

Broadway Newsletter

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON BUS SERVICES FACING THE AXE

Worcestershire County Councillor Liz Eyre held a consultation on services and routes facing the axe at the Lifford Hall on 14 February. About 50 people were present to hear the problems facing the current bus companies when the subsidies are withdrawn in April. A representative of the bus companies outlined the financial problems which this loss would cause. Also highlighted was the lack of coordination between timetables, particularly connections with Evesham rail station. Cllr Eyre noted these and other comments and said she would be discussing them with the county authorities.

Current information indicates the potential routes which could affect residents in her Division are:

Castleways. 559 Evesham Broadway Willersey (Mon – Sat) Rural route – Current cost per passenger £11.42

Elgar S5. Evesham- Pershore Blessed Edwards (Worcester) non entitled school route. Current cost per passenger £7.77

Cresswells 556 and 565 Pershore-Evesham Shoppers1 rural route- Current cost per passenger £19.51

First Evesham-Pershore Worcester evenings route Current cost per passenger £2.72

Henshaws 554,S54, S55 Evesham to Chipping Campden - rural route - Current cost per passenger £4.68

Henshaws 552, 553 Evesham-Long Lartin rural route - Current cost per passenger £3.93

LMS travel Pershore Plum Line rural route Current cost per passenger £1.57

Astons 540, 555 Evesham –Tewkesbury – Cheltenham rural Current cost per passenger route £2.43

Cllr Eyre said "I understand all the difficulties with vulnerable people in villages getting about but when you've got one, two, three people on a 40-seater bus that can't be efficient and can't be environmentally friendly. Equally why do we subsidise popular full routes. The question is:

MY BROADWAY

Broadway, the village where I was born,
Cotswold stone houses, as yellow as corn.
The locals, the tourists, all buzzing around,
Too big for a village, almost a town.
The Tower stands majestic, watching over The Vale,
The broad High Street, part of The Cotswold Trail,
Antique shops, galleries, hotels and pubs,
Our doctors, The butcher, The chemist, The banks,
To you, we villagers all give thanks,
Our Lifford Hall has entertained for so long
I grew near the Railway; watching trains was the norm,
The Cheltenham Flyer, was always on form.
I played on the embankments, the coppice and fields,
I cycled down Fish Hill, so brave on two wheels,
We all had a wild streak, my friends and me,
But we live in the country, that's how it should be.
Happy memories of a time long gone,
Broadway, the village where I was born.

Mauren M Smith

Who cares what Clare Balding thinks anyway?

does Worcestershire want to continue to subsidise very high-costing, low-use services that deliver a limited effect for a few people "

Whilst the move is part of the Council's saving of £2.5 million of the £4 million per year which is currently spent subsidising routes that are commercially or challenging it is important to ensure everyone is aware of the potential changes as there may be unintended consequences the council has not considered.

The will be a further meeting on Tuesday 14 March, when a representative from Worcestershire County Council will be there.



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INDEPENDENCE AT HOME

The Independence at Home support service at Rooftop Housing Group provides services designed to support older vulnerable people to live independently in their own homes regardless of whether they live in private rented accommodation, social housing or are owner occupiers. The service is free to those in receipt of certain benefits.

The type and frequency of support is agreed, at an initial visit with the customer and our trained and experienced staff. The support covers areas such as home adaptations, safety, financial security, telecare, wellbeing, moving home, affordable warmth and health to name but a few. Our service encourages older persons to take control and maintain their independence and through this to achieve the maximum enjoyment from their homes, their lives and their community.

We are well aware that life can have its ups and downs. If you feel you want know more about what we can offer please call us on 01386 420861 to discuss your needs and aspirations. There may be a concern about a relative, a friend, a neighbour or a carer. If so, call us on the same number and talk to us.

AROUND AND ABOUT IN BROADWAY

Congratulations, somewhat belatedly, to Cllr David Folkes, who was awarded the MBE in the Queen's New Years Honours List. David has been a stalwart servant of the interests of Broadway for many years, not only as a District Councillor, but also as a member and then chairman of the Parish Council. His work on behalf of the Royal British Legion has also been much appreciated, particularly in the organisation of the annual Poppy Day appeal.

