

# Footprints

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## Advance Notice of a NEW Event

### Cotheridge Open Gardens

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 11a.m. To 4.00 p.m.

In aid of St Richard's Hospice and Cotheridge church.

There will be seven gardens opening, refreshments served at 1 Cotheridge Court, a Plants Stall at Redwood and Crafts and Cakes for sale at the Church.

If you would like to help at any of the stalls, make a cake or donate any plants please contact us on either of the numbers below. This would be much appreciated as we wish to make this fundraising event as successful as possible. Also if you, or anyone you know, would like to have a craft stall please let us know.

Margaret Pardoe 07484762480 or Liz York 07908628297.

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Don't Forget ! **Hot Cross Buns with Coffee**

Good Friday: April 3rd, 10.30am - 12.00noon

at Cotheridge Church

Open to all

## Monthly musings from Rev Anne (Team Rector)

Easter is an age-old celebration of rebirth, renewal and hope embedded in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Easter bunny and chocolate eggs came much later secularising this important Christian festival. I have to admit I don't quite see the connection between rabbits and Jesus' resurrection whereas eggs represent new life, a cracked open hollow chocolate egg represents the empty tomb and chocolate is a well-known 'food of celebration', I guess because it tastes so good.

Flowers, along with chocolates, are another traditional gift of celebration. Springtime flowers carry deep meanings of rebirth, renewal, hope and faith with certain blooms embodying Christian themes of purity, love and new beginnings.

Easter Lilies are probably the most iconic Easter symbolising purity and resurrection with their trumpet-shaped white blooms radiating a heavenly fragrance.

Daffodils, historically known as 'Lent Lilies'. Emerging during the period of Lent leading up to Easter, with their bright yellow petals in early spring, the daffodil offers a symbol of brightness and rebirth, a reminder of hope and optimism, after the long dark days of winter.

Tulips with their range of colourful blooms ranging from red (symbolising passion and sacrifice) to white (symbolic of forgiveness and purity) to yellow (reminders of friendship and joy) represent love, grace, rebirth and new beginnings. These colourful flowers reflect the transforming joy of spring and the promise of eternal hope in the Easter season.

Hyacinths with their clusters of densely packed fragrant flowers are often associated with rebirth, renewal and remembrance as they symbolise sincerity, playfulness and reassessment of life.

The Iris known for its dramatic, sword-like leaves and elegant, rose-toned blooms evoke a sense of regal beauty. The leaves of the Iris are sometimes taken as representing Christ's suffering. Irises carry a rich history of meanings symbolising faith, hope, wisdom, and valour. The Iris, with its Christian symbolism, capturing a delicate balance of strength and grace makes it a perfect flower to celebrate the transformative spirit of Easter.

The final spring flower making up my bouquet of Easter celebration is the Crocus which, being one of the first blooms to emerge from the soil, signals the arrival of spring and youthful joy. These charming small flowers

symbolize rebirth and the end of winter's gloom reflecting the perseverance and optimism of the Easter season.

And so, I invite you through my bunch of spring flowers to reflect on the transformational Easter message, which transcends the here and now, resonating with timeless truths and boundless optimism whilst echoing the promise of a brighter tomorrow. In this world of doubt and uncertainty may the joy of Easter be a reminder that in the dawning of Spring there is renewal and rebirth. Christ's resurrection is a beacon of hope as the light that shines out in the darkness. Let us celebrate this Christian festival of Easter in the knowledge that God's love is everlasting and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ every ending is a new beginning.

This Eastertime may your heart be filled with the joy of Christ's resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

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.

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## **Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council**

The Parish Council met on the 11th March at the village hall in Broadwas, and welcomed a number of parishioners.

**Litter** -Councillors were pleased to hear that some parishioners in Lightwood Lane have signed up to the District Council Adopt a Street Scheme.

<https://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/join-the-adopt-a-street-scheme>

They were concerned as to the amount of litter (in part worsened by the current diversions) along the roadside. The scheme provides equipment in return for a commitment to pick up litter at least 4 times a year on the chosen street or stretch of road. If any one else is interested we would encourage you to have a look at the website and discuss with the District Council and we would be happy to support this.

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# Events Diary - April 2026

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 8.00pm Compline - Broadwas Church
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 12 - 2pm Lunch in Company (LinC) - Martley Village Hall  
7.00pm Benefice Holy Communion - Martley Church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri 10am-12 Childrens Workshop - Suckley Church  
10.30-12 Hot Cross Buns with Coffee at Cotheridge Church  
12-3.00pm Good Friday Devotions at Martley Church  
6.00pm Choral Devotions at Leigh Church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sat 9.00pm Tenebrae at Knightwick Chapel
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.30am Easter Communion at Broadwas Church
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tues** 11.00am Royal British Legion meeting at Talbot Hotel
- 8<sup>th</sup> Wed 10.15am Holy Communion at Heaton House
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.30am Holy Communion - Wichenford Church  
3.00pm Evening Worship - Knightwick Chapel
- 15<sup>th</sup> Wed 7.00pm Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council - Cotheridge Ch
- 17<sup>th</sup> Fri 7 for 7.30pm Bingo at The Village Hall
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.00am Café Church - St Peters, Martley  
10.30am Holy Communion at Broadwas Church
- 21<sup>st</sup> Wed 7.00pm A.P.C.M. for LTV - Broadwas Church
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Wed 10.15am Holy Communion at Heaton House
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 2.00 - 4.00pm "Cuppa & Chat" - Cotheridge Church
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.30am Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
- 29<sup>th</sup> Wed 3.30-3.30pm "Crafty Café in Church" - Broadwas Church
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**Berryfields** - the container has been soil and will shortly disappear. All being well MHDC will release the grant shortly enabling orders to be placed for the re surfacing of the car park, new fencing including around the children's play area, new benches and some landscaping.

