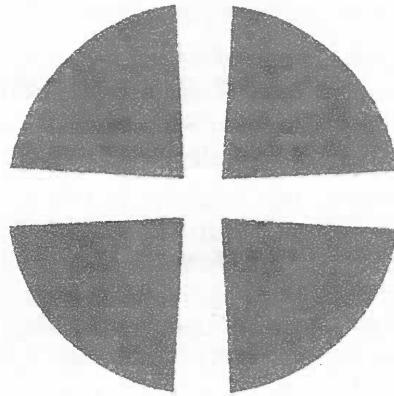


Broadwell mail

*Church and community
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**February/March
2022**



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From the Editor

Just as we were preparing this edition we were saddened to hear that Paul Fennell, our hard-working Parish Council Chairman, had died.

Our thoughts and prayers at this time are with Sheila and her family.

A tribute appears on page 9.

Keith Read, Temporary Editor.

Suggested Bible Readings:

February: 6th, Isaiah 58 vv 1-9a & Matthew 5 vv 13-20; **13th,** Deuteronomy 30,vv 15-20 & Matthew 5 vv 21-27; **20th,** Leviticus 19 vv 1-2 & 9-18 & Matthew 5 vv 38-48; **27th,** Isaiah 49 vv 8-16a & Matthew 6 vv 24-34.

March: 6th, Genesis 2 vv 15-17 & ch 3 vv 1-7 & Matthew 4 vv 1-11; **13th,** Genesis 12 vv 1-4a & John 3 vv1-17; **20th,** Exodus 17 vv 1-7 & John 4 vv 5-42; **27th,** 1 Samuel 16 vv 1-13 & John 9 vv 1-41.

Your news for the April/May edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by noon on **Friday 18th March** at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Saturday 26th 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:

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

Many thanks.

Remember in Prayer:

We continue to remember those who are unwell, at home, in hospital, those undergoing outpatient treatment and those awaiting test results – especially those known to us and those in our own community. We pray that they may be given courage, hope and peace to help them through their suffering and anxiety for the future.

We pray for those recently bereaved, that they may find strength and peace in their sadness as they come to terms with their loss.

We pray for those still suffering from Covid restrictions and those who are lonely and afraid to leave their own homes.

We pray for our own community and give thanks for all our neighbours who are so ready and willing to give help to others in times of trouble.

We pray for our Church leaders and for the life of our Churches, remembering especially our new Priest-in-Charge of Draycote and Leam Valley Churches, the Rev'd Phillip Price. We hope that he and his wife and family will soon settle in and enjoy their new surroundings and their ministry.

We pray for the rulers of nations and members of the governments, that they may be instrumental in bringing peace to this troubled world; that good will overcome evil and all will benefit from sufficient food, clothes and shelter.

Lord, in Your mercy – hear our prayers.

Can you help Emma Wibberley climb her mountain?

Emma lives in Broadwell and goes to Southam College. She writes:

I have been given the opportunity, through the school, to travel to Nepal for a month in 2023. The trip will include a trek on foot to the UK Everest base camp and, on the way there, I will be visiting a local village. Whilst in the village I will be spending time helping to rebuild homes that were destroyed during the earthquake in April 2015.

I need to raise the funds to pay for the trip and I have registered with a fundraising website. By getting people to sign up to my cause it will generate a small amount of money each time an online purchase is made. If you are able to use the link below to register I would be really grateful. Each time you make an online purchase I will get a small donation – all at no cost to you!

To become a supporter of my EasyFundraising, use this link:

<https://www.easypundraising.org.uk/causes/emmawibberley>

I have other fundraising projects planned and already I've made a batch of Christmas chutneys that sold out almost straight away. Thank-you to the people that bought some. I now have orders being placed for more!

Please keep a lookout for any slips that may get posted through your door about other projects I am planning to run over the coming months. Thank you!

PS – thank you!

Our thanks you to all who made good use of the Chapel Christmas post box and for your generous donations in lieu of postage. These amounted to £75, which has been forwarded to Action for Children (formerly National Children's' Home). Also, many thanks to those who set up the weather-proof post box outside the Chapel and to those who sorted and delivered the cards.

Coffee Mornings:

Our next two coffee mornings are scheduled for Wednesday, February 9th and Wednesday, March 9th at Broadwell Methodist Church, when all are welcome. Please join us if you are able.

Once again, thanks to your generosity, we are able to donate £150 from

coffee morning funds towards the upkeep of the Churchyard extension.

Christmas Services:

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Chapel Carol Service and the Christmas Day Service. We thank you for coming and hope you enjoyed the fellowship.

The collection on Christmas day amounted to £92 which has been donated to Bilton House Residential Home, where two of our former neighbours – Dora Read and Anna Burgess – are now residents.