Welcome to Olive Malcolm who has taken over from Penny Ingles as Chairman of Signpost. She faces a testing time ahead but Signpost has proved its worth to residents of Broadway and the surrounding area since its inception over ten years ago.

Farewell to Terry Mason who has been the vicar of St Michael's church in Broadway and also of Wickhamford for nearly eight years now. He will be leaving shortly to take up the post of priest in charge of the churches of Arden, Claverdon, Preston Bagot and Wootton Wawen, together with the newly created role of Deanery Missioner to the Diocese of Worcester.

Another local venture, Worcestershire Early Music, aims to encourage the teaching and performing of early music in the area.

BROADWAY STATION PROGRESS

Since the last update in the September Newsletter there has been a transformation of the site. A section of platform wall now stands in front of the remains of the old station building. The race had been on to finish the current length of platform, topping it out and filling in the void behind it. However freezing conditions and fresh mortar don't go well together and serious bricklaying was postponed until springtime. New gates and fencing have been erected on the boundary along the Childswickham Road and ground work will continue to level the area, which will eventually serve as a car park.

Elsewhere on the railway there is both good and bad news. The track is getting closer to Broadway, and has now reached the site of the former Laverton Halt, where the missing bridge was replaced just over a year ago. Also, last year's embankment collapse at Gotherington is well on the way to being repaired. That good news is offset by the news that a further embankment collapse has occurred, severing the line just north of Winchcombe. Unfortunately, the railway's insurers, having been very helpful over the Gotherington incident, declined renewal of the policy; so if there are any lottery winners out there wondering what to do with their money, we would love to hear from you! Much hard work is currently going on at the railway's base at Toddington to plan services for the forthcoming operating season. Currently it is expected that a shuttle service will run between Toddington and Laverton, probably from late March, and that trains will be running between Winchcombe and Cheltenham by Easter this year. There will be announcements in the press, and you can also keep abreast of developments by visiting the website www.gwsr.com

As volunteers, new skills are learnt and knowledge gleaned, almost on a weekly basis! This is an incentive to encourage people who think they might like to volunteer on the Railway, to have a go. We need skills of all descriptions, but most of all we need helping hands, enthusiasm and good humour to keep us 'on track' for our 2015 completion target.

You can keep up to date with our progress at Broadway Station by visiting our website, www.broadwaystation.co.uk where the latest state of play can be found. We would also appreciate any constructive comments about the content of the site in order to make it useful to all.

We are planning to mount a display showing our activities at the station site at Broadway Library during March.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

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LOCAL WALKS WITH THE COTSWOLDS VOLUNTARY WARDENS – MARCH

Winchcombe Wander - Thurs. March 03 - Moderate

Another half day walk with the leaders deciding on the route from their repertoire based on weather and whim. 3 hours, 6 miles.

Start: 10.00 am at Winchcombe Back Lane (pay and display) car park. OS OL Map 45/023 284

Early Spring in the Cotswold Villages - Thurs. March 10 – Easy

From Broadway to Saintbury then on to Willersey and return. Pub lunch available. 3.5 hours, 5 miles.

Start: 10.30 am at Leamington Road car park, Broadway. OS OL Map 45/101 375.

Figure of Eight Centred on Kemerton - Saturday March 12 – Moderate

Separate but linked walks from Kemerton (Bredon Hill). Come on one or both. Morning is harder, afternoon gentler. Bring picnic or pub food available. AM 3 hours, 5.5 miles, PM 2.5 hours, 4.5 miles.

Start: 10.00 am and 2.00 pm at Kemerton War Memorial (near pub). OS Explorer Map 13/946 372

Going, going, gone - Tuesday March 22 – Moderate

Creatures extinct and nearly so on this ramble. See dinosaur footprints and rare breeds, as well as the home of Cotswold roofing and a few water mill sites. What more could you want? Please bring a picnic lunch. 6 hours, 10 miles.

