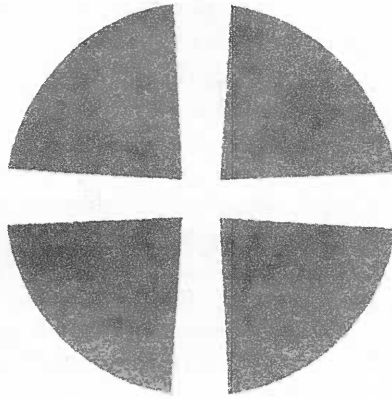


# Broadwell mail

*Church and community  
news brought to you by  
Broadwell Methodist Church.*

**October/November  
2021**



## **BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH**

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## From the Editor

Could it really be that life is getting back to something like what it was pre-pandemic? With news of lots of upcoming events and those already under way – together with reports of successful earlier gatherings – it certainly feels like it is...

However, we must continue to be vigilant and do all in our power to mitigate potential consequences of Covid-19. A couple of Broadwell families have recently been affected. We hope they suffer no lasting effects and thank them for the very obvious steps they took to isolate to protect others.

**Keith Read.**

**\*Temporary Editor**

## Suggested Bible Readings:

**October 3rd:** Amos 6 vv 1a & 4-7 & Luke 16 vv 19-31; **10th,** Jeremiah 29 vv 4-7 & Luke 17 vv 11-19; **17th,** Jeremiah 31 vv 27-34 & Luke 18 vv 1-8; **24th,** Joel 2 vv 23-32 & Luke 18 vv 9-14; **31st,** Habakkuk 1 vv 1-4 & ch 2 vv 1-4 & Luke 19 vv 1-10.

**November 7th;** Haggai 1 vv 15b-ch2 v 9 & Luke 20 vv 27-38; **14th,** Isaiah 65 vv 17-25 & Luke 21 vv 5-19; **21st,** Jeremiah 23 vv 1-6 & Luke 23 vv 33-43; **28th,** (Advent Sunday) Jeremiah 33 vv 14-16 & Luke 21 vv 25-36.

## 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 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.

## Your news for the December/January 2022 edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by noon on **Friday 19th November**. Printing is scheduled for Saturday 27th November.

Keith's 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.

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, who are lonely and afraid to leave their own homes.

As we begin the new Methodist year we remember Methodist ministers and their families who have recently changed circuits, we hope they will be happy in their new surroundings and quickly get to know their new congregations.

We pray for our nation and members of the government, that in these times of uncertainty they may make the right decisions.

We think of those who have been made homeless and are suffering hunger through warfare and natural disasters, remembering the people of Afghanistan.

***Lord, in Your Mercy,  
hear our prayers.***

### Thank You:

We are so grateful to those who have maintained the care of the chapel and its grounds during the pandemic and continue to do so.

Thank you to those who have cleaned the chapel and ensured the Covid regulations are adhered to even while there were no services and to those who care for the grounds by mowing the

grass, keeping the hedges trimmed, planting and watering the flowers and many more tasks, making this a beautiful place for us to enjoy social gatherings.

### Next LH Parish Council Meeting:

The next meeting of Leamington Hastings Parish Council is scheduled for November 8th. The meeting starts at 6.30pm.

## Broadwell defibrillator – and *Nellie the Elephant* – can save lives!

Thanks to all those who attended the defibrillator training on the evening of 24th August, **writes Helen Hargreaves**. It had been a long time coming with postponements firstly due to illness then the pandemic struck! And my thanks to Rosemary Chapman and Carla Tucker for cleaning the hall – no mean task with it being locked up for almost two years!

Andy, the instructor, reassured us all that the defibrillator will literally talk you through the process, so anyone who was unable to attend should feel just as able to use the defibrillator, should the need arise.

A few points came out of the training that are worth noting... The first thing to do is to call 999. In an ideal situation, one person would begin CPR while a second would make the call and fetch the defibrillator. However, should you find yourself alone the advice is **get the defibrillator**.

