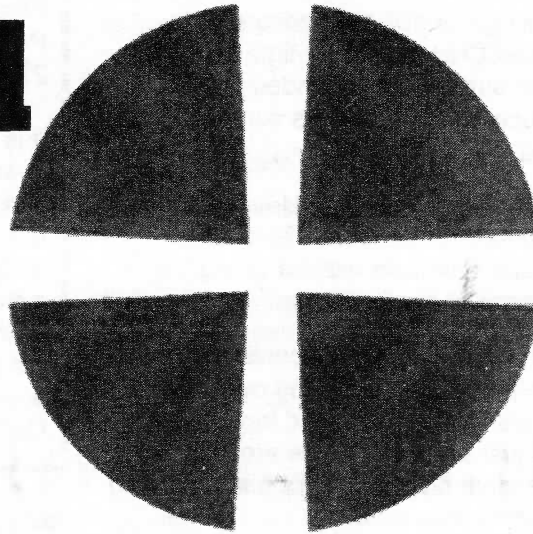


Broadwell mail

*Church and local
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**BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH**

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From the Editor's chair

Welcome to *Broadwell Mail* and apologies that, once again, you're stuck with me editing your newsletter.

Having handed over editorship to Hazel Crawford some time ago – who subsequently handed over to Bruce Morgan – I'm as surprised as you that I'm back!

But it's my own fault. Having started *Broadwell Mail* many years ago, I couldn't let it die without giving it a chance of survival...

When Bruce ensured continuation of the publication by taking over two years ago, he said he'd look after it for just a year... So we are more than indebted to him for his 24 months as custodian!

Sadly, no-one stepped forward to take over from Bruce when he finally retired with the December 2012 edition. As a result it was widely accepted that – like some far-more-famous titles in the past – *Broadwell Mail* would fold.

However, after seeking support from a number of folk who will supply copy, get the newsletter printed and generally 'spread the load' I volunteered to take over the reins again. And Members of the Chapel accepted my offer.

But, like Bruce, I'm wearing the editor's green eyeshade only on a temporary basis. We still need a new editor. Could that be you?

Finally, you will notice that there is a

Your news for May/June *Broadwell Mail*:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by Friday 19th April at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Saturday 27th April.

It is planned to produce an edition every two months. But please send Keith any news or other contributions at any time – early copy always gets a good showing! His e-mail address is keithread@aol.com (Take care to get two Rs in the middle!) Or jot it down and drop it in at Hawthorn Cottage.

fairly large area of white space on the front page. *Broadwell Mail* is published by the Methodist Chapel – the orb and cross symbol can leave no-one in any doubt about that! However, as part of the Church's outreach, *Broadwell Mail* is very much a community publication for all.

So suggestions please for a suitable illustration that can reflect its unique role and fill that white space. Line drawings reproduce well, photos not so well. So over to you!

Keith Read
(Temporary Editor)

Suggested Bible readings (for weeks beginning):

March: 3rd, Isaiah 55 vv1-9 & Luke 13 vv 1-9; 10th, Joshua 5 vv 9-12 & Luke 15 vv 1-3 & 11b -32; 17th,

Isaiah 43 vv 16-21 & John 12 vv 1-8; 24th, Isaiah 50 vv 4-9a & Luke 22 vv 14-23 & 56; 31st, Acts 10 vv 34-43 & John 20 vv 1-8.

April: 7th, Acts 5 vv 27-32 & John 20 vv 19-31; 14th, Acts 9 vv 1-6 & John 21 vv 1-19; 21st, Acts 9 vv 36-43 & John 10 22-30; 28th Acts 11 vv 1-18 & John 13 vv 31-35.

Remember in Prayer

We remember those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, thinking especially of the families of Brenda Goode and Liz Harrison.

We pray for all who are sick and remember their loved ones and those who care for them.

We pray for those among whom we live and work, that all may continue to live in harmony and trust, helping one another along life's way.

Family news:

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Ken and Beryl Chaplin, who celebrate their Golden Wedding on March 9th, and also to another 'Golden Couple' – Geoffrey and Freda Slater – who celebrate their Golden Wedding on March 23rd.

We hope both couples will enjoy many more years of happiness.

Coffee morning:

The March Coffee morning will be held on Wednesday the 13th in the Chapel Schoolroom. If you are free on that morning please join us at any time between 10.30am and 12-noon.

The April Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 10th at 10.30am.

