

# Broadwell

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# mail



## **BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH**

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## **From the ex-Editor!**

Two months ago I did not envisage I'd be writing in *Broadwell Mail* again having retired from editing the newsletter after completing the April/May edition. However, just as I was thinking there would be no volunteers coming forward to take over the reins, two came along!

Not that there will be any squabbles over which one is in charge because they come as a couple. And they're probably well known to most readers!

So a huge welcome to John and Helen Kay as joint-editors of this and future *Broadwell Mails*. I wish them every success; all the many rewards the publication provides, and all the help that the existing contributors unstintingly give.

John was one of our Local Preachers (he loved coming to Broadwell Chapel); he's been our relief postman (so he already knows many residents – and where they live!) and he and Helen are both members of LH Bowls Club.

Finally, thank you both for taking over and maintaining what I know to have become a much-loved Church and community newsletter.

***Keith Read.***

## **From our new Editors:**

It is our very great pleasure to take on the editing of the *Broadwell Mail*. We thank Keith warmly for his welcome and support as we begin our venture and thank him for all his excellent work with his past editing.

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role before. But, with Keith's guidance, we hope to serve you all well.

We have long enjoyed attending the village events and have many happy memories of Fetes, Flower and Produce Shows, Open Gardens, Pentecost Celebrations and sharing in worship at the Methodist Chapel. Christmas isn't Christmas without coming to Broadwell!

John is known to many of you as a Postman and Local Preacher and Helen has always found a warm welcome from many of the residents. We have also recently discovered the Soup Kitchen, which is not only great for filling our stomachs, but also for chats over soup with those who attend.

*Broadwell Mail* is a wonderful connection between those who live in the village and those who are further afield. Indeed, we live in Rugby with our association with Broadwell beginning through Methodist Chapel events.

But, over the years, friendships have grown so that now we enjoy the newsletter, which keeps us abreast of news and events in the village and the surrounding communities.

Please feel free to contact us about anything that should be included, for without it, there would be nothing to tell.

***John & Helen Kay,  
Joint-editors.***

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# Letter from our Minister, *The Rev'd Brian Hutton*

*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35*

*Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brethren you did it to me.*

**Matthew 25:40**



I came across this Psalm – written by Wilslawa Szymborska and entitled the Border Psalm – and I wonder if it is a reminder to where we find ourselves in the world today: How leaky are all borders we draw around our separate nations! How many clouds cross these boundaries daily, without paying any toll?

How much desert sand simply drifts from country to country, and how many pebbles hop down slopes onto foreign turf, in provocative hops?

Need I remind you of each and every bird as it flies over and now sits on a closed border gate? Even if it's a small sparrow, its tail is abroad while its beak is still at home. As if that weren't enough, it wont stop bobbing.

Out of the countless insects I will single out the ant who, right between the guard's left boot and right boot, pays no attention to any questions of origins or destinations.

If only this whole messy affair could be studied more around the world. Funny, isn't it how only what's human can truly be foreign? Everything else is just mixed vegetation, subversive moles and the wind...

*Brian.*

## **Bible Readings:**

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**, Genesis 12 vv 1-9 & Matthew 9 vv 9-13 & 18-26; **14<sup>th</sup>**, Genesis 18 vv 1-15 & Matthew 9 vv 35-ch10 v 8; **21<sup>st</sup>**, Genesis 21 vv 8-21 & Matthew 10 vv 24-39; **28<sup>th</sup>**, Genesis 22 vv 1-14 & Matthew 10 vv 40-42.

**July 5<sup>th</sup>**, Genesis 24 vv 34-38, 42-49, & 58-67 & Matthew 11 vv 16-19 & 25-30; **12<sup>th</sup>**, Genesis 25 vv 19-34 & Matthew 13 vv 1-9 & 18-23; **19<sup>th</sup>**, Genesis 28 vv 10-19a & Matthew 13 vv 24-30 & 36-43; **26<sup>th</sup>**, Genesis 29 vv 15-28 & Matthew 13 vv 31-33 & 44-52.

## **Remember in Prayer:**

In our prayers we remember our own community, thinking especially of those who are coming to terms with the death of loved ones. May our thoughts and prayers give them some comfort.

We continue to remember those who, at this time, are not enjoying good health and pray that they will soon be on the road to recovery.

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 Methodist Church.

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.

In this time of uncertainty we pray for peace, that the leaders of all Nations may be given the wisdom to put an end to war and unrest in a peaceful manner.

We remember ordinary people, especially those in Ukraine and the Middle East, who are no longer able to enjoy their normal lives; whose homes and livelihood have been shattered and now live in fear of what the future holds.

We remember the work of organisations providing food, clothes, shelter, medical supplies and comfort to those in distress in this country and abroad.

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

*Lord, in Your mercy,  
Hear our prayers.*

## **Bible study:**

The Draycote and Leam Valley Benefice, of which Leamington Hastings is a part, hold regular Bible Study courses.

If you are interested in joining one of the courses, please contact Rosemary Chapman on 01926 813857 for details.

