

Broadwell

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Church and community news
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BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Editor...

New-Year greetings to all readers! I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and celebrated the New Year in style!

With our youngest granddaughter under our roof overnight on New Year's Eve, it was early to bed for us and we were soon sleeping soundly. Until the fireworks, that is! Both Little One and our nervous dog were somewhat disturbed by the very loud explosions... Our New Year certainly started with a bang!

Many thanks to the Chapel and to those friends and neighbours who kindly send us Christmas cards every year. As many will know, for several years we have preferred to make a charitable donation in lieu of sending cards to folk whom we are lucky enough to see almost daily throughout the year.

Once again we chose Broadwell Chapel's largely unsung Benevolent Fund, which is skillfully and diligently managed by Rosemary Chapman. The fund quietly does a considerable

amount of 'behind-the-scenes' work to bring care and comfort in many ways to Chapel Members and to villagers in equal measure. Extra funds will help Rosemary to continue the great work...

Sadly, the end of the year brought a significant loss to Broadwell with the death on 30th December of our oldest resident, Dorothy Pickering.

Our thoughts, prayers and sincere condolences were, of course, sent to her family.

Dorothy's funeral service, which celebrated her long life, was held at Rainsbrook Crematorium on Friday 19th January attended by her family and many friends, including a strong contingent from Broadwell.. The service was led by our Chaplain, Kate Hitchcox. Our tribute to Dorothy is on page 8.

Finally, as we prepare for another year of six editions of your Chapel-sponsored community newsletter, my personal thanks to all the contributors, to those who check for my typos and mistakes and to those who distribute the printed copies. *Broadwell Mail* is a team effort – and I couldn't wish for a better team!

Keith Read.

Your news for the April/May edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by noon on **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!

The 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, Broadwell*.

Many thanks.

Suggested Bible Readings:

February 4th, Isaiah 40 vv 21-31 & Mark 1 vv 29-39 ; **11th**, 2 Kings 2 vv 1-12 & Mark 9 vv 2-9; **18th**, Genesis 9 vv 8-17 & Mark 1 vv 9-15; **25th**, Genesis 17 vv 1-7 & 15-16 & Mark 8 vv 31-38.

March 3rd , Exodus 20 vv 1-7 & John 2 vv 13-22; **10th**, Exodus 2 vv 1-10 & John 19 vv 25-27; **17th**, Jeremiah 31 vv 31-34 & John 12 vv 20-23; **24th**, Isaiah 50 vv 4-9a & Mark 14 vv 1-15 & 47; **31st (Easter Sunday)**, Acts 10 vv 34-43 & John 20 vv 1-18.

Remember in Prayer:

We remember in our prayers all who are ill, those awaiting test results and those undergoing treatment.

We pray for those who are lonely and depressed and those in need or trouble, especially those who have been affected by the recent flooding, that they may find help through the kindness and friendship of others.

We think of all who are sad due to the loss of friends and family, thinking especially of the family and friends of Dorothy Pickering. We pray that they may be sustained and comforted in their sorrow.

We pray for the life of the Church throughout the world, especially for those facing persecution because of their faith.

May all who worship in our churches be renewed to serve their neighbourhood

We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they may work in harmony and make the right decisions to bring peace and justice to our world.

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

**Lord, in Your Mercy – Hear
Our Prayers**

Our Christmas services:

What a joy it was to see the chapel so full for both the Carol Service and on Christmas morning. And on December 31st, at our Fellowship Meeting, we continued the Christmas theme when we enjoyed singing more favourite carols; some of which are not often sung or heard these days...

We thank you all for joining us and hope you enjoyed the fellowship. We are

grateful to Robin Coling for so willingly playing the organ and to those who provided and served refreshments.

The collection at our Carol Service amounted to £280 and has been donated to the Gaza Appeal.

On Christmas day the collection amounted to £180 and was donated to Bilton House Residential Care Home. Thank you for your generous support for these charities.

Christmas Post Box:

Thank you to all who used the Chapel Christmas Post Box and for your generous donations in lieu of postage.

These amounted to £85 and have been donated to Action for Children (formerly the National Children's Home).

A big thank you to those who set up the post box, making such a good job of protecting it from the storm-force winds and rain and to those who sorted and delivered the cards.

