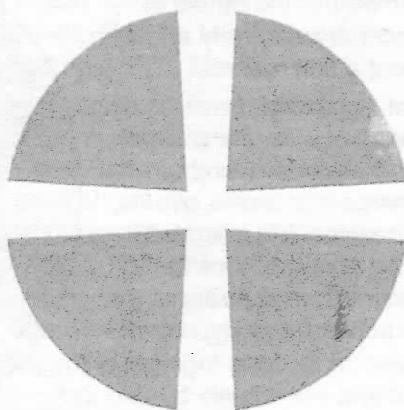


Broadwell mail

*Church and community
news brought to you by
Broadwell Methodist Church.*

**February & March
2019**



Sylvia Wynne Toole

29th October 1936 – 10th December 2018

BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Editor

I make no apologies for the changed format of this edition of *Broadwell Mail*. Sylvia Toole was a huge part of our Chapel for many decades. She carried out the duties of Secretary diligently and with great efficiency.

Not only that, she contributed to *Broadwell Mail*, organised and arranged services, events, occasions and countless other essentials for the continued well-being of the church community. Often these were done together with Pat and very much 'behind the scenes' and, therefore, unseen by most of us...

Beyond the Chapel, Sylvia was involved in the LH Bowls Club, the Over-60s' Club, the LH Educational Trust and the Leam Valley Ecumenical Group. She was also, in the words of one tribute, very much the power behind Pat in all his commitments to the community, including Broadwell Flower Show, LH Parish Hall and many other groups and organisations over countless years. Sylvia would help to prepare his notes and write-up the minutes.

Inevitably the loss of such a treasure creates a massive void in our community – a void that will be impossible for one individual to fill. Having said that, it is surely an emphatic indication of how much Sylvia was loved that a number of those she inspired have stepped in to take over some of the duties that she willingly undertook. Naming names is invidious. But you know who you

are. We know who you are. And we thank you, most sincerely, for what you are doing.

You are keeping alive the spirit of Sylvia's voluntary and community work that meant so much to so many and brought joy, comfort and compassion to those both in need and deserving.



I quote from the Rev'd Andy Hardwick's eulogy at the service of thanksgiving on December 28th for Sylvia's life: *"She was a problem-solver, an organiser... She liked to feel in control of a situation... She was a list-person and a planner... She was there for everyone in a practical way... She was down-to-earth... She was very positive and a good listener."*

"In many ways she knew everyone's needs and took care of everyone. This was as much true of her family as it was in the villages and the chapel."

A full tribute to Sylvia appears on page 5.

Keith Read.

LH Bowls Club pays tribute:

We received the following from Susan Turner.

Our sincere condolences from the Leamington Hastings Bowls Club go out to Pat and his family for the untimely passing of Sylvia.

Sylvia will be remembered for being such an active part of the club behind the scenes, her excellent bowling skills, her organisational qualities, her generosity, help and knowledge.

Silver Surfers pay tribute:

We received the following from Tony Noble.

Our heartfelt condolences to Pat and his family. Sylvia was one of the very first to join LH Silver Surfers when it was established more than 10 years ago. She was at the core of all the help and training the group provides.

Having retired in 1996 because she was unsure about teaching with the then-new computers, Sylvia so embraced the technology – and the help from Silver Surfers – that she became highly proficient on her laptop.

Not only was she able to undertake the farm accounts, VAT returns and other business matters on her computer, she loved to play patience. And her laptop became her valuable aid when recording minutes from various meetings, compiling bowls match schedules, drafting letters, designing posters for various local events and returning Chapel reports to the Methodist Church offices.

She will be greatly missed by all our Members.

Suggested Bible Readings:

February: 3rd, Jeremiah 1 vv 4-10 & Luke 4 vv 21-30; **10th**, Isaiah 6 vv 1-13 & Luke 5 vv 1-11; **17th**, Jeremiah 17 vv 5-10 & Luke 6 vv 17-26; **24th**, Genesis 45 vv 3-11 & 15 & Luke 6 vv 27-38.

