

Broadwell

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BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Editor...

There's a saying that all newspaper journalists use – *August is 'silly season'*. That's because holidays mean there's usually little or no hard news. So papers are full of 'silly stories' to fill the columns!

Not so here this August! There's so much local news I don't know how I'm going to fit it all in... But first I must, on behalf of all of us, wish Chaplain Kate every success as she leaves us after four very happy years, and we welcome our new Minister, The Rev'd Brian Hutton.

In her final Chaplain's Letter (page 4) Kate thanks us for making her feel at home and part of the community. In response, we say that the pleasure was all ours!

Finally, my own thanks to all who sent cards and messages and visited following removal of my right knee to make way for a gleaming new metal-and-composite joint. It's working well I'm pleased to say. But I stupidly under-estimated the recovery time – which can be 12 months... Very frustrating!

Keith Read.
Editor.

Suggested Bible Readings:

August 4th, 2 Samuel ch 11 vv 26 – ch 12 vv 13a & John 6 vv 24-35; **11th**, 2 Samuel ch 18 vv 5-9, 15, & 31-33 & John 6

Your news for the October/November edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by noon on **Friday 20th September** at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for **Saturday 28th September**.

But please do send Keith any news or other contributions at any time. Early copy always gets a good show!

The 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, Broadwell**.

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Many thanks.

vv 35 & 41-51; **18th**, 1 Kings ch 2 vv 10-12 & ch 3 vv 3-14 & John 6 vv 51-58; **25th**, 1 Kings ch 8 vv 22-30 & 41-43 & John 6 vv 56-69.

September: 1st, Song of Solomon 2 vv 8-13 & Mark 7 vv 1-8, 14, 15, & 21-23; **8th**, Proverbs ch 22 vv 1, 2, 8, 9, 22 & 23 & Mark 7 vv 24-37; **15th**, Proverbs 1 vv 20-33 & Mark 8 vv 27-38; **22nd**, Proverbs 31 vv 10-31 & Mark 9 vv 30-37; **29th**, Esther 7 vv 1, 6, 9, 10 & ch 9 vv 20-22 & Mark 9 vv 38-50.

Remember in Prayer:

We remember in our prayers our village and parish communities, especially all who are unwell, those in hospital and those recuperating at home and trust they will soon be well on the road to recovery.

We think of those who now find it difficult to get out and about and are now mostly confined to their own homes.

We think of those who have suffered the loss of family and friends and trust they will find comfort in knowing others care.

We remember Kate Hiscock as she comes to the end of her appointment as Community Chaplain for Broadwell. We thank her for all the help and care she has given us. (Kate will be back to lead our worship at the Harvest Thanksgiving service on September 22nd).

We pray for our new Prime Minister and his Government that they may be given the wisdom to rule in an honest and just manner for the benefit of the nation.

We remember those areas of the world where people are unable to enjoy even the basic necessities of life due to conflict, floods, extreme heat and other natural disasters.

May our prayers be the means of bringing some hope and comfort to those in need.

**Lord, in Your Mercy – Hear
Our Prayers**

Coffee Mornings:

Coffee Mornings are normally held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Broadwell Methodist Church. All are welcome to join us for tea or coffee and light refreshments between 10.30am and 12-noon. Our next Coffee Mornings will be on August 14th and September 11th, please do come along if you are able.

Richard Knightbridge: 3rd August 1960 – 27th June 2024

We were saddened to learn that Richard, who lived for many years in Washbrook House, Hayway Lane, died suddenly on 27th June in the care home where he was a resident. He suffered from a rare form of Parkinson's Disease and had moved, with his wife Julie, to Sherringham just over five years ago.

Richard leaves his wife, their two sons – James and David – and grandchildren, Alice and Thomas. He is also survived by his father, Derek who, with his late mother Margaret, also moved from *Pine Lodge* in Broadwell to East Anglia to be near Richard and Julie. Derek, who suffers from dementia, is also in care.

For more than 20 years Richard worked with Clive Harridge in the same environmental consultancy where Richard was a Director and lead ecologist. Clive recalls: "Richard was looked up to and admired by everyone he worked with. He was a top professional and a role model for younger staff. I will always treasure my memories of Richard both at work and as a fellow Broadwell resident – always a genuinely nice person to be with."

Richard's ashes will be scattered by his family at Blakeney, one of his favourite bird-watching venues, on August 3rd, which would have been his 64th birthday.

Broadwell Flower Show 2024

Planning for our Flower Show on Saturday 14th September is well under way and schedules should be arriving through your letterbox soon.

As always, we rely on volunteers and donations to keep the show going. Many thanks if you've already come forward. However, items are still needed for the tombola, raffle, white elephant and, of course, we need cakes! If you can help, committee members will be going round the village collecting them. And don't forget that this is your chance to show off your baking, craft and growing skills by entering items into the show.