Over Sixties:

Details of our February and March meetings are yet to be finalised. However, they will be circulated as soon as possible.

REFLECTIONS... ..REFLECTIONS

By Kate Hitchcox – Circuit Community Chaplain

As I write to you today, we are approaching another end to some Covid-19 restrictions as we hope and pray that there is light at the end of the tunnel. For some of us, that will mean great news – no more face coverings! For others, that will mean we feel fearful of the future and will continue to wear face coverings. Whatever decision you make will be the right one for you. (I'll be keeping mine on!).

As spring approaches, I'm reminded of the new life that we see all around us, the amazing sunrises and sunsets, especially as I drive towards Grandborough and look at the low-hanging mist and the sun above it. I'm reminded of God's beautiful creation and some days I'm just in awe of it all. When we find time to take in our surroundings, we see new life everywhere. I'm encouraged that no matter what is going on in my life, there are promises of hope in the new life that surrounds me in creation.

In January, the Draycote Benefice welcomed The Rev'd Philip Price at All Saints Church, Leamington Hastings. A few of us from Broadwell and Grandborough attended the service and I was privileged, as part of the service, to say a few words of welcome to Philip and his wife on behalf of the Methodist Church. A new beginning for Philip and his family and for the communities in which he will now lead. We look forward to getting to know Philip and encouraging him in his ministry and alongside us in sharing fellowship and worship together when we can.

In the Rugby & Daventry Methodist Circuit we too are looking at signs of new life through the amalgamation of Rugby & Daventry, Kettering & Corby and Market Harborough Methodist Circuits in September to form the combined East Mercia Circuit. Please continue to hold in your thoughts and prayers the leadership teams of all three circuits as the way forward becomes clearer. There continue to be signs of new hope and excitement as to what the future may bring...

When I was in Sunday School, all those years ago, I used to have to memorise passages of scripture, one of which I still remember to this day... Psalm 8, which is printed below. As a reward, I would get given a 'Bible Card' which said that I had learnt it. How times have changed! As the seasons change, and we welcome spring, we welcome the new signs of hope that remind us that God is ever near.

Psalm 8. O LORD, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world! Your praise reaches up to the heavens; **2** it is sung by children and babies. You are safe and secure from all your enemies; you stop anyone who opposes you. **3** When I look at the sky, which you have made, at the moon and the stars, which you set in their places – **4** what are human beings, that you think of them; mere mortals, that you care for them? **5** Yet you made them inferior only to yourself; **[b]** you crowned them with glory and honour. **6** You appointed them rulers over everything you made; you placed them over all creation: **7** sheep and cattle, and the wild animals too; **8** the birds and the fish and the creatures in the seas. **9** O LORD, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world!

Blessings,

Kate.

Flower Show Rides Again!

On the evening of the 18th January the Flower Committee met to plan what events to put on in 2022. This was the first time such a meeting has been held since the 11th February 2020, nearly two years ago!

The committee has decided to go ahead with a full program of events this year. We start with a Pancake Bingo evening at 7:30pm on the 5th of March. This is always a popular event with freshly cooked pancakes at half time. A great family evening with prizes to be won and fun to be had.

On the 9th of April we will be holding our Spring Show, where home baking, crafts, home grown vegetables and spring flowers can be entered for judging. Then on the first Saturday in September, the 3rd, we will be putting on our main show of the year, the Summer Show.

We round off the year's events with an evening of fun sometime in October, but that one is still being worked on, so keep your eyes peeled for news on that. On another note, we are always looking to recruit new people onto the committee. So if you want to join us please contact me on 07486 508079 and I will make sure you know when our next meeting is.

Martin Wibberley.

Shoebox update:

More than 65,000 gift-filled shoeboxes were collected, checked, packed and exported to Eastern Europe in December – a record number!

Many thanks again to all who contributed to the Broadwell boxes. Countries receiving the boxes were

Belarus, Romania, Bosnia, Moldova and Georgia. In each country Teams4u has a dedicated partner who is responsible for distributing the shoeboxes where most needed.

Chrissy Read.

Donation in lieu of cards:

As in previous years the Read family has made a charitable donation in lieu of sending Christmas cards to friends and neighbours whom we are fortunate enough to see almost on a daily basis...

We decided to support the Methodist Chapel's Benevolent Fund, which is skillfully managed and administered by Rosemary Chapman who does an incredibly good job in bringing comfort in small-yet-meaningful ways to those (irrespective of their faith) deserving of outreach support.

We thank Rosemary - and those who help her - for all that they do 'behind the scenes' in caring for others.

Editor.

LH Bowls Club:

Our indoor bowling season ends in April. The new time of 2pm-4pm is working well.