Start: 10.00 am at Guiting Power village car park. OS OL Map 45/095 248

A Circuit of Batsford - Thursday March 24 – Moderate

A short circular walk from Blockley to the village of Batsford and returning on part of the Heart of England Way. Pub lunch available. 2.5 hours, 5 miles.

Start: 10.00 am at Blockley village green. OS OL Map 45/164 350

Tures, Springs and Dewponds; High Water - Saturday March 26 – Easy

Second in short series exploring the Stanway estate, with exceptional access to sites off public rights of way. The

challenge of upland sheep farming, where water is scarce and a surprise. 3 hours, 6.5 miles.

Start: 9.30 am at Hinchwick, near Condicote, 5 miles NW of Stow-on-the-Wold, between A424 and B4077. OS OL Map 45/145 300.

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. EASY - terrain is mainly level, MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. Sorry, no dogs allowed except guide and hearing dogs.

Walks are free although any donations help to fund our conservation work and improvement projects.

The Wardens run a full programme of guided walks throughout the Cotswolds. For more information see www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or Tel: 01451 862000, also for any changes to arrangements such as due to bad weather.

BROADWAY COMMUNITY DROP IN EVENT

The Opportunity Vale of Evesham Project will be hosting a “drop-in” event where all residents from the village can pop into a local venue for a cup of tea and a biscuit and also do anything from having their energy bills explained, to finding out about the local children’s centre, discuss energy saving measures or business start up, have a safety check on their smoke alarm and have a health mot. Representatives from Rooftop Housing Group will be available to answer any questions. The youth bus will be there and free sports coaching sessions will also be taking place.

The event will take place on Saturday **26th March at Broadway Youth Club off Lime Tree Avenue, Broadway 2.00pm-5.00pm**

Please come along – all welcome

For further information contact: **David Manning, Opportunity Vale of Evesham Project Manager 01386**

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THE BROADWAY HOTEL

Geoff's 60th Birthday Concert

The Geoff Eales Trio
with special guest singer **Marlene Verplanck**
at the Lifford Hall, Broadway
on Saturday 12th March 2011 at 7.30pm
Tickets £10 plus bar and raffle
from Shopwright Newsagents/Post Office
Dave Smith 01386 858586

What's On - Regular Events:

Mon-Fri -term time 8:55-2:55pm
 Mon-Fri -term time 8:45-3.00pm
 Mon 9:30-10:30am
 Mon 11.00am

Mon & Thurs 10am-3.00 pm
 Mon 6.30-7.30pm
 Mon 7-8:30pm
 Mon 7-8:30pm
 2nd Mon 2.30pm
 3rd Mon of the month 8.00pm
 Last Mon of the month 7:30pm
 Tues 9:30/10:30am
 Tues 9.30-11.30am
 Tues 12:00 noon
 Tues 6:00-8.00pm
 Tues 6:30-8.00pm
 Tues 6:30pm
 Tues 7.30pm-9.15pm
 Tues 8.00pm-9.00pm
 Tues 8-10:30pm
 Alt Tues 2:15-3:45pm
 Alt Tues 2:15pm
 2nd Tues 8:30am
 2nd Tues 10-11am
 2nd Tues 3.00-4.00pm
 3rd Tuesday 8:30am
 Weds 10.00am-11.30am
 Wed 9:30/10.30am
 Wed 10.30am.
 Wed 10am-12.pm
 Weds term time
 Weds 1:30-2pm
 Weds 6.00pm-7.15pm
 Weds 6.00pm-8.00pm
 Weds 7:30-9.00pm
 1st Weds 7.00-9.00pm
 1st Weds 7:30pm
 3rd Weds 7:30pm
 Last Wed.7:30pm
 Thurs 10.00am
 Thurs 1.45-2.45pm
 Thurs 6.00-7:20/7.30-8.45pm
 Most Thurs 8:45pm
 1st Thurs 10.00am
 1st Thurs 3.00-4.00pm
 1st Thurs 8.00pm
 2nd Thurs 2.00pm
 3rd Thurs time tbc
 3rd Thurs 8.00pm
 Fri 6:30-8.00pm
 Fri 6.30pm-8.00pm
 2nd Sat 10am-12noon
 Regular meetings

