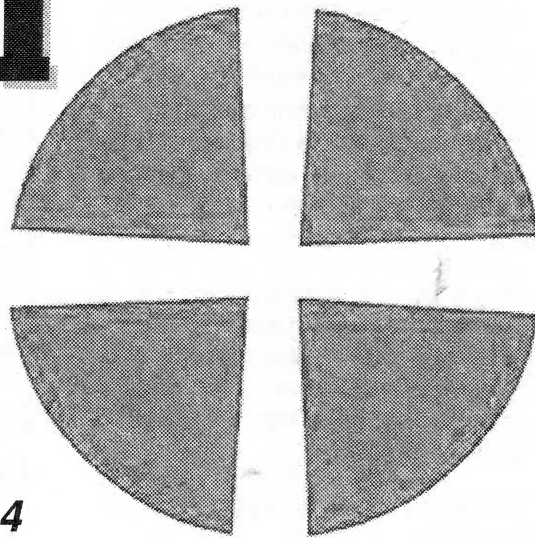


Broadwell mail

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February/March 2014



BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Editor's chair

It might be February but, as this is the first issue of 2014, a very Happy New Year to all readers! Hope it's a good one for you and all yours...

For some of us, 2014 started by attending funerals – not the most enjoyable way to bring in a new year. However, few who bade farewell to Simon Woodward, commending him to God's care in the Chapel on 10th January, can fail to admit that it was a truly joyous occasion.

The Chapel has never before seen a funeral service quite like Simon's, and probably won't see another... But it has certainly left me with a different attitude towards the one church service that has troubled me for most of my life.

Thank you Simon – and all your loving, caring, family.

Keith Read,
Temporary Editor.

Suggested Bible Readings: (for weeks beginning)

February: 2nd, Micah 6, vv 1-8 & Matthew 5, vv 1-12; **9th,** Isaiah 58, vv 1-9a & Matthew 5, vv 13-20; **16th,** Deuteronomy 30, vv 15-20 & Matthew 5, vv 21-37; **23rd,** Leviticus 19, vv 1,2 & 9-18 & Matthew 5, vv 38-48.

March: 2nd, Exodus 24, vv 12-18 & Matthew 17, vv 1-9; **9th,** Genesis 2, vv 15-17, Ch 3, vv 1-7 & Matthew 4, vv 1-11; **16th,** Genesis 12, vv 1-4a & John 3, vv 1-17; **23rd,** Exodus 17, 1-7 & John 4, vv 5-42; **30th,** Exodus 2 vv 1-10 & John 19 vv 25-27.

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Your news for April and May, 2014, for *Broadwell Mail*:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by Friday 21st March at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Saturday 29th March.

Editions are published every two months. But please send Keith any news or other contributions at any time – early copy always gets a good showing! His e-mail address is:

keithrread@aol.com (Take care to get two Rs in the middle!) Or jot down your contribution and drop it at Hawthorn Cottage. Thank you!

Remember in Prayer:

We continue to remember all who are ill, especially those known to us, and those within our community. We pray that they and their carers may have the strength to cope with difficult circumstances.

We pray for comfort for those suffering the loss of loved ones, thinking especially of the families of Simon Woodward and John Middleton.

We remember all who are unable to get out and about as they would wish, those who are lonely, the elderly and those who are handicapped.

Coffee Mornings:

Coffee Mornings will be held on Wednesdays February 12th and March 12th in the Chapel Schoolroom. If you are free on these

mornings we invite you to join us at any time between 10.30am and 12-noon.

Our Coffee Mornings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month and all are welcome. Please join us for coffee/tea and light refreshments and, of course, a friendly chat.

Over Sixties' Club:

At our February meeting, on the 26th at LH Parish Hall, we will welcome Mr Fred Maloney, who will be speaking about evacuees from London. As some of these were billeted in LH Parish during the second world war, this promises to be an interesting meeting. The meeting begins at 2pm.

New members and visitors are, as always, welcome to join us.

In place of our March 26th meeting, we will be having a Lunch Outing. Details will be circulated nearer the date.

No cards – for charity!

In lieu of sending Christmas cards to friends and neighbours, we made three equal donations (Gift-Aided where appropriate) to The Shoebox Appeal, Broadwell Methodist Church and Broadwell Green & Victory Hall.

