

Footprints

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Broadwas Village Hall

Broadwas Village Hall AGM

Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm

Broadwas Village Hall Management Committee is offering a warm invitation to all to join us for our Annual General Meeting.

The official Agenda will be posted on our website but will include a public section where you can have your say and raise ideas and feedback to the committee.

Do you want to get involved with your local community and make a difference? Do you have ideas for events that the community is missing?

We have a number of spaces available on the Committee.

To join the committee or find out more details please come along to our AGM or find out more information and register your interest via our website.

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Monthly musings from Rev Anne Potter

‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’ Matt 13: 31-32

Not being an expert gardener or horticulturist, I researched what mustard seeds grew into on the internet. I already knew that a mustard seed is a tiny seed, as I have often passed mustard seeds around in an all-age service with children to show just how small they are. What I didn’t know is that most mustard seeds, of which there are many varieties, grow into different shapes and size of mustard plant. In the right conditions a mustard plant can reach up to 20 foot tall and at its peak have multiple stems with lots of leaves and blooming flowers. So, is mustard a plant, tree or bush? Depending on the variety of mustard seed planted, it can grow into a tall plant, when in clumps or groups a big bush or a ‘tree’ that has pods containing mustard. As such there is not a generic mustard tree like an oak which grows from acorns, and most of us have heard the phrase from small acorns grow mighty oaks.

You are probably wondering where I am wandering with this discourse on the two-verse parable Jesus told his disciples about the kingdom of heaven being like a mustard seed. A mustard seed, like an acorn, is all about small actions. Actions of neighbourliness or volunteering that do not involve huge amounts of effort or time. Spending an hour, say once a week, visiting a local person who is on their own; stopping to talk or pass the time of day; saying hello to a passing stranger; dropping an item into the foodbank box; giving someone a smile. These actions could be seen as comparatively small and inconsequential yet put together these small acts of kindness gradually grow into a huge tree of community making our world and the relationships within it a better place. A huge tree in which those who are struggling, who are anxious, who are downhearted, who feel unloved, who feel rejected can find mental and spiritual safety. This

is the kingdom, the place, Jesus is talking about.

The place where, through small expressions of loving one another, we can reflect the love of God. There are many people throughout time who have simply been there when needed, offered a shoulder of sympathy, guided a youngster with words of wisdom, held a needy person's hand, given of themselves in so many small ways yet have left a huge legacy of who they were in the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved them. These 'saints' of the past, of the present and of the future have, are and will continue to intentionally sow mustard seeds, or acorns, to bring about heaven here on earth. What a wonderful world we would live in if the words of Jesus' parable were taken on board by the whole of humankind?

We can but live in hope.....and it really doesn't matter whether the mustard seed grows into a plant, bush or tree, what matters is the message behind the mustard seed growing into something so big that it offers a place of safe sanctuary where all are cared for within the family of God.



Celebration

- At the end of June I will be celebrating 20 years of ordained Ministry. There will be a service of celebration and thanksgiving at St. Mary Magdalene, Broadwas at 10.30am on **Sunday 25th June** and I extend a warm invitation to anyone who wishes to come and share this happy occasion.

Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Jennifer.

Events Diary - June

2023

June

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| 1 st Thurs | 12 - 2pm | Lunch in Company (L in C) - Broadwas Village Hall |
| 4 th Sun | 10.30am | All-age Service - Broadwas Church |
| | 6.00pm | Sung Evensong - Cotheridge Church |
| 5 th Mon | 11.00am | Royal British Legion - Talbot Hotel, Knightwick |
| 6 th Tues | 7.30pm | Broadwas Village Hall A.G.M. |
| 11 th Sun | 3.00pm | Evening Worship - Knightwick Chapel |
| 14 th Wed | 10.15am | Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley |
| 15 th Thurs | 2.00-4.00pm | Cupper and Chat - Cotheridge Church |
| 18 th Sun | 10.30am | Holy Communion - Broadwas Church |
| 21 st Wed | 2.00pm | W.I. - Broadwas Village Hall |
| 22 nd Thurs | 10.30-13.00 | Warm Welcome & Natter at Broadwas Village Hall |
| 25 th Sun | 10.30am | Special Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for 20 years of Rev. Jennifer Whittakers Ministry - Broadwas Church |
| | 3.30pm | Forest Church - Almhouse Wood, Suckley |
| 26 th Mon | 9.00am | Morning Prayers at Broadwas Church |
| 28 th Wed | 10.15am | Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley |

July

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| 1st | 3.00pm | “The Dale Wingbottom Experience” - Village Hall |
| 8th | 2.00-4.00pm | Cotheridge Fete - Dingle End garden, by the Court. |

A piece from an old newspaper :

Worcester, May 14, [1763] On the thanksgiving-day, at a certain parish-church in this county, where there was a great deal of ringing, each of the bells was half-muffled, so that the *music* they afforded, was *cheerful* and *dolorous*. The minister sending to know the reason for it, the ringers returned for answer, that it was to express not only their *joy*, on account of the *Peace*, but also their *sorrow* and *concern*, at the late woeful *Tax* on *Cyder* and *Perry*.

REMINDER

Cotheridge Fete will be held on Saturday 8th July 2023 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 and furniture).

The cake stall has been re-named the 'home cooked food and produce' stall and will sell pies, bread, quiches, cakes, biscuits, jam etc as well as fresh produce.

Other stalls will include gardening, books, jewellery, tombola, white elephant together with all the games and raffles etc. Teas with homemade cakes will also be served.

Please start thinking about the fete. Further information about where to take items will be in Footprints next month. If you would like to help at the fete and have not already contacted me, please ring me on 01905 333526

Many, many thanks for your support

Pauline Key

Broadwas Village Hall

A couple of amendments to the Village Hall "News & Events" Sheet

The Warm Welcome & Natter will be on the 22nd June (4th Thursday)

The Autumn Barn Dance will be on the 2nd September (Saturday)

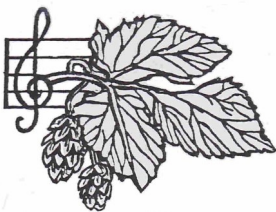
Also -

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Jazz Night due to be held on Saturday the 10th June has had to be cancelled - pre-bought tickets will be refunded

Today we spent a lovely afternoon at The Apple Tree Kitchen, Pitlands Farm where we were treated to a lovely 'Afternoon Tea'. This occasion was planned especially to celebrate Broadwas WI's 70th birthday. We have such a lovely group of friends and we were blessed with glorious sunshine which made the outing very special.

June 21st is our Annual Meeting. On completion of business we shall enjoy a quiz and some games.

Susan Reeve



'Music for a Summer's Evening'

**Come and join us on Tuesday
27th June
at St. Leonards Cotheridge 7.30pm**

The Friends of St Leonards look forward to welcoming Bromyard Choral Society for the first time under the baton of Kate Cheetham, as they entertain us with a selection of light music. Along with the choir, we also welcome back Elizabeth Winscom and Glyn Casey to perform a variety of piano solos and duets to add to the evening's entertainment.

What could be better than to sit back, relax, enjoy a varied programme of some well known tunes and a glass of wine? Tickets available from TicketSource price £10 to include a glass of wine. Just search Bromyard Choral Society.

All profits will go towards the ongoing development of St. Leonards into your local Community Space.

NORA PARSONS CENTRE

A big thank you for the support the Centre received for the Easter Fair where we did a raffle where so many sold tickets and also thanks to all those that purchased them!

So many supplied prizes, cakes and jams. In addition Emily Fox (8 years old) had a very successful table selling her dyed products. The weather was on the Centres side.

The Fair helps the Centre support the members with lunches, coffee and tea and a trip; and helps us to support the price we charge, to help our members in these hard times.

AGAIN A BIG **THANK YOU** TO EVERYONE **Ian**

Some Neologisms...

Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.

Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.

Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.

Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.

Flatulence (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.

Frisbeetarianism (n.), The belief that when you die, your Soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

Gargoyle (n.), olive-flavoured mouthwash.

Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.

Village Information

Church Officials:

Team Rector - vacant

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