Broadway & Towerview Playschool, Jude 01386 853780
 Little Friends of St. Mary's playgroup; Deb/Sam 07798 610667
 Cotswold Pilates; Methodist Hall 07734 934751
 Bounce and Rhyme plus stories for Under 5s; Broadway Library; 01905 822 722
 Library also offering "Getting Started with Computers, the Internet etc." Call the number above.
 Signpost open (5A Russell Square), including Age Concern services 01386 859029
 TaeKwonDo for families and grown ups; Neil Hall, 07517 437300
 Girl Guides (ages 10-14) Ruth Jones 01789 772328
 Yoga; Broadway 1st School Marion Moore 853715; up to 12th July and again from 6th Sept.
 Broadway Library Readers' Group; 01905 822722
 Broadway Football Club Prize Bingo (eyes down!) 07818 046738
 Broadway Garden Club; URC Hall 01386 852428
 Cotswold Pilates Courses (two levels); Methodist Hall, Rebecca 07734 934751
 Peek-a-Boo Baby & Toddler Group; Lifford Hall; Hattie; 01386 852788
 Sing and Sign for babies 6 months to 2 years old; Broadway Library, Emi 07796 267473
 Broadway Youth Club ages 5 - 19; Broadway Youth Centre; 01386 853013
 T'ai Chi; mixed ability class URC Hall; Val; 01608 652835
 Slimming World; Broadway Youth Club; Janet; 01386 765629
 Broadway Whist Drive Club; The Court - Russell's Estate; 01386 853110
 Fitness Pilates; Childswickham Memorial Hall; Jilly; 01386 442706
 Ballroom/sequence dancing; Willersey Village Hall, Mike Brennan 01386 859155
 Broadway Evergreens; Methodist Hall; Sylvia; 01386 858755
 Women's Fellowship; Methodist Church Hall (alt. w/Evergreens), 01386 852243
 Breakfast Book Group; Russell's Restaurant; Elizabeth 01386 858588
 Short Walks from the The Court, Back Lane; followed by coffee; Kim 07854717430
 Come And Meet Each Other - tea at St Michael's Church 01386 852352
 Book Club at Avery's; Margaret 01386 852 120
 Broadway Coffee Club; Methodist Hall - for over 55s; Marjorie; 01386 854627
 Cotswold Pilates Courses (two levels); Lifford Hall, Rebecca 07734 934751
 Broadway Artists - a class with Doug Eyre; Lifford Parlour; 01386 854 807
 Knitting Circle at Tisanes Tearooms; Ring Pat at the Wool Shop in Cotswold Court, 01386 853296
 Rhythm Time (Toddlers 1-1.30pm; Babies 1.40-2.20pm); Lifford Hall, Tracy 01527 401711
 Bounce and Rhyme for babies at Broadway Library 01905 822722
 Broadway Beavers (ages 6-8); Yvonne; 01242 620556
 Broadway Youth Club (ages 5-19); Broadway Youth Centre 01386 853013
 Broadway Music Makers Rehearsal, URC Hall; Charlie; 01386 424235
 Alzheimer Cafe for people with dementia and their carers; Evesham; Helen 01905 22195
 Childswickham Women's Institute Meeting, Childswickham Village Hall, Vicki 01386 858838
 Broadway Wine Society; Lifford Hall; Jim; 01386 898162
 Broadway Natural History Society; Methodist Hall 01386 852747
 Broadway Probus Club; Willersey Village Hall 01386 584331
 Ensodo - Martial Arts for adults; URC Hall; Neil 07517 437 300
 Yoga (Hatha) with Sue Nash; St Mary's Catholic Primary; 07890 734782
 Live Music (Jazz/Blues) The Crown & Trumpet; 01386 853202
 Broadway Embroidery Group; Methodist Hall; Gill 01386 830604
 Broadway Cancer Support Group; Signpost, 5A Russell Sq. 859029 / Pat 41055
 Royal British Legion; Bowling Green Clubhouse
 North Cotswold U3A Open Meeting; Willersey Village Hall; Phyllis; 01386 584100.
 Memory Cafe for people with Dementia & families; Methodist Church Hall; Signpost 01386 85902
 Campden & District Historical & Archaeological Soc; Campden Town Hall; 01386 848840
 Pilots (ages 5-18) at URC Hall Mark; 07850 856764
 Broadway Cub Scouts (ages 8-10); Anne; 01386 858056
 Jigsaw puzzle swap; Broadway Library Broadway Library; 01905 822722 for services for the housebound
 Parents with new babies (0-12 months); Dawn 01386 858056

