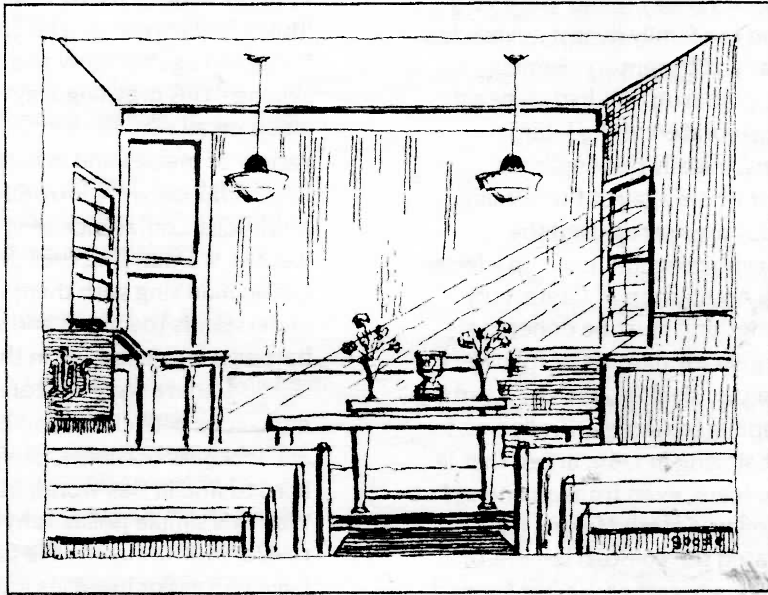


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BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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December 2012/January 2013

Editorial

Methodism was born in song; a 19th century wit described it in these words -'The Methodists are funny birds; they're fond of gathering in herds and when their little Bethel's humming, they think the Blessed Kingdom's coming.'

All of Wesley family were very musical and the family dynasty extended into the early 20th century, Samuel Sebastian, grandson of Charles, being the most celebrated of the later generations. Initially the Anglicans closed their doors against the Wesley brothers but they recognised the Wesleyan reforming influence. In a letter in 1760 the Archbishop of Canterbury wrote 'something must be done; the Sectarists gain a multitude of followers by there better singing', and the Revd Dr Dodd, Chaplain to George III, alluding to Methodist singing in 1769, urged that 'it is lawful to learn, even from an enemy!'

Today, Gareth Malone has demonstrated the spiritual benefit of people singing together. He has formed choirs in schools, in deprived areas and this year in workplaces. Perhaps his greatest success has been the Military Wives Choir. Choral singing is one of the few activities when people can blend together in a common purpose with a sense of real achievement. Singing can be a spiritual experience. *'He started to sing as he tackled the thing that couldn't be done, and he did it'.*

John Wesley was astute enough to recognise that differences in opinions, theological or otherwise, are inevitable and essential to our human existence, for they are the catalyst of change. But differences can also cause disharmony, enmity, distrust and violence. Singing can create harmony and restore trust. Wesley said that Methodists should think

and let think. He urged his followers not to exploit or dominate others for personal gain. 'There is but one question for those who come together in love', he said, 'Is your heart in the right place? If it is, here is my hand'.

So he encouraged people to sing. He wrote a pretty severe set of 'Rules for Singers' and he constantly inveighed against slow and dragging singing -'This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy'. Songs in a variety of metres and in harmony, new to the church, were introduced. The Methodist Conference of 1796 decreed 'Let the women sing their parts alone. Let no man sing with them unless he understands the notes and sings the bass as it is pricked out in the book'.

There were, of course, some difficulties with choirs and both strikes and lockouts occurred, perfection being hard to find in this world, but John Wesley's simple philosophy is still relevant for today. 'In the past year we have had major inquiries into the press, the banks (add the FSA), the police and now the BBC. In the background there is unrest and doubt concerning the behaviour of MPs, along with general dissatisfaction with some government departments. What a mess! Integrity and honesty have been replaced by the love of money.' So wrote a reader in the newspaper recently.

Perhaps Gareth Malone should teach us all to sing. This is my swan song.