**Doing CPR:** two verses of *Nellie the Elephant* equals the required rhythm and number of 30 compressions followed by two breaths. Repeat the sequence continuously. Current Covid guidelines advise not to administer mouth-to-mouth, although if you live with the patient you may feel confident to ignore this advice.

In the unlikely event that a child under the age of eight goes into cardiac arrest, the pads should be positioned one on the chest and one on the back. For further information and advice on resuscitation and defibrillators, please refer to the website: <https://www.resus.org.uk/>

Finally, it was decided that it would be wise for the code to the cabinet (C159X) to be widely distributed. Hopefully our defibrillator will never be needed. But, should the worst happen, I hope that everyone would give it a go as the message is definitely that doing anything is better than doing nothing!

**Editor's note:** our thanks to Helen for arranging the training and for the regular tests and checks she carries out on the defibrillator which, in case you are not aware, is located to the right of the main entrance the Victory Hall.

# REFLECTIONS 2MOITCEJER

By Kate Hitchcox – Community Chaplain & Administrator

*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens," Ecclesiastes 3. V1.*

I've noticed over recent days (in early September) that there are changes in the air; the first low-lying fog as I drive down the motorway; the bright sun as it begins to rise; the first signs of the weather turning cooler and the need for a light jacket; combines in the fields; leaves beginning to fall and an extra blanket on your bed! The signs of Autumn are here together with a real sense that – in the words from the famous hymn *Come ye Thankful People Come* – all is safely gathered in.

I'm also reminded of the support we have given one another over recent months as some have felt the anxiousness of coming back together in church and at coffee mornings as well as recent visits of Elmer (the campervan with Making Connexions).

These last few months have been a first for me at Broadwell and Grandborough. I was blown away by the Strawberry Tea and the amount of people that shared together in fellowship with us that day while the first morning we were allowed to sing in Church made me shiver... I know you said you were good singers, but goodness me, the sound was music to my ears! The coffee mornings continue to be a source of encouragement for all and I'm really valuing the time that I now get to spend with you all – and long may it continue.

In Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 9 verse 35, Jesus reminds us that we should *"Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field"*. We are continuing to hear about the shortages of delivery drivers distributing food and the shortage of workers available to gather in the food on peoples land. And so, during this harvest time, we pray for those farmers who are struggling to gather in their harvests. This verse could also relate to us in our villages, towns and communities. There is so much need for company to combat isolation... So much need for food because people are unable to get to shops... So much need for those who are feeling unwell to feel thought of and prayed for... The Lord clearly asks us to be sent out into his harvest field and gather people together!

The 1960s American rock band, The Byrds, wrote a song *Turn, Turn, Turn*, which can be found here [https://youtu.be/W4ga\\_M5Zdn4](https://youtu.be/W4ga_M5Zdn4). If you do listen to the song it will be in your head all day... Let it remind you of this fruitful Harvest Season as we continue to come together in fellowship and friendship with one another.

**Prayer:** *Lord of the Harvest, we pray for our farmers in our communities, for this time of gathering everything in. Lord, continue to give us the opportunities to meet together, to share fellowship with one another and, as the nights draw darker, may we see you as our source of light in those we meet.*

*Amen.*

## NHW wants you to be alert – and to act promptly...

There may well have been someone prowling around the village and entering gardens in the early hours recently... Nigel Higgs, our volunteer Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, received a number of reports from concerned residents and he took the appropriate action.



However, Nigel learned about the incident several hours after the event and despite his prompt action reporting it, police were unable to do anything positive.

Please remember that if you do suspect there is someone prowling in your garden in the early hours, **dial 999 and report it**. Even if it turns out to be a false alarm, the police prefer to be called immediately rather than advised long after the event. It gives them the opportunity to move officers to the area where they may pick up suspects...

An early 999 call becomes particularly important with the clocks soon to go back and the hours of darkness getting longer giving criminals more time to carry out their illegal actions.

