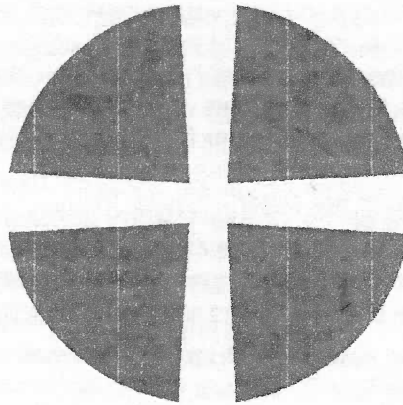


Broadwell mail

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April & May 2019



BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Editor

Just as we were preparing this issue we were saddened to learn that Evelyn Royans had died. Her funeral is on 12th April and a full tribute will appear in our next issue.

Evelyn had been very unwell and in and out of hospital a number of times. She was in hospital when she died. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with her family, especially as her death comes so soon after that of her sister – Sylvia Toole.

Sylvia had been a close and constant carer for Evelyn right up until the day that she herself was admitted to hospital.

And news came in the same week that Tom Stevens, a long-time resident of The Green in Broadwell, had died. A tribute appears on page 9.

Keith Read.
Temporary Editor.

Suggested Bible Readings:

April: 7th, Isaiah 43 vv 16-21 & John 12 vv 1-8; **14th**, Psalm 118 vv 1-2 & 19-29 & Luke 19 vv 28-40; **21st**, Acts 10 vv 34-43 & Luke 24 vv 1-12; **28th**, Acts 5 vv 27-32 & John 20 vv 19-31.

May: 5th, Acts 9 vv 1-20 & John 21 vv 1-19; **12th**, Acts 12 vv 36-43 & John 10 vv 22-30; **19th**, Acts 11 vv 1-18 & John 13 vv 31-36; **26th**, Acts 16 vv 9-15 & John 14 vv 23-29.

Remember in Prayer:

We continue to pray for those who are ill or receiving on-going medical treatment, remembering especially those within our own community.

We pray for comfort for those grieving

Your news for the June/July edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by **Friday 17th May** at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Saturday 25th May.

But please do send Keith any news or other contributions at any time. Early copy always gets a good show! His e-mail address is: keithrread@aol.com (Take care to get two Rs in the middle!) Or jot down your contribution and drop it in at Hawthorn Cottage.

Many thanks.

over the loss of loved ones, especially the families of Tom Stevens and of Evelyn Royans.

We remember those affected by the devastating cyclone in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi who are now facing homelessness and hunger as their properties and maize crop (which was ready to harvest) were destroyed.

We pray for the residents of Christchurch, New Zealand, that their lives may soon return to normality following the terrorist attack.

We think of those who are lonely or distressed and those who are afraid to go out of their homes. May our prayers comfort and sustain them.

We pray for the leaders of our Nation, that in this time of uncertainty over Brexit they may stand firm for what is true and just.

Lord, in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayers

Lent events:

It was good to see so many people enjoying the Lent Lunch in Broadwell Chapel schoolroom on March 13th. Many thanks to all who supported this event and to those who provided and served the lunch.

Donations amounting to £110 will be divided between Broadwell Chapel and the *All We Can* Methodist Mission Fund.

The next lent meeting, on 3rd April at Willoughby, is now to be held at the Willoughby Vicarage rather than at the Village Hall. The meeting starts at 7.30pm and will be led by The Rev'd Anne Hincks.

The second Lent Lunch – at Grandborough Church – will now be held on 10th April (rather than on the 3rd as previously published). It starts at 12-noon until 1.30pm.

All are welcome.

The final Lent Meeting is at LH Almshouses on 9th April at 2.30pm.

Coffee mornings:

Our next Coffee Mornings will be held on

Wednesdays April 10th & May 8th at the usual time of 10.30am until 12-noon.

We are delighted to see anyone who cares to join us at Broadwell Methodist Schoolroom on the

second Wednesday of the month, if only for a short time, for coffee/tea and light refreshments and, of course, a friendly chat.

These informal gatherings provide an opportunity to meet and get to know one another a little better. Do join us if you are able.