A timely reminder:

British Summer time begins on Easter Sunday, March 31st, when clocks should be put forward one hour. – *spring* forward in Spring and *fall* back in the Fall (American-speak for Autumn)!



LETTER FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Kate Hitchcox

Dear Friends,

If you made a New Year's resolution this year, I wonder how it's going? Some may have fallen by the wayside, others will still be persevering – or even have formed that new promise into a new habit! Statistics show that it takes an average of six weeks to form a new way of living.

This time of year in the Methodist calendar we offer our new promises for service and witness, whether that's work, prayer, rest or to follow where God may lead us.

Lent is also fast approaching, where over 40 days, we prepare ourselves for Jesus' death and, ultimately, the celebration of Jesus' victory over death on Easter Sunday.

However you decide to spend the season of lent, whether that's to spend more time with Jesus in your day, or to give something up – perhaps to explore more of Jesus through reading your Bible daily – I pray that Jesus changes you from the inside-out; that you encounter Jesus in a new way; see Him as if for the first time and to know a deep sense of peace and joy in your hearts.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not die, but have eternal life: John 3.16

Blessings,

Kate.



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Our e-circulation list continues to grow. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive your copy via an e-mail, free of charge, then send details of the address(s) to whom you'd like each edition sent to me, the editor, at: keithrread@aol.com and I'll do the rest!

Just before Christmas I received the following from Julia Evans in New Zealand. Many will remember Julia as Julia Cowley, daughter of Neville and Lorna Cowley who lived in *Hayway Cottage*, Hayway Lane. Julia's e-mail reflects just how important 'keeping in touch' via Broadwell Mail is to many folk...

Hi Keith.

Thank you for including me in the Broadwell News. I think of the village so often. It will always be 'home' to me although I live in New Zealand. I will be visiting [the UK & Broadwell] in August 2024.

My daughter, Victoria, had a son on the 24th November 2023, 10lb 3oz, Donnie James Thomas... A brother for Jessica, Lucie and William. I see them regularly and, hopefully, one day, they will visit Broadwell where my very happy childhood was spent.

Happy Christmas and best wishes to everyone for health and happiness in 2024.

4 Julia x



**You are
invited
to join
us for...**

Lent Lunch

at

**BROADWELL METHODIST
CHURCH**

on

**Wednesday,
March 13th**

12-noon to 1-30pm

***In aid of
The Methodist
Relief fund***



Parish Council news of roadworks on main road – and village road closure:

Be prepared for delays on the A426 between the crossroads at Millbank, Broadwell, to the turning for Hill, Leamington Hastings, Birdingbury and Marton. The work will take place between Monday 5th February and Saturday 17th February to enable a new water main to be installed.

"At the moment we've not been advised whether there will be traffic lights to keep the road open or whether there will be full closures," said Parish Council Clerk, Sheila Fennell. "However, it's important to let villagers know that there's going to be some disruption for a couple of weeks."

Sheila is also advising Broadwell villagers that she has received notice that Main Street will be closed on Thursday 22nd February when new telephone poles are erected. "Precise locations and further details have not been given," said Sheila. "But diversion routes will be posted."

The next meeting of LH Parish Council at the Victory Hall, Broadwell, at 6.30pm on Monday 4th March. Members of the public are invited to attend and there will be a dedicated 'Open Forum' with the opportunity to ask questions or raise concerns.

Broadwell Flower Show Committee's plans for 2024:

The Broadwell Flower Show Committee is already planning events for this coming year, *writes Martin Wibberley*. "The first of these is a Pancake Bingo evening on Saturday 17th February starting at 7:30pm. All are welcome to this fun evening and don't forget, freshly-made pancakes and refreshments are served at halftime."



"The next event after Pancake Bingo is on Saturday April 13th when we will be holding our Spring Show. This is where you get the chance to show off your baking, art and growing skills! The Spring Show is always great fun and you will be guaranteed friendly competition!"

Thank you very much – you're very kind!

From Sally Sandall: On behalf of all of Mummy's family I would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the love, support and thoughtfulness over the past few months and for the many cards and kind messages following her death on Saturday 30th December.

