

Footprints

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Royal Occasions

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Broadwas WI
would like to invite you to an
amazing slide show given by
Jack Boskett- Royal Photographer

at Broadwas Village Hall

on

Wednesday, September 20th

at 2 pm

The talk and slide show will feature
photographs of Railways
as well as the Coronation of Charles III

There will be a charge of £5 to include tea and cake
email barbara.lloyd67@btinternet.com by September 1st

Monthly musings from Rev Anne Potter

Another deadline looms for me to get my monthly 'bit' to the hardworking editor of your local parish magazine and at the time of writing I am visiting Tanzania, on a Diocesan visit. Certainly no holiday! Long days starting early in the morning, travelling long distances (some on dusty, undulating roads that are only passable in a 4x4), hours of sitting, listening and talking, some basic accommodation but what an experience. The hospitality, the singing and dancing, the joy of the people we have been so privileged to meet is amazing and brings home to us just how much we have. They are full of thanks to God and the churches are full.

On the first Sunday we arrived, Bishop John and his wife HJ, went off with Bishop Godfrey of Tanzania, to a service some three hours away at which 400 plus were confirmed. The rest of us went to the Cathedral of Morogoro and what a privilege it was to be invited to distribute the communion to a church full of faithful believers. Five days later our party, made up of the Bishop and his wife, three priests (including myself) and five laity, attended a confirmation service in a very rural area way up in the hills at which 200 plus were confirmed. The service went on for four hours during which we had lots of singing and dancing, the confirmation, the various parts of a normal Eucharist service followed by many speeches of welcome from the various village community members to which the Bishop responded. After this we were given a buffet lunch consisting of rice, thick maize porridge, barbecue chicken, goat/chicken soup, peas, spinach cooked over a wood fire.

We visited the area in which Mission Morogoro, a charity which grew out of the Diocesan link, have been actively involved in raising funds and helping the people of this rural area to become more self-sufficient. In Berega we were taken to an orphanage where babies whose mothers die in childbirth are taken and cared for until they are three years old. Someone from the village comes to look after the baby before taking the child back into the village. We were blessed to walk around the hospital - makes you really appreciate our NHS and the facilities we take for granted. No kitchen for the patient's food; the relatives feed their sick family members. The hospital only has one doctor who is supported by medical officers (staff who have some medical knowledge) and nurses. There is also a Health Care teaching unit and nursing school nearby. All within walking distance of the local C of E English speaking primary school, again to which we were enthusiastically greeted. Being an English school, as opposed to being taught in Swahili, is quite unusual.

There was a lovely sign by the headteacher's door – 'No English, No service'. The next day we went to Tunguli where Mission Morogoro has been particularly involved for the last eleven years. They have financially supported a health centre which is very basic and currently only has a midwife caring for the mothers and babies. No doctor. Mission Morogoro have also encouraged and given financial help to empower groups of women, paid for the construction of water wells, and, along with the Diocese, provided a tractor for the village. Football is huge in Africa and we happened to be there for the local tournament final to which Mission Morogoro had contributed funding - another fascinating occasion. A match played on an uneven dusty 'field' with about 2000 local people standing, literally, at the edge of the pitch.

There is so much more I could share about our trip. Having been born and had my childhood in Malawi and where I have visited many times over the years the warmth of the people of Africa, their love of singing and dancing along with their amazing hospitality, when they have so little in comparison, never ceases to fill me with such humble gratitude.

Whenever I sing the hymn 'The Day thou gavest Lord has ended' the following words remind me of the faithfulness of the people of Malawi, and now, of Tanzania.

'The voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away'.

A special trip, albeit exhausting, being taken to places far off the tourist trail and seeing how the people of Tanzania live. What a great reminder of just how fortunate we are living in such a beautiful part of the UK where life is not about struggling to feed ourselves, not having running water and hence proper sanitation, not having medical facilities, not having transport, not sleeping on the floor and so on. Yet the God of love and generosity is present in the joyful hearts of these people – Praise the Lord. Amen

Thank you everyone for the kind messages and cards and lifts to hospital during my recent illness and treatment.

Barbara Ganderton

Events Diary - August

2023

August

3 rd Thurs	12 - 2pm	Lunch in Company (L in C) - Broadwas Village Hall
5 th Sat	10.30 - 3.30	Broadwas Summer Fayre - Broadwas Village Hall
6 th Sun	10.30am	All-age Service - Broadwas Church
	6.00pm	Sung Evensong - Cotheridge Church
7 th Mon	11.00am	Royal British Legion - Talbot Hotel, Knightwick
9 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
13 th Sun	3.00pm	Evening Worship - Knightwick Chapel
16 th Wed	2.00pm	W.I. - Visit to The Greyfriars in Worcester
17 th Thurs	2.00-4.00pm	Cupper and Chat - Cotheridge Church
20 th Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
23 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
24 th Thurs	10.30-13.00	Warm Welcome & Natter at Broadwas Village Hall
27 th Sun	10.30am	Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
	3.30pm	Forest Church - Almhouse Wood, Suckley

September

2 nd	7.00pm onwards	- Broadwas Village Hall - An Autumn Barn Dance
20 th	2.00pm	: W.I. Open meeting - <i>see front page</i>

October

18 th	2.00pm	: W.I. Open Meeting - Fire Prevention in the Home.
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For a salutary tale of the need for vigilance in domestic matters see the excerpt from the Autobiography of Ted Morris, admittedly from over 100 years ago but still very applicable today, especially if we had a dry summer as in southern Europe.



