

Broadwell mail

*Church and community news
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BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Editor:

Firstly, an apology... In the last issue the e-mail address for Ian Sewell, one of the ticket sellers for the recent Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir concert (see report page on page 7) was incorrect. For reference, Ian's correct e-mail is:

ianssewell@hotmail.co.uk

It was entirely my mistake and I'm very sorry.

Secondly, your *Broadwell Mail*... As you will have seen from the cover and the fact that the pages are stapled in booklet format, we've introduced some significant changes to your bi-monthly newsletter. We hope that you find them acceptable and an improvement. We'd also appreciate any feedback. So do let us know what you think!

Keith Read – Editor

Suggested Bible Readings:

August: 3rd, Hosea 11 vv 1-11 & Luke 12 vv 13-21; **10th**, Isaiah 1vv1 & 10-20 & Luke 12 vv 32-40; **17th**,

Isaiah 5 vv 1-7 & Luke 12 vv 49-56; **24th**, Jeremiah 1 vv 4-12 & Luke 13 vv 10-17; **31st**, Jeremiah 2 vv 4-13 & Luke 14 vv 1 & 7-14.

September: 7th, Jeremiah 18 vv 1-11 & Luke 14 vv 25-33; **14th**, Jeremiah 4 vv 11,12 & 22-28 & Luke 15 vv1-10; **21st**, Jeremiah 8 vv 18-ch 9 v1 & Luke 16 vv 1-13; **28th**, Jeremiah 32 vv 1-3a & 6-15 & Luke 16 vv 19-31.

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. We trust they will soon be well on the road to recovery and give thanks for the National Health Service.

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

We remember our neighbours and friends and are thankful for their continued thoughtfulness, help and support especially in times of need.

We are thankful for our lovely villages and remember those in inner cities, who wish they could live in such peaceful surroundings.

As we give thanks for our harvest we are mindful of the farming community, many of whom are worried about feeding livestock and anxious over the state of crops due to the lack of rain.

We pray for those suffering from the ravages of war and are suffering from shortages of the necessities of life due to crop failure.

At this time of the year we remember our Methodist Ministers and their families; those changing Circuits and

Your news for the October/November edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by noon on **Friday 19th September** at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Friday 26th 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.
Many thanks!

those retiring from active ministry, remembering especially Deacon Georgina Brooks. We pray that they will quickly settle in and be happy in their new situations.

We pray for all who are suffering poverty, injustice and deprivation and continue to pray for peace among the nations of the world.

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 held on the second Wednesday of each month at Broadwell Methodist Church. All are welcome to join us for tea/coffee and light refreshments between 10.30am and noon.



Our next Coffee Mornings will be on August 13th and September 10th. Please join us if you are able.

Please note that we are also holding a special coffee morning on Saturday, 16th August to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VJ Day. (See page 5 for more details).

Tea and Chat:

Tea and Chat is taking a break in August, so there will be no meeting. The next gathering – in the Almshouses community room, LH – is on September 24th, from 2-30pm, when all are welcome to join us.

Strawberry Tea:

Despite the weather looking very unsettled and a few spots of rain

falling just at opening time, the weather did not let us down entirely! The clouds very soon disappeared allowing the sun to transform the chapel grounds into the perfect setting for what has become one of our traditional country events.

It was lovely to have the opportunity to catch up with friends we do not often see these days.

Although numbers were lower than usual we say a big thank you to all who came and we hope you enjoyed the afternoon. A total of £477 was raised for the ongoing work of Broadwell Methodist Church.

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

Glenys Caunter.

Songs of Praise:

On Sunday September 14th, the day after the annual Broadwell Flower Show, a Songs of Praise service will be held in the marquee on the village green at 10.30am.

This is an ecumenical, informal service to which all are invited. Please join us if you are able.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served in the Victory Hall immediately after the Songs of Praise service. Again, all are very welcome!

LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER

The Rev'd Brian Hutton

One day at a time.

There is a line in that well known Lord's prayer most of us were taught as children: *"Give us each day our daily bread."* There is so much wisdom in just that one line for life.

"God help us to find something to be thankful for in your provision each day. Help me see each day as a gift."

"God give us just enough daily so we can save our planet and ourselves from endless consumerism and hoarding."

"God give us each day enough strength, enough hope, enough courage, enough energy to love others."



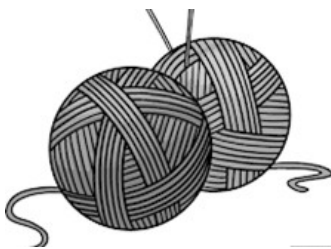
In Exodus Ch16: vv15-16: When the Israelites were wandering through the wilderness, God provided daily manna for them to eat. No leftovers... No freezing... No Tupperware... Just enough and double for a rest day!

