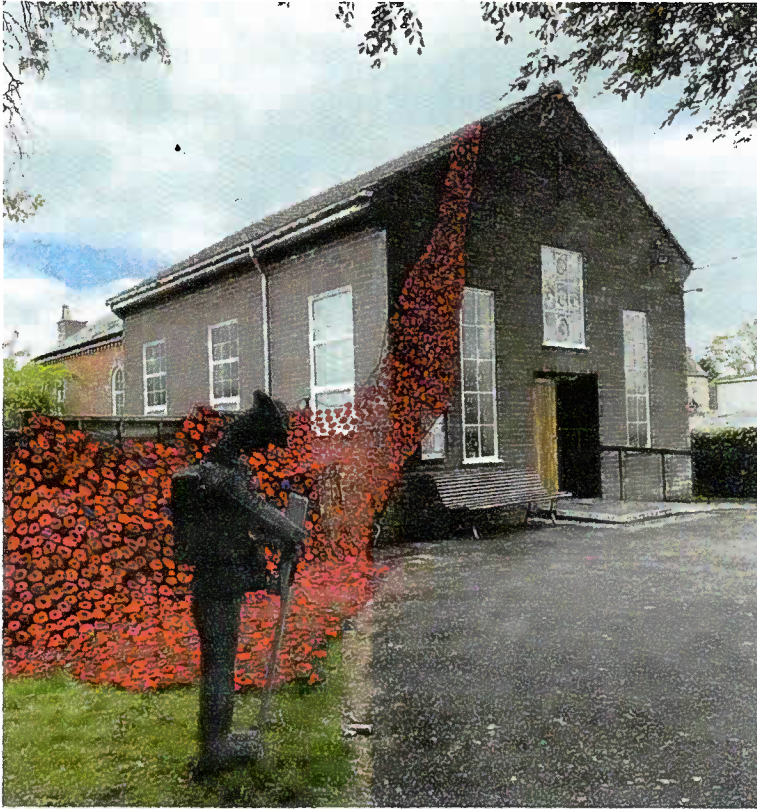


# Broadwell

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# mail



## **BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH**

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## From the Editor...

No apologies for making a colourful splash of our coverage of the Chapel's two-day commemoration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day. It was a spectacular event and thoroughly deserving of high praise.

Congratulations to those who, with our friends from All Saints at LH, assembled the display. Also those who provided refreshments.

The display was a fitting tribute to those locally who served during WW2 – both at home and overseas – especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice...

*Keith Read – Editor.*

## Suggested Bible Readings:

**June 1st**, Galatians 1 vv 1-12 & Luke 7 vv 1-10; **8th**, Galatians 1 vv 11-24 & Luke 7 vv 11-17; **15th**, Galatians 2 vv 15-21 & Luke 7 v 36-ch 8 v 3; **22nd**, Galatians 3 vv 23-29 & Luke 8 vv 26-39; **29th**, Galatians 5 vv 1 & 13-25 & Luke 9 vv 51-62.

**July 6th**, Galatians 6 vv 7-16 & Luke 10 vv 1-11 & 16-20; **13th**, Colossians 1 vv 1-14 & Luke 10 vv 25-37; **20th**, Colossians 1 vv 15-28 & Luke 10 vv 38-42; **27th**, Colossians 2 vv 6-15 & Luke 11 vv 1-13.

## Remember in Prayer:

We continue to pray for those who are ill or distressed; the lonely and those in any other need or trouble and also their dedicated

carers, may they have the strength and patience to cope with difficult circumstances.

We remember too, all who have suffered the loss of members of family and friends, thinking especially of the family and friends of Sue Middleton. We pray that they may be sustained and comforted in their sorrow by the knowledge that others care.

We remember our neighbours and friends and are thankful for their continued thoughtfulness, help and support especially in times of need.

We think of students leaving schools and colleges and trust they will be able to find suitable employment as they go out into the big wide world

July is the time when the Methodist Conference takes place. So let us remember in our prayers all involved in making decisions for the future of the Church.

As we continue to commemorate the end of World War 2 we remember the members of our armed forces, who fought for the peace that we enjoy today.

We pray for all who are suffering poverty, injustice and deprivation. We continue to remember the desperate plight of the thousands of refugees trying to find new homes. We remember them and the organisations supporting them with food and shelter.

We pray for peace among the nations of the world and for reconciliation between opposing religions. May those in government reject the ways of war and work together for justice and peace.

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

*Lord, in your mercy – hear our prayers.*

## LH Silver Surfers:

Members of the group recently met for a lunch to celebrate 21 years since the formation of the group – and the 90th birthday of one of its members.

LHSS continues to meet at LH Parish Hall every Friday from 9-30am until 11-30am teaching computer and IT skills.

## Your news for the August/September edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by noon on **Friday 18th July** at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for **Friday 25th July**.

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:

[keithrread@aol.com](mailto: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!

# LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER

## The Rev'd Brian Hutton

### We were made to thrive!

*To Thrive. What does it mean for us as individuals – and as a church and community – to thrive? I suppose thriving is a relative term, depending on the person and circumstances. And, of course, to thrive means much more than just to be seen to be successful; and is far much more than being financially secure.*

*Psalm 92: 12-13 says: 'The righteous thrive like a palm tree and grow like a cedar tree in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the Lord, they thrive in the courts of our God.'*



*The contemporary worship band, Casting Crowns, sings the following lyrics:*

***We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives  
It's time for us to more than just survive we were made to thrive***

*(Thrive by Matthew West/Mark Hall, Essential Music Publishing LLC)*

*I like that line: It's time for us to more than just survive, we were made to thrive. I wonder what that line evokes in you as we realise we are almost in the middle of this year already. What does it mean in your personal context to thrive? Thrive as you are? Where you are? In the circumstances you find yourself in...?*

*And, of course, let's ask: What would it mean for us as a community and as a congregation to thrive, and not just survive? Who knows?*

*Will it demand from us risk and boldness, yes it may!*

*Will thriving mean we might need to change the way we do things or what we offer to the community? Possibly so...*

*Will to thrive as a church mean we might need to personally follow Christ a little more closely and pray a little more deeply? Absolutely!*

*Sincerely,*

***Rev Brian.***

### Pets' Service is a first-time winner!

On Sunday, May 18th we held our first Pets' Service at Broadwell Methodist Church. This was the brainchild of The Rev'd Brian Hutton, who conducted the service in the Chapel grounds.

There was some apprehension as to how the pets would behave. But we're delighted to say that all went well with no dog fights!

Pets were mostly dogs, although there was also a pony who reverently bowed its head (to nibble the grass!) Unlike the time when The Rev'd Brian was preaching in South Africa, there were no crocodiles or other exotic pets in attendance.

The weather for this outdoor service was kind. Although there was a sharp and cool breeze, the sun shone brightly, making it a memorable first pets' service for Broadwell. Thank you to all who came and helped to make this such a pleasant form of worship.



## Local tributes, pictures and artefacts in spectac



As part of the nationwide celebrations of VE Day, Church commemorated the end of WW2 on the v with a spectacular display.

Thank you to all who joined in a wonderful weeke with a marvellous display of history honouring th who fought for peace for our country.

The chapel grounds, decorated with poppies and beautiful and tranquil setting – far removed from i lots of memories were shared over tea and cakes the Chapel full of display boards, a cut-out soldie

We would like to increase this archive of material history, photographs or items from the war that th please contact Glenys or Rosemary.

Thank you to the many who were involved in crea weekend, especially Sonya West and Lucy Sewe Leamington Hastings History Boards and those n

A total of £400 was raised and will be shared bet Legion and Broadwell Methodist Church. Thank y





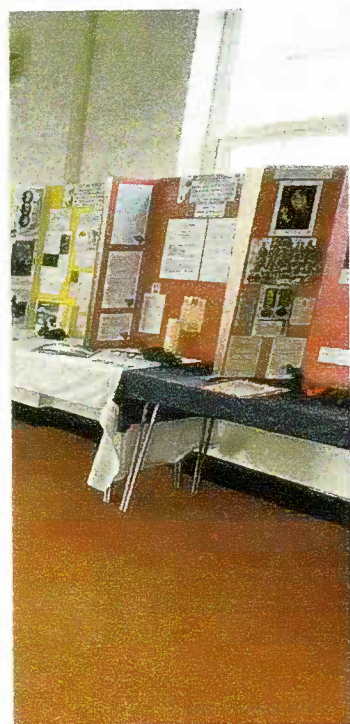
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Broadwell Methodist  
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### **Sue Middleton**

It is with great sadness that we report the death in hospital of Sue Middleton after a very short illness. Our sincere condolences to Sue's family and friends.

Just 10 days before she died, Sue was merrily mowing her lawn! She saw age as no barrier to an active life!

During her 49 years in Leamington Hastings, Sue was a tireless worker for the Parish Church with bell-ringing, church flowers, church cleaning (both inside and out!) as well as organising the floral display cart and village parties and events.

She was an accomplished equestrian and took a keen interest in country pursuits. More recently she was an active member of LH Silver Surfers despite finding computers and the Internet frequently frustrating! Sue belonged to the Frankton pilates group and attended sessions every week.

LH has lost a much-loved resident. There will be a service of Thanksgiving for her life at All Saints at 2:30pm on Friday June 20th.

The family thank everyone for their support to Sue over many decades and to the family at this sad time.

extension and £50 to the ongoing expenses of the Broadwell defibrillator outside the Victory Hall entrance.

### **Lent lunch:**

Donations at our Lent lunch, amounting to exactly £200, will be forwarded to 'All We Can' (formerly the Methodist Relief & Development Fund) to help those in greatest need, both at home and abroad. Thank you for your support.

### **Tea & chat:**

The dates of the next Tea and Chat meetings at Leamington Hastings Almshouses community room are June 25th and July 30th.

The informal meetings start at 2.30pm. All are very welcome to join in and enjoy tea, chats and good company!

