

Footprints

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Its almost ready for use ! The Village Hall committee have taken advantage of Covid lock-down to renovate and enlarge the Broadwas and Cotheridge Village Hall.

It doesn't look that different from this side but there is quite a change on the South side and internally - see plan on page 5 (sorry if it hasn't reproduced that well!)

Church Words

by Rev. Canon David Sherwin

I do hope you are enjoying a break during the summer holiday period. After the last 18 months we have had, even though some of that was spent very much at home, the need for time away on holiday is so important.

The word for Holiday comes from the joining of the two words, Holy Days. These were and still are special days reserved to celebrate or commemorate significant events and people of the Christian faith. Most important Holy Days being Christmas and Easter, which are of course still Holy Days and Holidays.

Remembering significant days is part of our life experience, Birthdays, anniversaries, and life changing events both personal and beyond. We have all lived through and continue to live through a life changing event yet as life continues to open up it is important we remember the cost this pandemic has had on us all, and I do not just mean financial cost, though for some this has been significant. There has been a cost on liberties and our work patterns, a cost on health care provision and education, a cost on most aspects of our lives including being able to take a holiday.

Holy days were originally meant to take a pilgrim on a journey to a holy site where they could reflect on their own faith and the life of a saint or the significance of the place such as the places where Jesus walked. It was hoped that these reflections and time aside from routine might re-energise their faith and life and their walk with God.

Whether we are people of faith or not we all need those moments away from the routine and especially at this time, a way of moving on from the effects of the pandemic upon us. That is not to forget bereavements that may have happened as a result of the pandemic during this time, but even in those circumstances a time away to reflect is so important.

Whilst most will look for a holiday in the sun on a beach enjoying the weather, for some a holiday might be visiting gardens or the countryside maybe even visiting a few famous places. Whatever, I do hope within that time we can find a place and time for reflection.

For me when I am away, as well as beaches and rivers and lakes, I like to visit historic buildings and places of pilgrimage within our own land. For instance travelling over to Holy Island in Northumbria, to

Iona in Scotland, to Celtic Christian sites in Wales and England, all have given me time to reflect at a time of enjoyment and rest.

Finding God on a Holy Day, on a Holiday, is no bad thing, may he reveal himself to you through the wonder of creation and through the stories of our past and may you find resources to help you in the present as each day goes past.

God bless you all.

The LinC Lunch Ladies look forward to welcoming back all our guests and any others who normally eat on their own on **Thursday 5th August from 12noon until 2pm at Broadwas Village Hall.**

You will enjoy a 2-course hot meal with tea/coffee, good company and lively chatter. Do come and join us.

Further details from Revd. Jennifer Whittaker. 01886 833897

Services for August 2021

August 1st

10.30 am – Martley Holy Communion

10.30 am - Broadwas Morning Worship

August 8th

10.30 am – Wichenford Holy Communion

3.00 pm – Knightwick

August 15th

10.30 am – Martley Morning Worship

10.30 am – Broadwas Holy Communion

August 22nd

9.00 am – Martley Holy Communion

3.30 pm - Forest Church at Almshouse Wood, Suckley.

6.30 pm – Cotheridge Evensong

August 29th - Team Service at Martley

Hurray for our first formal meeting of the year! This was a light-hearted talk full of funny stories and anecdotes given by Davis Withey. It was a very relaxing and enjoyable evening with an added bonus that whilst we were enduring a heat wave, the newly extended village hall provided air conditioning which made quite a difference. Thank you for that.

We usually meet every third Wednesday of the month, evenings during the summer and afternoons through the winter. Visitors and new members always welcome.

In August we usually have an outing and we will contact members to let you know where we shall be going. Not all possible venues are open.

Susan Reeve

Broadwas Village Hall

Readers will be aware that the village hall has been closed for functions and usual activities since the beginning of Covid lockdown in March 2020. But time has not stood still for the hall. A major extension and refurbishment project has been under way which is now almost complete. The main hall has been extended in length by about a third and will feature a stage, new eco friendly air source heating and lighting. A new meeting room has been added as well as a store room which will allow the servery area to be used more as originally intended. Following completion of the construction work a team of volunteers have rallied to the task with paint brush and roller and we have taken the opportunity to redecorate the whole of the hall together with the new parts.

Finance for the project has come from a number of sources including our own Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council, Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE), The National Lottery, Malvern Hills District Council (Sec 106), and Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council from the proceeds of the sale of their village hall. Personal grants from our individual District and County councillors and our own village hall fund raising activities made up the

total.