## **Tea & Chat:**

The next Wednesday Tea & Chat meetings at LH Almshouses will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 30pm. All are welcome to join these friendly and informal community-room gatherings.

## **Your news for the August/September edition:**

Please ensure all news and contributions reach John & Helen Kay by noon on **Wednesday 15th July** at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Friday 24th July.

But please do send the Editors any news, or other contributions, at any time. Early copy always gets a good show! The e-mail address is:

[helenkay6363@gmail.com](mailto:helenkay6363@gmail.com)

## **Bring your pets to Chapel – again!**

The Rev'd Brian Hutton, is once more planning a special service on Sunday, June 7th at 11am, when the congregation – especially children – will be invited to bring their pets to be blessed.

A year ago he told us: “Being from Africa I have blessed various animals, like a basset hound (who would not stop howling), a baby crocodile (careful there with the fingers!), a pet rat and a pet mongoose. You and your pets, whether two- or four-legged (or no legs at all) are very welcome to come to this special service.”

It's not unheard of for churches to arrange such services. Ours will be held in the Chapel drive where there is ample room for animals to be accommodated. We hope to see you and your pet(s) there!

## **Tell us (in kind) what you feel *Broadwell Mail* is worth...**

***By our Treasurer – Angela Woolliscroft***

All of us associated with Broadwell Chapel's newsletter are delighted that John and Helen Kay have taken over the editorship from Keith Read, who has retired. Like Keith (and everyone else behind your bi-monthly copy) John and Helen are volunteers. The only cost involved is printing.

We get a really good deal from volunteers at Paddox Methodist Church who print Broadwell Mail. But the ink and paper – and maintenance of the machines – means there is a charge. To help us meet those charges, will you please indicate just how much this newsletter means to you by making a one-off contribution to our coming year's costs? It can be whatever you feel is appropriate and it will only be used for printing of *Broadwell Mail*.

Contributions can be anonymous, in cash, handed to Rosemary Chapman or Glenys Caunter. Or you can make a bank transfer to:

**Broadwell Methodist Church**

**Sort Code 40-42-15**

**Account No. 31023950**

Thank you very much for your continued support!

## **T-shirts and heavy coats so far for LH Bowls Club**

***By Susan Turner***

The bowls green has been open for several weeks and we've bowled in T-shirts one week and thick coats the next! But it's OK because we're having fun with friends, getting some exercise and fresh air! And we've had a positive start to the season by winning our first match 50-48, followed by a lovely tea.

If you would like to come along and have a go you will be made very welcome. We practice (a roll up) every Wednesday from 6pm at the bowls green next to the Leamington Hastings Parish Hall. Bowls can be provided; just wear loose clothing and flat shoes.

## Coffee Mornings:

Many thanks to those who join us for our Coffee Mornings at Broadwell Methodist Church. We are pleased that, due to your generous donations during 2024/25, we have again been able to donate £200 towards the upkeep of the cemetery at LH as well as £50 towards maintenance of Broadwell's defibrillator (located to the right of the main entrance to the Victory Hall)..

Also, many thanks to those who so willingly provide and serve refreshments (mostly home baked!) and to those who prepare the room and clear away. Without you there would be no coffee mornings.

Normally, our coffee mornings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at Broadwell Methodist Church. All are very welcome to join us for tea or coffee and light refreshments between 10.30am and 12-noon. The next coffee mornings will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> and on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Please do join us if you are able.

## Strawberry Tea:

Please make a note in your diaries... This year's Strawberry Tea at Broadwell Chapel will be held on Saturday July 4th 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

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served outside in our lovely Chapel grounds. However, if it is wet we will be serving teas inside the comfort of the Chapel.

There is plenty of free parking available at the Chapel, so very little walking is involved.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day. All proceeds are in aid of Broadwell Methodist Church.

Finally, for those of you travelling by car and using sat-nav, the post code to use is: CV23 8HB.

## Knit & Natter:

The popular Knit & Natter sessions, held on the first Wednesday in the month in Broadwell Victory Hall, continue throughout Summer.

The June meeting is on Wednesday 3rd and July's gathering is on Wednesday 1st.

For further information call Elizabeth Murray who will be able to answer all your questions. Her number is 01926 815466.

## Plant Sale update:

Thank-you to everyone who contributed to – or bought plants at – this year's plant sale, **writes Nicola Fairburn.**

Your support helped to make the event a huge success.

Finally, the newly-formed Broadwell Events Committee would like to give special thanks to all the green-fingered gardeners who put much time and effort into growing the plants.



# **Broadwell Methodist Church**

## ***Strawberry Teas***

**Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**3pm until 5pm**

***Teas served in the Chapel grounds***  
(or in the Chapel if wet)

**Adults £7 and Under-16s £4**

**Free parking at the Chapel**

***Proceeds in aid of  
Broadwell Methodist Church***



### **Fish & Chip van's visit:**

After a challenging – but highly successful – inaugural visit on May 21<sup>st</sup>, it is hoped the routine will become a regular feature of life in

Broadwell. Please watch our local Social Media sites for news. Meanwhile, thanks to Kate for all the organising and Joe for making his Internet available.