Fancy some knitting & nattering?

If you do, there's a new venture starting in Broadwell Victory Hall from 2pm until 4pm on Wednesday 4th September.

It's the idea of Elizabeth Murray (with encouragement from others!) who said: "For all those crafters – or if you just want a chat – please come and join us for cake, a drink and, of course, that all-important social skill... a natter!"

"Everyone is genuinely welcome."

There are no fees or charges involved. However, understandably a small voluntary donation to help to pay for hire of the hall would be appreciated... If you'd like more

information, please contact Elizabeth Murray on 01926 815466.

Perfect for Shoebox fillers...

If you do decide to join Elizabeth and friends, the Knit & Natter sessions could be the perfect place to start creating those hats, gloves, scarves and knitted toys to put in the Shoeboxes the village sends to disadvantaged children at Christmas.

Once again Chrissy Read will be arranging the annual Broadwell Christmas Shoebox Appeal. There will be more information and details of deadlines for filled shoeboxes in the October/November edition of *Broadwell Mail*. In the meantime, why not get those needles clicking!

If you'd like to learn more about the appeal, and the resources that she has available, give Chrissy a call on 07483 210061. (Sadly we are without our usual 01926 813603 landline and number until BT gets its act together...)

Calling all Line Dancers!

A new beginners' Line-Dancing class, organised by Southam Stompers, has started at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall.

Sessions take place every Monday from 7.30pm until 8.45pm and all those interested in learning about line dancing are invited to call Nikki on 07765 204927 or message her on:

nikkiandrews5678@gmail.com

LETTER FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Kate Hitchcox

Dear Friends,

This has been, by far, the hardest *Broadwell Mail* article I have had to write. As you will all know, I will be leaving you as your chaplain at the end of August when the new minister, The Rev'd Brian Hutton, will begin a new chapter with you all.

I have been made to feel like 'one of the family' since day one; Rosemary – you will recall, in those early days, how we went door to door during COVID introducing me to all of the members, with conversations on doorsteps and drinking coffees in gardens.

We experienced Elmer the Campervan for a while. As we went from Broadwell to Grandborough, we saw the amazing witness of the lives of the people of Grandborough Methodist Church as we closed the building and celebrated new beginnings in Grandborough Parish Church. I would like to thank The Rev'd Barbara Clutton and the Rev'd Phil Price from Grandborough Parish Church for the support they have given.

I had the pleasure of working with the members of Daventry Methodist Church for a while and visiting the lovely ladies in Willoughby and further afield.

'Uncle Pat' – I have to say that male voice choir of yours is second to none, as are the strawberry teas and the Christmas celebrations. So don't forget my future invites!

We even became an Eco Church! And all of this while supporting one another in love and fellowship!

We have also said farewell to a number of people who have been exalted to glory during my time with you and I feel very blessed and privileged to have been able to share in those memorable times. There has also been new life, which has been wonderful to have been part of – everything about Broadwell for me has been 'home' and 'Community'. My successor is very lucky to be with you!

I just want to give a very heartfelt thank-you for allowing me to be part of your lives; for healing part of my life by just being who you are. And although I will no longer be 'your Chaplain' I hope to visit once in a while and keep my membership at Broadwell Methodist Church for the time being. Thank you all so much for your very valued friendship.

Love and best wishes,

Kate.

"DO NOT REMEMBER THE FORMER THINGS, NOR CONSIDER THE THINGS OF OLD. BEHOLD, I WILL DO A NEW THING..." Isaiah 43: 18-19.



Over Sixties' Club:

We hope all our members enjoy the holiday. As ever we will NOT be meeting in August. We resume our meetings on Wednesday, September 25th at Leamington Hastings Almshouses at 2.30pm when our speaker will be Keith Read, former Motoring Editor of the *Coventry Evening Telegraph*, who will talk about being paid to do a job that many would willingly pay to do! This included competing in motor sport and visiting motor manufacturers on almost every Continent. Over Sixties normally meets on the last Wednesday of the month. New members and visitors are always welcome.

United Community Service:

The traditional service on the day after the Flower Show will be held in the marquee on The Green on Sunday, September 15th at 10.30am. This will be a Songs of Praise service led by Mr John Kay, whom many will recall being the relief postman for our area!

An invitation is extended to everyone to join in this ecumenical gathering. Following the service, we continue the fellowship with tea, coffee and biscuits served in the Victory Hall. Please join us if you are able.

Welcome Service:

A special service will be held on Thursday, August 29th at 7pm at Daventry Methodist Church to welcome our new minister, The Rev'd Brian Hutton and his family, who are moving from the Darlington and Teesdale Circuit.

Brian takes up his duties as minister in charge of Broadwell on September 1st and

we hope the family will soon settle in and enjoy their new surroundings.