Suggested Bible Readings

December

2nd J'miah 33 14-16 & Luke 21 21-36

9th Mal'chi 3 1-4 & Luke 1 68-79

16th Isaiah 12 2-6 & Luke 3 7-18

23rd Micah 5 2-5 & Luke 1 39-45

30th 1 Samuel 2 18-20 & Luke 2 41-52

Christmas Services at Broadwell Methodist Church:

posting it in the box with your cards or handing it to Sylvia or Glenys

On Sunday, December 23rd Deacon Janet Thomas will lead our **Carol Service**, at 6.30pm at Broadwell Chapel.

Please note there will be no morning service.

Miss Gillian Glenn will lead the **Christmas Morning Service** at 10.30am.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our special Christmas Services and assure you of a warm welcome.

Christmas Post Box:

The Christmas Post Box will be in the Chapel porch from December 1st to enable you to have your cards delivered around Broadwell Village and to those living outside the village, who normally attend the chapel. **We regret we are unable to deliver outside this area.**

If you are unable to get to the Chapel but would like to use the post box please hand your cards to a member of the congregation who will post them for you. The last opportunity to post your cards in the box will be Monday, December 17th for delivery before Christmas.

To make sure your cards are delivered correctly **please write both the address and the name** on the envelopes as there are families in the village whose surnames are duplicated.

In lieu of the cost of posting by Royal Mail we invite you to make a donation to **'Action for Children' (NCH)** in appreciation of this service, by putting your contribution in a sealed envelope and

Coffee Morning

The Monthly Coffee Mornings will be held at Broadwell Methodist Church Schoolroom on Wednesdays December 12th and January 9th from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

All are welcome to come along and join us.

Over Sixties' Club

The Christmas Lunch will be on December 13th at the Friendly Inn, Frankton.

On January 30th, at 2.00 pm in the Leamington Hastings Parish Hall, we will be holding our AGM.

Poppy Appeal - Broadwell

The house-to-house collection in Broadwell raised £162.53. David Noon thanks all those who gave so generously.

Glenys

Poppy Appeal-Leamington Hastings

Thank you to all who contributed to the collection of £106.30.

Due to my not being here (Mother contracted Pneumonia!) the collection is less than last year as most people had bought their poppies from other sources before I returned. But as they say every penny helps the appeal to grow.

Valerie

A letter from our Minister

Dear Friends

We reach Advent once again! As usual at this time we find ourselves busy with shopping, card writing and decorations around the house. Advent is such a wonderful time of preparation and although it can be a little fraught at times, it can also be a wonderful time for considering what the coming of that special baby into our world meant, and annually means, to us all. Advent and then Christmas are times of waiting, wonder, hope and re-birth. There is promise and potential and, coupled with the coming of New Year, a real sense of a new beginning. 2012, however good or bad it has been, will be locked away in that epoch of time and 2013 will offer us a new year, a new start, a new beginning.

As will be mentioned in other articles, this may well be the last edition of the Broadwell Mail. If this happens it will be a sad occurrence as it has kept many people in and near Broadwell aware of what is going on both in our churches and the community. It has been the fruit of the labours of several people to whom praise and thanks are due for producing such a good and regular publication. However everything has a life span and it would appear that the Broadwell Mail may be nearing the end of its time.

So it may be that this is a time of beginnings and endings. It would seem impossible though that some method of communication will not keep people informed of what may be going to happen in the locality. Perhaps email or a website may take over where the Broadwell Mail leaves off – who knows what promise and potential may be just around the corner.

Although we may sing the same carols each Christmas, put up the same decorations, read the same passages from the scriptures it is not the same baby who comes to us each year. That is impossible because, as I previously mentioned, each year is locked into history – and so the annual coming of Jesus is a new beginning each and every year. Each year the baby comes into a changed world, whether for better or worse, but never the same.

So as we welcome the new born baby and the New Year of 2013 let's be thankful for what we have enjoyed and experienced in the past but also look forward with ever hopeful hearts to the promise and potential which is ahead of us.

Best wishes

Deacon Janet Thomas

Grandborough Methodist Church

Dunchurch silver band and the Claremont singers will be giving a Christmas Concert in Grandborough Village Hall on Friday December 14th at 7pm. Come and sing your favourite carols. Light refreshments will be served and a collection for Action for Children will be taken. All are most welcome.