We'd also like to thank those who joined us at Rainsbrook Crematorium on Friday 19th January and at Draycote Sailing Club following the service commemorating Mummy's long life. We are so grateful.

Symphonies and space ships for LH Academy students...

Happy New Year from all at Leamington Hastings C of E Academy, *writes Suzanne Marson, Head of School*. The children have started the year with enthusiasm and are enjoying their new learning topics.



Since the last newsletter, the children have had the opportunity to experience a pantomime, to join in with an online author visit, to raise money for charity and to take part in many Christmas activities!

And we have lots of exciting events planned for the upcoming half term, including a trip to see the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and a trip to the National Space Centre as well as opportunities for parents to come into school and experience learning activities with their children. We can't wait!

The deadline for applying for 'on time' reception places for September 2024 has now passed... However, please do get in touch with us if you still need to apply for a place.

We are currently providing tours of the nursery and school for parents whose children are due to join nursery in the next year. Please contact the school office on 01926 632359 if you would like to view the school and register for a nursery place.

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, or
Mrs R M Chapman, Havencroft, Broadwell, Rugby, CV23 8HB

Completed application forms should be returned by April 8th 2024.

Dorothy Hylton Pickering 24/06/28–30/12/23

The funeral service commemorating the life of Dorothy Hylton Pickering took place at Rainsbrook Crematorium, Rugby, on Friday 19th January. It was led by our Chaplain, Kate Hitchcox, and attended by family and many friends.

Dorothy was born in Gourrock, Scotland, but in 1930 her family moved to Goodmayes in Essex and later to Finchley, North London. During the war she was evacuated to Rodmarton Manor in Gloucestershire.

One of her many war-time memories was of a bomb landing at the bottom of her garden and three more falling in the same road. Another was of a doodlebug bringing the ceiling down on to her legs!



On completing her education, Dorothy trained under her uncle, Arthur Sturridge, at his Wimpole Street practice in London as a dental nurse. She was very proud that her cousin, Nicholas Sturridge, was the late Queen Elizabeth's dentist. In her later life after raising her family, Dorothy maintained her links with dentistry as a part-time dental receptionist.

In July 1949, Dorothy married John Pickering who had been an apprentice engineer with her brother, Reg. It was the start of a long and very happy partnership. The couple were blessed with three daughters – Vici, Sally and Rose.

Dorothy was a strong and resilient woman and her power of resilience came to the fore in 1961 when their beautiful thatched cottage, *Highrood*, in Whiteleaf, on the edge of the Chiltern Hills, was ravaged by fire. The couple took on and faced the challenges of rebuilding their beloved home in the village where, for many years, they cared for Dorothy's mother (who lived further up the hill) and John's mother (who lived in the cottage next door).

In 1978 the couple moved to *High House* in Broadwell where they established a very successful Bed-and-Breakfast business. Such was the warmth of their welcome that many of their guests remained in contact with John and Dorothy long after their stay! When the stairs at *High House* (the clue is in the house name!) became too much for John, they moved in 1999 just 100 yards to a bungalow, *Tuctawa*, located in one corner of The Green. Here they enjoyed creating a beautiful garden, a haven for the bird- and wild-life that gave them so much pleasure.

Following John's death in 2010, Dorothy remained an independent and active member of the community with her car – which she drove right up until four years ago – playing an important role. Dorothy would willingly chauffeur friends and neighbours to Over Sixties Club meetings and other local events. When, in 2017, Dorothy's health became less robust, daughter Sally and her husband Phil, bought *Tuctaw* to allow Dorothy to remain in her home and to care for her. Throughout this time, Dorothy demonstrated that, while old in years, she remained young in spirit.

Following the death of Dora Read in 2022, Dorothy became Broadwell's oldest resident – a role now passed to her close friend and neighbour, Sheila Olorenshaw.

Monthly coffee mornings – and changes for March Lent Lunch:

Coffee Mornings are normally held on the second Wednesday of each month at Broadwell Methodist Church. All are welcome to join us for tea or coffee and light refreshments between 10.30am and 12-noon.

Our next Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday February 14th.

Please note that in place of the usual Coffee Morning on March 13th we will be holding our traditional Lent Lunch at the Chapel. The lunch is from 12-noon until 1.30pm. All are very welcome. Do please join us if you are able.



