

Broadwell mail

Church and community news
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Broadwell Methodist Church.

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BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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Thoughts from the New Editors

As we take on our new roles as editors of the Broadwell Mail, we have noticed a "Thank you" theme in many of the contributions we have received for this edition.

Many wish to thank the organisers, volunteers and participants of the numerous events and activities that occur in the vibrant community served by the Broadwell Mail.

We have also received thanks from many, for taking on our new role which has been so wonderfully performed by Keith Read for so long, and we hope to do you all justice.

We pass on our thanks to you for your welcome and for all those who have sent in their contributions to this, our first foray as editors of this important publication, and to Keith, who has been so kind and supportive. We hope that you enjoy this edition. All our best wishes, **Helen and John.**

A Thank you from the readers of Broadwell Mail

A big thank you to our retiring editor Keith for his years of dedicated work on the Broadwell Mail. We also thank Glenys for her years of involvement, proof reading for Keith and adding Chapel news. They have both kept the parish and further afield up to date with all the events at Chapel and the surrounding area.

We are grateful for their words over the years, and pleased that they are maintaining a degree of involvement in future editions.

A heartfelt thanks to you both from the readers of the Broadwell Mail.



As this edition comes to you during the summer holidays and harvest time, we thought that we would reflect both themes on the front cover.

The image is of the bounty of harvest and we thought that our younger (or not so young) readers might like to colour it in.



Your news for the October/November Edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach John & Helen Kay by noon on **Wednesday 16th September** at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Thurs 24th Sept.

But please do send the Editors any news, or other contributions, at any time. Early copy always gets a good show! The e-mail address is:
helenkay6363@gmail.com

Letter from our Minister, *The Rev'd Brian Hutton*

Staying in tune with God

The writer Leonard Sweet has creatively rewritten and re-imagined the Lord's prayer particularly from a musician's perspective:

Our Father, Composer of heaven and earth, whose Name is the melody that tunes the stars and steadies the heart - may your Name be sung with reverence in every register of creation.

Thy Music come. Thy Song be sung, on earth as it already resounds in heaven.

Let your reign arrive not as command but as harmony, until all things find their place in your eternal key.

Give us this day the bread that keeps us in rhythm - the daily sustenance of grace, the tempo of mercy that carries us through each measure of our lives. Forgive us our dissonance, our missed notes and broken timing, as we forgive those whose lives have clashed with ours.

Retune us when we fall out of key. Lead us not into cacophony, where false songs seduce and distort, but deliver us from every noise that pretends to be music yet hollows the soul.

For thine is the Song, and the Power, and the Glory - the opening note, the sustaining harmony, and the final crescendo, now and forever. Amen.

Source: <https://leonardsweet.substack.com/p/thy-music-come-thy-song-be-song-why>

May you always stay in tune with God.

Brian



Bible Readings

August 2nd Genesis 32:22-31 & Matthew 14:13-21 **9th** Genesis 37:1-4,12-28 & Matthew 14:22-33 **16th** Genesis 45:1-15 & Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28 **23rd** Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 & Matthew 16:13-20
30th Exodus 3:1-15 & Matthew 16:21-28
September 6th Exodus 12:1-14 & Matthew 18:15-20 **13th** Exodus 14:19-31 & Matthew 18:21-35 **20th** Exodus 16:2-15 & Matthew 20:1-16 **30th** Exodus 17:1-7 & Matthew 21:23-32

Remember in Prayer

In our prayers we remember our own community; families planning their holidays, farmers busy at harvest time, and those spending time at home. We continue to remember those who, at this time, are not enjoying good health and pray that they will soon be on the road to recovery.

Our thoughts are with the children and young people we know, as they prepare for a new school year, or are moving away from home for the first time, to continue their education elsewhere.

In these difficult times of political instability, and an uncertain future for our planet with global warming, we remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves. People starving because of famine and suffering because of warfare. So, we remember the organisations that provide aid and relief for them.

May our homes be places of peace and love. Homes of support and hospitality, places of welcome and harmony. And as such, we pray that we ourselves can be a part of the answer, where we live. Bringing that peace, love, help and support in our community. To live peaceably with all.

***Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayers.***

Bible study

The Draycote and Leam Valley
Benefice, of which Leamington Hastings is a part,
hold regular Bible Study courses.

If you are interested in joining one of the courses, please
contact Rosemary Chapman on 01926 813857 for details.