Chrissy, Keith, Codie & Dora Read.

Thank you:

Gordon and Irene Woodward and family wish to thank you for your kind thoughts, messages of sympathy, your prayers and your donations to

the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance in memory of Simon.

Thelma Gee, who suffered a mild stroke before Christmas, thanks you for all your get-well messages and the beautiful flowers and other gifts she received. We are pleased that Thelma is making a good recovery.

David Noon, on behalf of **The British Legion**, wishes to thank all who donated to the Poppy Appeal. The amount collected around Broadwell was £136-72.

Finally, a big thank you to David, who has organised the Poppy Collection in Broadwell for 40 years, and is now retiring.

LH Parish Council:

The next meeting is on Monday 3rd March at 7pm at LH Parish Hall.

Thanks to all our Parish Councillors, and the Clerk, for what they do on our behalf. A special word of thanks to Chairman Paul Fennell for securing new village signs for Broadwell.

Despite the efforts of Borough Council staff some years ago, evidence of the vile graffiti spray-painted by hooligans on the Hayway Lane sign had remained faintly visible, especially in the glare of headlights after dark.

Chapel AGM:

Broadwell methodist Church AGM will be held in the Chapel Schoolroom at 7.30pm on Monday 17th February, followed by a Church Council meeting.

MINISTER'S LETTER: FROM DEACON JANET THOMAS

Dear friends,

Although you will be reading this about a month into the New Year, it is the first time I have had the opportunity to write a letter since we entered 2014. As often happens at the dawn of a New Year, our TVs and newspapers remind us of notable occurrences throughout the past year. They list all manner of subjects – who has been born and who has died, what political parties have been up to, what world crises have come about – to name but a few. What they all have in common is that they remind us life cannot remain static.

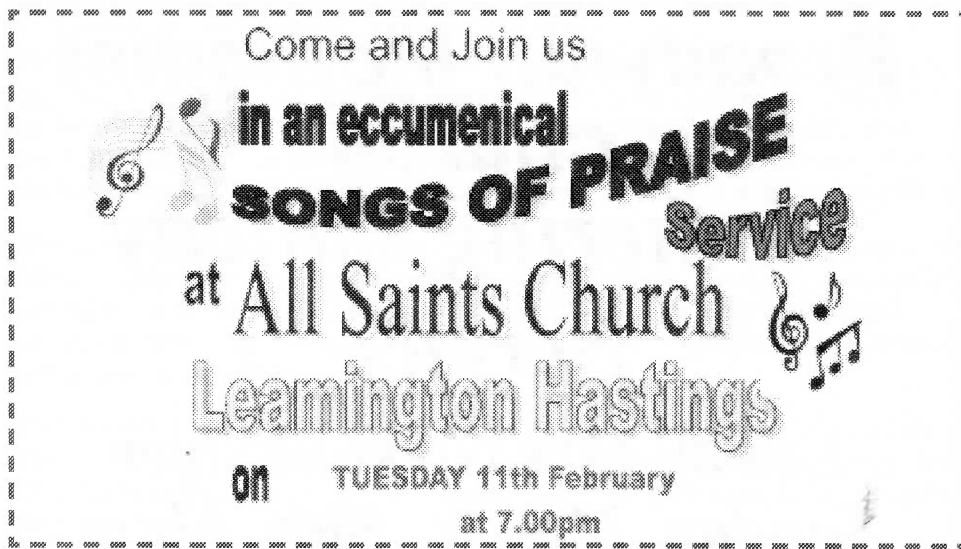
As human beings we are not too fond of change, although it can be exciting and positive it can also be difficult and upsetting. Whether the change is good or bad it always means that we have to adjust our lives, that we have to build a new 'normal' to take on board that which has changed. We may struggle with it but it is inevitable and we have to try to find a way to move forward.

New Year can be a time of reflection so if we do look back what might we see? We will all have to acknowledge that we have aged a year and that can have health implications. Some of us will have had a 'mill pond' year with very little change whilst others will have had major events within their year. As we look back and see how our lives have changed in the last year we also need to think about how we may adapt ourselves to the future. What are our hopes, fears, dreams and intentions? How will we adjust and cope?

