

Footprints

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A good news story in the area—see page 3 for the full story

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and following all the advise from Government at all levels – most, if not all, social events have been cancel or at least postponed until there is a major change in the situation. This includes : Church services, British Legion, Womens Institute and Village Hall events.

With this in mind I haven't included a diary page this month. Instead, I have put in the response from Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council which may be of use to everybody. I also fear that most of the volunteers for the Community Car Scheme may be unwilling to proffer their services - most of them could be categorised as "Vulnerable" !

Church Words by Rev. Canon David Sherwin

What unprecedented times we do live in at the moment, recent political turmoils pale into insignificance as we battle with the threat of Coronavirus.

I do hope you are managing to keep well and if you are unwell I do wish you a speedy recovery.

You will probably be aware from the media that in response to the Governments advice the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have advised we suspend all public worship until further notice. Obviously gathering for worship along with other events are to be avoided to lessen the spread of the virus.

This does not mean the church buildings are closed, **Church buildings** are still **open** for your own private prayer, and reflections which are so important at this time. The Archbishops as well as our own Bishops and your Clergy would encourage us all to pray for the world at this time, praying for those who are ill and especially for our National Health service workers who are under tremendous pressure at the moment, I am sure with me you want to thank them for all they do and the way they are putting themselves at risk daily.

You will also see that your local communities are finding ways of helping those in need. Many Parish councils have contacted me to liaise with them to make sure no one is left isolated or in need, if this is you then do take advantage of the local help offered or contact me so that I can find you the help you need.

This is certainly a time where 'loving our neighbour as we love ourselves' is so important. Having seen the decimated shelves in supermarkets it is so important we do not become selfish though we may need to take care of ourselves and each other by self-isolating or offering help where we can.

Our foodbanks are also a way in which we can help other and their stocks are very low due to increased demands. If you wish to offer any food or toiletries there are boxes in our churches where these items can be left or I can put you in touch with our local co-ordinator if needed.

In the midst of all this, though we may not be meeting for public worship the church, which is the people of God wherever we are, are still at prayer. In homes and at work we still pray for each other. Below is a prayer that you might find helpful as you pray;

A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

May God bless you and watch over you and be with you and heal you all at this most difficult time.

New climbing frame for Forest School area

at

Martley Primary School

On Tuesday 17th March at 11am a new climbing frame was opened at the 'Forest School' field at Martley Primary. It occupies a large space in the middle of the Forest School area and will be enjoyed by children attending pre-school, holiday club, reception & year 1, from Martley and surrounding the parishes. It was an accumulation of nine months of research & fundraising by Lloyd Wilkes of Knightwick, whose son attends school at Martley Primary. Lloyd raised over £1000 on a sponsored bicycle ride in May 2019 from John 'o Groats to Lands End, via Dunnet Head, Ben Nevis (4412 ft), the Mersey Tunnel, Martley & Lizard Point, Britain's most northerly, southerly, highest & lowest points, solo and unsupported covering 1100 miles over 20 days. The major contributor to the project was Knightwick & Doddenham Parish Council who granted nearly half of the £9000 required from the proceeds of the sale of Knightwick Village Hall following an advert for funding ideas in 'Footprints' parish magazine. Since the old climbing frame was going rotten and was collapsing it was the priority of the previous headmaster to replace it using the funds raised. Attending the opening was L to R - Jo Stratford (pre-school manager), Lloyd Wilkes (dad, cyclist & fundraiser), Andy Hackley (Executive Head), Brian Munt (parish council chairman) and Lucy Cox (taking the picture Head of School). We hope the children thoroughly enjoy playing on the new frame and thrive in fresh air and outdoor play. Long live Forest School !!

Lloyd Wilkes 17th March 2020

BROADWAS & COTHERIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

RESPONDING TO THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC

Most people who are infected by Coronavirus will recover, but some are at risk. These include those over the age of 70 and those (of any age) who have significant existing health problems. It is important for these groups to “socially distance” themselves and avoid contact with other people. Many will be relying upon friends or neighbours to deliver their shopping and medication, but there are some who do not have family or friends living nearby.

