

Broadwell mail



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Welcome to the first edition of the New Year !

From the Editor:

This is the penultimate edition of *Broadwell Mail* for which I will be responsible. After almost 20 years at the helm of the magazine, and its predecessor, it's time to hand over to someone with fresh new ideas.

A year ago I gave notice to Members that I felt strongly I should not cling to the Editor's job and thereby preclude younger talent coming to the fore. (My feelings formed the basis of the theme of this column a few months ago).

I am delighted to report that someone considerably younger, extremely skillful in computer skills and significantly more attractive than I is taking over from the April issue. And next month we will introduce you to your new Editor!

In the meantime, I want to express my thanks to all who have helped me since 1987 when I started writing *Broadwell* news columns in *Contact*, the Paddox church magazine edited by Peter Myatt, whose patience and encouragement sustained me for 10 years.

When *Broadwell's* link with Paddox ended, and we came under a different umbrella, we had a month without a newsletter – something that grieved me. So, with support from Glenys Caunter (who was supplying *Contact* with *Broadwell* news) and Sylvia Toole, I launched in December 1998 an A4-folded news sheet.

Feeling it lacked the quality that *Broadwell* deserved – and supported with computer and publishing facilities by MIRA, my then employer – I produced the A5, multi-page, booklet-style publication you still see today. Over the subsequent years there have been a number of compliments from a

wide cross section of readers, for which I am very grateful. However, *Broadwell Mail* would not be half the publication it is without the constant hard work put in by Glenys, to whom I owe a HUGE vote of thanks.

There were, I'm ashamed to say, two complaints – both recent and both over the same submitted couple of paragraphs... To the complainants I repeat my apologies for what, with the benefit of hindsight, I admit was a lack of editorial judgement.

It's been a rewarding 20 years and I now look forward to reading *Broadwell Mail*, rather than producing it, throughout the next two decades!

Keith Read.

Suggested Bible readings

(for weeks beginning):

Feb 3rd, Micah 6 vv 1-8 & Matthew 5 vv 1-12. Feb 10th Genesis 2 vv 15-17 & ch 3 vv 1-7 & Matthew 4 vv 1-11. Feb 17th, Genesis 12 vv 1-4a & John 3 vv 1-17. Feb 24th, Exodus 17 vv 1-7 & John 4 vv 5-42. March 2nd, Exodus 2 vv 1-10 & John 19 vv 25-27. March 9th, Ezekiel 37 vv 1-14 & John 11 vv 1-45. March 16th, Psalm 118 vv 1,2 & 19-29 & Matthew 21 vv 1-11. March 23rd, Acts 10 vv 34-43 & John 20 vv 1-18. March 30th, Acts 2 vv 14a & 22-32 & John 20 vv 19-31.

Prayers for others:

Let us remember those mourning the loss of loved ones, especially thinking of the families of Ken Nicholls, Jeff Elliott, Freda Berry and Judith Baker. We also remember those whose loved ones have been killed in natural disasters and as a result of war and terrorism.

We think of those who have concerns for family members and, as we pray for all who are sick we remember their carers, some of whom are on call 'twenty-four/seven'.

We think of Steve Deeming, who has been in hospital suffering from gall stones – not something anyone wants at any time, let alone a farmer at lambing... Get well soon, Steve.

There are many around the world suffering deprivation through natural disasters and fighting among Nations; we remember them in our prayers, especially the people of Kenya, Pakistan, Zimbabwe and the Middle East.

We think of all who at this time are finding life difficult, the housebound and lonely, those unable to get out and about to meet with other people, as they would wish, either through disability or fear.

Please remember those who will lead and attend the Lent meetings in churches up and down the country, that they may be blessed by the ecumenical fellowship.

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

Amen.

Family news:

John Sensecall wishes to thank you for your get-well wishes and also for your cards and greetings on his 90th birthday, which he celebrated at the end of December. We are pleased that John is making such good progress that he was able to join us

again for the first time, since his accident, at our Christmas morning family service.

Peter and Annegret Morgan are happy and thankful to announce the birth of their fourth grandson. Their daughter, Frances and son-in-law Rob, who live in Christchurch, New Zealand, are the proud parents of Solomon John, who was born on 27th December 2007.