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A History of The Farncome Estae

In response to the issues raised by Mrs. Joan Newbury I would like to correct some of the comments made. During his time in Broadway Mr. Sorenson always insisted on the use of local businesses and tradesman as well as donating substantial amounts to the local community. The alternative challenges themselves raised well in excess of £100,000 which was donated to Save the Children. In addition to this he employed a minimum of 80 people locally and 650,000 worldwide. I therefore agree with all Cllr. Eyre's views on the late Mr. Sorenson and suggest that Mrs. Newbury does a little research into the history of Group 4 before making judgments.

The reason the small field on the right was fenced off to stop joy riders and the cutting down of trees, may I also say the field where Mr. Stan Jordan kept his ponies never backed on to our boundary Mr. and Mrs. J Robin owned the fields above.

I feel it is relevant now to give a little information on the history of the Group 4 estate and some of the ways we are, as a company, bringing it forward while still in keeping with the surrounding Cotswolds. As part of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty we are actively encouraging wildlife and doing all we can to help the environment to ensure a better world for future generations.

For more than four centuries a building has stood on the site which now houses G4S Head office at Broadway, Worcestershire. Admittedly, the first building was an ox hall but it was replaced in 1780 by a Mansion House. Since then it has been extended and modernized to form a superb administrative headquarters - Farncombe House.

Few of the hundreds of people who visit Group 4's (now G4S) beautiful Head Office each year are aware of it's history. It is the exhibition of security services and equipment, the training school and our expertise which brings them to Broadway. But many who walk in the grounds look through the windows across the Vale of Evesham must ponder on the past.

Mountains

Farncombe House stands 750 feet above sea level, on top of Broadway Hill, with magnificent views across to the Black Mountains of Wales and the Wrekin of Shropshire. The first title deed relating to the site dates back to around 1560 and the present building of it's varying periods, dating back to 1681. The main part is characteristic of the Georgian period.

The early owners were the Brookes family of Farncombe who lived on the site between 1720 and 1760. It then passed into the hands of another branch of the family, the Cotterells and it was Sir John Cotterell who was responsible for building the first mansion house there in 1780. Ten years later, on his death, his son Sir Geers Cotterell, Bart, inherited it and it remained in the family until the middle of the next century. It was probably during that period that the present house was added to the existing one.

In the year that Sir John Cotterell died, 1845, the estate was sold to the Hon. Edward P. Lygon of Spring Hill Broadway, for £15,000 (including estates at Broadway and Willersey) He was the son of William, Earl Beauchamp, the second Earl, and on his death in 1860, the fourth Earl, Henry and his sister Jemima Catherine Lygon inherited it. Miss Lygon sold her interest in Farncombe House to Henry in return for an annuity.

Alterations.

Three years later the estate passed into the hands of the fifth Earl, also Henry, on the fourth Earl's death. Ans three years later, following his death. The sixth Earl, Frederick inherited it. But, because the Beachamp family wanted to purchase more property elsewhere they sold Farncombe on 18 May, 1871, to a Mr. Chadwick for £19,950. It was Mr. Chadwick who made the last alterations and additions to the house.