March: 3rd Exodus 34 vv 29-35 & Luke 9 vv 28-43; **10th**, Deuteronomy 26 vv 1-11 & Luke 4 vv 1-13; **17th**, Genesis 15 vv 1-12 & 17-18 & Luke 13 vv 31-35; **24th**, Isaiah 55 vv 1-9 & Luke 13 vv 1-9; **31st**, Joshua 5 vv 9-12 & Luke 15 vv 1-3 & 11b-32.

Your news for the April/May edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by **Friday 22nd March** at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Saturday 30th March.

But please do send Keith any news or other contributions at any time. Early copy always gets a good show! His e-mail address is: keithread@aol.com (Take care to get two Rs in the middle!) Or jot down your contribution and drop it in at Hawthorn Cottage.

Many thanks.

Remember in Prayer:

We continue to pray for those who are ill or recovering from injury, remembering especially those within our own community. We remember those who are distressed; the lonely and those recently bereaved, thinking especially of the family of Sylvia Toole. May our prayers help sustain them and bring them comfort.

We pray for the life of the Church throughout the world, that every congregation may be a community of love. May all who worship in our churches be renewed to serve the neighbourhood.

We remember all who are suffering poverty, injustice and deprivation and continue to pray for refugees forced to leave their homeland to make a new life in a strange country. We also remember the aid workers, supporting them with food, clothing and shelter.

Lord, in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayers.

MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER, THE REV'D CHARITY MADENYIKA

Dear Church Family,

Blessings to you all for 2019

I was reading my devotions today, 16th January, by Christine Caine and I was encouraged by this verse from Corinthians and I felt compelled to share it with you all. With the hope that it will bring you, and me, some comfort and hope at this start of new year. As I write there are strikes in my country – Zimbabwe – and five people have been killed. More days of shut-down are expected... So I am encouraging myself to fix my eye on God. I would appreciate your prayers for Zimbabwe please.

Here, in our nation, we are faced with Brexit and all its complications. We can only hope for what is unseen and keep on praying.

We fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4: 18 *"To the naked eye, distant stars are just a speck of light, but with the help of a telescope, we realize those stars are actually huge. In the same way, during our hard times, God can seem distant. When that happens, do whatever it takes to remember how big God actually is and let faith adjust your lens."*

What crisis in your life, what I call a faith-shaker, is currently looming? A medical diagnosis or new boss? Car repairs or depleted finances? Is a treasured friend moving away or a trusted leader leaving your church? Maybe, it is issues with your family. Whatever you are facing, God invites you to 'fix [your] eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen'. There is an eternal, unseen purpose beyond this crisis.

Boost the power of your lens so you can see more of God. Seek Him in prayer and in the Word and meditate in amazement on His attributes. The bigger God is in your mind, the smaller your struggles will look. During hard times and dark times, remember that God is doing good that you are yet to see. It is coming to a wondrous resolution, in His time."

A prayer: God, please help us see more clearly Your wisdom, love, and trustworthiness, and know that You are close. Amen.

Shalom,

Rev'd Charity.

Sylvia Wynne Toole

29th October 1936 – 10th December 2018

Sylvia was born in Leamington Spa. She was the youngest of three daughters and, with Gladys and Evelyn, she grew up on Malvern Hall Farm, Broadwell. Having passed the 11+ exam at Hill School, she went to Leamington College for Girls and then Bradford Teacher Training College for three years to become a primary-school teacher. Returning home she taught at a number of local schools, including Hill School (where she later became a Governor and Trustee).



Sylvia met Pat at Young Farmers. They were married at Dunchurch Methodist Church in 1960 and went on to have three daughters – Sharon, Linda and Wendy. Their first home was at Park Lane Farm, Shuckburgh (where Sylvia taught at Sunday School) later moving to Old House Farm, Hill, in 1969. Both became actively involved in Chapel life in Broadwell with Sylvia becoming Chapel Secretary.

One of their many passions was singing. Both were choir members and, in later life, they often travelled to hear their favoured Welsh male voice choirs.

Another passion was bowling. Although Sylvia claimed to be a reluctant player, preferring to work behind the scenes on administrative duties, she often beat Pat! Together they did much for LH Parish Hall (home of the Bowls Club) with Sylvia looking after hall bookings and, frequently, helping with cleaning. Indeed, there is barely an aspect of local community life in which Sylvia was not a valued and highly-respected contributor. Many youngsters, who are now adults, fondly remember her teaching the art of Maypole dancing and being prominently involved in Rose Queen celebrations.