Locally, the success rate recently following 999 calls has been really good. Details of successes are posted to NHW co-ordinators who pass the news on to neighbours signed up to NHW. If Nigel does not already have your e-mail address, and you'd like to be kept informed, please contact him by sending him a message on: [nigelhiggs72@hotmail.com](mailto:nigelhiggs72@hotmail.com)

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### LHSS raise funds for Macmillan:

*LH Silver Surfers held a coffee morning at the Parish Hall on Friday 24th September as part of the*

*national Macmillan Big Coffee Morning. It was the third time they had staged the event.*

*Last year's had to be cancelled due to the Covid pandemic.*

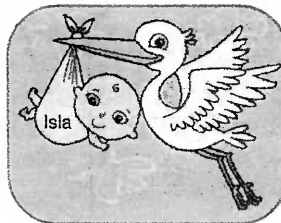
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### Congratulations Sam and Emily!

Many congratulations to Sam and Emily Deeming on the arrival of their daughter, Isla June, who was born on Friday 13th August. She weighed 9lbs 9ozs or 4.33748 kilograms for those who prefer metric!

Emily has had some difficult times since the birth. But we are pleased to hear that she is making progress and we hope she will soon be fully recovered.

Isla, meanwhile, is doing well and proving a joy to Mum and Dad, not to mention all her grandparents and her great-grandmother, Sheila Olorenshaw.



## Poppy Day in LH and Hill:

With the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions, Zinnia Allen and Valerie Smith plan to bring poppies to your houses during the two weeks before

Remembrance Sunday, 14th November.

Also, the same as last year, Valerie will have poppies available at her house in Leamington Hastings for you to collect. If you are not sure where her house is, anyone in the village will direct you!

This year marks the centenary of the Royal British Legion and the annual Poppy Appeal has been at the heart of the organisation throughout those 100 years.

Thanks you in advance for your support.



## Sunday Services:

The next two services at Broadwell Methodist Church are planned for Sunday, October 24th and Sunday November 28th.

On Sunday October 24th the preacher will be our Superintendent Minister, The Rev'd. Andy Hardwick.

The following month our Community Chaplain, Kate Hitchcox, will lead worship on Sunday 28th November.

Services begin at 11am and all are very welcome.

## A timely reminder:

British Summer Time ends on Sunday, October 31st. Therefore clocks should be put back one hour (probably just before you go to bed on Saturday, October 30th!)

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## Elmer's coming back to Broadwell (& Grandborough!)

Elmer, the Circuit's campervan, is returning to Broadwell and Grandborough in the coming months. The visits are a golden opportunity to pause for a cup of tea or coffee and some cake while enjoying a good old chat!

The first visits are on Friday 1st October and scheduled for 2pm outside the Victory Hall in Broadwell, and then 4pm at Grandborough.

On Friday 29th October, Elmer and the team return to Broadwell at 2pm (3.45pm at Grandborough) with the final 2021 visit to Broadwell on Friday 10th December. This will be for an outdoor Christingle Service at 4.30pm at the Victory Hall. All are welcome. But our Community Chaplain, Kate Hitchcox, says do wrap up warm. December could well be cold!



Elmer's last visit to Broadwell

## PARISH HALL PLANS NEW ERA TOWARD CENTENARY

Following the recent questionnaire circulated within the community regarding the future of the Parish Hall at Hill, committee members are pushing forward with plans to ensure the hall remains a focal point for residents. "It's a really exciting time," said hall Chairman, Pat Toole. "With the effect of Covid restrictions on gatherings it was timely to seek views from residents in the parish on the future of the hall.

"What was particularly encouraging was the level of response to our questionnaire – well above the recognised average for such surveys – the view that the hall should continue to play a part in local life and the number of respondents volunteering to either join the committee or assist when we organise events.

"We had seven people offering to join the committee and they were invited to join us at our committee meeting on 6th September. Unfortunately not all could attend but four have now joined us and brought new strengths and ideas to our committee. We are hoping that the other four will join us when we invite all those who offered to assist with future events to a get-to-know-you evening at the hall on Thursday 7th October at 7.30. We will introduce the committee and go over the main findings of the parish hall questionnaire, looking at some of the suggested activities and events for the future and listening to any ideas the volunteers might have."