In the last century it had several owners but one event in it's more recent history is particularly noteworthy. During World War 1 Farncombe House was used as a military hospital. A plaque commemorating the event, and a framed letter from Sir Winston Churchill, are to be found in the reception area.

There is also another link between the famous British Prime Minister and Group 4. For several years, towards the end of his life, Group 4 provided security protection at his home, Chartwell. On his death, Lady Churchill expressed her appreciation to the company by giving goldfish from the Chartwell pond to Gordon Phillips, Group 4's joint deputy managing director. Those goldfish and their descendants are now thriving at Broadway.

The terraced gardens on two levels are a special feature, on the west of the house. There is a stone-flagged terrace, a formal garden with yew hedging, a lavender hedge, rose garden and croquet lawn. There is also now a small lake with an island which is attracting a wide range of wildlife.

When Group 4 bought the estate, in 1964, Farncombe House was being used as a hotel, standing in 28 acres. We also purchased the old Farncombe farm house together with 71 adjoining acres, and this property was converted into the dormitory and training school.

Then, in 1970, the adjacent property - Foxhill Manor - came on the market and Group 4 bought it in order to extend the Head Office accommodation. It was built as a private residence in 1909 and stands in 100 acres of land.

In the forties it was the home of the Maudslay family ,Squadron Leader Henry Eric Maudslay plane left Scampton at 21.59 part of Guy Gibson Dambusters on the return Maudslay,s plane was shot down close to the Dutch Border at 02.34 and burst into flames with the loss of all the crew.

Although these used to be s single headquarters, the lower half of the estate has been expanded to accommodate the Cotswold Conference Centre and the Farncombe Estate Adult Learning Centre during the weekends.

The estate occupies a place in two Counties. The visitor who calls first at the Farncombe House offices is in Worcestershire, but as he drives down the hill and crosses the boundary between the two properties, on his way down to Foxhill Manor, he enters Gloucestershire.

We are, of course, is well aware of the beauty and sense of history which pervades this lovely part of the Cotswolds and attracts tourists from many countries. We are proud that, throughout our expansion, we have ensured that the character of the estates is retained in a way that, we are sure, would have pleased the early owners. We are also dedicated to ensuring the continuing success of our environment through ongoing works on the grounds, the planting of some 30.000 trees and creation of lakes, etc. And now to ensuring our existing buildings and especially our new build are as environmentally friendly as we can possibly achieve.

Mr. Eddie Rose

What's On, One-Off Events:

2-31 March	Broadway Station Restoration. Photo Display. Broadway Library. John 01386 584366
Sat 5 March 10:30am- 12.30pm	Fairtrade Coffee Morning; United Reformed Church Hall, Christine 01386 833494
Wed 9 March	Healing Painting; Sacred Tree, with Christine Barnett 01386 858086
Fri 11 March 7:30pm	Quiz Night by Friends of Broadway First School; at Lifford Hall, 01386 852485
Sat 12 March 7:30pm	Geoff Eales (Jazz Evening); Lifford Hall. Tickets Shopwright. Dave 01386 858586
Wed 16 March	Healing Painting; Sunflower, with Christine Barnett 01386 858086
Sat 25 March 9:30am-4:30pm	Drawing and Sketching: A course for Beginners, with Doug Eyre; Farncombe Estate 01386 854100
Sat 26 March 7:30pm	Easter Bingo; Broadway Bowling Club, Viv 01386 83230
Mon-Wed 4-6 April	Medieval Illuminated Manuscripts with Frederica Law-Turner; Farncombe Estate 01386 854100
Tues 5 April 3:30pm	Chipping Campden Music Festival's Mini Choir-Festival Showcase; St James School, Pear Tree Cl; free 01386 840 634
Thurs-Sat 7-9 April 7:30pm	Southern Night's Cabaret Show; Lifford Hall, Tickets from Shopwright Newsagents or ring 01386 858 725
Sat 9 April 2:30-4:30pm	"Table Top Games" (Ludo, Dominoes etc.) including a cream tea. Cost £3. Christine on 01386 833494 by 7 April
Sat 16 April	Healing Painting; Divine Mother, with Christine Barnett 01386 858086
Sat 30 April 9:30am-4:30pm	Digital Photography with Nick Meers; Farncombe Estate 01386 854100
Fri 13 May 7:30pm	The Birmingham Gospel Choir, All Saints Church, Market Place Evesham; Kim, 07854 717 430