We were sorry to learn of the deaths of Ken Nicholls, of Hill, following a long illness, of our Parish Council Chairman, Jeff Elliott. (see elsewhere in this issue), and of Judith Baker, wife of Brian Baker who, for many years, has been a regular preacher at Broadwell. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families in their sadness.

Freda Berry:

As this issue was going to press, we were saddened to learn of the death, at their home in Grandborough, of our friend Freda Berry, wife of Peter Berry.

To Peter, his children and grandchildren, we offer our sympathy and condolence for their loss.

Christingle service:

Our Christingle service, on 10th December, the first of our Christmas services, was led by The Rev'd Hugh Cade. It was a real pleasure to have so many children and their parents with us for this special service. The collection amounted to £135 and was donated to NCH.

LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER, THE REV'D HUGH CADE.

Dear friends,

Glancing out of my study window into brilliant sunshine I realise that all the berries on the nearest holly tree have already been taken by the birds, mostly blackbirds and pigeons. The farther holly tree, about 30 yards away, still has a good number of berries. The bright winter sun, it is only January, is particularly welcome when darkness is still so long and the remaining berries are most certainly going to be eaten in the many cold days we can expect before the Spring. However, the disappearance of the bright life of the berries does not mean the end of life, as is clear from the number of holly saplings in different parts of the garden.

The usual seasonal longing for warmer, longer days is tempered by the line of snowdrops bursting into flower; a sure reminder that new growth and new life will continue through the year until next winter's slowdown and rest. It is not only in the winter that I am impatient for the next season because – particularly in a hot summer when it is difficult to sleep at night – I can readily long for sharp frosts and snow and the cosiness of a warm home on a winter's night.

But stop! I am rushing through the seasons all too quickly. Experience tells me that the timing of God – even though often I would have it otherwise – is exact and right and true within the all-knowing wisdom which God is. So I am truly grateful for the days of Advent providing the time and opportunity to prepare and to be aware of 'God with us' at Christmas. If that is true for Christmas, how much more important is our time of Lent, a sacred space in the Christian year to dwell on the mystery and power of God. Is it not beyond words to tell that the ways of God's justice was to take all wrongdoing to himself on the cross and by death to overcome sin and death to open the way to everlasting life?

May each of exploit this God-given time of Lent to grow in understanding that the apparent disappearance of life does not mark the end. but rather the way for new life in Christ which is life in all its fullness.

With love, joy and peace,

Hugh.

Find the Way Walking Club:

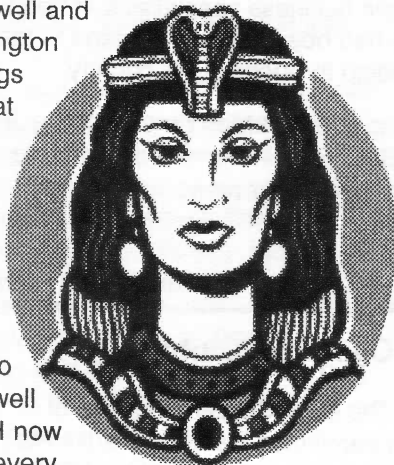
A programme of walks is being arranged. Please contact Freda Slater on 01926 632491 for details of dates and starting places.

Parish Public Rights of Way:

Obstructions, lack of access etc to footpaths, stiles and gates should be reported to The Community Paths Officer, Marina Kirchem, on 01926 413422 or access on-line at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk

Make a date with 'Cleopatra':

Cleopatra is the name of the new mobile library that visits Broadwell and Leamington Hastings on what is now known as Route H...



Visits to Broadwell and LH now occur every three weeks and the library van is in the village for 20 minutes, from 10.55 until 11.15am. It stops at The Row, on the corner of Hayway Lane.

Once every three weeks means there will be only one visit per month to

Broadwell in February and March. To renew books between visits please phone 01926 851031 or you can renew your books on-line at www.warwickshire.gov.uk

Dates of our visits by Cleopatra are:

Broadwell, Wednesday, 20th February and Wednesday 12th March.

