

# Footprints

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## Coronation of

### King Charles III

May 6-8<sup>th</sup>

We're preparing for the Coronation and would like everyone to be involved.

At the moment the Village Hall is taking the lead with a **Big Lunch on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>**, in and around the Village Hall in Stoney Ley, Broadwas.

Anyone who would be willing to help should get in contact with Georgina through :

Facebook : [www.facebook.me/BroadwasVH](http://www.facebook.me/BroadwasVH)

or Email : [Broadwasvillagehall@outlook.com](mailto:Broadwasvillagehall@outlook.com)

There will also be a service in the Parish Church at Broadwas at 10.30 am that same morning.

# **Church Words      by Rev Anne Potter**

March 1<sup>st</sup> is the 60<sup>th</sup> day of the year and the 7<sup>th</sup> of 40 days of Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday and finishes on Maundy Thursday, leaving out the Sundays. Lent is a popular time for folk, both practising Christians and non-believers to reflect on their lifestyle. Some people give up an indulgence such as chocolate, red wine, crisps or biscuits, others decided to give time to daily devotional or meditative readings, others choose to take on a new activity, others some follow a charity giving programme such as one from Christian Aid and some engage in a combination of giving up, giving time and giving to those in need.

Lent is an annual period of fasting and prayer reflecting the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness following his baptism in the River Jordan. According to Matthews Gospel at the end of his 40 days and 40 nights Jesus faced three temptations. Each one would mean he would gain by using his power. In each case Jesus was not tempted.

Whilst we, in our human frailty, often find ourselves being tempted Jesus, in his Godliness and goodness, models a Christ way of life, of saying no when tempted to do something for our own gain. However, through Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross on Good Friday, we can take comfort in the knowledge that when we succumb to temptation, providing we are sorry, God, like every good parent, forgives our wrongdoing.

Mothering Sunday, not Mother's Day (that is an American institution which falls on the Second Sunday of May), always falls on the Fourth Sunday of Lent which is usually in March. This is because traditionally it was the Sunday when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family before getting the house ready for the Easter festivities.

Centuries ago, most churchgoers attended their nearest parish or 'daughter church' and once a year, in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother church' – the main church or cathedral of the area. Inevitably return to the 'mother' church

could be an occasion for family reunions bearing in mind it was quite common for children to leave home for work when they were ten years old ! And so, as the children walked along the country lanes they would pick wild, spring flowers to take to church or give to their mothers as a small gift.

This year the Christian festival of Mothering Sunday, and the secular UK Mother's Day, falls on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Perhaps you would like to say the prayer from the Church of England (below)

March 1<sup>st</sup> is also World Compliment Day. Perhaps in a Christ-like way, we can all give someone a compliment letting God's love shine through us, stranger or loved one, every day in Lent in addition to whatever else we are giving up, giving time or giving away this year. God bless.

Rev Anne

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### **A Prayer for Mothering Sunday**

Loving God, thank you for mums and children and for all the joy of family life.

Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; be near to those who are sad because they are apart from those they love.

Let your love be present in every home, and help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

# Events Diary - March

**2023**

## **March**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 12 - 2pm Lunch in Company at Broadwas Village Hall
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.30am Morning Prayer - Broadwas Church  
4.00pm Evensong - Cotheridge Church
- 8<sup>th</sup> Wed 10.15am Holy Communion at Heaton House + refreshments
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sun 12.00pm Farmers Market at the Talbot  
3.00pm Evening Worship at Knightwick Chapel
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mon 7.00pm Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council
- 15<sup>th</sup> Wed 9.00am Morning Prayer at Cotheridge Church  
2.00pm W.I. at the Village Hall, Broadwas
- 16<sup>th</sup> Thurs 2.30 - 4pm Coffee and Chat at Cotheridge Church
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.30am Holy Communion at Broadwas Church
- 22<sup>th</sup> Wed 10.15am Holy Communion at Heaton House + refreshments
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 10.30am-1.30 Warm Welcome & Natter - Broadwas Village Hall
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sat 10.30am-3pm Spring Craft Fayre - Broadwas Village Hall
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.30am Morning Worship at Broadwas Church
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mon 9.00am Morning Prayer at Broadwas Church

## **APRIL**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sat 11am-2pm Nora Parson's Easter Fair at the Centre, Venn Lane, Wichenford.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 11.00am **Palm Sunday Service at Laylocks**  
6.00pm The Passion of Christ with Communion at Martley Church

### **Lent Course by Zoom - The Rhythm of Life**

Wednesday evenings : 7 - 8.20pm starting 1<sup>st</sup> March onwards

**For the link contact Rev. Anne at : [anne.wwwrteam@gmail.com](mailto:anne.wwwrteam@gmail.com)**

# Broadwas Village Hall

(Charity number : 523106)

## **Who are the Broadwas Village Hall Friends?**

Friends of Broadwas Village Hall are people who have a personal connection to the area. They want to help us make it better for all those using its services and for those who will make great memories here in the future.