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Lent-Easter Events and Regular Church Services

Churches Together Events dom577@aol.com

Fri 4 March 2pm	Women's World Day of Prayer with speaker Millie Wentworth-Stanley; St Saviour's Wed 9 March to 13 April 12 noon-1:30pm
Fri 22 April 11:30am	Lent Lunches; Methodist Hall. Silent Walk of Witness; start at St Saviour's; ends at The Green 12:00 noon service
Sun 24 April 7am	Easter Sunrise Service; Broadway Tower; followed by Breakfast at St Michael's

Other events in a series:

Tues 8 March to 20 April, 7pm	The new missal: a series of talks; St. Saviour's Church; 01386 442468
Mon 14 March to 11 April 7:30pm	Lent Series of Talks; All Saints Church, Evesham 01386 442213
Fri 11 March to 15 April 12:30pm	Stations of the Cross; St Saviour's Church 01386 442468
Thurs 24 March to 14 April 2:30pm	A series of scripture lectures by John Huntriss; Lygon Arms, Chipping Campden 01386 840318

Palm Sunday 17 April: service times as usual:

St Michael's C of E: 1st Sun 10:30, 2nd 8:00/10:30, 3rd 9:30/10:30, 4th 8:00/10:30, 5th 10:30. Wed 10:30
 St Saviour's Catholic: Sat 6pm Vigil Mass, Sun 10am (Mass and Children's Liturgy). T/Th 8am, W/F 9.15am mass (except Holy Week: Wed. 8am; no Thursday a.m. mass)
 Methodist: Sun 10:30;

United Reformed Church (URC): Sun 10:30am, 2nd Wed 12 noon Healing

Baptist Church, Chipping Campden: Sun 10:30 at Chipping Campden School (crèche and Junior Church 4-16 years), 6:30pm at the church

Easter Weekend

Maundy Thursday 21 April: 7pm Mass followed by watching at Altar of Repose until 10pm at St Saviour's Catholic Church; 7.30pm St Michael's; 7.30pm Methodist Church (jointly held with URC)

Good Friday 22 April: 9:30am-12:30pm Children's Craft Morning (age 5-17); URC Hall. Services: 2pm St Michael's; 3pm St Saviour's; Stations of the Cross 7pm St Saviour's Sat 22 April Easter Vigil: 8pm St Saviour's Catholic Church

Easter Sunday 24 April: 10am St Saviour's; 10:30am St Michael's; 10:30am Broadway Methodist Church; 10:30am United Reformed Church Service with Communion.

Change to Services at St Michael's

After Easter St Michael's will have B.C.P. Mattins at 10.30am (not 9.30am) on the third Sunday, alternating monthly with an Iona service in May, July, September, November and Mattins on the third Sunday in June, August, October.

ST EADBURGH'S CHURCH

The weekly Sunday services at St Eadburgh's will resume on the first Sunday after Easter with traditional (Book of Common Prayer) evensong at 6.00pm.

Meanwhile, until then, why not stop and admire the splendid show of snowdrops in the churchyard?

RECESSION – WHAT RECESSION?

It's good to see new business ventures kicking off in Broadway at what is a difficult time for most entrepreneurs, but George Fenwick has now moved his antiques business to The Bindery, one of Broadway's iconic buildings ever since the days of Katherine Adams and her book binding work for the Arts and Crafts movement.

Russell's restaurant has also moved into the neighbouring premises where its offshoot, The Workshop, is serving a more accessible menu in more informal surroundings.

Vale Arts Trail: 21st - 30th May. 100 artists