

# Footprints

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**Broadwas Croquet Club** is looking forward to another exciting season following its huge success in 2025.

The club started its 2025 season by winning the Kohlhof, Germany, heat of the Golf Croquet European Club League tournament. The team went on to play against the top sides in Europe in the Brighton finals in October.

Meanwhile, the club's West Midlands Golf Croquet team triumphed when they won the league for the tenth time in the last 14 seasons, while the Broadwas West Midlands Association Croquet team won their league for the fifth time in the last seven seasons.

Meanwhile, the club's 5+ Level Play GC squad, which plays in the South West Croquet Federation won its division and were runners-up in the whole of the South West region, while the club's High Handicap team also won their division, also finishing their season as runners-up in the whole South West region.

While being home to competitive players, Broadwas Croquet Club remains a social club and welcomes new members whatever their skill level or age. Beginners are particularly welcome. The club boasts one of the most picturesque settings in the UK. Croquet is easy to learn and is



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## Monthly musings from Rev Anne (Team Rector)

What a wet winter!! As I write my monthly missive the snowdrops are ringing their flower bells, the primroses and crocuses are blossoming and the daffodils are in bud. Their trumpet flowers will bring in, hopefully, warmer, drier weather alongside longer days as we move through Lent towards Palm Sunday on the last Sunday in March. The fourth Sunday in Lent is Mothering Sunday, known these days by most people as Mother's Day. Its origin is rooted in a Christian tradition when those 'in service' were given the day off to return to their Mother Church. Nowadays Mother's Day is when we remember our mothers and the delights and trials of motherhood...this poem shares the joys and sorrows of two biblical mothers that is particularly apt, and moving, as we journey towards Holy Week and Easter.

### ***Two mothers***

Long, long ago, so legends relate,  
Two mothers once met at an old city gate  
'By the look in your eyes', said the one to the other  
'I see that you, too, must have once been a mother.

And by the blue-tinted veil in your hair,  
You too, have know sorrow and deepest despair'  
'Ah yes', she replied, 'I once had a son,  
A sweet lad, full of laughter and fun

But tell of your child'. 'Oh, I knew he was blest  
From the moment I first held him close to my breast  
And my heart almost burst with the joy of that day'  
'Ah yes', said the other, 'I felt the same way'

The former continued, 'The first steps he took,  
So eager and breathless – the sweet, startled look  
Which came over his face. He trusted me so'  
'Ah yes', said the other, 'I felt the same glow'.

'How often I shielded and spared him the pain  
And when he for others so cruelly was slain,  
When they crucified him and spat in his face,  
How gladly I would have hung in his place.'

A moment of silence – 'Oh, then you are she,  
The mother of Christ, and she fell on one knee.  
But the blessed one raised her up, drawing her near  
And kissed from the cheek of the woman a tear.'

'Tell me the name of the son you loved so  
That I may share with you your grief and your woe  
She lifted her eyes, looking straight at the other  
'He was Judas Iscariot, I am his mother.'

Rev Anne

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**Confirmation...**...we are planning to run a confirmation course in May/June. If anyone is interested in being Confirmed please contact Rev Anne. (01886 832355) More details in the April issue.

### **WE NEED YOU**

#### **Knightwick and Broadwas Royal British Legion**

Can you knit, crochet or sew?

Would you like to be part of a **community project** to create a large poppy installation for Broadwas Church?

Are you able to offer any sponsorship for this project?

**THE PLAN** is to create perhaps a waterfall display for Remembrance Day in November, similar to other churches in the past decade.

It would be part of a **community project** undertaken as an individual or part of a group.

Individuals could perhaps form new groups at their convenience.

Patterns and wool available but donations of red wool much appreciated.

If the answer is '**yes**' to any of the above, please contact Elizabeth

01886 821558 or email [ehill473@gmail.com](mailto:ehill473@gmail.com)

Many thanks

# Events Diary - March 2026

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sun 9.00am Holy Communion - Cotheridge Church  
10.30am Worship for All - Broadwas Church
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon 11.00am Royal British Legion meeting at Talbot Hotel
- 5<sup>th</sup> Thurs 12 - 2pm Lunch in Company (LinC) - Martley Village Hall
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sun 3.00pm Evening Worship - Knightwick Chapel
- 11<sup>th</sup> Wed 10.15am Holy Communion at Heaton House  
7.00pm Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council - Vill. Hall
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.00am Café Church - St Peters, Martley  
10.30am H.C. -**Mothering Sunday** Broadwas Church
- 20<sup>th</sup> Fri 7 for 7.30pm Quiz Night - Broadwas Village Hall
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sat 9.30-11am "Mainly Music" - Alfrick Village Hall
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sun 10.30am Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
- 25<sup>th</sup> Wed 10.15am Holy Communion at Heaton House  
3.30-3.30pm "Crafty Café in Church" - Broadwas Church
- 26<sup>th</sup> Thurs 2.00 - 4.00pm "Cuppa & Chat" - Cotheridge Church
- 29<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.30am **Palm Sunday** - Benefice All Age Service  
at the **Cob House**  
6.00pm Celtic Holy Communion at Martley Church

## April

- 5<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.30am Easter Day Communion - Broadwas Church
- 21<sup>st</sup> Tues 7.00pm Lower Teme Valley APCM.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Isabel Dix from Broad Green on  
reaching 100 years old.