Whatever has happened within the last year and whatever may happen in the next, the people of the Methodist Church would like to feel that they can hold you and all your life events in prayer. Our church, like every other aspect of our lives, cannot remain static. We cherish the times when we can rejoice in good news and hold precious the times when we can be alongside you during tough times. Please let us know how we can pray or help.

Sincerely,

Janet



Ecumenical Lent Course, 2014 – ‘Build on the Rock’

All are invited to join the Leam Valley ecumenical Lent Course entitled, ‘Build on the Rock’. All meetings start at 7.30pm.

Session 1 – *Leaving and Doubting*, Tuesday, 11th March at Broadwell Methodist Church.

Session 2 – *Jesus our Teacher*, Wednesday, 19th March at Willoughby Church.

Session 3 – *Jesus our Saviour*, Thursday 27th March at Flecknoe (at the home of Andrew Grant).

Session 4 – *Jesus – Conqueror of Death*, Wednesday, 2nd April at Grandborough Church.

Session 5 – *Jesus – Lord and Brother*, Monday, 7th April in the Community Room at LH Alms Houses. (This venue might be subject to change).

To conclude the course there will be a Lent Lunch at Broadwell Methodist Church on Wednesday 9th April, from 12-noon until 1-30pm. Again, all are very welcome.

Sylvia Toole.

John Skene Middleton: June 3rd 1935 – 15th January 2014

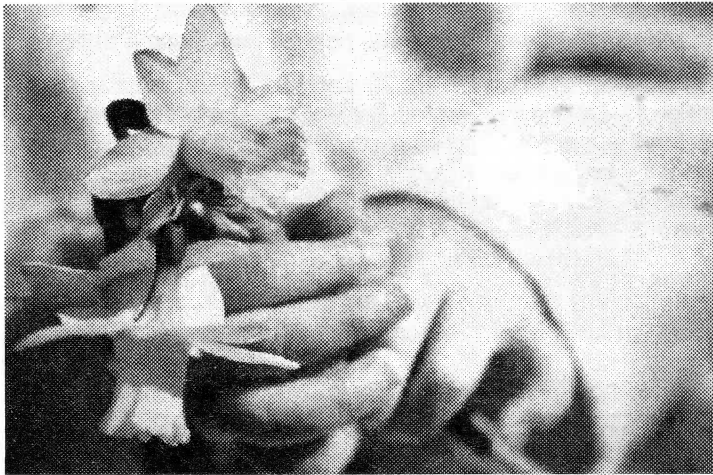
The service of celebration of the life of John Middleton is at All Saints Parish Church, LH, at 2.30pm on Friday 7th February. His family request that those attending dress to reflect the cheerfulness that John always appreciated.

John was known to many in Broadwell as the man who brought his large and impressive model railway to our Open Gardens events. The extensive layout filled Charles Olorenshaw's garage, capturing the imagination of many youngsters – and their Dads!

John died in hospital on January 15th. He had been unwell for some time, although the seriousness of his condition was only diagnosed towards the end of last year. He is survived by his wife, Sue, their children Kirsty, Ian and Lindsay and three granddaughters.

**Broadwell Methodist
Church**
*Mothering Sunday
Service*

*Led by Mrs Nikki Sawyer
Sunday March 30th 11am*



Flowers provided – All Welcome

New arrival at Brookside Cottage:

Congratulations to Joe and Elizabeth Twinn on the arrival of their first child, a son. Henry William came into the world on 22nd November – some 16 days later than he was expected! He weighed in at 4.03 kilos (almost 9lbs in old money!) and has continued to grow into a bonny baby. By the end of January Henry was up to 6kilos (13lbs 4oz) and in clothes designed for a 6-month-old!

Trustees of Broadwell Green and Hall:

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair, the Bingo night and the Quiz night. All were very well attended and the Fair and Bingo provided additional funds towards the hall's running costs. Thank you to Santa, who found time in his busy schedule to visit the village and open his Grotto in the Victory Hall. As usual, the children couldn't wait to get their present from him!