Tea & Chat

There will be NO Tea & Chat meeting in August. Meetings will
resume on Wednesday, September 30th from 2:30pm. at LH
Almshouses. All are welcome to join these friendly and
informal
community-room gatherings.

David Banks, Police Community Support Officer, reports that we
have a new Police Officer for the village:

P.C. Nicholas Williams

Broadwell Events Committee – Update

By Nicola Fairburn

Quiz and Curry Night

I think we can all agree it was a fantastic evening. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the night such a success. Special thanks to Joe, our marvellous host, whose jacket set the scene perfectly for a fun-filled night.

Thank you also to everyone who cooked, and an extra thank you to Carla and Amy for working so hard running the bar and serving the food. The night was a sell out and we raised over £400 towards the upkeep of the Hall.

Summer Show - Saturday 12th September

Our next event is the Summer Flower Show, and we have lots planned - including a dog show, tug-of-war, live band, a BBQ, and much more. The schedule has also had a revamp with plenty of new categories, so hopefully there will be something for everyone to enter.

Prize Cups

Could all last year's cup winners please return your prize cups to Nicola at Spere Hall, or contact her on 07974 512926 to arrange collection. Cups should be returned no later than Sunday 6th September.

Fancy a bowl this summer?

By Susan Turner

The club members continue to bowl well and we are having fun playing in our friendly matches against other local clubs.

What a great way to meet new people and get some exercise in the fresh air!

If you're a beginner or you're thinking of bowling after taking a break, come and join us.

We're a no-pressure, fun club with lots of banter and laughs.

No outlay, we have bowls you can borrow. Just wear loose clothing and flat shoes.

If you're not sure, come to the bowls green on a Wednesday at 6pm and watch the games. Chat with club members and take in the atmosphere.

We look forward to seeing you!

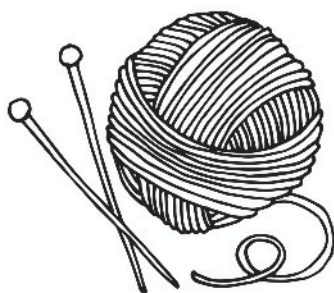
(Good luck Helen and John with your new role as Broadwell Mail editors and thank you Keith for your years as editor).

Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings are normally 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 12-noon. Our next Coffee Mornings will be on **August 12th** and **September 9th**. Please join us if you are able.



Knit and Natter



The popular Knit and Natter sessions, held on the first Wednesday in the month, at Broadwell Victory Hall, continue throughout the summer.

The dates for the next meetings are **Wednesday 5th August** and **Wednesday 2nd September**.

For further information call Elizabeth Murray who will be able to answer all your questions. Her number is 01926 815466.



Strawberry Tea *A report from Glenys Caunter*

There was an excellent turn-out for the Strawberry Tea, on Saturday July 4th, and with perfect weather. The chapel grounds were the perfect setting for such a country event. It was lovely to have the opportunity to catch up with friends we do not often see these days.

Thank you to all who came and we hope you enjoyed the afternoon, when £700 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 volunteer workers events such as this could not happen.



LEAMINGTON HASTINGS SCHOOL TRUST

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Supporting Learning, Skills & Opportunities in Our Parish

The Leamington Hastings School Trust was set up in 1840, and is totally independent and separate from Leamington Hastings School.

Are you aged 25 or under? You may be eligible for an **education grant**

We can help with:

- School, College, University, Apprenticeship educational costs
- Tools, equipment or specialist clothing
- Educational projects and activities, ie music and sport.

You may be eligible if you:

- Live in the Parish - Broadwell, Hill, Kites Hardwick or Leamington Hastings
- Attended a state-maintained school for at least two years
- Need support for education, training, tools, equipment or an educational project

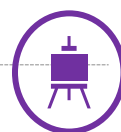
Examples of how the grant can be used :



- Course fees, books, travel or study costs
- Tools, equipment or specialist clothing for apprentices
- Educational projects such as STEM clubs, arts, music, sports or environmental

*If it helps someone **learn, grow or thrive**, we'd love to support you.*

How to apply :



1. Request an application form (can be completed online or handwritten)
2. Submit your form by either 3rd March or 3rd Oct of each year. **Ahead of Trustee meeting.**
3. If successful, you'll be asked to share a short update on how the grant helped you.
4. If you're unsure whether you're eligible, just ask a trustee — we're here to help. (see below)

All personal details are treated in confidence.