Looking back through the Church records, I can find only  
another three who have achieved that age. Edward Shakeshaft in  
1827; James Presdee in 1832 and Ann Quartley in 1904.

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great fun. It's a wonderful way of getting gentle exercise and simulating the grey matter. The club attracts players not only from Broadwas but also from surrounding villages as well as Worcester and Malvern. We also have several players who travel to the club from Shropshire.

Based in Stoney Ley, Broadwas, the club is very friendly and offers social activities throughout the year. Playing croquet at Broadwas is low cost. The club will be opening for the 2026 season in the spring. To learn more about playing a lovely game, phone club captain John Guy on 07941 787741 or Francis Wall (chair) on 07914 083747.

**Hot Cross Buns with Coffee**  
Good Friday April 3rd,  
10.30am - 12.00noon  
at Cotheridge Church  
Come and join us

St Mary Magdelene, Broadwas

# CRAFTY CAFE IN CHURCH

A Godly Play style gathering for all ages:  
refreshments, story-telling, crafts and songs.

**When?**  
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Hot/cold drinks and snacks served  
from 3.15pm



# Mainly Music

## Weekend Edition for the whole family

Music, activities, crafts, breakfast and time to  
be together!

 Mainly Music Alfrick

**14**  
FEBRUARY  
**'BE MY VALENTINE'**  
WITH PANCAKES

**21**  
MARCH  
**'IT'S GOOD TO BE ME'**  
WITH BACON BAPS

**09**  
MAY  
**'WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD'**  
WITH PERFECT PASTRIES

**04**  
JULY  
**'SENSATIONAL SUMMER'**  
WITH SAUSAGE SARNIES

ALFRICK VILLAGE HALL  
9.30AM - 11AM



# Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council

The Parish Council met on the 11th February and welcomed the parishioners who attended.

A number of reports were considered (and these are available on the website <https://broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/agendas-minutes>)

The following may be of interest:

## **A44**

The County and District Councillors together with the chair met in the Parish with the WCC Highways Liaison officer. This was a welcome step forward given that our requests for a meeting go back some years. Time will tell whether the outcomes bear fruit but the following was agreed

WCC will share details of the proposed scheme to renew and replace signage and road markings along the full stretch of the A44

WCC are looking to identify a more permanent solution to the flood spot on the bend opposite to the entrance to Upper Howsen Farm.

Assurance was received that all drains and run offs would be regularly maintained.

WCC will advise the PC on replacement VAS for Broadwas (NB the meeting agreed to identify options)

WCC has agreed to measure speeds at a number of points in Broadwas. (This will support further discussion about the proposals put forward by the PC)

WCC is not at present prepared to consider any reductions in the speed limits on the A44 as it runs between Laylocks and Hill Top Bend. (The PC will continue to press for this particularly in regard to the stretch between the Cotheridge Village signs)

The PC agreed to contact a number of other parish councils to explore their experience and the measures they have been able to take.

The PC would welcome support from parishioners, in continuing to bring to the attention of WCC the hazards and concerns in order to support the introduction of a more effective set of approaches, and for them to recognise this as a priority.

## **Berryfields and MHDC Legacy grant**

Tenders have been received for the re surfacing of the car park and a decision will be made shortly, once this is submitted to the grant administrators, it is hoped the PC will be in a position to initiate the work. In the meantime a new piece of play equipment has been ordered, the PC agreed to the sale of the container

and plans are being drawn up for new fencing (including around the children's play area, the installation of new seating areas and landscaping to include where the container was sited.

### **Local Government re organisation**

The government has an open consultation about the 2 proposals for the future structure and arrangements for local government in Worcestershire.

As you may know on the one hand following the removal of a tier of local government (district councils ) there is a proposal for one Worcestershire council and on the other hand there is a proposal for 2 councils focused on north and south.

In order to ensure that you have as balanced view as possible you can see the one Worcestershire proposal here <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/council-and-democracy/local-government-reorganisation-and-devolution>

And the 2 Worcestershire proposal here <https://www.worcester.gov.uk/council/local-government-reorganisation>

Of course you can do your own google search

The Government consultation runs until the 26th March and can be accessed here <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-worcestershire>

From a Parish Council perspective, we would encourage people to have their say. There are advantages and disadvantages to each proposal, and of course it can be difficult at times to have full confidence in our system of government, but thankfully we have that choice.

On balance after discussion the Parish Council felt that the 2 Worcestershire proposal built on established local relationships and would best ensure that there could be a balance in understanding between the needs of rural and urban areas. Whatever the outcome the Parish Council will continue to work positively and constructively with the new authority. It remains to be seen as this has not been addressed in any real detail what the implications will be for parish councillors and parishioners.

The next planned meeting is on the 11th March this will be at Broadwas village hall, and for the April Meeting we will return to St Leonard's (The February meeting had to be moved because of the conditions adjacent to the church)

**Richard Burrows** on behalf of the Parish Council

# Village Information

## **Church Officials:**

Team Rector - Rev Anne Potter 01886 832355  
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## **Parish Councils**

Broadwas & Cotheridge : **[www.broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk)**  
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