Music at Leamington Hastings

The Armonico Consort (Choir)

"Superb" The Times

"A Beautiful Sound" BBC Radio 3

The Choir will perform a programme of Christmas
Music On Saturday

December 15th at 7.00pm

Traditional Christmas refreshment, including mulled wine,
Will be served in the interval

Tickets & Enquiries: David Potts on 07966 584328, or
dpottts@musicatleamingtonhastings.co.uk

BROADWELL YOUTH CLUB

Broadwell Village Hall, 6.30 - 8.00

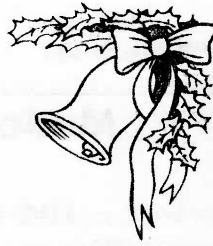
Friday 7 December - Christmas Party

All children welcome.

Calling all parents: The Youth Club is looking for new people to join the organising committee. If you are interested in helping to run the club please get in touch with Clive on 01926 810129 or

candj@harridge.fsworld.co.uk

Broadwell Methodist Church



Christmas Carol Service

**Sunday 23rd December
6.30pm**

Led by Deacon Janet Thomas

**Please join in this devotional
Celebration of Christmas
and stay for coffee**

Come and join in singing some favourite hymns
At a joint Anglican and Methodist
Songs of Praise
in Broadwell Methodist Church
at 7.30 pm
Tuesday 29th January 2013.

Winter Night Shelter for the Homeless 2012/13

Preparations for this year's winter night shelter are progressing well. We start on Saturday 1st December, so RMCC will be the host on the first night. The scheme continues for four months until 31st March, and we will have 18 Saturdays at Rugby Methodist Church Centre.

We have good teams for each session with nearly all last year's volunteers helping again, but any additional help will be welcomed. If you are thinking about it but are hesitating, please do give me a ring and I will explain what is involved.

Thank you for all the donations to buy bedding. We now have 20 sleeping bags, pillows and pillow cases. We have sheets that will be sewn up to make sleeping bag liners. Thanks also to the RMCC property committee for finding storage space for these items. (Storage space is at a premium, as in most churches)

Currently 7 people have volunteered to help with the laundry, but additional offers would still be welcome.

When the scheme starts, offers of home made cakes, fruit pies etc are always gratefully accepted. Our guests appreciate the difference between these and supermarket purchases.

Do telephone or e.mail me if you would like more information or detail and discuss anything, or if you have any other suggestions to make.

Please hold all the work of Hope4, the Day Centre, the Evening Meals and Winter Night Shelter in your prayers.

Stan Bird - phone me on 01788 813162 or e.mail to stan@stanbird.me.uk

A Tribute to Gordon Dean Collett

Gordon, the eldest child of May and Basil Collett, was born in Barby in August on 27th 1931. He was brother to Eileen (Burgess) and Margaret (Webster). The family moved to Grandborough for a while, and later settled in Broadwell at 'Sunnybrae'.

Gordon attended Leamington Hastings School (which he fought to keep open when it was threatened with closure) and, despite being offered a scholarship, he remained at Leamington Hastings School until just before his 14th birthday, when he began work at Malvern Hall Farm.

He married Gladys and brought up his family - Valerie, Philip, David and Angela - whilst farming at Malvern Hall, before moving fully into politics. He was elected to the Rugby borough Council in 1973, was Mayor of Rugby during 1977-78 and became Leader of the Council from 1978 to 1987 and again from 1989 to 1995. He was also elected to the Warwickshire County Council in 1985 and became leader of the Conservative Group in the Council in 1997.

Sadly, his marriage to Gladys came to an end and he later settled in Dunchurch when he married his second wife, Pat. Throughout his life Gordon attended Broadwell Methodist Church but later went to St. Peters Parish Church in Dunchurch, where he was Church Warden until earlier this year.

Gordon could be relied upon to sort out problems. He will be remembered by many in our community as 'a rock' for his support and his dependability in getting a job done. If he could not do something himself, he would 'sing-post' it to others who could, and then check to make sure the matter had been addressed.

Having a certain presence, he was a great debater, speaking eloquently without notes and using many rural anecdotes, for which he was renowned. He was made an Honorary Freeman of the Borough in 1992.

Recently Gordon was diagnosed with cancer and he died at home, as he had wished, on November 4th. He will be remembered as a cheery, whistling, generous man, being very 'down to earth', always taking time to speak and caring about his much loved rural Leam Valley. Like many in our community, I am grateful for his support given to my family and me, whenever it was needed.

Goodnight and God Bless.