☎ 01926 632263 - Adrian

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Trustees are Adrian Allen, Steve Johnston, Rachel Dean, Alison Deeming, Rosemary Chapman, Brian Cooke, Lucy Sewell

Leamington Hastings Silver Surfers relocate...

After more than 21 very happy years meeting at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall every Friday morning, the Silver Surfers have relocated to the Community Room at Leamington Hastings Almshouses.

While the Parish Hall provided everything that the Silver Surfers needed, shrinking numbers meant that the venue was too big in a number of respects, especially in winter when heating the room probably cost more than the hall hire fees.

Leamington Hastings Sale's Grand result

Huge thanks to everyone who contributed plants, purchased plants, displayed plants and watered plants at the annual Leamington Hastings Plant Sale.

More than £1,000 was raised for Myton Hospices, Cancer Research and the fund to provide a defibrillator for the village.

One of the organisers said that raising well over a **grand** was an amazing result. Thanks to everyone for your incredible support.

thank you!

"A big thank you" from Carole Keenan

I wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who sent me get well cards, flowers and messages offering their help. It was a bit of a shock being rushed into hospital, during the night, for emergency surgery. I'm on the mend now but just need to take things very carefully for the time being. Many thanks to everyone.

A big thank you to Graham H for providing the beautiful plants for the cart outside the Victory Hall. He not only planted but waters the cart regularly so that they bloom and grow. A bright and cheery welcome. Thanks also for watering the Chapel tub at the bottom of the drive. Appreciated! ***Writes Rosemary Chapman***

From a Grateful Resident

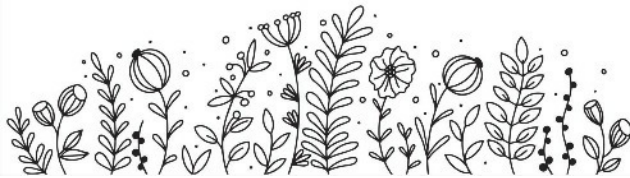
Thank you to all those who worked so hard for many years on the past Flower Show Committee, fully committed to keeping the tradition going. As the new Broadwell Events Committee takes up the baton we wish them well. These community events are really enjoyed by us all and it's important to remember all the hard work and planning involved.

Our Soup Kitchen continues every third Wednesday in the month at the Victory Hall from noon til 1.30pm. All are welcome to join us.

Songs of praise

On September 13th, the day after the annual flower show, Songs of Praise will be held in the Victory Hall at 10.30am, followed by light refreshments.

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



Future Broadwell and Methodist Church events:

Wednesday August 12th,
Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12-noon

Wednesday September 9th
Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12-noon

Sunday, September 13th,
Flower show Community Service at 10.30am at Victory Hall

Sunday, September 20th,
Harvest Thanksgiving at 11am

Monday, September 21st,
Harvest Supper at 7pm

Sunday, December 20th,
Carol Service at 4pm

Harvest Thanksgiving

By Glenys Caunter

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 20th at 11.00am. when The Rev'd Brian Hutton will lead the service.

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 food bank. Flowers, fruit and vegetables will be sold at the auction following the Harvest Supper on Monday evening, September 21st. The chapel will be open from 10.00am on Saturday, September 19th to enable you to deliver your gifts prior to decorating the chapel at 2.00pm - 3.00pm

The Harvest Supper will be held in the chapel on Monday, September 21st at 7.00pm, 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, Wendy Williamson or Glenys Caunter. The price of the supper will £10 for adults and £7.50 for under 16's. Proceeds are in aid of at Broadwell Methodist Church.

Broadwell Methodist Chapel

Preachers & Rotas for

Aug & Sept 2026

***Services are held at 11am
unless otherwise indicated***



**August 2nd The Rev'd Nathan Falla,
Holy Communion**

16th The Rev'd Brian Hutton

30th Fellowship & Coffee

September 13th (Flower Show) Songs of Praise in Victory Hall at **10:30am**

20th Harvest Thanksgiving,
The Rev'd Brian Hutton

Flower Rota:

August **2nd Glenys Caunter**

16th Margaret Webster

September 13th Rachel Sensecall

20th Harvest Thanksgiving

October **4th** Alison Deeming



Cleaning Rota: (week ending)

August 1st Alison Deeming

15th Sharon Barnes

29th Rosemary Chapman

September 19th Carla Tucker

October **3rd** Wendy Williamson



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