Leamington Hastings, Wednesday 27th February and Wednesday 19th March.

Times for Leamington Hastings are: 9.30-9.45am at Birdingbury Road; 9.50-10.10am just off the T-junction; 10.15-10.35am at the Alms Houses, and 11.00-11.15am at the Swedish Houses.

These revised times will not suit everyone but you are urged to please use the library if you can, as it is a valuable asset to our villages and could disappear if not fully utilised.

Circuit Meeting:

The next Circuit Meeting will take place at Lutterworth Methodist Church at 7.30pm on Thursday, 6th March.

Good Friday walk:

This year's Good Friday Walk, with meditation, is on 21st March. We will walk from Broadwell Chapel to All Saints Church, Leamington Hastings. The walk begins at 1pm from the Chapel.

Jeff Elliott – Chairman, Leamington Hastings Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council were all very shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of their Chairman, Jeff Elliott, on 24th January. Jeff had been a member of the Parish Council since May 1995 and had been Chairman since May 2007.

He had taken a great interest in the recent flooding problems and, together with Paul Fennell, had spent a lot of time checking drains and ditches.

Jeff was a quiet, sincere gentleman and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joan at this time.

Jennifer Turner - Clerk to the Parish Council.

Jeff, who was in his mid-60s and had recently retired, moved to Leamington Hastings with his wife, Joan, almost a quarter of a century ago. He renovated their home at *The Lawns* to the most exacting of standards – something that came easily to a man who knew building inside out and, as a lecturer at Coventry University (formerly the Lanchester Polytechnic), had helped many students to go on to meaningful careers within the industry.

He was equally fastidious over the gardens that surround *The Lawns*, ensuring with meticulous detail that everything was neat and tidy, not to mention spectacular irrespective of the seasons.

After retiring from lecturing, Jeff ran his own business specialising in flood-relief schemes. His skills and knowledge had been in great demand of late following the widespread incidents of flooding throughout the country.

At the time of his sudden demise – working in the garden he so loved – Jeff and Joan were hoping to buy a home in Broadwell in a move designed to reduce some of the pressures of maintaining a larger property.

Please remember Joan in your prayers.

Keith Read – Editor

Local Information:

The Tuesday market bus to Southam, run by Quartz, no longer calls at Broadwell, due to lack of support.

During the building of the new village hall the notice board from the Victory Hall can be found on Stuart Barrie's fence, opposite the hall.

Over 60s' Club:

The Over Sixties' Club met at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall on January 30th for their AGM.

The February meeting will be on the 27th, when members are invited to afternoon tea at The Almshouses, Leamington Hastings, from 2.30pm.



School News:

We are pleased that the school has, for the second year running, been awarded the 'Activemark' in recognition of our commitment to sport.

During the first half of the current term our topic has been toys. One of the highlights was a visit, on 17th January,

from staff from the St John's Toy Museum in Warwick who taught us about toys and how they have changed over the years.

The school is this term continuing its partnership with Warwick University and will be welcoming a teacher training student, Miss Debra Garvey, who joins us for the second half of the term when we return after the half-term break.

Lent Lunch/Coffee Morning:

Lent Lunches are being arranged around The Leam Valley Benefice, with the first being held on Wednesday, 13th February, at Broadwell Methodist Church from 11.30am until 1pm.

Proceeds will be in aid of the Rugby Churches Homelessness Focus Group, 'Hope 4'. The group has been running a soup kitchen in Rugby for two years and is now looking towards obtaining permanent premises to work from and provide a Drop-In Centre for the homeless in Rugby.

Please note that the Lent Lunch will be in place of the usual Coffee Morning and the next Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday, 12th March, from 10.30am until 12-noon.

Lent Meetings:

Lent meetings will be held on Ash Wednesday 6th February, at Willoughby; Friday 15th February, at Grandborough Chapel; Wednesday,

20th February at Grandborough Church; Wednesday 27th February at Flecknoe; Wednesday 5th March at Broadwell Chapel and Wednesday 12th March at Leamington Hastings Parish Church.

All are invited to come along to these meetings, which begin at 7.30pm.