Diamond couple!

Many congratulations to Daphne and Bruce Morgan who recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding.

Over Sixties' Club:

On Wednesday, April 24th Mr David Golsthorpe Hill will be our guest speaker and will be telling us about *Going The Extra Mile*. And on May 29th we will hear about Life on the Buses from Jess Nash.

Both meetings are at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall and, as we will have moved into British Summer Time, will begin at 2.30pm.

New members and friends are welcome to join us at any of our meetings, which are normally held at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall on the last Wednesday of the month.

Strawberry Tea:

This year's Strawberry Tea at Broadwell Methodist Church will be on the afternoon of Sunday July 14th.

Full details will appear in the next edition of Broadwell Mail but please make a note of it in your diaries. We look forward to seeing many of you on the day.

From LH Bowls Club:

Our sincere condolences to Michael, Susan and the family of Evelyn Royans.

Evelyn played an important part at the bowls club and will be missed for many things including her indoor bowling skills, liaising with other clubs to organise our matches, helping with the match teas, allowing car parking at her house and her gentle manner. Such a lovely lady.

MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER, THE REV'D CHARITY MADENYIKA

To my Church Family.

As I write to you we are in Lent. During Lent we are all called to read the word of God and reflect; we are called to be remorseful and forgiving and to journey towards the replenishing light of the Easter morning. When Easter comes, my prayer and expectation for each one of you is that the journey around your family and friends will throw Passiontide and Easter in a transformed way and that the Lord will have been with you in everything you do and everywhere you go.

So much has happened in our world, near and far, and many lives have been lost. Brexit conversations continue; the Christchurch mosque attack and Cyclone Idai's devastating path across Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, which has left behind a trail of destruction, killing many hundreds and affecting millions of people. And the disaster is not yet over.

It is my hope and prayer that these tragedies do not take away love but that they increase it because of our shared grief. As I write our own church community has lost through illness our beloved sister, mother, and friend, Mrs Evelyn Royans. Let us keep her family in our thoughts and prayers. The word of the psalmist – in which he pours out his grief to God – says: "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, 'Where is your God?' These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God." (Psalm 42:1-5).

On a more personal note, I am now in my fourth year of ministry in this circuit and at a time of reflection, prayer and discerning God's will for me regarding stationing and the re-invitation process that is coming very soon.

Lastly, We must press on to see what the Lord has for us and we must always become increasingly willing to conform to his Word as he teaches and leads our Church. God bless you for labouring with me in the faith that was once and for all given to the saints. In 1 Corinthians 15:58 we read: "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."

Shalom,

Rev'd Charity.

Thomas Richard (Tom) Stevens

February 10th 1929 – March 13th 2019

Tom spent his early years at Stockton before moving to Broadwell with his parents and two sisters, Jean and Lena, to a small cottage where *Tuctawa* now stands. He attended Hill School.

During the Second World War Tom worked at a small factory at Kites Hardwick, owned by Tools of Coventry, making small parts for aeroplanes. He loved animals and anything to do with nature. So it was not surprising that when the war ended he went to work on local farms. That was until the nation's first motorways were built when he worked with his brother-in-law for Johnsons on highway construction in what, to Tom, were far-flung parts of the British Isles.

Tom enjoyed working in his garden, growing most of the vegetables required by the family. In 1966 he moved, with his mother, the short distance to Number 3, The Green, and remained there, after his mother died, for the rest of his life. Gradually Tom became more and more reclusive and, for the last few years, was seldom seen beyond his garden gate. Even so he was always eager to know what was happening in Broadwell and the surrounding villages and was generous in supporting events.

Some of us remember Tom in his younger days, happily cycling home whistling the popular tunes of the time.

On Sunday February 10th, he celebrated his 90th birthday despite not having seen any member of the medical profession for 40 years! He was in good spirits on that day and it therefore came as rather a shock to learn that, three days later, he was admitted to hospital.

Tom died at Overslade Nursing Home. His funeral service was held at Leamington Hastings Parish Church on March 21st followed by burial at the Churchyard extension. We offer our sincere condolences to Tom's family.