The Quiz night was a real success. Everyone seemed to have a good time and Martin's questions certainly got us thinking. A big thank you to Les Baldwin for donating the six bottles of bubbly, which we raffled. The night raised £104, which has been donated to the Side-by-Side Theatre, a local charity for adults with learning difficulties..

Our diary of events for 2014 are: Plant Sale on 17th May; Family BBQ on the Green on 14th June; Christmas Fair and Bingo evening on 29th November and Quiz Night and Carols on 12th December. Look out for further details in future editions of the *Broadwell Mail*.

Stuart Barrie

Flower Show Committee

On the 20th January the Flower Show committee had their first planning meeting for the events this year. The first of which is a pancake bingo evening in the Victory Hall on Friday 28th February at 7:30pm. In addition, the committee spent some time discussing the Summer Show (on Saturday 6th September) which we are going to re-vamp somewhat, whilst still trying to keep the 'village show' feeling to the event. All the ideas are starting to coalesce into a general plan, although there is still a lot to do.

I would like to thank all of you who came along to the meeting and to put forward your ideas. It was very much appreciated.

For those of you who wish to join in with the planning, the next Flower Show Committee meeting is on the 17th March at 7:45pm in the Victory Hall. You will be made very welcome, don't be shy!

At the AGM, held on 18th November last year, secretary Kate Thomas, treasurer Helen Hargreaves, myself (Martin Wibberley) as chairman and the committee were all re-elected. It was agreed that a £200 donation from proceeds of the Flower Show on 7th September 2013 is to be made to a local charity and Members are considering the options.

The date of next AGM is Monday 17th November 2014 while the Spring Show is on Saturday 12th April, and the Quiz Night is on Saturday 21st June. Hope to see you all at these events, which are for all the village!

Martin Wibberley

Simon Woodward 21 April 1973 - 21st December 2013

'A beautiful day'

A TRIBUTE BY KEVIN SMITH.

Simon's favourite saying was: "It's a beautiful day." And we can quite believe that every day in Simon's life was beautiful. In his eyes, everything was beautiful and everything was great. He saw the world in the way most of us would like to see it – no worries, no danger, just good fun.

We live next door to Gordon and Irene, Simon's mum and dad. Cheryl and I moved to Broadwell in 2001 with our two young daughters. We were made very welcome by the Woodward's over tea and biscuits as our families got to know each other. Simon had Down's syndrome and we'd never really spent any time with someone with this disability. Simon was about to change all that...

As we worked on our house we'd see Simon in his garden, holding his cassette-player with the music on full blast, singing as he walked. His dad was never far behind, ready with a glass of juice and a few ball games for Simon's day in the garden.

A couple of years later, we had a baby daughter, and our three girls started to grow up with Simon. Often they would go round to his house where Gordon would sit them down with a glass of juice and a couple of biscuits. Simon would be upstairs in his bedroom playing CDs. Yet, somehow, despite all the noise of the music he would know that there were people downstairs – his cue to give the floor a couple of good thumps as if to say "I'm up here, come up and see me!" He was always so excited to see you, shouting your name out and telling you to sit down and listen to the music he was playing. All his CDs would be spread all over his bed.

When our children were in the garden in the summer, Simon would be on his swinging chair, shouting out their names. The girls would go to the fence and chat with him, something he greatly enjoyed and always found amusing. At the end of the day, when it was time to go in, Simon would say he wanted Harriet or Tillie to take him down to his house. But first he'd suggest a two legged race or a ball game – anything, in fact, that would delay the inevitable and prolong his enjoyment of the warm summer sun!

These are all so many good memories – beautiful memories.

Cheryl, Harriet, Tillie, Eliza-may and I are all so grateful that we had the chance to spend time with such a lovely young man as Simon. He has given our children something special, because the Simons of this world are very special.

They have hearts that are big enough for everyone – and full of beautiful days.

Jenny's violin challenge:

One of three pieces in a forthcoming performance by the WSO (Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra) will be 'extremely challenging' for amateur violinist, Jenny Maynard, from Hill.

"We're doing Tchaikovsky's Capriccio Italien, Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 3 and Debussy's La Mer on Saturday 8th March at Warwick School," says Jenny, a Senior Teaching Fellow in accountancy at Warwick University Business School. "I'm really looking forward to Debussy's La Mer, it's such a wonderfully evocative work – but it's going to be extremely challenging! I have played it before, but that was some time ago!"