Church Council:

The Annual Church Meeting and Church Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th February at 7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom. If you are required to give a report please remember to bring it with you or, if you are unable to attend, hand it to Sylvia before the meeting.

World Church Service:

We look forward to our World Church service on Sunday, 17th February, when The Rev'd Clive Fowle will lead the service and tell us of his close links with charity work in Croatia. The service begins at 11am and, as always, all are welcome.

Christmas post box:

Once again our Christmas post box was well used. More than 360 cards were sorted and delivered well before Christmas Day. We thank those who gave donations, in lieu of postage, amounting to £33.50. This was donated to NCH.

Carol service:

The Carol Service, conducted by The Rev'd Hugh Cade, was another happy occasion and, as always, was well attended. We were delighted that so many visitors and friends from other churches were able to join us and, were able to stay a little longer to chat while refreshments were served.

The collection, in aid of chapel funds amounted to £133.60.

Christmas day service:

We were pleased to welcome Miss Gillian Glenn to conduct our Christmas morning service of All Age Worship. As has been the custom for many years, the total collection of £91.10 has been donated to Bilton House Free Church Residential Home.

Mothering Sunday:

We invite you all to join us for our special Mothering Sunday Family Service at Broadwell Methodist Church on 2nd March at 11am, when Mrs Margaret Geldart, of Daventry, will lead our service.

We hope many of the children and their parents will be able to join us. The children will, as usual on this special day, present the ladies of the congregation with flowers.

Easter Lilies:

Brenda Law writes: If you would like Easter Lilies to be put in Leamington Hastings Church in memory of your loved ones, please would you give your donations to Doreen Wadland or Brenda Law.

If possible, make your donations before March 11th – the day they have to be ordered as Easter is early this year.

Thank you.

Broadwell Open Gardens & Scarecrow Trail:

At the meeting held on January 22nd it was decided to proceed with another Open Gardens event with a Scarecrow Trail on similar lines to previous years. The proposed date is Sunday, June 22nd 2008 from 12noon until 6pm.

Light lunches and teas will be available and refreshments will be served in some of the open gardens. Various stalls and attractions will be spread around the village.

Help will be required, on the day, with catering, manning stalls and car parking etc., and prior to the event with making scarecrows and cakes

and all the other numerous jobs necessary to ensure that such an event runs smoothly. Some people have already volunteered to open their gardens but it would be nice if more feel they could participate in this way.

Slips, giving details and requesting your co-operation and support, will be distributed around the village to be completed and returned before the next meeting on **Monday, March 11th at 7.45pm in the Chapel schoolroom**, when we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Open Gardens 2006 DVD:

You may like to take another look at Open Gardens 2006, which turned out to be a glorious hot summer day, by purchasing a copy of a DVD produced by Derek Knightbridge.

The price of the DVD is £6, of which £5 will be donated to furnishing the new village Hall. If you would like a copy please contact Derek.

L H & Birdingbury WI:

On Thursday 6th March the speaker will be Mr Louders, whose subject will be 'Waste Disposal'.

WI meetings are normally held at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall on the first Thursday of each month, commencing at 7.30pm. There is a varied programme and new members are always welcome.

Bus services:

Quartz bus runs Tuesdays only, departing Leamington Hastings Alms Houses 9.45am arriving at Southam 10am. **Please note this bus no longer calls at Broadwell.**

The return journey departs Southam at 12noon.

DeCourcy buses to Rugby run Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, departing Broadwell at 9.27am and Leamington Hastings at 9.31am.

Thursdays only – it departs Broadwell at 9.20am and Leamington Hastings at 9.24am.

The return journey, at same time each day, departs Rugby from Clifton Road, Stand B, at 12.05pm and from North Street, Stand E, at 12.07pm.

Anglican Services in Leamington Hastings Parish & Combined Benefice Services:

February

3rd	Holy Communion 10.30am at LH.
10th	Holy Communion 8am at Broadwell.
17th	Morning Prayer 10.30am at LH.
24th	Holy Communion 9am at LH.

