

Footprints

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BROADWAS VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY, 11TH JUNE 2024
6:30PM TO 8:00PM**

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Annual Reports, Reviews, & Formalities

- Celebrate collective successes and significant milestones that we have achieved together as a community.
- Discuss lessons learnt.

Announcement of New Initiatives

Explore the array of exciting, innovative new projects and programs that are shaping the future of our hall together as a community.

Community Participation

Engage in community discussions to enhance our hall and build a stronger community space together as a united mind..

**THE AGENDA & MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR
CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE ALONGSIDE ANY
OTHER DETAILS AND UPDATES.**

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Monthly musings from Rev Anne (Team Rector)

June is the month of many a wedding when couples who have chosen to declare their love for each other make a public commitment to each other in the company of family and friends. Those who choose to get married in church and hence make their vows in the presence of God will often hear the following words as the opening sentence of their marriage service.

‘God is love and those who live in love, live in God and God lives in them’. Words accredited to the aging apostle John in a letter he wrote to encourage new Christians when he was living in Ephesus. For so many the concept of God being love takes some grappling with...after all why does a powerful love allow such terrible sufferings to take place. Jewish Rabbi, Harold S Kushner, in his 1992 book *‘When bad things happen to good people’* written following the death of his 14-year old son, talks about looking inwards for the capacity to love in the light of suffering. God, as such, doesn’t allow suffering; it is created by nature and human beings, who unlike animals, live in a world that is morally good and bad.

The Meaning of God Poem by M. K. Ghandi

There is an indefinable mysterious Power that pervades everything.

I feel It, though I do not see It.

It is this unseen Power which makes Itself felt and yet defies all proof, because It is so unlike all that I perceive through my senses.

It transcends the senses....

That informing Power or Spirit is God....

For I can see that in the midst of death life persists,

in the midst of untruth, truth persists,

in the midst of darkness light persists.

Hence I gather that God is Life, Truth, Light. He is love.

He is supreme good.

But he is no God who merely satisfies the intellect if He ever does.

God to be God must rule the heart and transform it.

(Young India, October 11, 1928)

We so often have glimpses of God, the God who is there for us, that transcends the senses, not only in holy scriptures but in so many other forms of the written word. A A Milne, so often captures the essence of God in the characters who live in One Hundred Acre Wood. Like the day that Piglet

sidled up to Pooh from behind. "Pooh," he whispered. "Yes, Piglet?" "Nothing," said Piglet, taking Pooh's paw, "I just wanted to be sure of you." God is there for you if you open your heart and mind and allow him to metaphorically take you by the hand and guide you through the good and bad times.

As Mahatma Ghandi states "in the 'midst of death life persists". For many people, when someone they love dies, this is such a difficult concept. Kahlil Gibran, the Lebanese Poet and Philosopher wrote in *The Prophet* 'to live in the hearts of others is not to die'. This sentiment is echoed when the time comes for Kenneth Graham's *Wind in the Willows* character dear old Badger to die. Badger leaves a note for his friends which says, "Gone down the Long Tunnel. Bye Bye, Badger". His friends, Toad and Mole, among others, share their memories when the spring come and whenever Badger's name was mentioned, someone remembered another story that made them all smile.

Love, laughter and life. God is there in amongst us and as Kahlil Gibran says, 'when you love you should not say "God is in my heart" but rather, 'I am in the heart of God". The God, who in the words from the hymn, 'When I survey the wondrous cross', revealed a love so amazing so divine as from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.

God bless, Rev Anne

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

At 2pm on 22nd June at the Village Hall Broadwas there will be a talk delivered by Chris Wilkinson regarding the life of the Late Derek Grubb working on the Railways. Derek led a very interesting life and was a valued member of the Knightwick & District R.B.L.

It should prove to be quite an interesting chat. Light refreshments will be available and the talk should last, approx 2 hrs.