Jenny first played with the WSO in 1991, but left nine years later. In 2011 she rejoined the orchestra, which is known for its varied repertoire. "I hope many of the classical music enthusiasts living locally will take in this concert," says Jenny. "We're really lucky to have Peter Donohoe, the international piano virtuoso and Friend and Patron of the WSO, as guest conductor. And Philip Martin, the celebrated Irish pianist, is returning to perform the Rachmaninov concerto."

The performance, in the Guy Nelson Hall, starts at 7.30pm. For tickets call 01926 850385 or go online at www.wso.org.uk

Victory Hall 100 Club:

The last of the draws for 2013 took place at the end of December. The number drawn for November was

89 – and the winner was Sam Deeming. For December, number 40 – belonging to Sam and Doreen Wadland – was drawn.

Congratulations to all our winners!

A list of winning numbers for the last six months of 2013 is now on the village notice board, and also on our Victory Hall website:

www.broadwellvictoryhall.org.uk

as well as on our twitter feed:

@broadwellhall

Committee members will be touring the village over the next week or so to collect your numbers for the next six months.

Thank you all for your support.

Martin Wibberley

Mothering Sunday:

We invite you to join us for our special service of All Age Worship on Mothering Sunday, March 30th, at 11am.

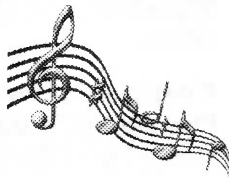
The service will be led by Mrs Nikki Sawyer. As is the custom at Broadwell Methodist Church, flowers will be presented to all mums and ladies in the congregation.

All are welcome to come along and enjoy this family service.

Songs of Praise:

The Leam Valley Ecumenical 'Songs of Praise' will be at All Saints' Church, Leamington

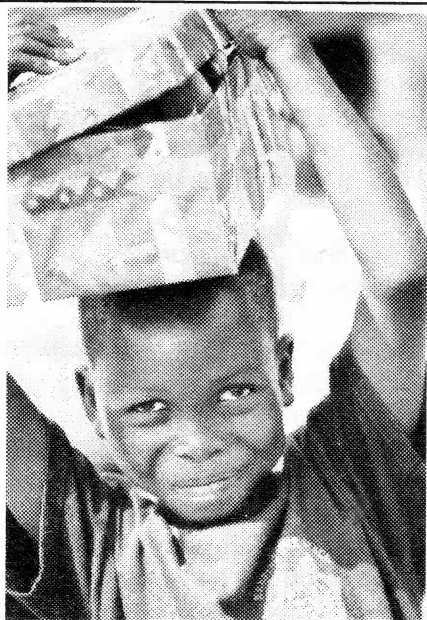
Hastings, on Tuesday February 11th at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome!



Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal:

Very many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Shoebox Appeal, either by donating filled boxes, giving items to put in boxes or by making donations of money to help fund the shipping of boxes to their respective destinations..

As you can imagine, the shoeboxes are gratefully received by children around the world, including here at home where, sadly, there are still youngsters who get nothing but one of these boxes at Christmas... Almost all the children who receive your gifts live in poverty and without families. For them there would be no prospect of something to smile about at Christmas without what you do for them.



On their behalf, many, many thanks.

Chrissy Read.

Messy Church – Angels and Stars everywhere!

By Rachel Astley

Our December meeting of Messy Church provided all the children great fun in producing their own Christmas decorations. I'm sure our tree was not the only one that had both angels and stars competing for the top spot!

My children come away so proud of the crafts they have produced and our house has many of their creations on show as a reminder of the fun events at Messy Church and the Christian values they learn about.

January was an opportunity for the children (and some parents!) to get really Messy in a gooey, jelly 'sin bin'. Behind the fun was the theme of Jesus's baptism and the children made edible candles, clay doves and puffy paint hearts.

It has been lovely each month since we started to welcome new children and their parents to our Messy Church. We meet every second Saturday of the month from 10am to 11.30am, at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Broadwell. If you have not been before, please do let your children bring you along. Our next meeting is on the 8th February. Hope to see you there!