Welcome to new members, Jan and Elizabeth. It's lovely to have you with us.

New members are always welcome. Just come to LH Parish Hall any Wednesday at 2pm. It's fun, good exercise and good company with tea/coffee, biscuits and a chat at half time! You don't need any equipment, or experience. Please wear loose clothing and flat shoes. For further information please call 01788 336913.

Susan Turner.

Services for the Draycote and Leam Valley Churches

February:	6th, 9am	Communion	Grandborough
	9.30am	Communion	Frankton
	10.30am	Family Worship	Bourton:
	11 am	Communion	Leamington Hastings
	13th, 9am	Communion	Flecknoe
	10.30am	Communion	Birdingbury
	10.30am	Family service	Stretton:
	11am	Family service	Willoughby
	6pm	Even song	Grandborough
	20th, 9am	Communion	Leamington Hastings
	10.30am	Morning worship	Birdingbury
	10.30 am	Communion	Bourton
	11am	Welcome to Worship	Grandborough
	27th, 9am	Breakfast Service	Flecknoe
	11am	Communion	Willoughby
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	10.30am	Morning worship	Birdingbury
	10.30am	Communion	Bourton
	11am	Welcome to Worship	Grandborough
	26th, 4pm	Celebrate @4	Village Hall, Bourton
	27th, (Mothering Sunday)	9am Breakfast Service,	TBC
	11am	Communion	Willoughby
	10.30am	Communion,	TBC
	10.30am	Morning Worship,	TBC

Licensing Service for Phil:

The Rev'd Phil Price was Licensed by Bishop John at Leamington Hastings on the 11th January as the Priest in Charge for the Draycote and Leam Valley Churches joint benefice. Many came to meet and welcome Phil and we were able to enjoy some refreshments following the service.

Phil led a joint service for all eight churches of the benefice at Stretton on

Dunsmore on Sunday 16th January, which was well attended.

During February, Phil will be leading services at each of the eight churches; so, plenty of opportunity to meet him!

We wish him well in his new ministry and ask for your prayers for Phil and his family.

Karen Hatch

Reader – Leam Valley Churches

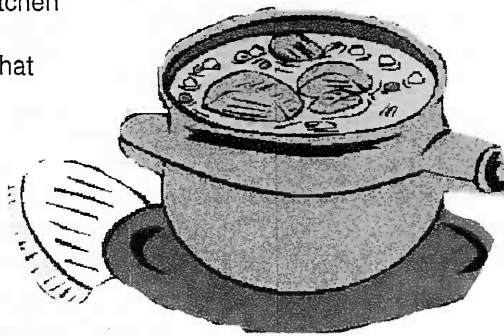
Our soup lunches support those less fortunate...

By Rosemary Chapman

I recently took the proceeds (being £307.55) from the popular Broadwell Soup Kitchen Lunches to The Hope Centre, 8 Newbold Road, Rugby. It's here that 'Hope4' supports homeless, badly-housed and hungry people in Rugby. Due to Covid 19 our local Churches are not able to give shelter as they would normally.

Our local Rugby Borough Council are supporting this venue with the Food Bank (Trussle Trust) and signposting the clients to support agencies to help them with their needs. The volunteers/staff were brilliant. Non judgemental and caring. They send a BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved.

It is always wonderful to see everyone smiling, enjoying their soup and social opportunity each month at our Soup Kitchen, and I saw this matched when I took our donation in. We hear a great deal of bad news but there are lots of positives that are not reported. During these tricky times it is important to remember – 'When it rains, look for rainbows!' and 'Sunshine always follows the rain'



Angels high....

A fabulous total of 94 Angels were taken to Rugby to be ticketed ready for distribution around our local Rugby and Daventry Methodist Circuits.

Subsequently, Deacon Georgina met two volunteers outside Broadwell Methodist Chapel one cold morning at 6.30am. Following prayers we distributed the Angels allocated to Broadwell outside homes, along pavements and on benches, walls etc.

We thank all those involved in bringing Christmas cheer – those organising, knitting the Angels and distributing them.

Rosemary Chapman.

A Timely Reminder:

British Summer Time (BST) begins on Sunday, March 27th, when clocks should be put forward one hour.

Important correction:

Siobhan Knight has asked us to correct the e-mail address for the Leam Valley First Responders co-ordinator that was given in the last edition of *Broadwell Mail*.

Unfortunately the address that was sent to us was incorrect. It should have been:

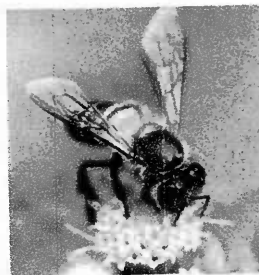
susan.waddington2@btinternet.com

Do contact the First Responders at this address if you'd like to volunteer.

