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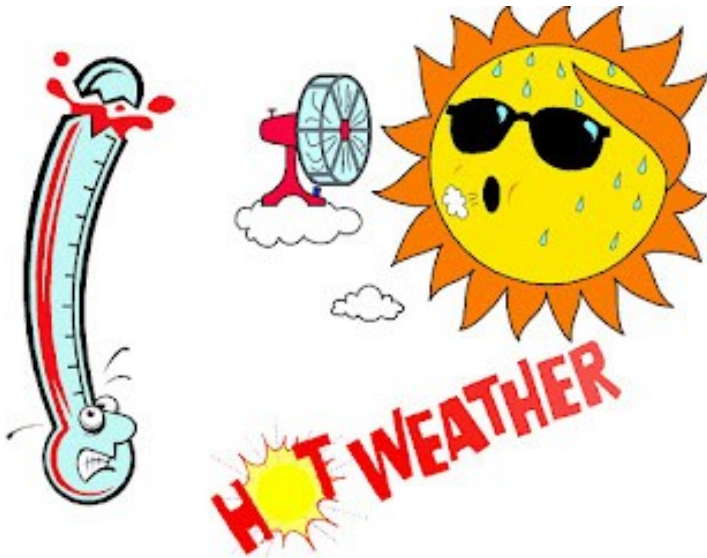
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Is this a heat-wave or just a heat bubble? And does it really matter when it's as hot as this?

The first hot spell that I remember in my adult life was in 1976, 50 years ago, and that seemed to last from June and through July. We were picking cherries for six weeks without a break, and it ended in a massive thunderstorm. From memory we had a good crop of hops that year too, the rain coming just in time to rescue the hops, which are fairly deep rooting especially on the Teme bottom lands.

In those days the forecasters weren't quite as good at predicting as they are now; these computer models for the meteorological office have a lot going for them; mind you the "met boys" managed to salvage the D-Day landings without them.

At least it's only for 3-4 days this time, hardly enough time to get used to it, before we return to more acceptable temperatures and before the tar on the roads starts to get sticky.

Keep cool, and if you don't enjoy it, at least survive it!

Monthly musings from Rev Anne (Team Rector)

As we approach the end of another school year there will be thousands of children and young people coming to the end of an era. There will be little ones finishing their nursery and pre-school days in preparation for getting ready for school. There will be children who are ready to leave their primary school to move on to Secondary school. There will be young men and women whose next move is into higher education either college or university or out into the big world of the workplace. Some will be excited and looking forward to the challenges of change in their lives. Others will be apprehensive and even anxious about what is ahead of them. Most of us have been there and got the 't-shirt' with a wealth of memories of our years in education, some good and some perhaps not so good. Whatever you remember about your time in school and beyond whether college, university or, dare I say it, as an apprentice those many early years will have contributed towards moulding who you are today.

In our Christian year we have entered a long period of Ordinary Time following Easter, the Ascension of Christ and Pentecost when the disciples of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit. The disciples spent three years or so accompanying their friend on his travels experiencing what a special man Jesus was as they witnessed him healing those suffering from physical and mental anguish; performing miracles such as turning water into wine and feeding five thousand people; listening to him preaching to vast crowds; being taught through parables and stories and waiting whilst Jesus took time out to pray and commune with God the Father. Their time with Jesus, and especially the last few weeks, had a tremendous impact on their lives. In fact such an impact they carried out Jesus' commandment as he left them to be witnesses to the end of the earth, to go out and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit in the knowledge that God is with us always, to the end of the age.

Jesus talked a lot about the Kingdom of God with its values of compassion, freedom, justice and most importantly love giving examples in his teaching of what the Kingdom of God was like, like a mustard seed, the smallest seed, growing into a large tree so the birds can perch on the branches, or like a priceless pearl. His sermon on the mount, including the beatitudes, is all about teaching those who choose to follow Jesus Christian values and how we can put into action his great commandment – to love one another as I have loved you.

There is something here about character development which cannot be taught in isolation hence being an important aspect of every child's school journey embedded in each school's values. Perhaps these are more explicit in early years and primary education as exemplified by a half-termly focus on values such as friendship, creativity, kindness, courage, cooperation, gratitude, forgiveness, truthfulness, resilience, perseverance, compassion and love. These values alongside pastoral support, and in our church schools the understanding that every child is loved by God and together we grow and flourish, are embedded into the daily life of our primary schools helping children to build their confidence, understand their emotions and well-being and to prepare them for life beyond the classroom.

However, before we get to September and the start of a new school year, which for many will be the beginning of the next stage of their education whether in school or beyond, we have the long summer holidays. An opportunity to reflect on the past year whilst taking time out to relax and be rejuvenated. Three 'R's – reflect, relax and rejuvenate rather than reading, writing and 'rithmetic !!

And so, we wish all those we know, especially children, grandchildren and for some great-grandchildren, moving on in their journey of education the very best. May God bless and keep them.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The National Poppy Appeal total for 2025 was 55.1 M. Pounds. Our local area raised £7,735 towards that total. An excellent result by our very small branch, this was approx £700 up on the year before. This was down once again to the hard work put in by our Poppy Collectors.

