

## **Broadwas Sports Association**

The Sports Association has an active membership of circa 60 drawn from Broadwas and the surrounding villages. The principal sporting activity is Croquet and the Croquet Club had a successful year in 2018 both in terms of competitions and in attracting new members to take up the sport.

One new initiative was the introduction of Fun Day Fridays which offered a wider range of activities including bowls and table tennis.

In addition, Worcester Nomads Cricket Club and Rushwick Cricket Club shared use of the sportsground on Saturdays for their respective 3<sup>rd</sup> XIs. Sadly, due to the reduction in the numbers of people playing club cricket, there will be no cricket played at Broadwas during 2019. There is a significant cost, both in finance and volunteer time, to maintain a cricket square and regrettably neither cricket club felt able to continue that commitment at Broadwas particularly when they are both struggling to field 3<sup>rd</sup> XIs on a regular basis.

During 2018, the Sports Association successfully completed the installation of rabbit-proof fencing around the sportsground the cost of which was met by a grant of £5,870 from Malvern Hills District Council. This formed part of the Section 106 monies received from the developers of Berryfields Close in Broadwas.

The Association is also grateful for the continuing financial support from Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council towards the cost of maintaining the two pavilion buildings in good condition.

*Robert Pearce*

**Retiring Chairman**