If you are self-isolating in Broadwas or Cotheridge and in need of somebody to assist with shopping or collecting medication, or just someone to chat with, please contact any of the following Parish Councillors who will be pleased to try to help: -

Keith Brooks Email: kjb939@btinternet.com

Telephone: 01886 821292

Robert Pearce Email: west.winds1066@gmail.com

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Telephone 01905 333 256

Jacqui Worrall Email: jacuk@aol.com

Telephone 07976615868

Also, if you are aware of anybody in Broadwas or Cotheridge who might need assistance, please pass on this information to them.

Finally, people who live alone are likely to have significantly less contact with visitors etc during the Coronavirus outbreak. Therefore, the Parish Council encourages all members of our community to be “good neighbours” and to make regular telephone calls to those who might appreciate a friendly voice. No one should feel alone.

Eric Dale Chair – Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council

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

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

- 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
- new Volunteers - please ring

Helen Walker - 01886 822137 for details

COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Community Choir is taking a break during the Corona virus pandemic to keep our choir members safe. At the time of writing we don't know when rehearsals will resume, but please see our website for the latest information. We plan to resume Tuesday evening rehearsals at The Fox and Hounds as soon as it is safe to do that.

If you'd like to join us when we resume, please note that there's no need to read music, and our sessions are fun and varied.

Further information: www.alfrickcommunitychoir.com
or 07771 600 776

Voxrox

Sadly, due to the current concerns for everyone's health we have made the decision to POSTPONE the launch of VoxRox Broadwas on Tuesday 17th March until the situation has calmed down and it is safe to do so.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our sympathy goes out to the Talbot Hotel who have again been severely flooded but we were still extremely well looked after for our monthly meeting.

On the 6th May we shall visit the Cob House Martley for lunch. You do not have to be a Legion member to join us just ring Sue (01905 422711) if you would like to come.

Due to continuing concerns regarding Coronavirus. It has been decided to suspend the monthly meetings for the time being. As soon as we feel that the situation has stabilized and is improving we will review the situation, before resuming normal life.

W.I.

As all members are aware WI activities have been suspended until further notice. Non of us knows how this crisis will develop and affect our lives going forward but we should remain positive and ensure that we regularly keep in touch with each other via telephone, email or social media.

Please keep in mind vulnerable neighbours, especially those living alone, and should they or yourselves need help please do not hesitate to contact one of the committee members.

Susan Reeve

Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council

The April 20th Parish Council meeting, (moved from Bank Holiday 13th April) has been postponed. As have all future meetings until the situation improves. Any P.C. business will be carried out by email. [See also page.7]

ACTION FRAUD

Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where you should report fraud if you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber crime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

You can report fraud or cyber crime using the online reporting service any time of the day or night; the service enables you to both report a fraud and find help and support. Action Fraud also provides help and advice over the phone through the Action Fraud contact centre. You can talk to our fraud and cybercrime specialists by calling **0300 123 2040**.

AND NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS...

You can stay right up to date with all the news of happenings in the area by logging onto the parish website,

<https://www.broadwas-cotheridge.com/>

The **CORONAVIRUS** page has detailed information and advice and contact names if you want to volunteer to help or if you yourself need help.

The **Around & About** page covers subjects such as where to pick up a takeaway meal from the local restaurants and browse their menus, or the news from the Broadheath Community Shop including changes to their Post Office opening times, and for the walkers there are some suggested local routes.

The website is updated on a daily basis, so don't be left out. And if you are aware of something that needs publicising, please let me know.

Thank you. Eric Dale.

Village Information

Church Officials:

Priest in Charge - Rev David Sherwin 01886 888664
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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]**
www.timesaversconcierge.co.uk

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