Harvest Thanksgiving:

We hope many of you will be able to join us at Broadwell Methodist Church as we celebrate God's goodness to us at our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, September 22nd at 11am

Kate Hitchcox will lead the service. This will be Kate's last service as Circuit Community Chaplain so please join us if you are able.

We will be grateful for gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables as well as tins and packets of non-perishable foods, which will be donated to the Rugby food bank.

Flowers, fruit and vegetables will be sold at the auction following the Harvest Supper on Monday evening, September 23rd.

The chapel will be open from 10am on Saturday September 21st to enable you to deliver your gifts prior to decorating the chapel at 2pm.

The Harvest Supper will be held in the chapel on Monday, September 23rd at 7pm, when we hope many of you will join us for what is always an enjoyable occasion and an excellent meal.

If you wish to join us, to assist with catering, please give your name to Rosemary Chapman, Pat Toole or Glenys Caunter.

The price of the supper will remain the same as 2023 at £7 for adults and £3 for children. Proceeds are in aid of Broadwell Methodist Church.

Strawberry Tea opens the route to a sunny and successful day!

Despite the aggravation of road diversions, the Strawberry Tea on Saturday 22nd June was a great success. With the sun shining, the chapel grounds were the perfect setting for our traditional country event when it was lovely to have the opportunity to catch up with friends from the Circuit who we do not often see these days.

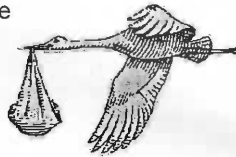
We say a big thank you to all who came and we hope you enjoyed the afternoon. You will be pleased to know that £500 was raised for the ongoing work of Broadwell Methodist Church.

Sincere thanks to all who helped in any way, to those who did the hard work of tidying the chapel ground in readiness, setting up and clearing away tables and chairs, as well as those who baked scones, prepared and served teas and who washed up and made sure the premises were clean and tidy. Without such volunteer workers events such as this could not happen. Thank you all – your hard work was much appreciated!

Many congratulations to one of our oldest – and the two newest!

Congratulations and best wishes to Bruce Morgan, who celebrated his 90th birthday at home with family and friends on July 9th. Bruce is one of Broadwell's oldest residents

And congratulations to Codie Read and her partner, Josh Brennan on the birth of their son, Cole Brian – a brother for Lyra-Grace and grandson for Keith and Chrissy Read. Cole arrived on 2nd July weighing 8lbs 13ozs (or 3.99728kg for those who didn't Brexit!)



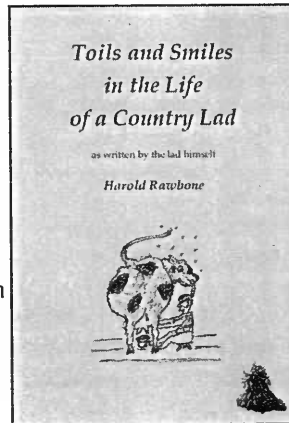
And another baby boy has arrived in Broadwell with the birth of Rebecca Harridge and her partner, Aaron James' son. Finley David was born on 19th July. He weighed 7lbs 3ozs in old money – or 3.2602kg. Mum, Dad and Finley all doing well as are the proud grandparents, Judith and Clive Harridge.

Parish Hall hero's book recently published

Anyone who has seen the video made to celebrate the Leamington Hastings Parish Hall's 90th anniversary will know the name Harold Rawbone. Mr Rawbone's events at the hall are legend with decorations for specific celebrations said to be on a par with West End stage sets!

Born in 1905 at the old Post Office in Stockton, where his mother was Post Mistress, he spent much of his life in LH, initially running a transport business and then farming.

The book he wrote – recently published by his nephew, Don Simpson – tells of his time living in Warwickshire and his busy social life at LH Parish Hall. Priced at £6 (which just covers the cost of printing) copies can be obtained by contacting Mr Simpson on 01926 426652 or Howard Collerson on 01926 813181.



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, resident in Leamington Hastings Parish.
2. At school or have been at school in maintained system for at least two years.
3. Must be for educational support. This includes social and physical training.
4. There is an emphasis on 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**, Leamington Hastings, Rugby, CV23 8DX, or
Mrs R M Chapman, **Havencroft**, Broadwell, Rugby CV23 8HB

ALL FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY 1ST OCTOBER 2024

LH Bowls Club welcomes three new members

The club enjoyed a successful Free Afternoon Of Bowling And Fun at the end of May, *writes Susan Turner*. We had a few heavy rain showers but visitors – young, and not so young – turned up to try out their bowling skills. Tea and homemade cakes were very welcome throughout the afternoon and a big thank you to everyone who helped.