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Knightswick & District RBL

Events Diary - June

2 nd Sun	10.30am	Worship for All - Broadwas Church
	6.00pm	Evensong - Cotheridge Church
3 rd Mon	11.00am	Royal British Legion meeting at Talbot Hotel
6 th Thurs	12 - 2pm	Lunch in Company (LinC) - Broadwas Village Hall
8 th Sat	1.00-4.00pm	Free Open Day at Croquet Club, Stoney Ley
9 th Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion at Wichenford Church
	3.00pm	Evening Worship - Knightwick Chapel
11 th Tues	6.30pm	Broadwas Village Hall - A.G.M.
12 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House
15 th Sat	12.00-4.00pm	Nora Parsons : Summer Fair
16 th Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
		Café Church - St Peters, Martley
20 th Thurs	2.00 - 4pm	Cuppa & Chat at Cotheridge Church
22 nd Sat	6.00pm – 11.30pm	Pop-Up-Pub and Foot Truck
23 rd Sun	10.30am	Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
26 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House
30 th Sun	10.30am	Benefice Service at Alfrick Church followed by lunch in Alfrick Village Hall

Save the Date

- **Cotheridge Fete** will be held this year on **Saturday July 13th**

And for **Cheese and Puds** at Westwinds, Little Green - **Saturday August 3rd**

Wind Concert in Cotheridge Church **Saturday August 10th**

Broadwas Village Hall - Social Programme

June 20th - Saturday 6.00 to 11.30pm Pop-Up-Pun with Food Truck

July 21st - **Family Fun Day**

Sunday 10.30am to 3.00pm Coffee, Cake and Games
3.30 - 11.00pm Pop up Pub

August 10th **Family Fun Day**

Saturday 10.30am to 3.00pm Coffee, Cake and Games
3.30 - 11.00pm Pop up Pub

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



Bromyard Choral Society

Calling all singers

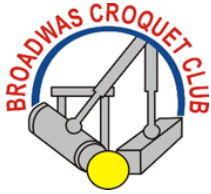
Bromyard Choral Society is offering a Summer Term of 5 weeks singing light sacred and secular music from Tuesday 7th May ending with a concert at St Bartholomew's Church, Much Marcle on Saturday 22nd June. This 5 week term is free of charge and we welcome all voice parts. If you are interested please contact our Secretary on 01432 820813

or patsymarson@gmail.com. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday evenings at Methodist Church Hall, New Road, Bromyard HR7 4AJ from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

Sadly, we are losing our accompanist, Anna, and a vacancy has therefore arisen for an accompanist from the new term starting on Tuesday 10th September 2024.

We rehearse every Tuesday in the Methodist Church Hall, New Road, Bromyard, HR7 4AJ from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

If interested please contact our Secretary as above.



The lawns of Broadwas Croquet Club are buzzing again following a prolonged close season caused by persistent rain.

The club is looking forward to further success in local and national competitions this year, and in June is competing in the World Croquet Federation's 2024 European GC Club League to be held at Telč in Czechia (the former Czech Republic).

But whether you are competitive or would just like to take up a relaxing sport and meet new people, Broadwas Croquet Club can accommodate your needs. The club is situated in a serene spot overlooking the Malverns and is keen to welcome new members. We have members from Worcester, Malvern and surrounding villages. The cost of playing croquet is very modest and it is a sport that isn't taxing physically.

The club is holding a **Free Open Day** on **Saturday June 8th** from **1.00pm - 4.00pm** for anyone who would like to try out the game. The club also holds regular taster sessions for newcomers.

For more information, call Fran Wall on **07914 083747**
or visit **www.broadwascroquetclub.org.uk**.

Pictured adjacent - the wooden bridge, photographed from the orchard of the doctors garden, that was replaced by an iron one in 1894 as reported last month. That one only lasted until 1957 when the current bridge was built in a new position and "flood-proof" and with a footbridge to link the Talbot to the west-side of the river.

The iron bridge had had to be reinforced, by the addition of a central pier, to accommodate the heavy military traffic during WW2. However, this created a problem, a) in catching debris during floods and also creating eddies that cut into the bank of the Talbot carpark just below. This was stabilized by the building a stone wall at the same time as the new bridge was built.



REMINDER

Cotheridge Fete will be held on Saturday 13th July 2024 2 – 4pm At Dingle End, Court Lane, Cotheridge

We would love YOU to donate items to the Fete.

ANYTHING (except clothing and furniture). would help us to raise money

The home cooked food and produce stall will sell pies, breads, quiches, cakes, biscuits, jams 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

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