Throughout her teaching career, Sylvia also maintained the 24/7 role of mum and farmer's wife, helping Pat whenever she could. And even after retirement from teaching in 1996 she continued to teach Maypole dancing and gave many youngsters home-tutoring to prepare them for exams.

Her interests and hobbies were many – knitting, tapestry, dress-making, looking after the farm accounts, gardening and simply helping others... But it was the Chapel, the Leam Valley Ecumenical Group and the Circuit that cannot be overlooked. Sylvia's faith, her commitment to the Chapel and to all those of faith in our community was so much a part of who she was.

The Editor is grateful to the family and to the Rev'd Andy Hardwick for help in preparing this tribute



Leam Valley
United Churches

Please join us for

'Songs & Bible Praise'

Tuesday 12th February

at 7.30pm

**Broadwell Methodist
Chapel**

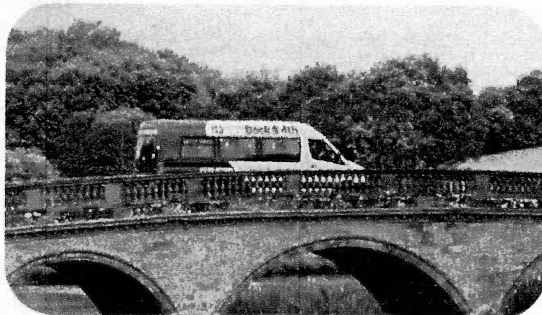
Light refreshments
will be served

All are very welcome!



New 'Back & 4th' bus service bridges the gap

Details of a new bus service that will be of great value to those without their own transport have been published. The bespoke service – known as Back & 4th Dial-a-Ride – operates door to door and operates in our Parish on Thursdays.



It is available to people of any age if you have a genuine need for local transport, if you cannot access public transport due to mobility or other issues, or if you live in an isolated rural area with infrequent or no public transport available. It is a door-to-door service.

The service can be used to access all sorts of activities in Rugby town area such as visiting friends, social groups, leisure activities or shopping. It operates between 10am and 2.30pm on Thursdays in the Leamington Hastings, Birdingbury, Frankton and Marton areas (Fridays in Grandborough, Willoughby and Wolfhampcote). All travel must be booked in advance by calling 01788 226000. Bookings can be made between 10am and 3pm, Monday to Friday.

The return fare is £5, although concessionary bus passes are accepted meaning free travel for holders. All vehicles are wheelchair-accessible and have low-floor steps for ease of access. In addition, drivers will provide reasonable assistance with boarding and alighting the vehicle.

Timetable for No 63 changes:

From the 5th January there has been a change to the timetable for the Stagecoach No 63 service between Rugby and Leamington via Dunchurch, Stockton, Southam and Radford Semele.

To download a copy of the new timetable, go to

www.stagecoachbus.com where all the company's timetables are available.

There are a number of No 63 services around the country so be sure to look for the Rugby to Leamington No 63 service download.

Christmas Angels:

Did you find a Christmas Angel on your fence? If so, did you realise what it symbolised?

Several of the knitted angels mysteriously appeared in Broadwell over the Christmas period, left by those who wish to spread the message of peace hope and love.

The 'Christmas Angel' campaign originated in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 2014 and has been adopted by many churches including ours.

If you did find a Christmas Angel, it's yours to keep!

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 and resident in Leamington Hastings Parish.
2. At school, or have been at school in maintained system for at least 2 years.
3. Must be for educational support. This includes social and physical training.
4. There is an emphasis in 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, Hill, Leamington Hastings, Rugby, CV23 8DX

Completed application forms should be returned by April 15th 2019.

Massed voices join Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra

More than 100 musicians and singers, young and old, will be joining together on Saturday, 9th March at Warwick Hall, Myton Road, Warwick, as the Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra plays Mahler's epic 3rd Symphony. The orchestra will be joined by the Mezzo-Soprano Gaynor Keeble, the choir of Kingsley School and the ladies of the Coventry Cathedral Chorus.