There seems to be a link between the wilderness and wandering and taking life one day at a time.

Manna was a symbol of God's 24-hour faithfulness and provision. Enough for today. Daily bread. Stay in the present. Don't fuss and fret about tomorrow. Trust in God enough to make it through this day.

One day at a time...

Brian



Knit & Natter

The Knit & Natter sessions in the Victory Hall, launched some time ago, have become a popular and regular social event. So much so are carrying on



through the summer holidays! Please make a note of these dates and times: **Wednesday 6th August** and **Wednesday 3rd September**, 2pm to 4pm.

Knit & Natter co-ordinator, Elizabeth Murray, said: "Bring a craft of your choice, or none, and enjoy some good company. We'd love to see you there! If you have any questions, do please call me on 01926 815466."

VJ Day commemoration Coffee Morning – your invitation

Broadwell Methodist Church will be commemorating VJ Day by holding a Coffee Morning at the chapel on Saturday, August 16th from 10.30am until 12.30pm. You are invited to come along and share family memories, browse through documents relating to the Chapel's history or simply enjoy coffee/tea, cake and a chat.

There will be no set charge but donations will be appreciated. Proceeds will be appropriately divided between costs, Broadwell Chapel and the Royal British Legion.

The chapel gates and the cross will, as for our recent VE Day celebrations, be dressed with poppies in honour of all who served and those who gave their lives in WW 2, thinking especially of those who served and those who suffered while prisoners of war under Japanese rule. We remember that they served this country in order that we might enjoy the freedom we have today.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving trio – service, supper & auction

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 28th at 11am, when our Minister, The Rev'd Brian Hutton, will lead the service.

We will be grateful for gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables. But this year the emphasis will be on non-perishable items such as tins and packets suitable for donating to the Rugby Food Bank. Flowers, fruit and vegetables will be auctioned following the Harvest Supper on Monday evening, September 29th. The chapel will be open from 10am on Saturday, September 27th, to enable you to deliver your gifts prior to decorating the chapel between 2pm and 3pm.

Our traditional Harvest Supper will be held in the Chapel on Monday, September 29th at 7pm. We hope as many as possible of you will join us for what is always an enjoyable occasion – and an excellent meal. Due to significantly-increased costs it has become necessary to increase the price this year. For adults the cost is £10 while for those under 16 it is £7-50. Proceeds are in aid of Broadwell Methodist Church.

If you would like to join us, please give your name to Rosemary Chapman, Wendy Williamson or Glenys Caunter. This helps us to cater for the right number attending!

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 6TH OCTOBER 2025

Chapel Anniversary:

The original Broadwell Methodist Church was opened in 1871 and extended in 1962.

We will therefore be celebrating 154 years of witness in the village and the surrounding area (and 63 years since the extension was opened) at the Anniversary Service on Sunday, October 5th, at 11am, when we will be pleased to welcome our former Chaplain, Miss Kate Hitchcox, to lead the service.

It is some time since Kate has been with us to lead a service and we look forward to seeing her once again. All are welcome to join us for this special service.

Sincere congratulations...

...to Becca Harridge and Aaron James on their wedding, at Draycote Hotel, Dunchurch, on Saturday 7 June.

The marriage took place shortly before Becca's Dad, Clive (who delivers, on foot, more than half of the 250 printed copies of *Broadwell Mail* every eight weeks) went into hospital in Birmingham for heart surgery.

We are delighted to report that the operation went well and within a few days Clive was back home with the family. Fortunately for us, his recovery prescription is – walking!

More congratulations...

...this time to the Chapel's regular painter and decorator, Gary Adair, for the great job he has undertaken on the interior.

His task was complicated by the considerable additional work filling large areas as a result of the fitting last year of double-glazed windows.

Broadwell Flower Show

Planning is virtually complete for this year's show, *writes Martin Wibberley*. Hopefully your show schedule should be arriving through your letterbox very soon – if not already there!

This year we will be having a display of old agricultural and other machinery on The Green (including a demonstration of logging), local stallholders, entertainment and, of course, judging of your entries in the main marquee. Don't forget that this is your opportunity to show off your baking, craft and growing skills by entering items into the show.

We also rely on the generosity of volunteers and donors to keep the show going, and I would like to thank everyone who has already come forward. However, we will need items for the tombola, raffle, white elephant and, of course, we need cakes! If you can help with any of these items there will be some of the committee members going round the village collecting them. You should receive a slip letting you know who, and when, this will be.

This year we are supporting the Riding for the Disabled Association and a donation to them will be made later in the year.

Show day is Saturday 13th September and I hope to see you there.

Finally, don't forget that the day concludes with a family barbecue. Bob and Keith will be lighting the barbecues soon after the auction of produce ends. Bring your food, your drinks and yourselves along at any time from 6pm (ish!) onwards and enjoy a great social occasion...