### **WMVC concert:**

We look forward to the return visit of the Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir on Saturday, July 5th 2025. The choir was introduced to our community by Pat Toole some years ago when he organised their first visit, which was held at the Parish Hall.

The choir's return visit will be held at All Saints Church, Leamington Hastings, at 7pm for 7:30pm. Tickets, which are now available, cost £15 and include light refreshments. You can obtain tickets from Wendy Williamson (01788 812868) or from Ian Sewell via e-mail: [iansewell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:iansewell@hotmail.co.uk)

Please enter the date in your diary.

Proceeds will be donated with one-third each going to the Friends of Leamington Hastings Church; Broadwell Methodist Church, and the final third being divided between the British Heart Foundation; Myton Hospice and Cancer Research. As usual, a raffle will be held with the proceeds going to these three deserving charities.

### **Coffee mornings:**

Coffee mornings are normally held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Broadwell Methodist Church. All are welcome to join us for tea/coffee and light refreshments between 10.30am and 12-noon. Our next coffee mornings will be on June 11th and July 9th. Please join us if you are able.

Thank you for your generous donations during the year 2023/2024, which enabled us, once again, to donate £150 towards mowing the churchyard



### Outdoor bowls well under way!

If you would like to join us every Wednesday at 6pm you will be made very welcome, *writes Susan Turner.*

We bowl on the green next to the Leamington Hastings Parish Hall. We have bowls you can borrow; you just need to wear loose clothing and flat shoes!

We are a friendly, non-league club open to everyone – returning players or beginners, young and not so young!

You can play for free three times before you decide to join us. So come along and enjoy some gentle exercise, fresh air, good company! We look forward to seeing you.

Find us on Facebook!



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### Broadwell Spring Flower Show

*By Martin Wibberley*

On the 12 of April the Broadwell Flower Show Committee held their annual Spring Show. This year the show took place during the school Easter holidays. That meant a few families were away on holiday resulting in slightly fewer people attending.

Despite the slightly lower attendance the show made a small profit of £129-49 and a big thank-you goes out to everyone who came along and supported the event.

There was a fantastic display of flowers – one of the best in recent years. You can see some photos on the Victory Hall website: <https://broadwellvictoryhall.org.uk>

Later in the year we will be holding our Summer Flower Show. This is scheduled for the 13th of September and planning is already under way for the event.

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### Plant sale makes handsome profit!

A well-attended plant sale at the Victory Hall on Saturday 17th May made a profit of £966-15 after expenses. Many thanks to the plant growers and those who supported the event and, in doing so, supported the Victory Hall. A great result!

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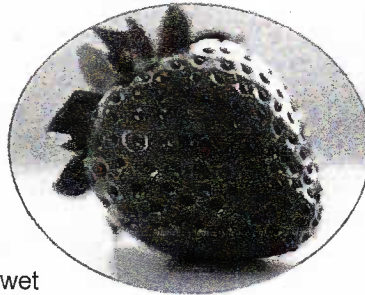
### Be sure to make a note of our annual Strawberry Tea!

Please make a note in your diary: this year's Strawberry Tea at Broadwell Chapel will be held on Saturday June 21st from 3pm until 5pm. Teas are priced at £7 for adults and £4 for those under 16 years of age.

If the weather is kind teas will, as usual, be served outside in our lovely chapel grounds. However, if it is wet we will be inside the Chapel. There will also be a produce stall.

There is plenty of free parking at the chapel, so very little walking is involved. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

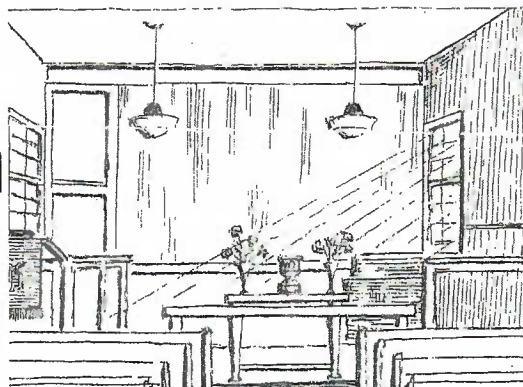
Proceeds are in aid of Broadwell Methodist Church. For those of you using sat-nav, the post code to use is: CV23 8HB.



# Broadwell Methodist Chapel

## Services for June & July

All services start at 11am  
unless otherwise indicated.



**June 1st** Deacon Georgina Brookes.  
**June 15th** The Rev'd Brian Hutton.  
**June 29th** Fellowship & Coffee  
**July 6th** The Rev'd Brian Hutton.  
**July 20th** The Rev'd Nathan Falla, **Holy Communion.**

## Flower rota

**June**  
**1st** Rachel Sensecall  
**15th** Alison Deeming  
**July:**  
**6th** Sharon Barnes  
**20th** Wendy Williamson  
**August:**  
**3rd** Freda Slater



## Cleaning rota

(Week ending...)



**May: 31st** Alison Deeming  
**June: 14th** Sharon Barnes  
**29th** Rosemary Chapman  
**July: 5th** Carla Tucker  
**19th** Wendy Williamson  
**August 2nd** Valerie Bostock

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