Up to 20 are expected to attend the October meeting. "It just goes to show how many residents are keen to see the hall succeed in the future," said Pat. "Last year was our 90th anniversary. It was such a shame that Covid prevented us from holding the celebrations we had planned in conjunction with the school's Rose Queen Day. However, the 90th anniversary video was produced and has been widely praised. The video can be viewed on the Parish Hall website: <https://www.lhparishhall.co.uk/>

"Despite the disappointment of cancelling the 90th anniversary celebrations, we now have the enthusiasm to look forward nine years to our centenary! What an occasion that will be!"

In the meantime, Pat revealed that the first hall event planned from an idea from the newly-enlarged committee will take place at the end of October. (See below and, for full details, the flyer reproduced on the back page).

### Spooky night for kids!

Halloween Eve is shaping up to be a spooky night for youngsters in the parish and surrounding communities!

The Parish Hall is promoting a free, two-hour Halloween Party on 30th October, starting at 5pm. All youngsters (and adults if they are brave enough!) are invited to join the fun.

However, it is essential (for a number of reasons, including Covid protection) that all kids and biggies register their

attendance. This can be easily done online at:

[www.lhparishhall.co.uk/halloween](http://www.lhparishhall.co.uk/halloween)

With games, music, a free party bag and a Best-Costume Competition (for kids and adults) it promises to be a fun-filled evening. There will also be refreshments and snacks on sale.

Do check out the details on our new FaceBook page – @LHVH1930

## Christmas Shoebox time comes round again!

Since their first appeal in 2013, Teams4U have sent more than 221,000 shoeboxes overseas to spread a bit of the magic and joy of the Christmas season to children who would otherwise have nothing, *writes Chrissy Read.*

Over the years, Broadwell has contributed approaching 1,000 of those boxes. Please help grow that total this year.

There are several ways in which you can help.

Firstly, filling a shoebox – or more than one if you can! This year I have printed, ready-to-assemble boxes and a good supply of knitted hats that you are welcome to take advantage of.

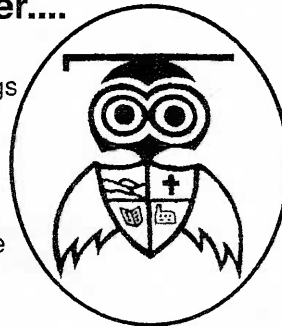
I will be putting a leaflet through every door in the village that suggests suitable items and gives all the details needed to make a donation. Donations help with the cost of transporting the boxes to the orphanages in Belarus and to deprived communities in Bosnia, Georgia, Romania and Moldova. If you can help, please drop your filled boxes or donation to me at *Hawthorn Cottage*, Hayway Lane, before Wednesday November 17th. Very many thanks.



## Leamington Hastings Academy's corner....

*By Suzanne Marson – Head of School.*

We've had a great start to the year at Leamington Hastings Academy, the highlight being installation of our new playground markings. The children are really enjoying playing on them (as are some of the staff!) and we are very grateful to everyone who organised or took part in the various fundraising events that made this possible; we couldn't have done it without the support of the local community.



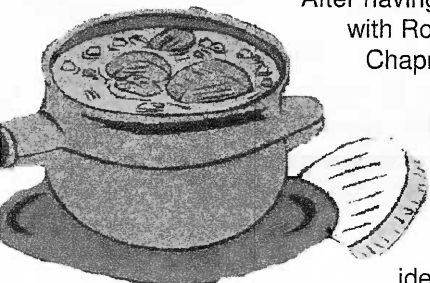
The children have made a great start with their learning this term, with the younger children learning about themselves and the world around them. The older children have been learning about The Great Fire of London. We are looking forward to being able to plan some experiences and trips for the children now that Covid restrictions have been lifted.