Sell-out Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir Concert

By Lucy Sewell

On Saturday 5th July, All Saints Church welcomed the OWMVC for a moving concert in memory of Pat Toole, who organised many parish concerts over the years. With a red-carpet welcome and a packed church, guests enjoyed a powerful performance and a delicious interval spread of strawberries and cream. The evening raised an impressive £1,700, which was shared in the following way: £550 each to the Friends of All Saints Parish Church and Broadwell Methodist Chapel; and £200 each to the British Heart Foundation, Myton Hospice and Cancer Research UK.

Pat Toole adored singing, choirs and Welsh male-voice choirs in particular. He and Sylvia even arranged their holiday breaks in Wales at resorts where choir concerts were scheduled! And he passed on his passion to many of us here through the concerts he organised locally. So our heartfelt thanks to all who supported and attended this memorable special tribute to Pat's great legacy.

Hello to our newest Broadwell neighbours!

A very warm Broadwell welcome to the McDermott family – the newest arrivals in our community – who recently moved into *Applecross*. Rob and Amy have two children, Ryan (11) and Rosie (six), both of whom are looking forward to making new friends in the village during the school holidays.

Many of you will already know much of this as (for the first time in my memory!) Amy used the Broadwell Community WhatsApp group to introduce the family. What a great idea! Amy and her children also briefly popped into the July Soup Lunch in the Victory Hall. We are looking forward to seeing all the family at the various upcoming events in the village.

"We are delighted to be here in Broadwell and look forward to meeting you all," said Amy. "Ryan is a football enthusiast and Rosie loves anything 'girly'. We look forward to enhancing the community."

Once again, a huge welcome to the McDermott family. We hope you have a long and enjoyable time here and that you, like many of us who have discovered Broadwell, think of it as being as close to heaven on earth as is possible!

Would you like to try outdoor lawn bowls?

By Susan Turner

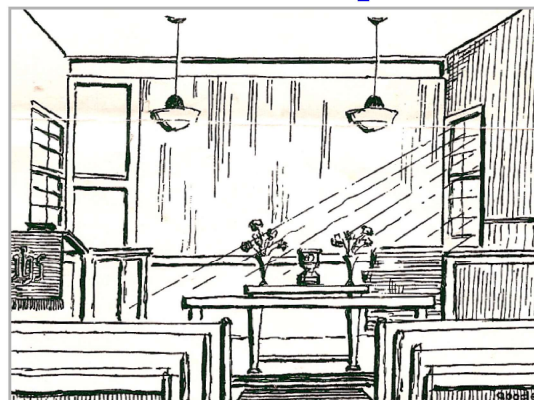
You can play three times before deciding to join LH Bowls Club, a friendly, non-league club. We have bowls you can borrow and some coaching if you want it. Just turn up in loose clothing and flat shoes! You will be made very welcome. We meet every Wednesday from 6pm at the bowls green next to the Leamington Hastings Parish Hall and tennis court. In winter months we play indoor short-mat bowls in the Parish Hall every Wednesday 2pm-4pm with a cuppa and a biscuit or two at half time. You can find us on Facebook!

Broadwell Methodist Chapel

Preachers for August & September

All services start at 11am unless otherwise indicated.

August	3rd	The Rev'd Brian Hutton
August	17th	Mr Andrew Brown
August	31st	Fellowship and Coffee



September	14th	10.30am Songs of Praise in the Flower Show marquee on The Green
September	28th	The Rev'd Brian Hutton, Harvest Thanksgiving

Flower rota

August:	3rd	Freda Slater
	17th	Valerie Bostock
September:	14th	Rosemary Chapman (marquee service)
	28th	Harvest Thanksgiving



Cleaning rota for week ending:

August:	2nd	Valerie Bostock
	16th	Angela Woolliscroft
	30th	Rachel Sensecall
September:	27th	Alison Deeming

Anglican news – Draycote & Leam Valley Summer Services

By Karen Hatch

27th July, 10am, Celtic Communion @ Willoughby. **4pm**, Pimms & Hymns @ Bourton
3rd August, 10am, Celtic Communion @ Grandborough. **4pm**, Tea Service @ Stretton
10th August, 10am, Common Worship Communion @ Birdingbury. **4pm**, Assembly
 Bangers @ LH
17th August, 10am, BCP Communion @ Frankton. **4pm**, Songs & Scones @
 Willoughby
24th August 10am, BCP Communion @ LH. **4pm**, Pints & Praise @ Grandborough
31st August, 10am, Celtic Communion @ Stretton. **4pm**, BCP Evensong @ Frankton
 with Bishop Sophie.

Please note that there is also a special 'Building Church' summer gathering for all ages on **Wednesday 20th August, 2pm to 4pm**, at All Saints, Leamington Hastings.

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