Our Coffee Mornings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month and all are invited to come along and join us for coffee or tea, light refreshments and, of course, a friendly chat.

Over Sixties' Club:

In place of our usual meeting at the Parish Hall on March 27th we will have lunch at the Harvester at Long Itchington. Afterwards, we'll return to the Almshouses for tea and chat.

On April 24th our speaker at LH Parish Hall is Mr David Howe.

Over Sixties' normally meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm at the LH Parish Hall. We welcome visitors and new members. Annual membership subscription is still only £3.

Mothering Sunday service:

Our service at the Methodist Chapel on this special day for all Mums on 10th March starts at 11am. The service will be led by our Minister, Deacon Janet Thomas.

It's a tradition that flowers are given to all Ladies in the congregation and we look forward to seeing as many as possible. All are welcome, so come and enjoy the service.

Our **Easter Day service**, with communion, is at 11am and will be conducted by the Rev Ian Rennie. All are welcome.

MINISTER'S LETTER: FROM THE REV'D ANDY HARDWICK

Dear friends,

Red Nose day will be held on March 15th this year, the 25th anniversary of the campaign. It's one of the main fundraising events for a charity called Comic Relief. The aim is quite simply to increase awareness of the impact and root causes of poverty and social injustice through the power of the media and entertainment industry.

The money raised is then spent on a very wide variety of projects throughout the world often in partnerships with organisations like Oxfam.

Poverty robs people of dignity. Whether it is caused by war, economics, natural disaster or bad judgment it undermines a person's humanity and reduces life to mere existence. Poverty may mean a shortage of food and clean water or little opportunity for education, healthcare or employment.

Within the Methodist Church we have a long history of campaigning against those things that blight the human race. Part of our calling is to work towards the kind of world in which all people can thrive and develop under God. We seek to walk with those who share our faith and values and those who do not. We reach out in support of those whose culture and experience feels familiar to us and those whose understanding of life is very different from ours.

In this we share the aim of Red Nose Day. Just as poverty takes away dignity, so people across the country, in fun, relinquish part of their dignity for the sake of charity. Whether it is a red nose, a custard pie, a humiliating song or badly fitting clothes, millions of pounds are raised to restore dignity to the poorest in the world.

At the heart of our faith is the story of man who sacrificed his dignity on the cross and, in doing so, revealed to us the depth of God's concern and compassion for the human race. Somehow, through his action, we become spiritually rich. This month let us hold in our prayers and in hearts all those who work toward the relief of poverty in all its forms. (And perhaps buy and even wear a red nose!)

God Bless

Andy Hardwick.

The Leamington Hastings School Trust 2013

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. This includes social and physical training.
4. There is an emphasis on 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 S. Toole, Old House Farm, Hill, Rugby, CV23 8DX

Completed forms should be returned by April 20th 2013.

Good Friday walk:

Good Friday's 'walk of witness' on March 29th will start from Broadwell Methodist Church with prayers at 1pm.

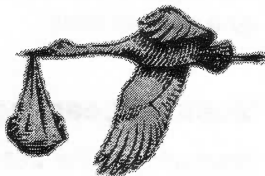
We then walk to All Saint's Church, Leamington Hastings, for a service at 2pm.

All are welcome to join us.

More family news:

Congratulations to Rachel and Steve Astley on the birth of their daughter.

Emmeline Mary Grace, who was born on 24th January, is sister to Peter and Robbie.



Something to think about...

'Sometimes I sits and thinks and sometimes I just sits'.

Winnie the Pooh by A A Milne.

In a universe of a magnitude beyond our comprehension, we inhabit a tiny dot that is possibly the only place where life has evolved to consciousness. In us, the universe has become conscious of itself and we have started thinking. 'Something is going on in us that is as wonderful and extraordinary as the universe itself'. Many believe there must be other intelligent creatures somewhere out there, but it's only thinking! The Higgs Boson Particle was also just thinking, and it may be close to being found; I am not sure.

We have been thrown into life with no procedural manual supplied, so we have had to spend a lot of time figuring it out for ourselves.

Soon after we are born, we clutch things in our tiny hands, which go immediately to our mouth and the process of taste, touch, smell, sight and hearing begins to register. Everything we know about anything we learn through our senses. What a great day it is when, having thrown an object from our high chair, it re-appears; what sport! We have discovered that things still exist despite not being able to sense their presence. This stands us in good stead later on when trying to find our car keys!