We would love to hold a community day later on this academic year so we can share the markings and other changes with you – depending on any Covid restrictions in place. If you would be interested in joining a planning committee for this day, or if you would be interested in joining our new Academy Governance Committee, please get in touch via the school office. We will keep you updated with our plans!



## Broadwell Soup Kitchen's back!

A lot of things have happened since we held our last monthly soup kitchen – unfortunately very few of them good, **writes Martin Wibberley**. Now, over 18 months after the start of the first lockdown, nearly all restrictions have been lifted, people are going out, socialising and events are happening.



After having a chat with Rosemary Chapman we both thought it would be a good

idea to

start up the Soup Kitchen again. I think everyone who used to come along found it a wonderful social event.

We intend holding the Soup Kitchen on the third Wednesday of the month, starting at noon and running until 1:30pm. The first was being planned for the 29th of September (so you'll probably be reading this a few days after the event).

However, we hope you will be able to come along to future Soup Kitchens, with the next planned for Wednesday 20h October.

Previously, kind volunteers have offered to make a bucket of soup for the event and if any of you would like to do this please let us know so we have a rough idea of how much soup we will have. It also allows us to make sure we don't have two gallons of one variety and half-a-pint of the others!

For further details please contact

Rosemary Chapman or me, Martin Wibberley. Many thanks!

## LH Bowls Club:

Thankfully Leamington Hastings Bowls Club have had a little slice of normality this season, **writes Susan Turner**.

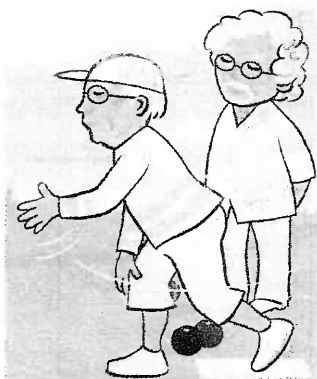
With all Covid measures and restrictions firmly in place we have had a lovely summer of bowling. The green hasn't looked as good or played so well in years (or maybe that was the bowlers keen to blow the cobwebs off and wanting to get some practice after such a long time!)

Saturday 28th August was Lyle Watts Cup day and the weather was beautiful. We raised £401 for Myton Hospice, bringing the total to £13,489 over the past 31 years. There was a raffle and tea and cake, with the presentation of the cup to the winning team. Well done to Ken, Susan, Di and Brian and many congratulations to everyone involved. What a lovely way to spend a Saturday afternoon!

We are unsure, as I write, if indoor short-mat bowls will take place over the winter. But we're keeping our fingers crossed.

Thank you to everyone who has played or come along to watch this season. It's been lovely to

see each other and long may it continue. Stay safe and take care.



### Coffee mornings:

We were again fortunate to have lovely warm, sunny weather for our coffee morning on September 8th, making it possible to set out tables and chairs in the shade of the beech tree in the Chapel drive.

Thank you to all who support these coffee mornings, when it is lovely to see so many and from such a wide age range. A big thank you too to those who willingly provide refreshments free of charge and those who move and clean tables and chairs.

Our next two coffee mornings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 13th and Wednesday, November 10th at Broadwell Methodist Church, when all are welcome. Please join us if you are able.



### Over Sixties Club:

It was good to be able to meet again and see so many members – as well as one or two new faces – for 'Tea and a Chat' at our August meeting at the Almshouses. There was certainly plenty to chat about!

Details of October and November meetings are yet to be finalised and will be circulated as soon as possible.

### Trustees of Broadwell Green & Hall

At last the Victory Hall is now available for your parties, meetings etc.

To book the hall please contact Martin Wibberly at 5 The Row or visit the hall website.

Hopefully we will be able to hold a Christmas Fayre or something similar in late November/early December. Our committee will be meeting soon to discuss. Please watch out for details through your door.

