

Footprints

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Macmillan Cancer Support

as part of the **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Saturday 28th September (10.00-12.30)

Norton House, Broad Green

Home of Peter and Helen



Please come along and support this Coffee mornings - a bit like the Air Ambulance and the Hospices - you never know when you might need their services and support.

Monthly musings from Rev Anne (Team Rector)

For many of our children and young people September is a month of new starts whether it is beginning many years of school life, moving to 'big' school, going on to some form of further education either at college or university or stepping out into the world of work. For many commencing a new phase of their life, it can be a time of excitement and rising to new challenges, yet it can also be tinged with anxiety and concern. Some folk take change in their stride, others find change difficult, but we all have times in our lives when the future is uncertain or we are unsure how events happening around us are going to pan out. Outside influences, which are often beyond our control, can be a main contributory factor to feelings of uncertainty. However, we can all reflect and learn from the different challenges life throws at us.

We have four children and when, back in the late nineties, we announced one dinner time we were moving from the south coast to the midlands well.. one sixteen year old son along with one fourteen year old daughter stormed out of the room whilst the other fifteen year old son and nine year old daughter started asking questions and were up for the new adventure. They are all now parents themselves yet two are still anxious when faced with potential change.

How we engage with liminal changes including any new starts, which can also include for example moving to a new house, getting married, having children, being orphaned or widowed can depend on our personal resilience and hence our ability to cope. I know when I am anxious or starting out on a new adventure, even though I love the challenge, I find praying to a God in whom I trust helpful and comforting.

The disciples who chose to follow Jesus made a conscious decision to change their lives. The fisherman who left their boats to travel with Jesus, the tax-collector who abandoned his booth to follow Jesus having heard so much about him or the possible political activist who decided to answer the call to join the twelve, all put their trust in Jesus as they knew, in their hearts, there was something very special about

the man they had encountered. They didn't know what the future held at the time they made their life-changing decision to start a new life as a follower of Christ, but in time all was revealed. We know, from the Gospel accounts, they had moments of anxiety and concerns. Peter, for example, denying knowing Jesus after Jesus had been arrested by the authorities and Thomas doubting the fulfilment of scripture when Jesus rose again after the third day.

We never know what is waiting around the next corner of our daily lives, what changes lie ahead of us. If we put our trust in a God, who we believe cares for us, we can work through any anxious feelings and embrace a new start with a sense of purpose and belonging. For some people this can be really tough, and some situations can be incredibly difficult, but through prayer and allowing the grace of God to enter our hearts we can find the spiritual strength to cope with the ever-changing seasons of our lives.

To quote the opening verse of a hymn based on Psalm 34

*Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.
Of his deliverance I will boast, till all that are distressed,
from my example comfort take and lay their griefs to rest.*

Rev Anne

Harvest Festival Services

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| 6th Oct | 10.30am | All age Harvest Service - Broadwas Church |
| | 6.00pm | Harvest Evensong - Broadwas Church followed by light refreshments |
| 13th Oct | 3.00pm | Harvest Service - Knightwick Chapel |

Events Diary - September

- 1st Sun 10.30am Worship for All - Broadwas Church
6.00pm Evensong - Cotheridge Church
- 2nd Mon 11.00am Royal British Legion meeting at Talbot Hotel
- 5th Thurs 12 - 2pm Lunch in Company (LinC) - Martley Memorial Hall
- 8th Sun 10.30am Holy Communion at Wichenford Church
3.00pm Evening Worship - Knightwick Chapel
- 11th Wed 10.15am Holy Communion at Heaton House
- 15th Sun 10.30am Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
Café Church - St Peters, Martley
- 19th Thurs 2.30 - 4pm Pastoral Tea Party at Martley Memorial Hall
- 25th Sun 10.30am Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
10.30am Harvest Festival at St Peters, Martley
- 25th Wed 10.15am Holy Communion at Heaton House
- 26th Thurs 2.00 - 4pm Cuppa & Chat at Cotheridge Church
- 28th Sat 10.00 - 12.30 MacMillians Coffee Morning - Norton House Broad Gn.
- 29th Sun 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion Service (venue tbc)
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Broadwas Village Hall - Social Programme

September 21st - Saturday 6.00 to 11.00pm Pop-Up-Pub with Alfie's Kitchen

October 25th - Halloween Party

November 25th - Broadwas Christmas Fayre & Santa's Grotto

December 13th - Christmas Disco

DO COME FOR TEA, FUN AND GOOD COMPANY!

There will be a warm welcome to all from the Pastoral Team of
Martley, Wichenford and the Lower Teme Valley at

A TEA PARTY

on

Thursday 19th September from 2.30-4pm

at

Martley Memorial Hall

Do come and join us!

Rev. Jennifer Whittaker.