Rosemary (Gordon's niece)

MANY THANKS TO OUR RETIRING EDITOR

Bruce Morgan, an inspiring editor for Broadwell Mail for the past two years, has fulfilled his service to our Chapel, Village and Parish with diligence and a new editorial style, and for such, our public appreciation and thanks is well deserved.

As all who know him, or have read his editorial pieces, will have realised, Bruce is an extremely well read and deep thinking scholar. He likes to peruse the writings of great thinkers, followed by discussions with others. This was the motivation for his thought provoking editorial pieces, which have reached out to like minds, and which have had many readers from the Parish and beyond, speak of their appreciation of Broadwell Mail and its cerebral editorials.

Freda

However producing a newsletter requires also deadlines for copy and planning the layout, visits to have the printing done, collating of sheets and distribution to all those volunteer distributors, and we have people willing to help with these tasks. So a volunteer editor would not have to do everything but would be leader of the team. So please let any member of the Chapel know if you are interested, or **telephone Pat or Sylvia Toole on 01926 632874.**

Operation Christmas Child - Christmas Shoebox Appeal

A very big thank-you to everyone who filled shoeboxes, supplied contents for shoeboxes or who gave donations to the Samaritan's Purse annual shoebox appeal to provide gifts at Christmas to disadvantaged children.

This year we collected 27 boxes and received donations amounting to £105. These have been delivered to Rachel and Fred Smythe, the co-ordinators in Rugby. Their team of helpers check all the boxes before crating them up for the onward journey to youngsters who would otherwise not receive any gifts at Christmas.

In today's difficult times, when there are so many charities desperate for support, it's fantastic that residents and friends in and around Broadwell continue to donate so generously to Samaritan's Purse. On behalf of the charity – and the children who will benefit from your kindness at Christmas – a sincere thank-you.

Chrissy Read.

From the Read family:

Chrissy, Keith, Codie and Dora Read send Christmas greetings to all friends and neighbours.

In lieu of sending cards to those we see almost on a daily basis, we are making a donation to buy a new Union Jack for the flagpole on The Green. The old flag has done great service but has suffered the effects of weather. We hope you, like us, enjoy seeing the Union Flag flying in our community.

We wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

ANGLICAN NEWS AND SERVICES

2nd Dec Leamington Hastings Holy Communion 11.00 am
2nd Dec Willoughby Benefice Christingle Service 5.00 pm
8th Dec **Wolfhamcote Carol Concert 4.00 pm**
16th Dec Leamington Hastings Holy Communion 9.00 am
17th Dec **Leamington Hastings Carol Service 6.00 pm**
18th Dec Broadwell Healing Service 7.30 pm
23rd Dec **Willoughby Benefice Holy Communion 10.30 am.**
24th Dec **Leamington Hastings Holy Communion/Carols 11.00 pm**
25th Dec **Flecnoe 9.00 am/ Grandborough 10.30 am**
30th Dec Leamington Hastings Benefice Holy Communion 10.30 am

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6th Jan Leamington Hastings Holy Communion 11.00 am
20th Jan Leamington Hastings Holy Communion 9.00 am
22nd Jan Broadwell Healing Service 7.30 pm
27th Jan Leamington Hastings Evening Worship 6.00 pm
29th Jan **Broadwell Methodist Church - Songs of Praise 7.30 pm**

The Benefice Prayer Group will be meeting on 19th December and 16th January in the Vicarage at Willoughby at 9.30 am.

Welcome A very warm welcome to anyone visiting one of our Churches this Christmas. It will be good to have you with us. If you have any questions or would like to visit, or to know more about our Church services please don't hesitate to ask Jane or the Church Wardens Karen and Andrew. We wish you a holy and happy holiday

Benefice Christingle Service Set the scene for Christmas – Come, bring your children and join us for this joyful and moving Christingle Service, a Celebration of Light on Sunday 2th December in St Nicholas's Church. Willoughby at 5.00pm - Shine a light in the darkness for children this Christmas.