**A 44** - Our County Councillor Mel Fordington continues to be active in supporting our efforts to get the County Council to take seriously our concerns regarding safety and speeding on the A44. To this end thanks in part of a donation from Mel's budget we are in the process of ordering 3 new Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) to replace the ones in Broadwas, which are reaching the end of their life. The new ones should be clearer and will enable us to capture much more data, this in turn may help with our case to get the County Council to look at other measures. The Police are continuing to prioritise enforcement and will also shortly deploy a motor bike based camera.

Although the County Council do not as yet accept that there is a need for a reduced speed limit through Cotheridge, they have agreed to update signage and road markings along all of the A44, though as yet we do not know the details of this and therefore cannot form a view of to what extent these will address our concerns.

**Fly Tipping** - Unfortunately this seems to be on the increase, and when we are aware we will report to MHDC. You can report directly here [https://swict.malvern hills.gov.uk/cepoforms mhdc/choose\\_flytip\\_or\\_litter.jsp](https://swict.malvern hills.gov.uk/cepoforms mhdc/choose_flytip_or_litter.jsp)

**Dog Waste Bins** - a new one has been ordered and once delivered will be installed by the County Council adjacent to St Leonard's in Cotheridge.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan** - the final working draft is now ready and we are working out the next steps so as to make sure that there is the opportunity for parishioners to engage and comment. We will publish the draft document once we have worked out the timeline and engagement arrangements.

The next meeting will be on the **15th April**, 7pm at St Leonards

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# Nora Parsons' Centre

As many of you will know, Nora Parsons', a retired District Nurse who in the course of her work had encountered many people who were lonely and asked for nothing more than a bit of company and a dose of TLC, fundraised with a group of friends to set up a centre where people could meet, chat and receive care and attention.

Today this continues at the Old School in Venn Lane, Wichenford. Each Monday from 9.30 members are welcomed with a hot and cold drink as well as biscuits, and comfortably settled into an armchair in warm surroundings.

During the morning nails can be manicured and varnished, or the exercise lady will get everybody moving to music in their chairs, or the chiropodist will be in attendance or our favourite entertainer Anthony will be on hand for a sing-a-long and some interesting and funny stories. At special times of the year there is a short Service with well-known hymns and readings. Scrabble, jigsaws, word-searches and other games are always available for members to choose from. If you prefer to read the paper or a magazine then these are on hand too. A frequent visitor is our friendly dog who pops in with his owner

to say hello and receive a kind word and friendly stroke - the dog, not the owner! There is an outing once a year and children's choir from the local primary school comes to regale us with Christmas Carols each year.

Birthdays are celebrated with sherry and cake and an excellent rendering of Happy Birthday. Just after 12noon a tasty two course lunch - provided by a local pub - is served, and at 2pm its eyes down for Bingo with suitable prizes to be won. At 3pm it's time to go home. All this for a daily fee of £12.

The Centre is a registered charity, run by volunteers, funded by local councils, donations and 2 Fairs organised throughout the year. If you would like to explore coming to join us why not drop in for coffee one Monday morning or if you care for someone who would benefit from a 'day out' or know someone who, as a carer, needs a bit of respite do get in touch and arrange to come and see us. Visitors are always welcome.

As well as welcoming new members we would be pleased to talk to anyone interested in joining our wonderful team of Volunteers or offering expertise as Secretary or one of the other Officers on our Committee.

This is a local charity which has touched the lives of many across a large area over many years. With reports of other centres and facilities closing we are committed to continuing to serve our communities.

Revd. Jennifer Whittaker (Chair)

Contact numbers: the Nora Parsons' Centre: 01886 88374

Chair: 01886 833897

Treasurer/Secretary: Ian Brown: 07535521556



The Talbot  
at Knightwick

EVERY OTHER  
TUESDAY

JAZZ

8pm

NIGHT

*Ready to feel the atmosphere?*

£8 entry fee includes raffle ticket

For more information or to book a table  
call 01886 821235 or email [info@the-talbot.co.uk](mailto:info@the-talbot.co.uk)

# Village Information

## **Church Officials:**

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Rob Pearce 01886 821959  
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## **Parish Councils**

Broadwas & Cotheridge : **[www.broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk)**  
Chairman – Richard Burrows  
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**Village Hall - Broadwas** Georgina Tabberer, Chair,  
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## **Clubs and Societies**

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Croquet Club – John Guy 01905 748192  
Royal British Legion – Sue Ganderton 01905 422711

## **Schools:**

Broadwas C of E Primary School - Secretary 01886 821347  
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**Community Website - [www.broadwas-cotheridge.com](http://www.broadwas-cotheridge.com)**

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