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PRESENTS THE

at

Martley Memorial Hall

Saturday 19th October

at 7.30pm

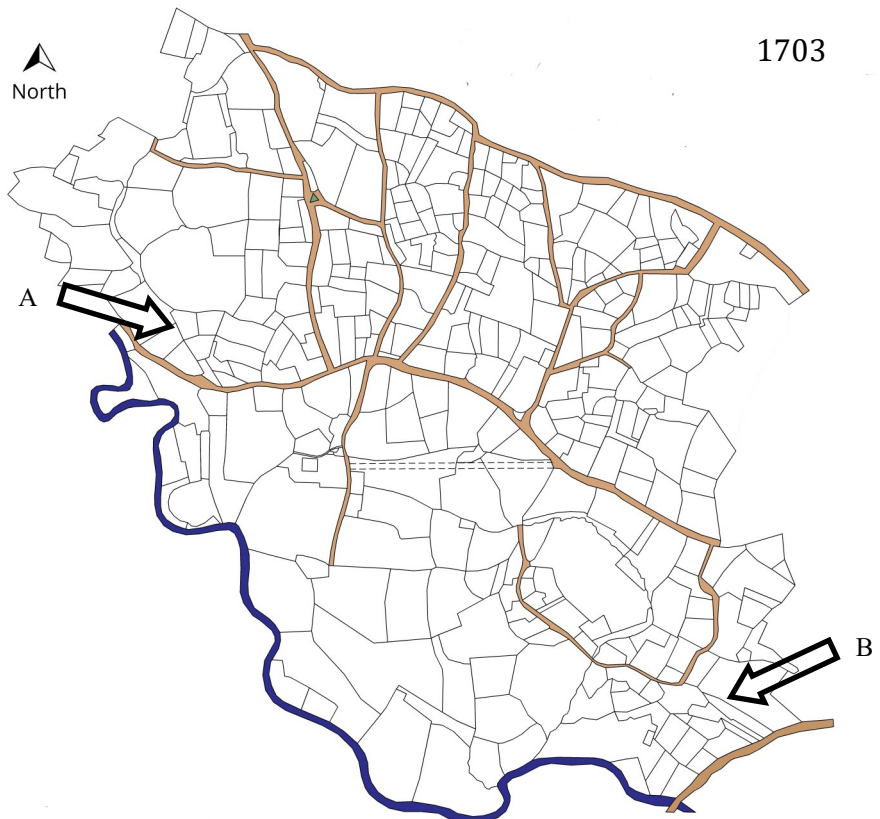
£12.50 pay at the door - Light Refreshments included

All profits to RBL Poppy Appeal

How this parish has change over time.

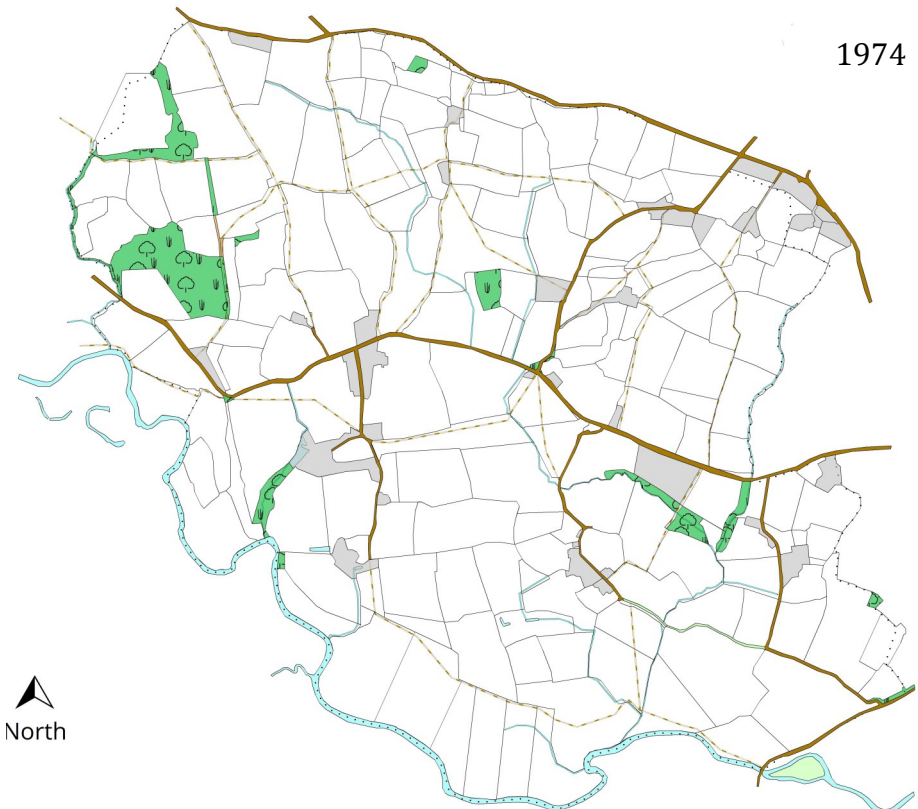
Below are two renditions of maps of Cotheridge - one 1703 an estate map of by Thomas Harris and the other taken from the 1974 version of the Ordnance Survey. Considering the time separation the overall accuracy is very good.

The real interest for me is in the detail. To the north side of the A44 virtually all the earlier roads, except for Lightwood Lane have been downgraded to Footpaths but are still there to be walked, best in the summer - this ground can be very wet and sticky in winter, which is probably why they didn't try to maintain them all into the modern era. Two other roads that are missing from the 1703 map are the road "B", linking Otherton Lane to the Bransford



road along the edge of the escarpment, and the other, “A”, is the A44 again along the edge of the escarpment passed to Hilltop Farm, which would have linked onto the road we looked at last month up and over to Little Green on Broadwas. So that’s another one to try to explain? The Harris map is also missing a road that went on from the Lower Court and across the meadows to a “ferry” that crossed over the river to Leigh by Leigh Court.

The more I look the more I see : on the 1703 map, the road from the A44 to the church isn’t the current Church Lane but a track through the Church Farmyard—now a sort of a stream, beside the “New road” as it was called before being named “Church Lane.”



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