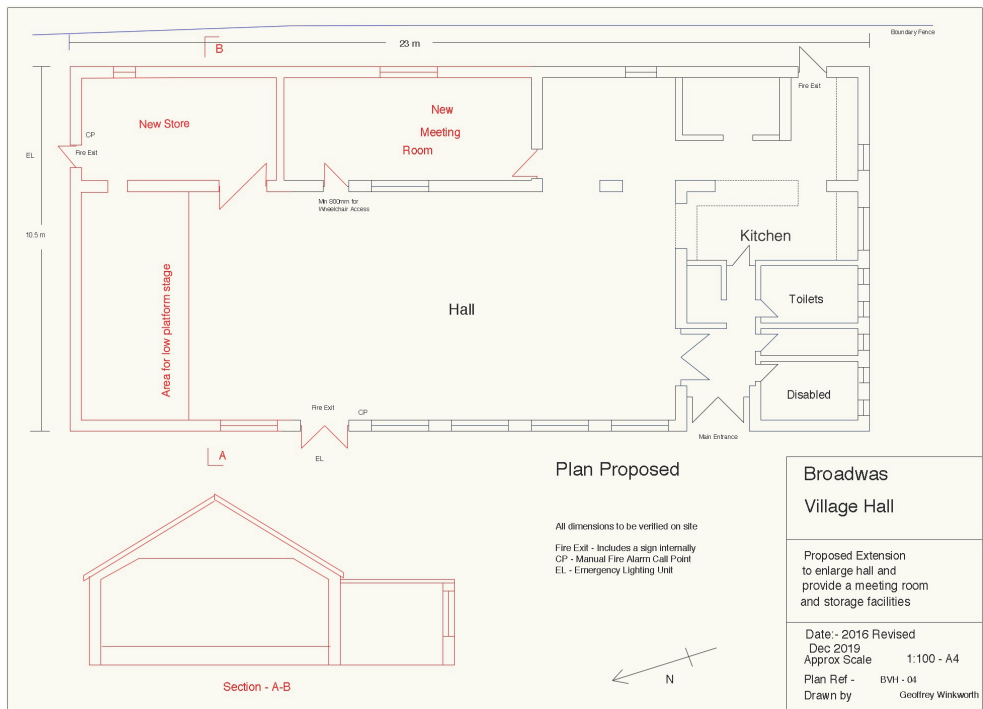
Special thanks must go to our builders, Carl and Richard Gibbs. Not only have they done a splendid job within budget they have been professional and helpful throughout. It has been remarked that from outside you “can’t see the join” which I am particularly pleased about.

Subject to any further changes of direction by the Government after the 19th July the hall will be available for the usual activities and in due course we hope to explore new activities and events to make use of the extra space. Some Covid precautions will still be needed for the time being but let us hope that will not remain for too long.

Watch this space for details of the official re opening event we have planned.

Geoff Winkworth – Chairman

Sharon Downes – Sec / Treasurer.



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Some more local history - taken from the Worcester Herald Newspaper late 1920's and early 1930's and signed by "A Stroller" – This was a long running series of Worcestershire parish descriptions and histories written by Frederick Corbett, a local county solicitor.

BROADWAS

A CORN RENT

The Corn Rent system, which by payment in kind automatically adjusted to seasons and prices, and which Dr Nash suggested as one alternative to "fines," was tried by the Dean and Chapter in their lease of the Manor in 1561. By this, as part of the rent and in lieu of money, the third and tenth sheaves of corn in every "stook" were reserved to the lords.

In Victorian times the system of corn rents was adapted to rent charges in lieu of tithes, which were made payable in cash, based on the average prices of cereals; and I remember the late Mr Martin Curtler bringing before the Worcestershire Chamber of Agriculture a proposal for its general adoption for farm rents, so as to adjust then to fluctuations in agricultural prices. The virtue of the system is evidenced by the tithe problem of to-day. The conversion, a few years ago, of the corn-averages into fixed rent charges has in a falling market affected their incidence.

MANORIAL CUSTOMS

Manorial customs were precise and minute. On the death of a copyholder, a heriot became due to the lords; and the widow took an estate of "freebench," which gave her the holding for life.

The executor gave possession of meadow and fallow at Candlemas following death; but was entitled to hold land under growing crop until the following Michaelmas, in order to reap the harvest.

Even freeholders were subject to customs, one of which imposed on them a death duty, styled a "relief"; a term which might have seemed ironical, had not the amount, a double chief rent, been so small as to be almost negligent.

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Dementia Meeting Centres

Meet with others, who are adapting to changes brought about by living with dementia.

Contact us

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Age UK Worcester and Malvern Hills are pleased to announce the launch of their Dementia Meeting Centres; with taster sessions running every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Centres will run throughout the week:

- Mondays at Bank House, Worcester
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays at St. Matthias' Church, Malvern Link
- Thursdays at Dines Green Community Den, Worcester
- Fridays at Nora Parsons Centre, Wichenford

All of the centres will be open weekly, 10am - 3pm. There will be a charge of £25 for the day, payable a month in advance, carers go free which will include refreshments. Members will need to bring their own packed lunch.

Living with Dementia brings many challenges including loneliness and isolation. Our new Dementia Meeting Centres will help people with suspected and / or confirmed diagnosis, this will help their Carers stay connected and continue to do the things that they enjoy.

Kirsty Hughes, Dementia Meeting Centre Manager for Age UK WMH says, "There are over 12,400 people living with Dementia across Herefordshire and Worcestershire. We understand the importance of companionship, enjoyment and maintaining links to the outside world, which is why we have partnered with Worcester University to provide this support".

The Meeting Centres will have trained staff and skilled volunteers present to assist members with activities, provide a listening ear and information and advice to carers. Activities will be tailored to the hobbies and interests of the members; from music, exercise, arts and crafts to days out. Family or carers will be very welcome to join in and Information & Advice staff will be on hand to give them specialist advice or to sign post them to other local and specialist support organisations such as the County's Dementia Wellbeing Service.

For more information, please contact Kirsty Hughes, Dementia Meeting Centre Manager at Age UK Worcester & Malvern Hills, 01684 560666, kirsty@ageukwmh.org.

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