Conducted by principal conductor, Roger Coull, the orchestra will also be playing Barber's Adagio for Strings, one of the most popular pieces of music from the 20th century and recognisable from many films and TV shows.

Mahler's Symphony No 3 – his hymn to the natural world – is rarely heard because of the large forces needed to perform it. He composed this vast work over two summers spent in a little hut on the Attersee surrounded by nature. It is his longest piece and is the longest symphony in the standard orchestral repertoire.

Tickets are £14 and £18 for adults, half price for students and children. They are available from: The Bridge House Theatre on 01926 496277; www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk; Presto Classical in Leamington; from www.wso.org.uk, or by calling the ticket secretary on 01926 850385.

Lent activities in our community:

A number of events have been arranged for Lent, including ecumenical discussions groups based on the Church Army course entitled 'Faith Pictures' as well as two Lent Lunches. All are extremely welcome at all the activities. Do join us if you can. The details are as follows.

Lent Meetings:

Wednesday, March 13th at Grandborough Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm led by the Rev'd Charity Madenyika.

Thursday, March 21st at Hillcrest House, Flecknoe at 7.30pm led by the Rev'd Anne Hincks.

Wednesday, March 27th at Broadwell Methodist Church at 7.30pm led by the Rev'd Charity Madenyika.

Wednesday, April 3rd at Willoughby Village Hall at 7.30pm led by the Rev'd Anne Hincks.

Tuesday, April 9th at The Almshouses, Leamington Hastings at 2.30pm led by Karen Hatch.

Lent Lunches:

Wednesday, March 13th, at Broadwell Methodist Church, 12-noon until 1.30pm.

Wednesday, April 3rd, at Grandborough Church, 12-noon until 1.30pm.

Bowls Club news:

Our indoor season continues at LH Parish Hall every Wednesday from 7pm. There is still time to join in with the indoor short-mat bowling and we welcome any age and any ability, no special equipment required.

We bowl outdoors, every Wednesday, from April to September starting at 6pm. Anyone who would like to have a go is always very welcome.



Susan Turner.

Trustees of Broadwell Green & Hall:

The management committee will be holding their AGM on 19th March at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and we would certainly appreciate some new members to enable our village hall to keep going.

There is no physical work involved, other than sometimes helping to put out tables and chairs for our events and, perhaps, to help with serving teas.

We have about half-a-dozen (very short!) meetings a year when we arrange fund-raising events. So please consider joining us if you can spare the time.

Stuart Barrie.

Coffee mornings:

Our next Wednesday coffee morning will be held on February 13th at the usual time of 10.30am until 12-noon.

The coffee morning scheduled for March 13th has been replaced by the first of the two Lent Lunches. This will start at 12-noon in the Chapel Schoolroom. All are welcome.

We are delighted to see anyone who cares to join us at Broadwell Methodist Schoolroom on the second Wednesday of the month, if only for a short time, for coffee or tea, light refreshments and, of course, a friendly chat.

These informal gatherings provide an opportunity to meet and get to know one another a little better.

So do join us if you are able.

Over 60s' Club:

On Wednesday, February 27th, at LH Parish Hall, Mr Malcolm Hancock will be telling us about the history of Rugby Radio Masts.

The meeting begins at 2pm, when we look forward to seeing as many as possible. In place of our usual meeting in March, we will meet for lunch at a local venue. Details of all the arrangements will be circulated nearer the time when they will be available.

New members and friends are welcome to join us at any of our

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meetings, which are normally held at L H Parish Hall on the last Wednesday of the month.

Christmas Activities at Broadwell Methodist Church:

We thank those who used our Christmas Post Box and those who delivered the post. The cards were sorted and delivered well in advance of Christmas day and, thanks to your generous donations in lieu of postage, we are able to send £65 to NCH Action for Children.

Thank you, too, to those who provided the beautiful decorations, which helped to give our chapel a warm, welcoming atmosphere throughout the festive season.

It was lovely to have such a good attendance at both the Carol Service, led by the Rev'd David Collinson, and at the Christmas Morning Service, led by Miss Gillian Glenn. We are grateful to them for giving up their time during such a busy period.

Dog owners – please pick up!

An increase in dog poo being left has prompted a request for us to ask owners to pick up after their pets...



It seems that the problem is at its worst on, and around, The Green.

