

# Footprints

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## A Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbours

With a couple of latecomers this year we have raised a total of £720 for St Richards Hospice.

Thank you all for your generosity

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## YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU !

Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council is needing two Councillors to make up a full Council. Details may be found on the Parish Council website (see back page) or by asking existing Councillors (whose contact details may be found on the site also)

If you've never looked at the website it is worth a look from time to time. It keeps you up to date with such things as planning and building permissions *or otherwise*.

At the moment the site isn't right up to date which is the other issue that the Parish Council has - the lack of a Parish Clerk. This is a paid appointment with the opportunity of training, if necessary. Again details on the website

# **Church Words      by Rev Anne Potter**

As we move into 2023 things seem very bleak ... high inflation, interest rates going up with the knock-on effect on those borrowing, energy prices increasing, climate crisis, the war in Ukraine entering it's second year, instability in the middle east, uncertainty around medical treatments, strikes and so it goes on.....and many a person will be asking 'where is God in all this mess and chaos?'

God is there. As we celebrated the birth of Jesus this past Christmastime we have been reminded, through carols and other festivities, that Christmas is about the greatest gift. If we don't believe in the incarnation of God, coming to earth in the form of a tiny baby, then perhaps we should not have celebrated Christmas. If we believe God arrived, devoid of time and space, two thousand plus years ago, we can take hope in God still being with us today. God who, through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus, chose a path of reconciliation with humankind offering us hope, peace, joy and love ....a light shining in the darkness.

Whatever 2023 brings in our lives internationally, nationally, locally or individually remember that God is with us (Emmanuel) and is there listening to our prayers. They might not be answered in the way we expect but God hears and responds often with glimpses of good, which very rarely make the six or ten o'clock news !!

And so may God bless you and give you his peace in the coming year.

## **Annual Christmas RNIB stamp collection appeal**

If you usually just throw your used stamps away with the envelope, why not donate them this year to Royal National Institute for the Blind instead? They are happy to receive UK and foreign stamps in order to raise money. Please take a few seconds to cut them off the envelope leaving a border of about 1cm. Collection boxes can be found at either Broadwas or Cotheridge Church next to the Food Bank container from the middle of December to early January.

Thank you for your support.

Elizabeth Winscom

## **Services at Heaton House-**

### *St. Peter's in the Community*

Come and join the welcoming Fellowship in the lounge at Heaton House for a short Communion Service led by Revd. Jennifer Whittaker.

Please stay and have a chat over coffee and biscuits after our time of worship and praise

When? at 10.15am on

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April

# Events Diary - January

2023

## January

1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	10.30	Holy Communion - Crown East church
5 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	12 - 2pm	Lunch in Company at Broadwas Village Hall
8 <sup>th</sup> Sun	12.00pm	Farmers Market at the Talbot with Plough Sunday service 3.00pm Evening Worship at Knightwick Chapel
11 <sup>th</sup> Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House + refreshments
15 <sup>th</sup> Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion at Broadwas Church
16 <sup>th</sup> Mon	7.00pm	Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council
18 <sup>th</sup> Wed	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Cotheridge Church 11.30am W.I. at the Royal Oak, Broadwas
19 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	2.30 - 4pm	Coffee and Chat at Cotheridge Church
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	10.30am	Morning Worship at Broadwas Church
23 <sup>th</sup> Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Broadwas Church
25 <sup>th</sup> Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House + refreshments
29 <sup>th</sup> Sun	10.30am	WWRT Holy Communion at Martley Church
30 <sup>th</sup> Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Knightwick Chapel

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For those who might not hear by other means :

**Eileen Hamer**, one time of Hilltop Farm, Cotheridge, died peacefully at her home at Broad Green, Broadwas on Monday, January 2nd.



We decided to meet in Cotheridge Church this month and our meeting began with soup, bread and cheese. The new heating system in the church was thoroughly tested as outside the temperature was around freezing.

We were entertained by Elizabeth Winscom who played festive tunes on the piano. Elizabeth is an amazing musician and her choice of pieces was both interesting and enjoyable. We were able to tap our cold toes to the rhythms.

Thank you Elizabeth.

We then had refreshments and social time. Barbara had decorated the table for us which gave our party a lovely atmosphere. Despite the cold we were still there past three o'clock enjoying each others company.

Our next meeting is January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Oak in Broadwas. We will meet at 11.30 am for coffee and a chat before our meal.

*Susan Reeve*

### *Cuppa and Chat*

The Friends look forward to welcoming you to the Cuppa and Chat afternoons between 2 and 4pm on the following dates in 2023 to be held in the community space at St. Leonard's Church.

Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sept 21 <sup>st</sup>
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>
Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>
Apr 19 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>

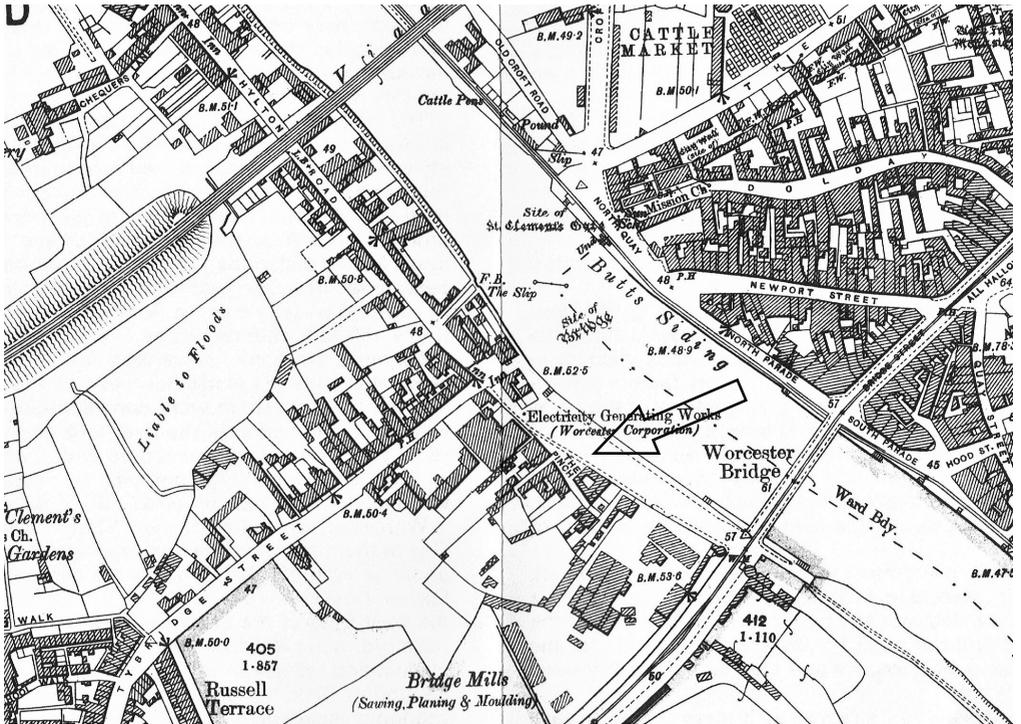
We look forward to sharing details of more events for 2023 in the next couple of months along with more information about the plans for developing your Community space.

## July 14th 1832 – The Cholera

The cholera first made its appearance in Worcester: most of the cases occurring in the Pinch, at the back of Bridge Place, Hylton Street, a most dirty and close locality. It continued to rage till the middle of October: 293 cases have occurred in the whole; and the deaths amounted to 79. The medical men, forming the Board of Health, had been most indefatigable in their labours and attentions to the sick in the Cholera Hospital at Henwick. A very handsome subscription was entered into for the relief of cholera sufferers and their families, and the proceeds of a collection of the Rev. Canon Benson, and of a concert at the College Hall (£156), were devoted to the same good object. *Berrows Worc Journal*

*As Chlora is a water born disease the effect of this outbreak was not really felt in the rural parishes, where most cottages and houses has their own individual wells. There was a "blip" in numbers of burials in Cotheridge & Broadwas in 1833/4 and Knightwick 1831/32 - unfortunately cause of death is not recorded in the church burial registers. This is not unusual as every few years there appears to be a "high" death year but this may have been caused by any number of diseases doing the rounds in the days before vaccination - Diptheria, Scarlet fever, Measles as well as Influenza, to name but a few. In the future it will be interesting to see the effect of Covid on the long term scheme of things.*

*Looking at the statistics in recent years, it has been the other way - a dip in the number of deaths. My theory on this is the introduction of some new drug, of late relation to heart disease problems which keep people alive for an extra 5 - 10 yrs, but we do have to die some time, so the statistics catch up later.*



Marking “The Pinch”, still there in 1902.

### Other things to be seen on the above map.

The Trolley lines over the Bridge, heading down the New Road towards St Johns, this was later widened to be two tracks to deal with the extra usage - a stark difference to today, when they reduce the service at the least excuse!

On the East side of the river and passing underneath both bridges is a railway line, which was a branch off the line with came down from Foregate Street station down onto the race course and then back along the riverside to the China factory, where the Tech. carpark now is. It was originally intended to extend on down to the Diglis Canal basin to integrate with the Canal trade, but the Cathedral authorities at the time refused permission to pass the Cathedral. The main trade for this short branch line apart from the China, were livestock (cattle and sheep) for the Market and also bringing Racehorses on race days.

# 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**

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[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:**

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

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