LH & Birdingbury Home Communion:

Home Communion, for anyone in the parishes who is unable to attend

church or would like Communion during the week, is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 10.30am. For further information, or if you would like a lift to the venue, please contact Valerie Smith on 01926 634340.

Circuit Events:

Events listed are at the various Methodist Churches unless otherwise indicated.

Each

Friday Rendezvous, with coffee, scones and company, 10-11.30am at RMCC.

Each

Wednesday Coffee Drop-In, 10am-12noon at Lutterworth.

February:

- 12th Praise, fellowship and prayer, 6.30pm at Paddox.
- 13th Lent Lunch in aid of Hope4, 11.30am-1pm at Broadwell.
- 14th Praise Evening, 7.45pm at Daventry.
- 16th Valentine Dinner, 7.45pm at Daventry.
- 16th Robin Hood Pantomime, 3.30pm & 6.30pm at Bilton.
- 23rd Coffee morning in aid of Fire-Fighters Fund, 10am-12noon at Long Lawford.

For a full list of events please see the notice in the Chapel porch.

Dates for your diary:

February:

- 6th Mobile Library at LH.
- 6th Lent Meeting 7.30pm Willoughby.
- 12th Church Council & Annual Church Meetings 7.30pm Broadwell Chapel.

- 13th Lent Lunch 11.30am-1pm Broadwell Chapel.
- 15th Lent Meeting 7.30pm Grandborough Chapel.
- 17th Missions Service 11am Broadwell Chapel.
- 20th Mobile Library 10.55-11.15am Broadwell.
- 20th Lent Meeting 7.30pm Grandborough Church.
- 27th Over 60s' Club 2.30pm LH Almshouses.
- 27th Mobile Library at LH.
- 27th Lent Meeting 7.30pm Flecknoe.

March:

- 2nd Mothering Sunday Service 11am Broadwell Chapel.
- 5th Lent Meeting 7.30pm Broadwell Chapel.
- 6th Circuit Meeting 7.30pm Lutterworth.
- 6th WI Meeting 7.30pm LH Parish Hall.
- 11th Open Gardens Meeting 7.45pm Broadwell Chapel.
- 12th Coffee Morning 10.30am-12noon Broadwell Chapel.
- 12th Mobile Library 10.55-11.15am Broadwell.
- 12th Lent Meeting 7.30pm LH Church.
- 19th Mobile Library at Leamington Hastings.
- 21st Good Friday Walk starting 1pm Broadwell Chapel.
- 26th Over 60s' Club.

Glenys Caunter.

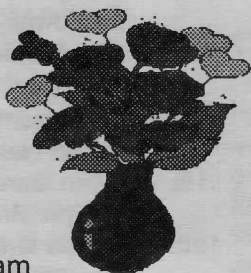
NB: Please send news and copy for the March issue to Glenys by Friday 22nd February at the latest.

PREACHERS APPOINTED FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH 2008

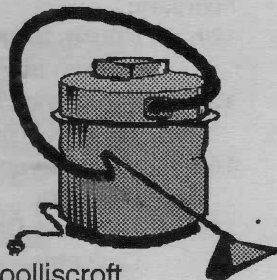
All services start at 11am unless otherwise indicated

Feb 3rd	Mr John Kay.
Feb 10th	Holy Communion , The Rev'd Hugh Cade.
Feb 17th	World Church Sunday , the Rev'd Clive Fowle
Feb 24th	Miss Brenda Hole.
March 2nd	Mothering Sunday , Mrs Margaret Geldart.
March 9th	Mr Derek Lill.
March 16th	The Rev'd Hugh Cade.
March 23rd	Easter Sunday, Holy Communion , The Rev'd Kenneth Renouf.
March 30th	Mr Alan Kirkham.

Flower rota



Cleaning rota



February:

3rd	Joyce Latham
10th	Glenys Caunter
17th	Alison Deeming
24th	Monica Sensecall

February:

2nd	Angela Woolliscroft
9th	Rosemary Chapman
16th	Monica Sensecall
23rd	Margaret Shaw

March:

2nd	Gladys Collett
9th	Sheila Olorenshaw
16th	Evelyn Royans
23rd	Sylvia Toole
30th	Daphne Morgan

March:

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

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