# New Events Committee will keep you entertained!

*By Nicola Fairburn*

The newly formed Broadwell events committee have been busy planning a packed schedule of events since its formation in January and is excited to share with you all a some of the events planned for this year.

So save the dates in your diaries for the following:

**Quiz and Curry night on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm in the Victory Hall.**

Tickets are £12-50. Please contact me (Nicola) on 07974 512926 for tickets. Or, alternatively, people will be selling tickets in and around the village over the next few weeks.

**Broadwell BYO Bar on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 5pm – 8.30pm.** A chance to come and enjoy a friendly social evening. Venue: The Green/Victory Hall

**Games afternoon, Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> Venue: Victory Hall/The Green**

**Summer Flower Show – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

## Wedding Bells at Bourton...

Congratulations to Helen (daughter of Wendy and Darren Williamson) and Daniel Wicks, whose marriage took place at Bourton Hall on Sunday 10th May.

Some readers will recognise Helen as one of our readers in Chapel and her Mum is, of course, our Chapel Secretary!

It was a wonderful day for all with family and friends joining the celebration of Helen and Daniel's marriage.



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## ...and at East Haddon!

The marriage took place on Saturday 18th April between Andrew Chapman and Gilly Wrathall. Congratulations to both!

The ceremony, at East Haddon, where the couple will live, was witnessed by family and friends – a wonderful day enjoyed by all.

Andrew, son of Rosemary and Graham Chapman, grew up in Broadwell and runs his own farm and agriculture support company.



**BILTON HOUSE**  
**80<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY**  
*Celebrations*  
**GARDEN PARTY**  
*All Welcome*

TO JOIN US ON  
**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026**  
 2PM - 4PM

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 BILTON JUNIOR SCHOOL CHOIR  
 AND ANDREW DAVEY,  
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 PONY PETTING  
 & TREASURE HUNT

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 UNDER 12  
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 IF BOUGHT  
 IN ADVANCE  
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 WHICH INCLUDES  
 A STRAWBERRY  
 CREAM TEA

TICKETS BOUGHT  
 IN ADVANCE  
 MON - FRI  
 BETWEEN  
 9AM - 3PM

**SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026**  
 AT 2PM  
 SERVICE OF WORSHIP & THANKSGIVING  
 BILTON HOUSE GARDEN  
*Refreshment afterwards*  
**ALL WELCOME**

Celebrate  
 Community  
 Friendship  
 & Faith

**Future Broadwell  
 and Methodist  
 Church events:**

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**, Pet  
 Service.

**Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>**,  
 Coffee Morning 10.30am -  
 12-noon

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**,  
 Strawberry Tea

**Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 Coffee Morning 10.30am  
 Until 12-noon

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**,  
 Flower show Community  
 Service at 10.30am

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**,  
 Harvest Thanksgiving

**Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**,  
 Harvest Supper

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**,  
 Carol Service at 4.00pm

BROADWELL PRESENTS

**CURRY AND  
 QUIZ NIGHT**

FRIDAY, 12 JUNE  
**7:30 PM**  
 TICKETS £12.50

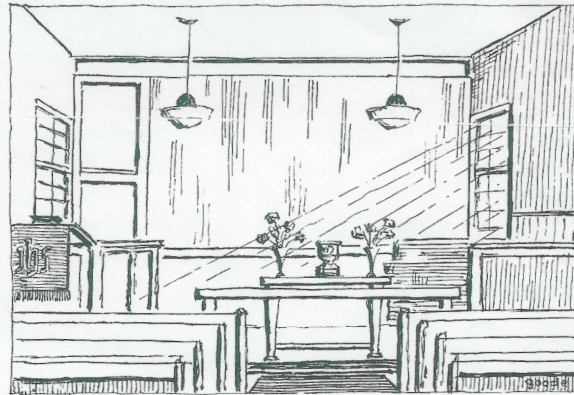
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[www.broadwellvictoryhall.org.uk](http://www.broadwellvictoryhall.org.uk)  
 Contact Nicola for tickets 07974512926

# Broadwell Methodist Chapel

## Preachers for June & July 2026

*Services are held at 11am  
unless otherwise indicated*



### June:

7<sup>th</sup> The Rev'd Brian Hutton, **Pets Service**

21<sup>st</sup> Mr Jeff Wells

### July:

5<sup>th</sup> The Rev'd Brian Hutton

19<sup>th</sup> The Rev'd David Collinson

### Flower Rota:

June 7<sup>th</sup>, Angela Woolliscroft  
21<sup>st</sup>, Carla Tucker

July 5<sup>th</sup>, Annegret Morgan  
19<sup>th</sup> Joyce Latham

August 2<sup>nd</sup> Glenys Caunter



### Cleaning Rota: (week ending)

June 6<sup>th</sup> Wendy Williamson  
20<sup>th</sup>, Valerie Bostock

July 4<sup>th</sup> Angela Woolliscroft  
18<sup>th</sup> Rachel Sensecall

August 1<sup>st</sup> Alison Deeming



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