Monthly Victory Hall soup lunch social events aid those in need:

We have received the following from Adi Robinson, Service Manager at the Hope Centre and Rugby Foodbank

Dear Broadwell Soup Kitchen,

I am writing to thank you for your extremely generous donation of £300 for the work of the Hope Centre. We would like to express our thanks for your extremely generous donation in support of the work we do.

As a charity we are completely reliant on donations to help those in need with their food or homeless crisis. Your generosity will mean that we can continue with the aid and assistance we provide.

Your very kind donation will help us to continue to assist those people who are in food poverty or homeless in Rugby. It is especially welcome at this time of financial hardship for many. Over the past 12 months we have seen a 34% increase in demand, and we are predicting for this to increase in the short to medium term.

We are committed to campaign to raise awareness, to lobby those in positions of influence and to work towards the day when a foodbank is no longer needed, and everyone has a place to call home.

Once again, a huge thank you for your big-hearted gift.

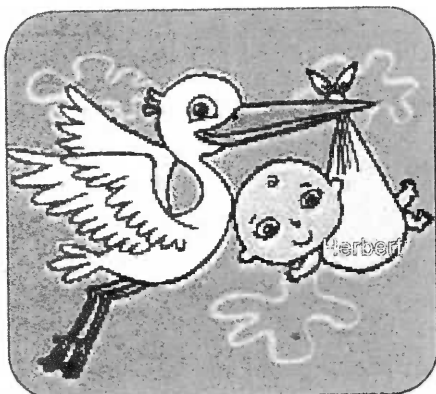
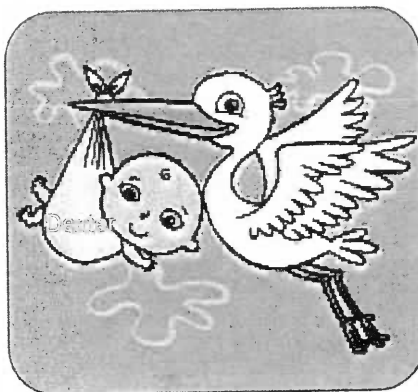


Welcome to Broadwell's two new baby boys!

Congratulations to Emily and Sam
Deeming on the arrival of their first son,
Dexter Charles Deeming, who was born on
3rd January.

Dexter weighed-in at 8lb 12.

All went well and Emily and Dexter are
doing brilliantly, while sister Isla is thrilled
with her baby brother at *The Cow Pen*!



And belated congratulations to Hannah
and Tom Van Praag on the birth of Herbert
Tobias Van Praag on 9th October.

Herbert weighed-in at 8lb 1oz.

Brothers, Rupert and Hugo, are delighted
to have a new playmate at *Stoney Cottage*!

*Apologies...! Herbert's birth should
have been in the last issue. It
was my oversight - Editor.

Broadwell Methodist Church Council:

The next meeting of Broadwell
Methodist Church council will be on
Wednesday, February 28th at 7.30pm
at the chapel.

Easter Services at Broadwell Methodist Chapel:

Please note services in March at
Broadwell Methodist Church are
following a different pattern due to
there being five Sundays in the month
with Easter Sunday falling on the fifth
Sunday.

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for full service details.

Safeguarding training:

Twenty-one Members from Broadwell,
and from Daventry, met at Broadwell
Chapel on the evening of January 24th
for training in Safeguarding.

The Methodist-Church-compiled
session was led by our Superintendent
Minister, The Rev'd Andrew
Farrington, and Jane Lewis,
Safeguarding Officer, from Paddox.

Over two hours those present were
instructed in the essential elements of
safeguarding for the benefit of
everyone within the Church across a
wide and diverse range of events and
scenarios.

L H Bowls Club prepare for summer season of fun!