** This tribute was kindly compiled by Glenys Caunter with help from Beryl Chaplin and Olive Wood*

Trustees of Broadwell Green and Victory Hall:

Our plant sale this year will be at the Victory Hall on Saturday 11th May commencing at 11am.

As usual there will be a large selection of bedding plants, vegetable plants and, of course, shrubs/perennials.

Please come early for best selection.

Our future events will include a coffee morning in June, a picnic on The Green in July and, possibly, a

cheese and wine evening in October.

I am pleased to advise that we have at long last received a grant from Rugby Council towards the cost of the defibrillator. This will be passed to the Broadwell Flower Show who are organising it.

Stuart Barrie.

2018 Poppy Appeal in LH:

The Leamington Hastings Poppy Appeal raised £221-96. A great total!

Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed.

Valerie Smith.

The long, long wait is over!

High-speed broadband comes to Broadwell...!

Well... it's come to parts of Broadwell, that is! Certainly Hayway Lane and The Row seem to be connected. And surely it cannot be long before the rest of our small community

benefits from being dragged into the 21st century with fibre technology?

Quite why BT's OpenReach division has decided to undertake the final piece of the connection – known as FTTP or **Fibre To The Premises** – in a piecemeal way is beyond me. No doubt they have their reasons. I certainly hope that those who are still waiting for a decent broadband download speed do not have to wait very long. However, take it from me that it is well worth the wait.

Having struggled with a 1MB/s download speed for years (not easy when most of your work is done online and involves transferring large picture files electronically) I now get between 40MB/s and 50MB/s. And it could have been more. Forty to fifty was my choice to suit my practical and financial needs. Not that high-speed FTTP appears to be much more expensive than the old and inferior, copper-wire service.

And the additional good news is that the guys installing the extra white box in your home (the terminal for your fibre connection and battery back-up power supply) are – in our experience – extremely neat, tidy and courteous!

Keith Read – Editor.

Another chance to meet Dave, our new PCSO

As part of the Warwickshire Police Safer Neighbourhood programme, Dave Banks will be parking the mobile police station outside the Victory Hall on Wednesday 10th April between 6pm and 7pm.

Feel free to stop by for a chat and to raise any issues you might have. Dave is always happy to listen!



Bowls Club takes to the Spring grass!

Our indoor season is now over.

However, we bowl outdoors during April to September, every Wednesday from 6pm.

Anyone who would

like to have a

go is always

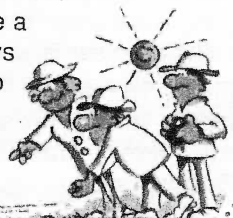
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The Leamington Hastings School Trust

The Leamington Hastings School Trust is open for Financial Grants. The Trust can provide financial assistance to encourage individuals or groups to develop interests and skills.

Applicants must fulfil the following conditions:-

1. Under 25 years of age and resident in Leamington Hastings Parish.
2. At school, or have been at school in maintained system for at least 2 years.
3. Must be for educational support. This includes social and physical training.
4. There is an emphasis in preparation for work in further education.

Grants will be awarded under the following categories:

a: To provide support for the young people of our parish who are on;

- i) An instruction course
- ii) A recreational opportunity
- iii) An educational visit.

b: Remainder to be used to support those who express a difficulty in meeting the expenses of their continuing education. Each applicant to be supported by a reference from a Tutor or Instructor – and a statement of the expenses to be met – on the form provided.

Application forms are available from:-

Mr A. Allen, Hill Farm, Hill, Leamington Hastings, Rugby, CV23 8DX

Completed application forms should be returned by April 15th 2019.

Flower Show planning for a special centenary summer

The Flower Show Committee is now in full swing, planning events for 2019. The first, Pancake Bingo Night, was held on the 9th of March and was very well attended. Everyone had a great time and, after costs, the event made £45-43 This will be added to the Flower Show funds to help to pay for the 100th show later in the year.

The next event is the Spring Show on 13th April. It is usually a nice little show with all the joys of spring flowers on display together with a good selection of winter vegetables, homemade cakes, preserves and crafts. Please do come along and take part. The schedules for the show should be with you by now.