Can you be a saviour for my bees?

By Martin Wibberley

I took up beekeeping following my retirement and have kept my hives at the bottom of our garden. However, my wife has developed quite a serious allergic reaction to their stings and I need to find another site to protect her from possible anaphylaxis if she were to get stung.



I'm looking for someone who may have a large garden, paddock or corner of a field who would be willing to let me site my hives there. I would love to try and keep the hives in Broadwell, or close to the village. If you think you can help, or know someone who could help, please give me a call on 07486 508079.

I only need a space about 3m x 3m – if that! But I do need access by car as the hives weigh between 30 and 40kg and tripping over could result in many thousands of bees bursting out...

Many thanks!



A typical bee hive

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, resident in Leamington Hastings Parish.
2. At school or have been at school in maintained system for at least two years.
3. Must be for educational support, including 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 application 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
or Rosemary Chapman, *Havencroft*, Broadwell, CV23 8HB
and should be returned by April 4th 2022.

Paul Kingsley Fennell: 18/11/1943 – 17/01/2022

As a child, Paul lived on a farm at Chesterton. But having helped with various tasks during his school holidays he decided that farming was not for him... Instead he sought a career as a commercial pilot.



The PPL-holding Paul

Sadly, his enthusiasm for shooting had damaged his hearing and, having failed the commercial pilots' medical, he went on to qualify as a Private Pilot

Licence (PPL) holder. Flying became his hobby – not only his hobby but considerably more as he and his future wife, Sheila, met at Fair Oaks Airfield in Surrey! They came to live in Broadwell in 1968, just a few months after their marriage.

Paul embarked on a career in the timber trade, learning the art of artificially drying timber of all species down to moisture contents that would be appropriate for the intended use. As purchasing director for Burbidge in Coventry he was involved in sourcing suitable materials. Burbidge became well-known for undertaking contract work for various companies with household names as well as manufacturing their own in-house range of wooden doors, kitchens and other timber accessories for both the domestic and export markets.

He travelled widely in his quest for specialist timbers, mostly in the USA, where he flew on some decidedly dubious aircraft in equally dubious weather... He also travelled extensively throughout Europe where he was once chased by a bison somewhere in Eastern Poland, was faced by a knife-wielding bandit in France and dodged a gunfight in Lithuania!

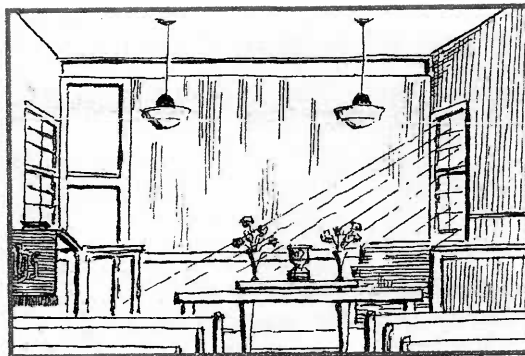
Nearing retirement, and working part time, he was asked to join Leamington Hastings Parish Council. Paul knew what would be involved as Sheila has been clerk to the neighbouring parish of Bourton and Frankton since 1992. Paul was elected Chairman of LH Parish Council in 2009. During his term in office a number of projects and benefits were realised including grant aid for a noticeboard and bus shelter at Kites Hardwick, additional hardstanding and a 20mph speed limit outside the parish hall, the renovated phone box and road improvements at Leamington Hastings. Ongoing projects, which will hopefully come to fruition, are a public information board at LH and CCTV for crime deterrence at Broadwell along with improved drainage to minimise flood risks. Paul worked tirelessly with his fellow councillors on schemes and work to alleviate flooding in Broadwell.

On 8th January Paul suffered a heart attack, and although initially showing signs of improvement, he passed peacefully away in Walsgrave hospital. At the time of writing details of his funeral arrangements are not known.

The editor wishes to thank Sheila for her considerable help in preparing this tribute.

PREACHERS FOR February & March

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



Feb	6th	Mr Jeff Wells.
Feb	20th	Mrs Kathy Brooks
March	6th	TBA
March	20th	TBA

Flower rota

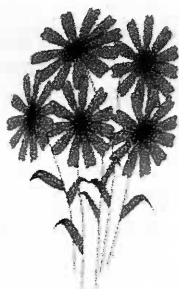
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February:

6th	Wendy Williamson
20th	Freda Slater

March:

6th	Sheila Olorenshaw
20th	Daphne Morgan



Cleaning rota

Please note: now fortnightly.

February – week ending:

5th	Wendy Williamson
19th	Freda Slater

March:

5th	Valerie Bostock
19th	Angela Woolliscroft



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