Sense provides our database – thinking enables us to use this knowledge to effect (good, or perhaps, bad). How precious this skill is. On TV, Linda Bellingham told how she had recently taken her mother into the kitchen and on seeing the washing machine her mother said: 'Oh, how marvellous! How does it work?'

There is little doubt that our lives are shaped by the care we receive in our earliest months and years. My primary school began through a door above which was carved in stone: *'Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it'*. This same stone is now built into the wall of the gates opening into the more-recent school building in Leamington Hastings. Those first steps over the school threshold were taken in 1939, but now I am inclined to think that it would have been better if the inscription had read: *'Train up a child to think'*.

Bruce Morgan.

Music at Leamington Hastings:

Brochures for the 2013 season will be available during the first half of March when bookings will be possible. The first concert is on May 25th when the Kammer Philharmonie Europa will perform six pieces.

Organiser David Potts is seeking help with setting up the church before the concerts and breaking-down afterwards. To volunteer call 07540 689606, or e-mail David on: dpotts@musicatleamingtonhastings.co.uk

Philip's tractor marathon for Macmillan

Philip Collett has bought a classic Ford 4600 tractor, which he is driving from John O'Groats to Land's End in April. The solo marathon, which is being financed totally by himself, should take about 10 days.

On his way he is raising funds for the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity as well as raising awareness of the help they offer patients and families.

Philip and his family know only too well of the superb work Macmillan under-

takes. The organisation helped his father, Gordon Collett, and the family, in the last few weeks of Gordon's recent illness.

Gordon, a farmer with a love of tractors, was well known in our community. He served for years as a Parish, Borough and County Councillor for this area.

Like his dad, Philip is passionate about anything to do with agricultural machines. He has repaired many throughout his life as an agricultural engineer. Philip will carry all the spare parts and tools he needs to get the 35-year-old Ford to its final destination. And he'll be sleeping in the caravan that he's towing behind the tractor.

Anyone wanting to donate to this worthy charity can do so online via www.justgiving.com/Philip-Collett Or ring 01788 810854 and speak to Angela Woolliscroft. Every penny counts!



Glimpses of God

Our Ecumenical Lent discussion, entitled Glimpses of God, continues at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th March at Broadwell Methodist Church, on Thursday 14th March at the Almshouses, Leamington Hastings, and on Thursday 21st March at

Grandborough Church. Tea and biscuits will be served at each venue.

■ The Ecumenical *Songs of Praise* held at Broadwell Methodist Church on January 29th was well attended. The collection, in aid of HOPE 4, amounted to £91. Thank you for your support.

In Loving Memory – Brenda Goode (formerly Olnier, née Hopkins)

We were sorry to learn of the death of Brenda Goode (formerly Olnier née Hopkins). Brenda was born at No. 5 The Green, Broadwell, on December 3rd 1948. She attended Leamington Hastings School, moving on to Harris School, Rugby. In her youth she was very involved with Broadwell Methodist Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher. Following their marriage, Peter and Brenda made their home at Bilton and it was there that Matthew was born.

When Peter's work with Wessex Water meant moving to the south-west, the family moved to Nailsea and soon became very involved in the local church. Brenda became PA to the Vicar. She worked at the local medical practice & clinic as receptionist and medical secretary. Sadly, Peter died in 2001. Brenda continued to live in Nailsea but, in 2005, she returned to this area when she and Mike were married and became very involved with St Mark's Church, Bilton.

Brenda was only ill for about three months, suffering from two different types of cancer, one of which was very rare. She died peacefully in Myton Hospice on December 23rd. A thanksgiving service for her life was held at St Marks Church on January 21st, when family – and friends from many areas of the country – filled the church. Brenda was a true Christian with a strong faith, who gave much love, care and support to so many.

We were also sorry to learn of the death of Elizabeth (Liz) Harrison, née Sutton, a cousin of Brenda's. Liz was born on April 20th 1944 and grew up at The Post Office, Leamington Hastings, where her mother was the Postmistress. The family supported Leamington Hastings Church. Both Liz and her mother were choir members. Liz died, peacefully, at Warwickshire Nursing Home on January 29th. Her funeral took place at Oakley Wood on February 13th.

Glenys Caunter

Walking Group:

We're still rambling around our beautiful countryside and villages. When? The first Friday in the month, followed about two weeks later on a Wednesday.

