, in effect, we can offer a post to a new incumbent that is appealing and attractive. This is not to undervalue the wonderful ministry of the PTOs alongside our Local Lay Ministers (LLMs or Readers), our Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) who serve in a variety of parishes across the benefice, Churchwardens and those who serve on the ten PCCs and all others who give so much of themselves in being members of the body of Christ.

**Come and make your voice heard – share in creating the vision of 'who we are'**

**From 9.00 am – 1.30 pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May in Rushwick Village Hall.**

*'For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ'*  
*1 Corinthians 12:12*

Watch this space

and may God bless you,      Rev Anne Potter, Team Vicar

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Date for the diary :

**Cotheridge Fete** - Saturday 9th July 2 - 4pm  
Dingle End Garden, Cotheridge Court

## Events Diary - May

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - June 3<sup>rd</sup> **Arts & Photography Competitions see p.7**

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|------------------------|----------------|--|
| 1 <sup>th</sup> Sun    | 10.30am        | Morning Worship - Broadwas Church  |
|                        | 6.30pm         | Evensong - Cotheridge Church   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon    |                | <b>Bank Holiday</b>  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Thurs  | 12-2.00pm      | Lunch in Company - Village Hall, Broadwas  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Sun    | 3.00pm         | Evening Worship - Knightwick Chapel  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Mon    | 7.30pm         | <b>Broadwas &amp; Cotheridge Annual Parish Meeting</b><br>- Village Hall, Broadwas |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Wed   | 10.15am        | Communion at Heaton House, Martley   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Thurs | 2.30-4pm       | Pastoral Tea Party at Martley Village Hall see p.6                                 |
|                        | 7.15pm         | Lower Teme Valley APCM - Broadwas Church   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Sat   | 9am-1.30pm     | Visioning Day at Rushwick Village Hall   |
|                        | 3.00-5.00pm    | <b>Broadwas Village Hall - Grand Opening and Tea Party</b>                         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Sun   | 10.30am        | Holy Communion - Broadwas Church   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Wed   | 9.00am         | Morning Prayer at Cotheridge Church  |
|                        | 7.30pm         | W.I. - Village Hall, Broadwas  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Thurs | 2.00-4.00pm    | “Cuppa and Chat” - Cotheridge Church   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun   | 10.30am        | Morning Worship - Broadwas Church  |
|                        | 3.30pm         | Forest Church, Almshouse Wood, Pewcroft Farm Suckley                               |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mon   | 9.00am         | Morning Prayer - Broadwas Church   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Wed   | 10.15am        | Holy Communion at Heaton House   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Sat   | 10.30am-12noon | Charity Coffee Morning at Martley Village Hall                                     |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Sun   | 11.00am        | WWRT Rogation Service<br>on Glebe land opp. Martley Rectory                        |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Mon   | 9.00am         | Morning Prayer - Knightwick Chapel   |
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| June 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 7.30pm     | <b>Musical Memories</b> - Cotheridge Church see p.6  |
|                      | 11am - 4pm | <b>Parish Celebrations - Queens Platinum Jubilee</b> |
| July 9 <sup>th</sup> | 2 - 4pm    | <b>Fete</b> - Dingle End, Cotheridge                 |



We were creative this month, decorating flower pots using special paint. The theme was the Queen's jubilee. In June we will make some felt flowers to stand in the pot so they will look beautiful.

Next month is our Annual Meeting and Patience Broad will be our visiting WI Adviser and she will oversee the election of our new president. We would welcome more members to join our committee and help by sharing in some of the organisation which enables us to run smoothly. Indeed members do not need to be on the committee to help and tasks can be shared.

Lizzie will then present her talk entitled 'A day in the life of a speech therapist'.

Our **May meeting** is at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 18th**

Susan Reeve

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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The members of the Knightwick and District Branch of R.B.L. have agreed to restore the memorial, in the porch at Broadwas Church, for those who served in the Great War. If anyone has a family members name on the plaque and would like to make a donation towards the restoration it would be gratefully received. Indeed we welcome donations from anyone interested in the restoration. Please contact Sue Ganderton on 01905422711.

A flowering cherry tree has been planted at The Talbot Hotel Knightwick in honour of The Queens Platinum Jubilee. This has kindly been donated in memory of one of our members. It will be dedicated later in the year.

Sue

## Getting together again:

*The Pastoral Team of Martley, Wichenford and The Lower Teme Valley will be having a*

## **SUMMER TEA PARTY**

**When?**                      *on Thursday 12th May, 2022*

**Where?**                     *at Martley Memorial Hall*

**At what time?**        *2.30-4pm*

Do join us for a short act of worship, tea, savouries, cakes and a chat with friends old and new.

**ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.**

*Revd. Jennifer Whittaker*



**The Friends of St. Leonard's Cotheridge**

present



## **Musical Memomories**

Why not kick start your Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend with a trip down memory lane on Friday 3rd June 7.30pm at St Leonard's Church, Cotheridge. Join us for a musical celebration of well known, easy listening favourites. Join Becky, Elizabeth, Glyn and Paul as they entertain you!

Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine. Please either contact Elizabeth Winscom at [ewinscom@gmail.com](mailto:ewinscom@gmail.com) or buy them online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/friendsofstleonardscotheridge](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friendsofstleonardscotheridge)

All profits will go towards the development of the community space within the church.



## Cotheridge Arts Festival for Children 2022 Art and Photography Competitions



The Friends of St Leonards Cotheridge are hosting two children's art competitions celebrating our local environment.

**Art competition** – create a piece of art work reflecting your favourite aspect of our local environment. This may be a representation of your garden, a favourite walk, parkland, tree, flower or animal, or anything else in your environment that is important to you. This piece of work can be created in any way you like - as a textile, collage, crayon, watercolour or simple pencil drawing, up to A3 in size.

**Photography competition** – any photograph you take of your local environment and in any format, up to A3 in size.

Both competitions are open from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** until **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. Please include your **full name, age and contact details** on every entry and **leave in the box in the porch at Cotheridge Church**. Certificates and prizes will be awarded and entries will be displayed at Cotheridge Church on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June** and for the week following.

We look forward to seeing your creations!

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## Cuppa and Chat

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2-4pm

Please come and join us at St Leonard's, Cotheridge for our first 'Cuppa and Chat' as we begin to develop the church as a regular community space. Enjoy the first of our Thursday afternoon sessions when you are welcome to join some of us for a natter and catch up on what is going on locally.

# **Cotheridge Fete** - YES IT'S BEING PLANNED!!

**Saturday 9th July 2022 2 - 4pm**

**At Dingle End, Court Lane, Cotheridge**

We would love YOU to donate items to the Fete. ANYTHING would help us to raise money (except clothing). Remember that the cake stall is now the Home Cooked food stall so will be taking any home cooked food – pies, bread, quiches etc.

I know a lot of you have been sorting cupboards and garages out during lockdown. We can only take smaller items on the White Elephant stall and we may also have to limit items if we get too much.

## **MAIN COLLECTION POINT for non perishable items:**

From Saturday July 2nd - the collection point is at Eric and Heather Dale's garage, Woodlands, Court Lane, Cotheridge. Please open the garage door and put your items on to the correct table (named Tombola, White Elephant and Books) . DELIVERIES TAKEN FROM JULY 2nd

Plants to be delivered to Heather Dale at Woodlands, Court Lane as usual.

Jams, chutneys, fresh veg, flowers etc– these items are going to be merged on to the home cooked stall so either on the day or a day or so before to Helen.

Items for the home cooked Food stall to Helen Walker either on the day or to her home on the day before.

If any of you can rope in additional family or friends to help out this year, please let me know.

More information in the next edition of Footprints.

Many, many thanks for your support.

***Pauline Key***

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## **BROMYARD CHORAL SOCIETY**

### **COME AND JOIN US**

One of the Society's main aims is to share its passion and enthusiasm for music with its audiences. The choir have sung locally, nationally and internationally with acclaim and have a reputation for its warm welcome to new members and visiting professional soloists, orchestras and singing tutors who give occasional workshops.

New singing members are very welcome to join. There are no auditions but the ability to sing in tune is essential and some experience of music reading is helpful. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. during term-time in the Methodist Church Hall, New Road, Bromyard. From September we will be singing the Nelson Mass and Faure's Requiem for a concert in November.

**The choir is actively recruiting and is offering a six week sample term starting on Tuesday 10th May (half term break 30th May) FOR FREE!**

If you would like to join us for the summer term please contact Pauline Key on [pauline29key3@gmail.com](mailto:pauline29key3@gmail.com) or ring 01905 333526 giving your name, a contact number and whether you are a soprano, alto, tenor or bass.

We look forward to seeing you.

# Village Information

## **Church Officials:**

Team Rector - vacant

Team Vicar - Rev Anne Potter 01886 832355

Assistant Priest - Rev Jennifer Whittaker 01886 833897

Churchwardens – Lower Teme Valley Parish

Rob Pearce 01886 821959

Peter Walker 01886 822137

## **Parish Councils**

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

Chairman – Richard Burrows

Clerk – Carole Hirst tel: 07496 252637 (Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm)

Email : [parishclerk@broadwas-cotheridge.com](mailto:parishclerk@broadwas-cotheridge.com)

Knightwick & Doddenham

Clerk – Geoffrey Brewin 01886 821386

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

and for all Bookings - Timesavers - 01905 312456,

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

## **Clubs and Societies**

Broadwas Sports Assoc. Sec. - David Creed-Newton - 01886 880534  
[davidcreednewton@btinternet.com](mailto:davidcreednewton@btinternet.com)

Croquet Club – John Guy 01905 748192

Royal British Legion – Sue Ganderton 01905 422711

W.I. – Barbara Lloyd 01905 333635

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