

Footprints

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COTHERIDGE FETE

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Saturday 8th July

Dingle End, Cotheridge Court

2.00 - 4.00pm



Monthly musings from Rev Anne Potter

The summer season is a time for weddings, and we have had a few in our benefice this year. It is lovely that we still have couples wishing to come to church and make their vows in the presence of God. I also had the privilege in June of attending the Diamond Wedding Anniversary (60 years) of a couple which set me thinking about marriage and how things have changed in the last 30/40 years.

Nowadays the children of the couple are present at the wedding whereas 30+ years ago it was still a bit taboo to have had children pre-marriage. There were more couples coming from separate addresses whereas in the last twelve years of officiating at weddings I have only had about 5 couples who are not co-habiting.

Thirty plus years ago the marrying of anyone divorced was not generally accepted in the Church of England and it tended to be the diocesan Bishop to decide the policy. Blessings of such a marriage were allowed. Today it is technically in the incumbent priest's gift to decide if they wish to allow the marriage of a divorcee in their church. However, I don't know a member of the clergy who turns away anyone who is divorced unless for some reason the incumbent is uncomfortable with the circumstances of the divorce.

Now we have moved on and the latest debate within the Church of England is around a couple of the same sex getting married. The United Reformed Church (which came about as a result of the joining together of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches in England in the 70s) though welcome same sex couples to be married in their churches. Currently the House of Bishops is putting together some authorised prayers for blessing a same sex marriage whilst the debate continues. The two diocesan Bishops, Bishop John of Worcester and Bishop Martin of Dudley have put their heads above the parapet in declaring their support for same-sex marriages but have also clearly stated that they will continue to honour the current doctrines of the Church of England to which all clergy have signed up to obeying. Hopefully, though, in time the Church will embrace the love of two people whoever they are and allow them to be married in church. This may lead to the break-up of the Anglican Communion as we know it today, but things move on and change over time. This usually takes a lot longer in the Church of England!

Marriage is a gift of God in creation through which a couple grow together in love and trust. Love and trust being the operative words and on which a good marriage lasts for the whole of the couple's earthly life together. One of my favourite phrases of the marriage service is 'grow to maturity in love'. There are times when a couple, does not like the other person or the actions they carry out, but as long they always love each other the relationship stands a good chance of surviving the stresses of life.

And so we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen all relationships that we may fulfil God's purposes to care for one another in Christian love.

With every blessing

Rev Anne

COTHERIDGE FETE - Saturday 8th July 2023 2pm- 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). Remember that the cake stall is now the Home Cooked and Produce stall (inc. preserves, fresh veg and cut flowers!) so will be taking any home cooked food – pies, bread, quiches etc

MAIN COLLECTION POINT for non perishable items

The collection point is at Eric and Heather Dale's, Woodlands, Court Lane, Cotheridge. FROM JULY 1ST - Please open the left hand garage door and put your items on to the CORRECT table (named Tombola, White Elephant, Books etc) . DELIVERIES TAKEN FROM JULY 1ST. Please take the time to sort your donations into the right area. It makes it much easier for the stall holders to sort. Thanks.

Ps Bottles for the tombola stall would be appreciated!

Perishable items deliveries from 1st July as follows:

Plants to be delivered to Heather Dale at Woodlands, Court Lane as usual.
Jams, chutneys etc to Pauline Key at Dingle End – outside the front door if out.

Perishable items on the day as follows:

Fresh vegetables and cut flowers to the stall in the morning on the day
Items for the home cooked Food stall to Helen Walker or on the day to the stall.

Many, many thanks for your support,

Pauline Key

Events Diary - July

2023

July

1 st Sat	3.00pm	“The Dale Wingbottom Experience” - Village Hall
2 nd 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 Thurs	12 - 2pm	Lunch in Company (L in C) - Broadwas Village Hall
8 th Sat	2 - 4pm	Cotheridge Fete
9 th Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion - CrownEast church - Patronal Festival
	3.00pm	Evening Worship - Knightwick Chapel
12 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
14 th Fri	7.00pm	Quiz Night - Village Hall Broadwas
16 th Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
19 th Wed	2.00pm	W.I. - Garden of Heather Dale, Court Lane, Cotheridge
20 th Thurs	2.00-4.00pm	Cupper and Chat - Cotheridge Church
23 rd Sun	10.30am	Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
	3.30pm	Forest Church - Almhouse Wood, Suckley
26 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
27 th Thurs	10.30-13.00	Warm Welcome & Natter at Broadwas Village Hall
30 th Sun	10.30am	Benefice Communion - Leigh Church

August

5th 10.30-3.30pm Summer Fayre - Broadwas Village Hall.

At this time of year we have our Annual meeting and at the end of May there was the National Annual meeting which was held in Cardiff. Each year the WI members put together and present resolutions which we hope will make changes for the good for our local area, our country and globally. We are very proud of the fact that we can influence the Government to make much needed changes. This year's resolution was 'Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife'. This resolution was passed with a large majority, and will go forward although there is need to amend detail. In WI style, there was a healthy debate. The fact that our rivers and seas are so polluted is shameful. The National WI Federation urged members, the wider public, local authorities and the government to make, support and promote applications for official designated bathing sites on stretches of rivers in their area. It was pointed out that the problem is with the whole of our waterways. It was generally felt that the way forward should be to get the government to pass legislation to stop pollution. We live in hope.

Our next meeting is on July 19th at 2pm when we shall enjoy the hospitality of Heather and relax in her beautiful garden.

Our August outing is a trip to the Guildhall. More details to follow.

Susan Reeve

A couple of quotable quotes :

It may be that your sole purpose in life is
simply to serve as a warning to others.

Never mess up an apology with an excuse.

Croquet (and the sun) return to Broadwas

There's nothing sadder than the sight of a forlorn, redundant, croquet mallet. So, it was joyous to witness them all come out of their enforced, prolonged hibernation at Broadwas Croquet Club recently. Hot-on-the-heels of the exuberant mallets were equally enthusiastic players, keen to take advantage of the glorious sunshine that followed the protracted spell of wet weather that kept them off Stoney Ley's resplendent croquet lawns.

After such a long winter break, the new season has been eagerly embraced by club members and visitors alike, with an impressive number of players attending the relaxed Tuesday and Friday afternoon roll-up sessions held on the club's five hilltop lawns.

The Club embraces players from all skill levels and ALL ages. Club members are always keen to encourage players brand new to the game, whilst club captain John Guy and Jeff Faulkner offer coaching sessions to those who wish to improve their game, maybe to even a competitive standard.

Despite the late start to the season, several of the club teams have started their season with the Association team hosting both Kington Langley and Cheltenham in the past 2 weeks and the Level play Golf Croquet team travelling to Kenilworth. Also the High Handicap team hosted Moreton-in-



Marsh for their opening match of the season. A couple of the High Handicap team only picked up mallets for the first time last June, but members can play at whatever level they are comfortable with – be it competitive in-house ‘block’ competitions or external tournaments. Many members are content with just attending the sociable and incredibly popular twice-weekly roll-up sessions’.

Broadwas Croquet Club is keen to welcome new members of all ages fresh to the game and offers introductory Taster Sessions. Anyone interested should email club captain John Guy at johnkeithguy@aol.com, or give him a call on 07941 787742 or 01905 748192.



Broadwas member David Holt pictured in action against Moreton’s Peta Kuck.

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