As we are now in our sixth year you can guess we have visited many places and are starting to integrate new walks with old ones. So if you join us you can have the best of both worlds! We would love to have more

folk from our Parish. But we do enjoy meeting with our regulars from Napton, Southam, Stretton, Cawston, Clifton and Flecknoe and finding out what's going on in their villages.

Rambles are usually four to five miles long and we use public rights of way.

If you would like to join us, and wish to go on our circulation list, just call us on 01926 632491.

Freda Slater

Broadwell Flower Show:

From Martin Wibberley:

As I sit here typing this piece it is nearing the end of February, the temperature outside is hovering around zero and the wood burner is chomping its way through our woodpile.

However, I notice that all around the signs of spring are appearing; crocus flowers are open, daffodil leaves are appearing and the sound of a woodpecker was heard yesterday.

It is with these things in mind that I am reminded that the Broadwell Spring Flower Show is looming on the horizon. It will be held on Saturday 20th April and, as usual, there will be the opportunity for everyone to enter their prize leeks, home-made preserves and, of course, the daffodils that I mentioned earlier!

So please make a note on your calendars and in your diaries for the 20th April. Between now and then I am sure you will all be planning what to enter into the show!

Anglican services & events:

March:

- 3rd 11am Holy Communion
- 9th Leamington Hastings Lent Lunch 12-1.30pm
- 10th Mothering Sunday 10.30am
- 17th 9am Holy Communion
- 19th 7.30 Healing Service at Broadwell

- 24th Palm Sunday Benefice Willoughby 10.30am
- 28th Maunday Thursday, Grandborough 7.30pm
- 29th Good Friday, 1pm walk from Broadwell Methodist Chapel; 2pm service at Leamington Hastings
- 31st Easter Day, 9am Holy Communion

April:

- 7th 11am Holy Communion
- 16th 7.30 Healing Service at Broadwell
- 21st 9am Holy Communion
- 28th 6pm Evening Worship

Dates for your diary:

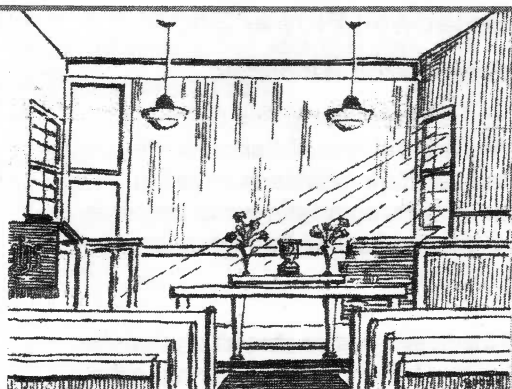
March:

- 4th LH Parish Council, 7pm, Parish Hall.
- 13th Coffee morning, from 10.30 to 12-noon, Broadwell Chapel.
- 13th Book Exchange, 7.30pm to 9-30pm, Victory Hall.
- 27th Over 60s' lunch at Harvester, Long Itchington.
- 29th Good Friday walk, starting 1pm from Chapel.

April:

- 10th Coffee morning from 10.30am to 12-noon, Broadwell Chapel.
- 10th Book Exchange, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Victory Hall.
- 20th Broadwell Flower Show, Victory Hall
- 24th Over 60s' at LH parish Hall, 2.30pm. Speaker Mr David Howe.

PREACHERS AT THE CHAPEL IN MARCH & APRIL



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

March 3rd	Mr John Wright
March 10th	Deacon Janet Thomas – Mothering Sunday
March 17th	Mr Keith Hiscock
March 24th	Please note: there is NO SERVICE TODAY, Palm Sunday
March 31st	The Rev'd Iain Rennie – Easter Day, Holy Communion.
April 7th	Mr Guy Towers
April 14th	Deacon Janet Thomas
April 21st	Mr Andrew Brown
April 28th	Mr Mick Roberts

Flower rota

March:

3rd	Ellen Byerley
10th	Joyce Latham
17th	Glenys Caunter
24th	Alison Deeming
31st	Monica Sensecall

April:

7th	Gladys Collett
14th	Sheila Olorenshaw
21st	Evelyn Royans
28th	Sylvia Toole

Cleaning rota

March:

2nd	Freda Slater
9th	Valeria Bostock
16th	Wendy Williamson
23rd	Sharon Barnes
30th	Alison Deeming

April:

6th	Angela Woolliscroft
13th	Rosemary Chapman
20th	Sheila Olorenshaw
27th	Evelyn Royans

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