Our main Summer Show will take place on Saturday 7th September and we are hoping to make it a little bit special to celebrate our centenary. Two new committee members have joined us recently. But we can always do with more! So don't be shy, why not come along and join us. The next committee meeting is on 30th April at 7:30pm in the Victory Hall.

We would like the summer show to support local artists, crafts people and artisans. If you, or someone you know, would like a stall at the show please contact one of the committee members and let us know, or, email: flowershow@broadwellvictoryhall.org.uk

Finally, by popular demand we have one final event planned this year – a horse-racing night. The last two we have run have been amazing fun and once we have details of when it will be run we will let you know. It is likely to be later in the year after the Summer show.

Martin Wibberley

LH Parish Hall celebrates turning 90!

This year sees the 90th anniversary of Leamington Hastings Parish Hall. Ninety years since local residents put their hands in their pockets and supported a building fund. Some of the names on the Roll of Honour in the hall will be very familiar to many families today!

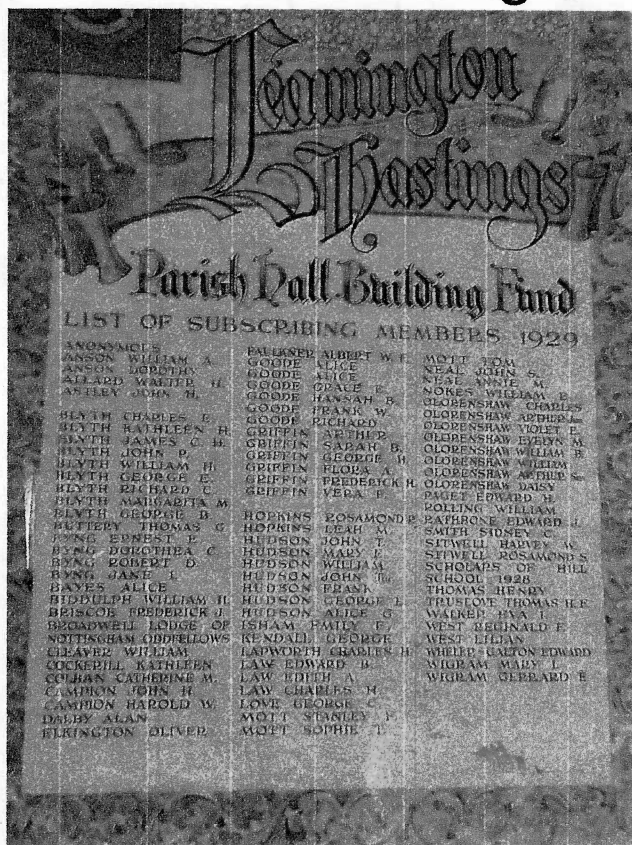
To mark the anniversary, the hall management committee is holding a celebration event in the summer. Exact details of what and when are still being decided. But two decisions have already been made:

- 1) it will be a family fun event for everyone in our community and,
- 2) there will be a display of Hall memorabilia.

And that's where the committee is seeking your help... Do you have any memories of events at the hall? What role did the hall play during the Second World War? Do you have any photographs? Have you inherited memorabilia relating to how your family contributed to construction of the hall back in 1929? What about more recent events?

No matter what you have – pictures, artefacts of simply memories – the committee would love to hear from you as soon as possible.

In the first instance, please contact the Hall Chairman, Pat Toole on



01926 632874, the Secretary, Jill Ayres on 01926 633119 or Keith Read on 01926 813603.

They will assist you with presenting your memories, copying photographs or displaying artefacts at the event.

Received from Wendy Barrie:

I would like to thank the Victory Hall & Green Trustees and Flower Show committees, together with friends and neighbours, who all sent flowers and cards following my knee surgery. I had a blaze of colour for quite a while!

I am now well on the way to recovery.

Village litter-pick clears more than ever...

The big clean-up – from the A426 at *Millbank* through Broadwell to the Flecknoe Road junction with the A426 – took place on Saturday 23rd March. Organised by Bob Haynes and Linda Holmes, the annual litter-pick is part of the nationwide campaign sponsored by the *Daily Mail* and involving 80,000 people throughout the British Isles.