Cash for cancer research:

Mary Harrison and Maria Leret want to thank everyone who supported their Breast Cancer fund-raising at Marton Village Hall on 17th October last year.

The items supplied – and subsequently bought – plus the sale of raffle tickets raised £901-45. "An excellent result and many thanks to all who contributed in any way," they add.

Broadwell Methodist Church donations:

Thank you to all who decorated the Chapel for Christmas. It was wonderful to welcome so many to our Christmas services, and your generosity has made it possible to send £90 to 'Action for Children'.

This includes donations totalling £42-50 in the post box which, in the run up to Christmas, was used by more people than ever.

Traditionally, our Christmas Day service collection is donated to Bilton House Free Church Home for the Aged. Following the service, £103 was sent to Bilton House.

Sylvia Toole.

Anglican services & events:

(Services at All Saints unless otherwise stated).

February:

- 2nd 11am, Holy Communion
- 8th 10am, Messy Church, at CofGS, Broadwell
- 11th 7pm, Songs of Praise at LH
- 16th 9am, Holy Communion
- 23rd 6pm, Evening Worship

March:

- 2nd 11am, Family Service
- 5th 7pm, Grandborough, Ash Wednesday
- 8th 10am, Messy Church, at CofGS, Broadwell
- 16th 9am, Holy Communion
- 18th 7.30pm, Healing Service, at CofGS, Broadwell
- 23rd 7pm Amici Choir at LH
- 30th 10.30am, at Willoughby, Mothering Sunday Benifice Service

Dates for your diary:

February:

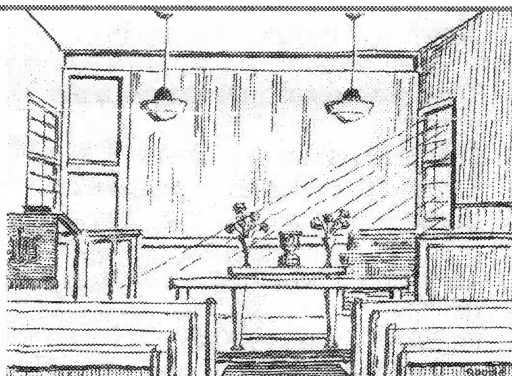
- 8th 10am, Messy Church, at CofGS, Broadwell
- 11th 7pm, Ecumenical Songs of Praise at LH
- 12th Coffee morning, Broadwell Chapel, 10.30am to 12-noon.
- 17th 7.30pm, Broadwell Methodist Church AGM followed by Church Council meeting
- 26th Over 60s' Club, 2pm, LH Parish Hall

March:

- 8th 10am, Messy Church, at CofGS, Broadwell
- 8th 7.30pm, WSO Concert, Guy Nelson Hall, Warwick School.
- 12th Coffee morning, Broadwell Chapel, 10.30am to 12-noon.
- 17th 7.45pm, Flower Show committee planning meeting, Victory Hall. All welcome.
- 23rd 7pm Amici Choir at LH
- 26th Over 60s' Club Lunch Outing
- 30th 11am, Mothering Sunday Service at Broadwell Methodist Chapel. All welcome.

Preachers at the Chapel in February & March

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



Feb 2nd	Deacon Janet Thomas – Holy Communion
Feb 9th	Mr Keith Hiscock
Feb 16th	Mr Jeff Wells
Feb 23rd	Mr John Wright
March 2nd	Mr Brian Baker
March 9th	Deacon Janet Thomas – Holy Communion At 6.30pm, Circuit Service at RMCC.
March 16th	Miss Gillian Glenn
March 23rd	Mrs Margaret Geldart
March 30th	Mrs Nikki Sawyer – Mothering Sunday

Flower rota

Cleaning rota

February:

2nd	Monica Sensecall
9th	Sheila Olorenshaw
16th	Gladys Collett
23rd	Evelyn Royans

March:

2nd	Sylvia Toole
9th	Daphne Morgan
16th	Irene Woodward
23rd	Sharon Barnes
30th	Valerie Bostock

February:

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

March:

1st	Wendy Williamson
8th	Sharon Barnes
15th	Alison Deeming
22nd	Angela Woolliscroft
29th	Rosemary Chapman

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