

Footprints

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Not so much “Your Country Needs You”

- well, yes it is! because without the local Parish Councils surviving as a pro-active form of government, we will lose that “grass roots” feel for the countryside and the facilities required to live in our rural countryside.

Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council is seeking new councillors to help run the most local of local councils.

A Parish Council is rightly thought of as the first level of local government. They can play a vital role passing the concerns of a community to decision makers in District or County Councils and they can play a role in national debates too!

The PC considers issues that can have an immediate impact on people's everyday lives in and around the communities they live in. A parish council is a registered consultee for all planning permissions in their area - having a say on each one. At Knightwick and Doddenham we have adopted a local plan to measure applications against but will need to do more to help make sure that any housing and development we get suits local needs.

We test the water in the local river to help monitor its quality and would like to do more environmental work, including looking to our footpaths. We maintain the local bus stops, verges and drainage on our tiny country roads and report any issues that we find.

The Parish Council would like to do more but it needs more local people to volunteer as councillors to do it.

If you think you can help and want to play your part in your local community do get in touch. You can talk to the Clerk, Richard, on 07515 881231 or e mail him on richardtimmerney@yahoo.com

Monthly musings from Rev Sally Knowles

Whilst Rev Anne is on her sabbatical she has asked me to write the ‘church piece’ this month. You may well be wondering who I am and why she has asked me! All will become clear.

I have lived in Alfrick (Lulsley really, according to our postal address) for the past sixteen years and have always been involved in some way or other in the churches in our parish. I taught Pilates in Alfrick for many years and have been very involved in the village shop. In 2017 I became an Authorised Lay Minister which meant I became more involved in taking services throughout our benefice.

Then last year things began to change rather a lot as Rev Anne told me about a new course the Diocese of Worcester was holding called the Auxiliary Pathway. This was for people who had been involved in taking services etc for a long time but felt they had a calling from God which would lead to ordination as a priest.

I will always remember my initial reaction – ‘God had finally cornered me; how was I going to get out of this?’ I was recently retired and had no excuses as to why I couldn’t do the course. Previously I had had a very rewarding job as a physiotherapist and could never see myself going to theological college. Although I knew all along that this was what God wanted me to do, I still had to come to terms with the effect it would have on the rest of my life and my feeling of inadequacy to do the course. I had to learn to put my trust in God that He would give me the ability to do it. And He has done just that. He has given me so much affirmation over the last twelve months that I was doing the right thing and I was ordained at the end of September.

And here we are in Harvest season. The modern tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843 when the Rev Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church in Morwenstow in Cornwall. Well known Victorian hymns such as ‘We plough the fields and scatter’, ‘Come ye thankful people come’ and ‘All things bright and beautiful’ helped popularise his idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating

churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service.

We happened to be holidaying in Cornwall this summer and went to see the Rev Hawker's church. By all accounts he was a very unorthodox character who carried out his duties dressed in tall sea boots, a long purple coat, a poncho made from a yellow horse blanket, red trousers and a variety of different hats. Thankfully clergy wear more ordinary clothes today although it will take me a little while to get used to wearing a dog collar. However strange he looked, he had a lasting effect on the his parish. It was an area where there were lots of shipwrecks and from his lookout hut (now belonging to the National Trust) he could see when there had been a shipwreck and would collect the bodies of the sailors and make sure they had a proper burial. He was a practical benefactor who left far more members of his flock able to read, write and count than could do so before his forty-one-year ministry. The church and hut are well worth a visit if you are in that area.

At this harvest time I think it is prudent for us to remember, living in our rural community the important role our farmers play in feeding our nation. We have recently been aware how fragile the food chain can be, with COVID19 and the Ukrainian war having a marked effect on it. The climate crisis has also had a part to play in the ability of our farmers to produce food like they used to. Hunger has come into sharp focus both nationally (seen by the rapid growth of food banks) and world-wide. So let us say a big thank you to all our local farmers and remember to support our local food banks this harvest time. We are so lucky we live in such a beautiful part of God's world.

St Leonard's Cuppa and Chat in aid of Macmillan

A big thank you to everyone who supported our September's Cuppa and Chat in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We are pleased to let you know that we raised £150 for this worthy cause. A special thank you to all those people who helped on the day by baking or helping behind the scenes.

Our next Cuppa and Chat will be held on Thursday **19th October** between 2 and 4pm. Everyone welcome.