Leamington Hastings Church Christmas Market was:

A TRULY AMAZING DAY WITH a wonderful jolly Father Christmas. An opportunity to view extremely talented local Photographers and Artists work of all ages. A children's corner that kept many busy with decorating biscuits and making finger puppets. Raffle prizes including a London show and a selection of bottles ready for the Christmas celebrations! Christmas cake to guess the weight! (Quite heavy!). Smiley welcome! Plenty of chat! Clearing up, sweeping and vacuuming! **Raising over £700 for the church**

**LEAMINGTON HASTINGS P.C.C. WISH THANK TO ALL WHO TOOK PART
ESPECIALLY MARIE AND ALL HER TEAM, THE STALL HOLDERS AND VISTORS
FROM NEAR & FAR.**

Graveyards Maintenance - I would also like to thank everyone who helped with cutting the grass in both churchyards. Not many churches have to maintain two churchyards so the help was greatly appreciated.

May you all have a Wonderful and Peaceful Christmas.

Valerie

Friday 14th. December-Don't forget the Carol Singing in the Hall

starting at 7.30pm. Santa will be there to join in the singing and afterwards enjoy the Christmas refreshments and a glass, or two of our special mulled wine.

The collection proceeds will be going to Myton Hospice.

Each year we have a full house so don't be late to get a seat.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Stuart Barrie

Leamington Hastings Parish Hall

The management committee would like to thank parishioners, and those outside the parish, for their support at the concert given by Leamington Spa Royal Naval Male Voice Choir.

They are pleased to report that £650 was raised. The money will be added to the fund for the necessary refurbishment of the Parish Hall.

Pat

Broadwell Flower Show Committee AGM

This year the Broadwell Flower Show Committee decided that instead of holding our normal Beetle Drive we would put on another event suitable for families. The main reason for the change was the numbers attending the Beetle Drive had been dropping over the years until we reached a point where the entry fee we were charging was less than the cost of the prizes we were giving out.

After much thought and discussion the committee decided that a suitable event that all the family could enjoy would be a "Quiz Night". So if you have your diaries at the ready make sure you jot down that on the 18th of January at 7:00pm in the Victory Hall there will a "Quiz Night" suitable for all the family. The entry fee will be £1 per person with teams of four, tea and coffee will be provided, but you are also welcome to bring your own refreshments if you wish.

As this edition of the Broadwell Mail is for December and January, on behalf of the Flower Show Committee I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year, and also to say a big thank-you to all of you who helped with, taken part in or spent your money at the events we held during the year.

Martin

Dates for your Diary

Dec 4th Mobile Library, Broadwell (Lily Row) 11.30 am;

Dec 7th Broadwell Youth club, Victory Hall 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Dec 12th Coffee morning at Broadwell Methodist Church from 10.30 to noon

Dec 12th Broadwell book Exchange, The Victory Hall 7.30pm

Dec 14th Community Carols, Victory Hall 7.30 pm

Dec 21st Mobile Library, Leamington Hastings B'bury Rd 1.45 pm; Alms houses

Jan 18th Flower Show Quiz Night, Victory Hall 7.00 pm

Jan 29th Songs of Praise, Broadwell Methodist Chapel 7.30 pm

Postscript

"Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof."

Ecclesiastes, ch 7, verse 8

Preachers appointed for Dec 2012/Jan 2013
Services start at 11 am unless otherwise indicated

December

2nd Keith Hiscock
 9th Rev Ian Rennie, HC
 16th Margaret Geldart
 23rd Deacon Janet Thomas 6.30 pm
 25th Gillian Glenn 10.30 am
 30th Dorn Margetts

January

6th John Kay
 13th John Wright
 20th Rev Clive Fowle/
 Deacon Janet CS
 27th LA

FLOWER ROTA

December

2nd Irene Woodward
 9th Sharon Barnes
 16th Christmas Flowers
 23rd Christmas Flowers
 30th Christmas Flowers

January

6th Valerie Bostock
 13th Rosemary Chapman
 20th Freda Slater
 27th Mavis Randell

CLEANING ROTA

1st Sheila Olorenshaw
 8th Evelyn Royans
 15th Sylvia Toole
 22nd Freda Slater
 29th Valerie Bostock

5th Wendy Williamson
 12th Sharon Barnes
 19th Alison Deeming
 26th Angela Woolliscroft



Leamington Hastings Parish Councillors

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Clive Harridge, Broadwell, 01926 810129

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Jessica Plantier, Kites Hardwick, 01788 522650

Borough & County Councillor Robin Hazelton, Grandborough, 01788 817705

The next Parish Council meeting is on 7th January 2012 in the Parish Hall at 7.00pm

Jennifer

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