## **What do friends do?**

Friends help us raise money to maintain the hall, its grounds and the facilities. They also help run community events which benefit local parishioners.

## **Why do we need friends?**

Broadwas Village Hall belongs at heart to the community and is entrusted to a Management Committee to oversee the running and upkeep.

Throughout Broadwas's history the Village Hall has been a monumental meeting place and forged its mark in the village's history. As times changes, new people and ideas are needed to help support and take the hall forward.

Without the help of the Friends the hall runs the risk of stagnating. The Friends bring new ideas, help run events, and allow people to get involved without taking on the responsibility of a trustee.

## **What do I get?**

We keep you in touch with news and events from the hall.

You are given a platform to have a say and voice your opinions on the types of events held at the hall and are given the opportunity to get involved.

## **How can I join Friends?**

Add your name to the contacts list to get involved.

Facebook : [www.facebook.me/BroadwasVH](http://www.facebook.me/BroadwasVH)

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Our speaker, Ruth Lowe came to tell us about Mary Quant. Ruth communicated her passion for this iconic fashion designer and enlightened us as to how much Mary Quant contributed to accessible fashion with her ranges which included pantyhose, makeup, shoes and boots. Mary started out working in her London flat. One of the items she was well known for was her hats having started her career as a milliner after training at Goldsmiths. Ruth wore a typical Quant dress and we could peruse a sample of clothes made by the designer. Marys own family history was interesting having been evacuated during the war.

Mary met Alexander Plunket Green at Goldsmiths. He was a photographer and together they revolutionised the British fashion scene, buying a small boutique on the Kings Road in London.

Mary was devoted to fashion and wrote many books as well as developing her range of garments. She sold in the American market via the JC Penny stores. Ruth told us about a passion she had for cars and showed us a photo of her Mini which had a Quant interior trim. This was an excellent talk.

Our next meeting is Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm when we will hear Joan Prout tell us about being 'Found by my Family'. Competition is a family photo pre 1950's. All welcome.

*Susan Reeve*

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**NORA PARSONS EASTER FAIR**

**THE CENTRE IS HOLDING**

**An EASTER FAIR**

**1st APRIL at VENN LANE**

**THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE  
CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL**

**TOMBOLA  
AND A RAFFLE**

# **The Parish of Knightwick and Doddenham**

## **Election of a new Parish Council**

On May 4th a new Parish Council will be elected to serve for the next four years. There are eight places on the council and it is important to fill these on that day to ensure the council's fully-elected status as a fully-elected council has greater freedom to act compared with one with co-opted members. The current council has two empty seats so we need new residents to come forward to fill these.

Parish Councils are elected units of local government whose activities are controlled by Acts of Parliament, serve the smallest areas and are responsible for the most local of matters. Very importantly, these councils can 'precept' - raising a sum collected with the council tax each year to improve facilities and services for local people.

This council meets six times a year (every two months) usually on the third Monday in the month in the evening. It spends some £6,000 each year on local facilities such as clearing highway drains, maintaining highways footpaths, responding to planning applications and supporting local charities.

If you are interested in standing for election to the Parish Council next May please contact the clerk to the council who can provide more information.

[geoffreybrewin@waitrose.com](mailto:geoffreybrewin@waitrose.com)

## **Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council**

### **Clerk to the Council**

The Parish Council needs a new Clerk to the Council. This is a key role in supporting Parish Councillors and responding to Parishioners and Officials from the District and County Council.

The clerk is home-based but attends evening meetings, held in alternate months from May on the third Monday of the month, and there may be additional meetings as and when required.

Applicants must be good communicators and possess skills in computer-based record-keeping and financial management.

Ideally they will hold a Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA), However applications from others who feel their skills and experience would meet the requirements of the role are welcome.

This is a part-time local government appointment, currently 4.5 hours/week, pay scale LC2.

Please contact the Chair of the Council - Brian Munt

[brian.munt@outlook.com](mailto:brian.munt@outlook.com) if you are interested.

# 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.broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk)**

Chairman – Richard Burrows

Clerk – Email : [clerk@broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk)

Knightswick & 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

## **Schools:**

Broadwas C of E Primary School - Secretary 01886 821347

Bumblebees : Pre-school/Out-of-School Care 07817637241

**Community Website - [www.broadwas-cotheridge.com](http://www.broadwas-cotheridge.com)**

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