If you would like to give lawn bowls a try, please join us every Wednesday on the bowls green at 6pm. You're welcome to sit and watch if you're not sure! We're delighted to welcome new members Phil, Margaret and Mark. We hope you enjoy your time with us and happy bowling!

We held our annual Beef and Ham Supper in June and it was another successful event with lots of fun and games, good food, good company and £525 raised for the club. Thank you to all those who took part.

If you have previously enjoyed one of our skittles nights, October is the next one. If you haven't yet experienced our skittles night, we can offer you a lively evening of competition (not taken too seriously), great food and good company!

Members continue to bowl well and we enjoy our friendly matches as well as our inter-club matches, which are always played in good spirit and with support for each other. (Except when you're playing to avoid washing up duties!)

The Lyle Watts Day, being held this year on Saturday 24th August and organised by Jan Watts in memory of her husband, is now in its 34th year of raising funds for Myton Hospice. The total raised by members of the club, past and present, so far is £14,611. If you would like to come to the bowls green and watch the game, (from 1.30pm), buy a raffle ticket or two for some lovely prizes, buy homemade cakes and enjoy tea and homemade cake after the game, it would be lovely to see you. All proceeds will go to Myton Hospice.

Thanks, as always, to Darren and Wendy for keeping our green in great playing condition despite what the weather brings. We really appreciate your hard work. Finally, the club now has its own Facebook page. Please find us and follow us!

Pickleball now on our doorstep:

Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country. Invented several years ago in the USA as a 'less stressful' court game to badminton, tennis or squash, it has really taken off in the UK.

To meet demand locally and to introduce local newcomers to pickleball, two brand new courts have been opened at Calcutt Boats, off Tomlow Road, Stockton.

Calcutt Pickleball Club invites anyone interested to make contact by calling 01926 813757 or dropping an e-mail to: matt@calcuttboats.com.

And for those to whom pickleball is a complete mystery, have a word with Linda Haynes or Chrissy Read. They have been playing pickleball in Rugby for a few years and have become enthusiastic competitors. Or probably two of the best websites are for information are:

www.pickleballengland.org/what-is-pickleball
& www.lta.org.uk/play/ways-to-play/pickleball

Our own Silver Medallist!

Congratulations to Toni Senior, who was runner-up and Silver Medal winner in the June European Middle-Distance Triathlon Championships in Coimbra, Portugal.

She qualified for the event – in which more than 600 European athletes competed in their age categories – by virtue of being Britain's top age-group athlete.

Toni's event involved swimming 1.9km (1.2 miles), cycling 88 kms (54.7 miles) and running 21.2kms (13.2 miles).

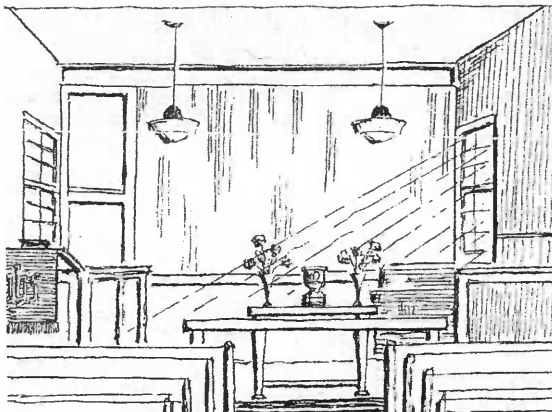
She trains for the triathlon both at home – where she can often be seen running or cycling from her home in Hayway Lane (when she's not walking her and John's dogs at a slightly slower pace!) – and also in Majorca where climate conditions are usually better.

Her next event is the Ironman 70.3 in Mexico. Despite the misleading event title, Toni says men and women both compete. "Yes, that is correct – I am an Ironman!"

Broadwell Methodist Chapel

PREACHERS FOR August & September

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



Aug 4th Fellowship and Coffee

Aug 25th The Rev'd David Collinson, **Holy Communion**

Thursday 29th August, at 7pm, Welcome Service for the Rev'd Brian Hutton at
Daventry Methodist Church.

Sept 1st Fellowship and Coffee

Sept 15th **At 10.30am**, Songs of Praise in Flower Show marquee on
The Green.

Sept 22nd Miss Kate Hitchcox, **Harvest Thanksgiving.**

Flower rota

August:

4th Jyce Latham

25th Glenys Caunter

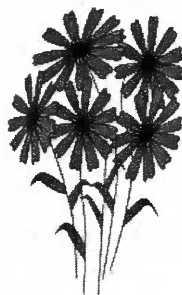
September:

15th Margaret Webster

22nd Harvest Festival

October:

6th Rachel Sensecall



Cleaning rota



(Week ending...)

August:

3rd Angela Woolliscroft

24th Rachel Sensecall

31st Alison Deeming

September:

21st Sharon Barnes

October 6th Rosemary Chapman

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