We were lucky with the weather this month as we were able to wander around Heather's lovely garden and admire her vegetable plot. Thank you to Heather for hosting our meeting. It was good to just enjoy each other's company and chat.

August is our summer outing and we plan to visit the Guild Hall on **Wednesday 16th at 2pm**. Tea at Greyfriars House afterwards.

Susan Reeve

For the future : as well as the open meeting advertised on the front page there will be another open meeting on **Wednesday October 18th at 2.00pm** when the "Prevention Engagement Officer" of the Hereford and Worcester Fire and Recue Service will give a talk on domestic fire prevention - with the opportunity to book a private visit to your home to advise on improvements to your domestic fire protection

Thank you!

Thank you so much to all across the parishes of Martley, Wichenford, Broadwas, Knightwick and Cotheridge who have helped and supported me as well as shown me so much love over the past 20 years of my Ministry here. Your generosity is overwhelming - I am looking forward to a spending spree and a wonderful week-end break - and I can't thank you enough.

God willing I shall still be able to keep ministering to you for some time yet.

I hope those who were able to join me for the service at the end of June enjoyed it as much as I did. I felt it was a true celebration and thanksgiving. God bless you all,

Jennifer

Fete - Report on 2023 Event

A big thank you to all of those who helped put on the Cotheridge Fete this year. Also thanks to all the visitors who came. The numbers were down because of the rain but it was a tremendous village event. Thank you.

There was some doubt that we would be able to organise the fete this year due to the usual group, who did the heavy lifting, having some health problems and others not being available on the date. We had to do a re-think over trying to cram everything into the Friday before the event and organise collecting tables, chairs, fete games etc early. Thanks to Magda and Andy Cullen and Andrew Sinclair, Shirley and Ian, and Steve (new to the setting up team) along with the usual team of Peter Walker, Andrew Winscom, Paul Reeve, Eric Dale, Pete Dunston, Robert and Mike and Pauline, it was all done in a much easier way.

Thanks too for the stall holders especially those who had to do the planning and organising of their stalls beforehand and to Katie, Sarahann, Paul and Michaela who helped with the sorting of the tombola items on top of running their own stalls.

More thanks to all those who helped with the tidying up afterwards. By the end of Saturday the only items left on site were the 2 large tents, which were gone by Sunday morning, and the chairs (already stacked), games and small tables, which disappeared by Sunday lunch time!

What an effort! But it was so worth it as we raised around £2,500 less a few expenses.

Well done everyone.

p.s. If we do it again next year, the date will be Saturday **July 13th 2024**

p.p.s. A very big **THANK YOU** to Pauline and Mike for again hosting the Village fete - as well as doing all the organizing and advertising for it.

Excerpt from **"Autobiography of Ted Morris"** - written about 1970 and recorded by a great Grand-son, Richard Ankerson, from whom I got it many years ago, when I met him in Knightwick churchyard, visiting the family graves.

With the W.I. inviting everybody to a Fire Safety talk in October, I thought this story just touched a nerve.

. . . .

On looking back to when I was three years old, I can so well remember, an aged lady living on Ankerdine Hill, her name was Hadley, and she had a little grand-child living with her, she was the same age as myself. Her Granny used to bring her down to see me two or three times each week. One morning she asked her Granny if she would bring her down, but she said "Not today I am too busy, I will take you tomorrow" but this was never to be, because in the afternoon the child was missing, her Granny went on the hill to look for her, she found her sat down singing to her-self, she had struck a box of matches and the grass had set fire and she was burnt beyond feeling, she sang herself to sleep, never to wake again, because she died the same night. That dreadful tragedy has always lingered in my mind, and in my heart, if only she had been down to see me, she may have been here today and what lingered in the mind of her dear old Granny, God only knows, how and where she had the matches from remains a mystery to this day.

. . . . *more to follow another month*

I have seen another similar story in a scrapbook of press-cuttings kept by Rev J B Wilson, then Rector of Knightwick, involving a girls nightdress catching fire while warming herself in front of the fire. That was also in a cottage on Ankerdine Hill. But there are very few households using open fires for heating these day, so such accidents are less likely.

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