A year ago, Bob and Linda managed to fill to overflowing two wheelbarrows with rubbish collected from the verges. This year they enlisted some help so that they cleaned from *Millbank* to *Hawthorn Cottage* in Hayway Lane while the Reads cleaned along Flecknoe Road from the A426 and up Hayway Lane to *Hawthorn Cottage*.

"Bearing in mind that we did only half the route we covered last year, we still managed to fill two wheelbarrows," said Bob. "In fact, I think we got slightly more rubbish than last year while Chrissy and Keith filled seven refuse bags with litter. They also retrieved a bed-head and foot-board! Unfortunately, a double mattress that was on the field side of the hedge proved too much to recover."

Sadly the cleaned-up Broadwell verges didn't survive for long. Just two days after, while walking the dogs, Chrissy counted four drinks cans and a Greggs paper coffee cup discarded in Hayway Lane...



From Pat Toole:

"On behalf of local residents, I would like to thank David Turner and Jill Ayres for the magnificent job they made of litter-picking from LH Church, right through Hill and along the A426 almost

as far as Dunchurch where they met litter-pickers coming the other way.

"Over the course of three weeks, David and Jill managed to fill a number of Dumpsy Bags with an enormous amount of discarded rubbish."

Anglican services, events and news...

Services are at All Saints, LH, unless otherwise stated.

APRIL:

- 4th 4.30pm, Grandborough Messy Church.
- 7th 9am, Grandborough, Holy Communion.
11am, LH, Holy Communion.
- 14th **Palm Sunday.** 10.30am, Willoughby, Holy Communion.
- 16th 7.30pm, C of GS Broadwell, Healing Service.
- 18th **Maundy Thursday.** 7.30pm LH Holy Communion.
- 19th **Good Friday.** 10am Grandborough children's activities.
2pm, Grandborough Vigil at the Cross.
- 21st **Easter Day.** 9am, Flecknoe Holy Communion.
9am, LH Holy Communion.
10.30am Grandborough Holy Communion.
11am, Willoughby Holy Communion.
- 28th 9am, Flecknoe Breakfast Service.
11am, Willoughby Holy Communion.
4pm, LH Afternoon Worship.

MAY:

- 2nd 4.30pm, Grandborough Messy Church.
- 12th 9am, Flecknoe Holy Communion.
11am, Willoughby Family Service.
6pm, Grandborough Evensong.
- 19th 9am, LH Holy Communion.
11am, Grandborough WtW.
4pm, Willoughby Evensong.
- 21st 7.30pm, C of GS Broadwell, Healing Service.

- 26th 9am, Flecknoe Breakfast Service.
11am, Willoughby Holy Communion.
4pm, LH Afternoon Worship.

Annual Parish Church Meeting:

This will be held at All Saints' Church Leamington Hastings at 7.30pm on Thursday 4th April

Churchwardens are chosen annually at the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) – also known as the meeting of the parishioners and the Easter Vestry meeting. This is a separate meeting from the APM of the church, though the two meetings are almost always held together.

At the meeting for the choosing of churchwardens, the people entitled to vote are:

- * Anybody on the Electoral Roll of the parish
- * Anybody who lives in the parish and whose name is on the register of local government electors.

After the churchwardens have been chosen, only those on the Electoral Roll of the parish are entitled to vote on the business of the APM.

LH Academy:

We currently have spaces available in school for any families that would like to join us and are now able to offer the 30 hours Nursery funding. Please contact us on 01926 632359 or admin3180@welearn365.com to make an appointment when we would be delighted to show you around our school.

Our dedicated staff pride themselves on knowing the children well and bringing out the very best in all of them.

Bruce calls it a day:

After many years as one of the small team of two playing the organ at services and other Chapel occasions, Bruce Morgan has decided to stand down.

Chapel Members have thanked Bruce for his dedicated and faithful service over such a long period.

They have also welcomed Robin Coling, from Grandborough, who has offered to share the duties as organist with Joyce Latham, the other half of the long-standing team.