By Susan Turner

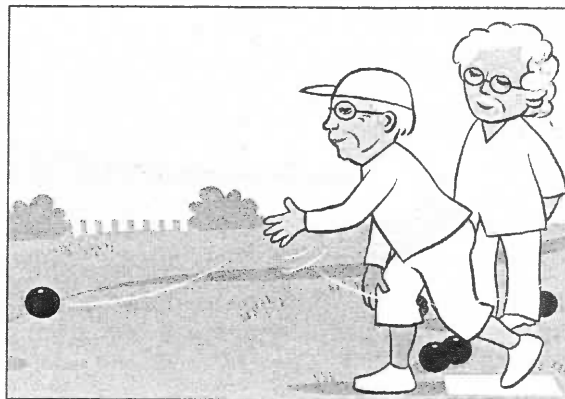
Happy New Year to all! The club had a lovely Christmas get-together after the last indoor roll-up of 2023 with a buffet and a raffle. A happy and lively atmosphere!

We will be playing our indoor competitions in March, singles and pairs – and possibly triples if there's enough willing members who sign up! It will be a great afternoon of short mat bowls, chatting, helpful hints on bowling technique (!) and refreshments.

It's not too late in the season if you would like to come and have a try. You have until the end of April when we start our outdoor season. But you are very welcome to come and try your hand outdoors as well.

We're still at the beginning of 2024 and, if you haven't yet made a New Year's Resolution, perhaps Leamington Hastings Bowls Club

could be the solution! Gentle exercise, learning a new skill (or returning to an old skill), meeting new people, laughing more, joining a new group, getting out more... We can offer all of those along with free car parking and a cuppa!!



We play indoor short-mat bowls every Wednesday from 2pm until 4pm in Leamington Hastings Parish Hall. Outdoor bowls is every Wednesday from 6pm until dusk. And please save this date... There are plans to hold an Open Afternoon on **Sunday 26th May**, at the bowls green, with bowling activities, games, coaching, refreshments and more. Further details to follow.

In the middle of December, club members were informed of the sad passing of Mr. Wally Fell, one of our dear members. When work started to create the bowls green in 1985, Wally was one of the founding members. He was club president in 1999 and remained an active member of the committee until this year. No longer able to bowl outdoors, Wally was always a regular visitor to the bowls green during the summer months to watch and encourage players from the sidelines and he continued playing indoor bowls until a few weeks before being taken poorly. At the age of 97, he was an amazing gentleman and we will miss him.

Over Sixties' Club:

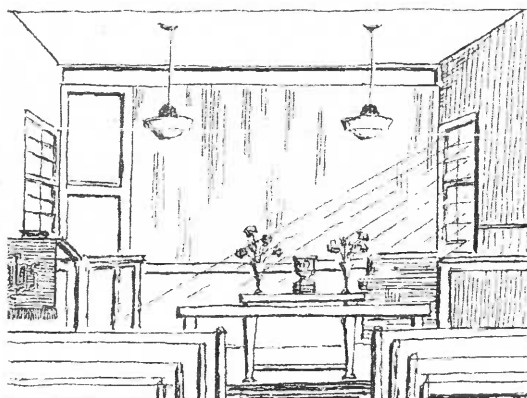
Happy new year to all our members! Our February meeting is on the 28th at the Almshouses, Leamington Hastings. Members are requested to bring childhood photos for a game of Guess-Who? The meeting begins at 2pm.

On March 27th we will be meeting for lunch. Details will be circulated nearer the date. The Over Sixties' Club normally meets on the last Wednesday of the month. New members and visitors are always very welcome.

Broadwell Methodist Chapel

PREACHERS FOR February & March

All services start at 11am
unless otherwise indicated.



February	4th	Mrs Connie Jeffrey
February	18th	The Rev'd Andrew Farrington
March	10th	Mothering Sunday , The Rev'd Andrew Farrington
March	24th	Fellowship & Coffee
March	31st	Easter Sunday , Miss Gillian Glenn
April	7th	Miss Kate Hitchcox

Flower rota

February:

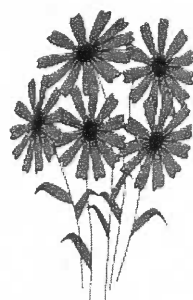
4th	Margaret Webster
18th	Carla Tucker

March:

10th	Alison Deeming
31st	Sharon Barnes

April:

7th	Wendy Williamson
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Cleaning rota



February:

3rd	Wendy Williamson
17th	Freda Slater

March:

9th	Valerie Bostock
30th	Angela Woolliscroft

April:

...6th	Rachel Sensecall
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