*Stuart Barrie*

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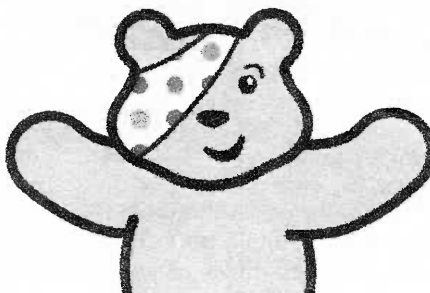
### Children in Need Walk:

Linda and Bob Haynes invite all Broadwell striders to join them at Draycote Water at 10am on Sunday 10th October for the annual Country File Ramble.

This will be the eighth time that Bob and Linda have organised the sponsored walk. Last year, despite Covid, they were able to hold a socially-distanced event which, against all expectations, attracted a record 27 'striders'.

The result was an enjoyable day for all – and an amazing £230 was raised towards the BBC's Children in Need Appeal.

"Hopefully more walkers will join us this year and we can raise even more money for the appeal as well as having a really sociable time on the day," said Bob.



## Christmas Angels are needed!

If anyone would like to knit Angels for the Rugby and Daventry Methodist Circuit, and hasn't got a pattern, please let me know on 01926 813857, **writes Rosemary Chapman.**



Last year they were collected, sorted and delivered with tickets attached after being in Covid quarantine.

We were very fortunate that everyone here in Broadwell received one – as well as some folk on the edge of our community too. I also spotted them all around Rugby on railings, walls etc.

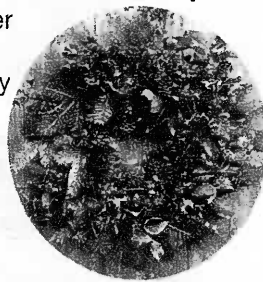
If you are able, please knit some angels and help to make someone smile this Christmas. Thank you!

## Festive wreath workshop:

As the summer draws to a close, naturally its time to start planning for Christmas!

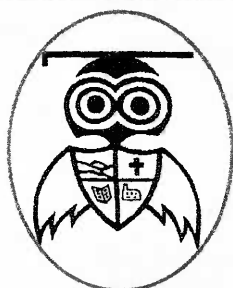
**writes**

**Hannah Van Praag.**



I will be running a Christmas Wreath Workshop in the Victory Hall on Saturday, 4th December, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £25 if purchased before 30th October (£30 thereafter) and include all materials and festive refreshments.

Please contact Hannah on [hannah@rosetintedvases.co.uk](mailto:hannah@rosetintedvases.co.uk) or call me on 07732 215001 to reserve your place.



## Leamington Hastings Church of England Academy

Could you volunteer and become a  
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- \* Do you care about improving children's education and want to contribute to your local community?
- \* Do you want to work as part of a team and value contributions made by others?
- \* Are you willing to challenge and to ask questions?
- \* Are you open to new ideas, willing to learn and undertake training to understand the role?

**We'd love to hear from you, please contact:**

**Alex Rigler, Clerk to the Academy Governing Committee on  
07962 169199 or [alex.rigler@covmat.org](mailto:alex.rigler@covmat.org)**

# HALLOWEEN PARTY

Free Admission!

To celebrate getting life back to normal, we want to bring the community together for some fun. We "dare" you to join us for a spooky event at your local parish hall in Hill/Leamington Hastings. Lots of fun and games on offer but also an opportunity to meet some of your neighbours. Everyone is welcome - even if you would like to pop in for a look around the hall or for a drink and a chat with one of our volunteers. We would love to see you! There will be lots more community events in the future so watch this space.

**Saturday 30th October 2021**  
**5pm-7pm**

PLEASE REGISTER FOR YOUR FREE ADMISSION AT:

[www.lhparishhall.co.uk/halloween](http://www.lhparishhall.co.uk/halloween)

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RUGBY, CV23 8DX [ehinfo@lhparishhall.co.uk](mailto:ehinfo@lhparishhall.co.uk)

This is an event for the whole community. Everyone is welcome, as a family, on your own or with friends. Toddlers, teenagers right through to our more senior residents, we would love to see you. The hall will be fully decorated (with some history on display). The team really are working hard! See our Facebook page (@LHVH1930) for more details including a spooky promotional video! COVID-19 guidelines will be adhered to.

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