Events Diary - October

1 st Sun	10.30am	Harvest Worship for All - Broadwas Church
2 nd Mon	11.00am	Royal British Legion meeting at the Talbot
5 th Thurs	12 - 2pm	Lunch in Company (L in C) - Broadwas Village Hall
8 th Sun	3.00pm	Harvest Evening Worship at Knightwick Chapel
11 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
14 th Thurs	2.30-4pm	Pastoral Tea Party at Martley Memorial Hall
15 th Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
18 th Wed	2.00pm	W.I. Open meeting : Fire Prevention in the Home
19 th Thurs	2.00-4.00pm	Cupper and Chat - Cotheridge Church
22 nd Sun	3.30pm	Forest Church - Almhouse Wood, Suckley
	4.00pm	Evensong at Cotheridge Church
25 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
26 th Thurs	10.30-13.00	Warm Welcome & Natter at Broadwas Village Hall
28 th Sat	10,30am	R.B.L. Coffee Morning at Martley Memorial Hall
29 th Sun	10.30am	Benefice H.C. - Broadwas Church
	3.00pm	Memorial Service - Martley Church.
31 st Tues	4.30-6.00pm	Light Party in Broadwas Church (Broadwas Primary School)

Memorial Service

at St Peters Church, Martley on the 29th October

If you would like to have remembered someone who has died recently or in years gone by, please get in touch with Rev Jennifer Whittaker 01886 833897 or email: jenmwhittaker@icloud.com

Our September meeting was an ‘open to all’ one, as part of our 70 year celebrations. What a success: with nearly 40 members, husbands and visitors contributing to a lovely afternoon.

The visiting speaker was Jack Boskett, a professional photographer from Tewkesbury who came to talk to us earlier in the year and so impressed our members that he was invited back to show more photos from his rapidly expanding portfolio. Jack has been taking photographs since at a young age and trains have been a life long love of his so it was fascinating to see more of his engine and train pictures, including the Flying Scotsman and other famous locomotives. As a result of his photographing the late Queen at Hereford station some years ago, on behalf of the Palace, he is now, despite only being in his early thirties, one of a small number of his profession regularly invited to cover royal occasions.

His presentation to us was entitled “Railways to Royalty” and in addition to trains, we saw photos of most of the royal family including many of Queen Elizabeth including her Jubilee tour with Prince Philip, the Platinum celebrations and the funerals of them both. Lastly we were shown photos from the King’s coronation earlier this year. His photos have graced the front pages of the Daily telegraph and Times newspapers, Hello magazine and quite a number of other periodicals. His work takes him all over the country and he is in such demand that he has work in hand for over twelve months, including forthcoming work with King Charles.

Everyone was enthralled by his witty and fascinating stories to accompany such a splendid presentation. Tea and cakes followed to end this special afternoon.

October meeting on 18th at 2pm. Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service will be sending a speaker to talk about Fire Safety. After the meeting we will be able to book a Fire Safety visit. All welcome.

Cllr Barbara Jones (District Councillor)- takes to the air..



I have decided to take on a wing walk to raise much needed donations to go towards funding vital lifesaving Midlands Air

Ambulance missions across our district. With no support from the Government or the National Lottery for their daily operations, the money you help me raise through my challenge will be hugely appreciated.

I have the privilege of being three times chairman of Malvern Hills District Council, I have chosen 'Midland Air Ambulance Charity' as one of my charities as I have done so in the past.

The picture I have used is of Critical Care Paramedic, Colin Apps. This is from the last time I was Chairman 2015/16. I drove my 1962 Massey Ferguson 35 tractor the length of Malvern Hills District raising £4k. for 'Midland Air Ambulance Charity'.

Malvern Hills District is predominantly a rural district, with hundreds of miles of roads and lanes, hard to reach farming areas, rural industrial sites and villages etc.

Like myself, many of you reading this will have known of someone that have benefited from this important service and would want it to continue in the efficient way that it has done so for many years.

If you would like to support me, I can be found on the Justgiving page. type in 'Midlands Air Ambulance Charity Wing Walk, or telephone me on 01886 853377

I have a sponsor form..

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

I did not start school until I was six years old because I was so delicate. I had two miles to walk, but for all that, I made six years perfect attendance and received a silver medal which I still have in my possession, my elder brother made eight years and was never once late, he received a silver watch and the Rector gave in a silver chain to go with it, because he was the first lad to achieve that award, and I expect he was the last one too.

Our parents were very strict in our home, and always exercised discipline, each night before going to bed, we had to kneel at our mother's knee, and say our prayers, then she would have a kiss and say "Good night, God Bless, and sleep well". I often wonder how many are brought up in that way today, very few, I fear.

When I was thirteen years old, the schoolteacher wanted me to sit for an exam to go to Worcester Grammar School but in those days it was only wealthy people who could afford to send their children to high schools, so I did not go.

When I left school my first situation was at Knightwick Post Office, as a telegram boy for Mr. & Mrs. Riddle, my hours were from 8am until 8pm because telegrams could come through between those times, my wage was 3/- a week. I can still remember one winter's night when Mr. Riddle called me, and said "Don't go home yet, the bell is ringing in the Post Office", he said it was a telegram, "Get the lantern" he said, and he put about one inch of candle in it, and he gave me two matches, he said "You have to go to the Old Fox and Hounds at Lulsley it's only about two miles, don't waste that candle, if the moon shines put it out, and don't waste those matches and look sharp back", this was at 7.55pm and it was snowing fast. I got back at 9.15. He said "You found your way there", I said "Yes". "You may go home now, and don't be late in the morning". I had a mile to walk home.

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