Robin is no stranger to the Broadwell Chapel organ as he has, from time to time, stepped in when our regular organists have been otherwise engaged.

Church Council Meeting:

The meeting, on Tuesday 19th February in the Chapel Schoolroom, was designated an Open Meeting in the hope that as many as possible would attend as we try to fill the position of Secretary – and the many other roles – previously undertaken by Sylvia Toole.

Members thanked Helen Williamson, who kindly volunteered to take the minutes.

Plans for the coming year were discussed including Mothering Sunday (Glenys Caunter and Sharon Barnes volunteered to arrange posies for all Mums); Chapel Anniversary in October; Harvest Festival (29th September); Harvest Supper (30th September) and a Summer Strawberry Tea. This is potentially planned for Sunday 14th July.

When presenting the Financial Report, Geoffrey Slater, who has been our Treasurer for many years, indicated that he would soon like to step down.

This will create a third position to be filled as we also require another Steward.

The meeting closed without detailed discussion regarding new appointees. However, The Rev'd Charity Madenyika asked Members to let her know before the next meeting if they were interested in taking up a position of office.

The next meeting is the AGM, on 4th June, when appointments will be discussed and – hopefully – resolved.

Dates for your diary:

APRIL:

- 3rd 7.30pm, Lent Meeting at Willoughby Vicarage.
- 4th 7.30pm, Annual Parish Church Meeting at LH.
- 9th 2.30pm Lent Meeting at LH Almshouses.
- 10th 10.30am to 12-noon, Coffee Morning at Broadwell Chapel Schoolroom.
- 10th 12-noon to 1-30pm, Lent Lunch at Grandborough Church.
- 24th 2.30pm, Over 60s' Club at LH Parish Hall. Speaker Mr David Golsthorpe Hill on *Going The Extra Mile*.

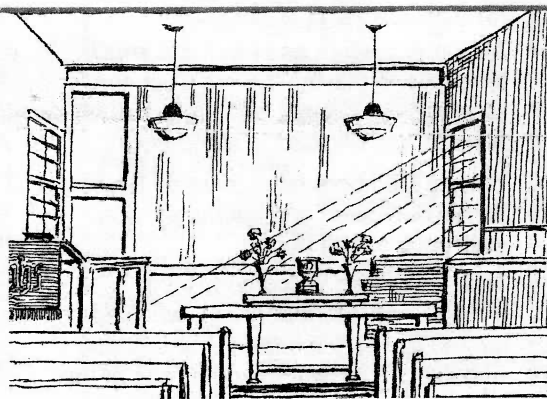
MAY:

- 8th 10.30am to 12-noon, Coffee Morning at Broadwell Chapel Schoolroom.
- 11th 11am, annual Plant Sale at Victory Hall.
- 17th **Deadline for copy for June/July Broadwell Mail.**
- 29th 2.30pm, Over 60s' Club at LH Parish Hall. Speaker Jess Nash on *Life of the Buses*.

PREACHERS FOR

April & May

**All services start
at 11am unless
otherwise indicated.**



April	7th	The Rev'd Charity Madenyika
April	14th	Palm Sunday , Mrs Margaret Geldart
April	21st	Easter Sunday , The Rev'd David Collinson, Holy Communion.
April	28th	The Rev'd Charity Madenyika
May	5th	Mr John Wright
May	12th	The Rev'd Andy Hardwick
May	19th	The Rev'd Charity Madenyika, Holy Communion.
May	26th	Mr John Kay

Flower rota

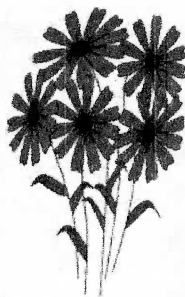
Please note that the rota
is fortnightly through the
winter months.

April:

14th Freda Slater
28th Rachel Sensecall

May:

12th Annegret Morgan
18th Angela Woolliscroft



Cleaning rota

April:

6th Wendy Williamson
13th Sharon Barnes
20th Rachel Sensecall
28th Alison Deeming

May:

4th Angela Woolliscroft
11th Rosemary Chapman
18th Freda Slater
25th Valerie Bostock

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