We would like to thank our Poppy Collectors and all those who allow us to collect in their establishments and most of all to those of you who contribute to the Poppy Appeal.

Many thanks to you all.

ED Jones & Sue Ganderton,

Poppy Appeal Organisers, Knightwick & District RBL.

Events Diary - July 2026

2 nd Thurs	12-2.00pm	Lunch in Company - Martley Memorial Hall
5 th Sun	9.00am	Communion at Cotheridge Church
	10.30am	Worship for All - Broadwas Church
6 th Mon	11.00am	Royal British Legion meeting at Talbot Hotel
8 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House
	7.00pm	B & C. Parish Council at Broadwas Vill Hall
12 th Sun	3.00pm	Evening Worship - Knightwick Chapel
19 th Sun	10.00am	Café Church - St Peters, Martley
	10.30am	Holy Communion at Broadwas Church
22 nd Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House
23 rd Thurs	2.00 - 4.00pm	“Cuppa & Chat” - Cotheridge Church
25 th Sat	5.00pm onwards	Live Music with Bar and Food Truck Village Hall, Broadwas
26 th Sun	10.30am	Morning Worship - Broadwas Church

Cotheridge Open Gardens took place on Sunday 7th June and proved to be a tremendous success. For the first time, seven houses in and around Cotheridge Court opened their gardens to visitors. Each garden had its own unique character and style, showcasing not only a wonderful variety of planting but also, in several cases, stunning views of the Malvern Hills and Cotheridge Court itself. A great deal of hard work and enthusiasm went into organising the event, and it was rewarding to see around 300 people attend during the day. Thanks to generous support through admission charges, plant sales and refreshments, the event raised nearly £4,000. The proceeds will be shared between St Leonard's Church and St Richard's Hospice.

Many thanks to all the garden owners, volunteers and visitors who helped make the day such a memorable occasion.

Parish Council

Meeting dates 2026-27

Meetings to be held at 7pm unless stated on the website:

<https://broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/agendas-minutes>

Date	Type of Meeting	Location
Wednesday June 10th 2026	Meeting of the Parish Council	St Leonard's Church Cotheridge
Wednesday July 8th 2026	Meeting of the Parish Council	Broadwas Village Hall Broadwas
Wednesday September 9th 2026	Meeting of the Parish Council	St Leonard's Church Cotheridge
Wednesday October 7th 2026	Meeting of the Parish Council	Broadwas Village Hall Broadwas
Wednesday November 11th 2026	Meeting of the Parish Council	St Leonard's Church Cotheridge
Wednesday January 13th 2027	Meeting of the Parish Council	Broadwas Village Hall Broadwas
Wednesday February 10th 2027	Meeting of the Parish Council	St Leonard's Church Cotheridge
Wednesday March 10th 2027	Meeting of the Parish Council	Broadwas Village Hall Broadwas
Wednesday April 14th 2027	Meeting of the Parish Council	St Leonard's Church Cotheridge
Wednesday May 12th 2027	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting	Broadwas Village Hall Broadwas

Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Wednesday the 10th June at St Leonards Church, Cotheridge.

Councillors were please to hear all about the tremendously successful Cotheridge Open Gardens event. The meeting also attended to routine matters such as ensuring its policies and procedures are up to date. One of the changes agreed was an amendment to the Standing Orders, so that if someone who has submitted a planning application wishes to address the Parish Council there is now guidance for this.

The dates for future meetings were agreed. [see page 5, overleaf]

Berryfields: The dates for the resurfacing of the car park have agreed and will start week commencing the 15th June and will take up to 7 days. Once this work is complete new white lining will be completed to include disabled parking space(s). Dates are being negotiated for the replacement of the fencing and new signage.

It was also agreed to find someone to help design the planned seating area adjacent to where the container was and the associated landscaping work. **If anyone has any recommendations please contact the Clerk.**



In order to facilitate the re surfacing the trees and boundary have been tidied up.

Discussions will continue with the Diocese and the school regarding the continued use of the car park by the school and the shared responsibility for the height barrier. It was also agreed to identify the cost of replacing this barrier (as the current one needs repairing or replacing). Consideration was also given to moving the barrier onto the entrance to the Parish Council car park.

A44 -The Parish Council with Cllr's Fordington and Jones Williams continue to try and get a more positive and proactive approach from the County Council. However there is as yet little sign that they are prepared to seriously consider and prioritise our proposals.

At the instigation of Cllr Fordington the Worcester News ran a story highlighting our concerns. The 3 new Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) for Broadwas have been purchased and we are waiting for the County Council to advise re instillation. The meeting agreed to meet with the Police to review current enforcement activity.

For further information about the Parish Council please visit the website <https://broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk/> or contact the Clerk or any Parish Councillor.

Charlie Brown - One-liners

Worrying won't stop the bad stuff from happening; it just stops you from enjoying the good.

There are moments in life when you miss someone so much that you just want to pick them from your dreams and hug them for real.

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