Please remember that children play on The Green, so it is extra important to tidy up after your dog does what comes naturally. Thank you.

Anglican Services

FEBRUARY:

- 3rd 9am, Holy Communion, Grandborough.
11am, Holy Communion, LH
- 7th 4.30pm, Messy Church, Grandborough.
- 10th 9am, Holy Communion, Flecknoe.
11am, Family Service, Willoughby.
6pm, Evensong, Grandborough Chapel.
- 17th 9am, Holy Communion, LH.
11am, WtW.com, Grandborough.
4pm, Evensong, Willoughby.
- 19th 7.30pm, Healing Service, C of GS, Broadwell.
- 24th 9am, Breakfast Service, Flecknoe.
11am, Holy Communion, Willoughby.
4pm, Afternoon Worship, LH.

MARCH:

- 3rd 9am, Holy Communion, Grandborough.
11am, Holy Communion, LH.
- 6th 7.30pm, **Ash Wednesday** Benefice Holy Communion, Flecknoe.
- 7th 4.30pm, Messy Church, Grandborough.
- 10th 9am, Holy Communion, Flecknoe.
11am, Family Service, Willoughby.
6.30pm, Evensong, Grandborough.
- 17th 9am, Holy Communion, LH.
11am, WtW.com, Grandborough.
4pm, Evensong, Willoughby.
- 19th 7.30pm, Holy Communion and Healing Service, C of GS, Broadwell.

- 24th 9am, Breakfast Service, Flecknoe.
11am, Holy Communion, Willoughby.
4pm, Afternoon Worship, LH.
- 31st 10.30am, Mothering Sunday Family Service, Flecknoe.
10.30am, Mothering Sunday Family Service, LH.
10.30am, Mothering Sunday Family Service, Grandborough.
10.30am, Mothering Sunday Family Service, Willoughby.

Dates for your diary:

FEBRUARY:

- 12th Ecumenical Songs & Bible Praise, 7.30pm, Broadwell Methodist Chapel.
- 13th Coffee Morning, Broadwell Methodist Chapel, 10.30am until 12-noon.
- 27th Over 60s' Club, 2pm at LH Parish Hall, talk on Rugby Radio Masts.

MARCH:

- 13th Lent Lunch, Broadwell Methodist Chapel, 12-noon to 1.30pm. **NB: the lunch replaces the coffee morning that would normally have been held today.**
- 13th First Lent Course meeting, 7.30pm, Grandborough Chapel.
- 19th Victory Hall & Green AGM, 7.30pm in Victory Hall.
- 21st Second Lent meeting, 7.30pm, Hillcrest House, Flecknoe.
- 22nd Deadline for copy for April/May Broadwell Mail.**
- 27th Third Lent meeting, 7.30pm, Broadwell Methodist Chapel.



Sylvia Toole – at the centre of fund-raising for Macmillan Cancer Support with friends from LH Silver Surfers in October 2018 .

PREACHERS FOR February & March

All services start at 11am unless otherwise indicated.

Feb	3rd	Ms Miriam Sitch
Feb	10th	The Rev'd Jane Gaffney
Feb	17th	The Rev'd Charity Madenyika, Holy Communion
Feb	24th	Mr John Wright
March	3rd	Mr Andrew Brown
March	10th	Deacon Georgina Brooks
March	17th	The Rev'd Michael Haighton
March	24th	The Rev'd Charity Madenyika, Holy Communion
March	31st	Mr Derek Lill, Mothering Sunday

Flower rota

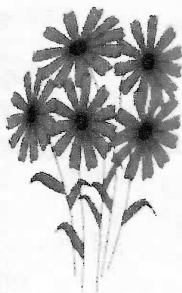
Please note that the rota is fortnightly through the winter months.

February:

3rd Evelyn Royans
17th Daphne Morgan

March:

3rd Sharon Barnes
17th Valeria Bostock
31st Rosemary Chapman



Cleaning rota

February:

2nd Valerie Bostock
9th Wendy Williamson
16th Sharon Barnes
23rd Rachel Sensecall

March:

2nd Alison Deeming
9th Angela Woolliscroft
16th Rosemary Chapman
23rd Freda Slater
30th Valerie Bostock

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