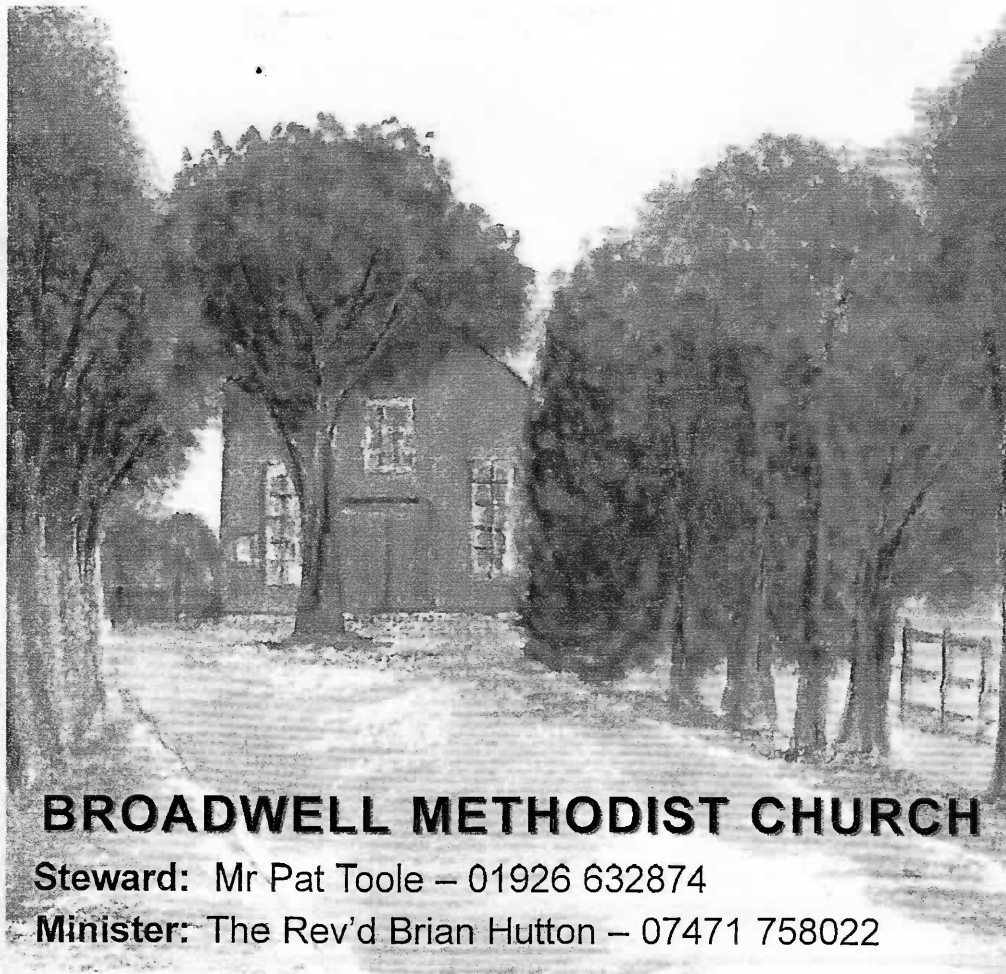


Broadwell

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*Church and community news
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October & November 2024



BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Editor...

A very full issue this time with lots of news! I hope you enjoy reading the contributions...

As we said a fond farewell to Chaplain Kate last time, this time we welcome The Rev'd Brian Hutton and his family. Brian is our new Minister. Some of you will have already met him as he came to the September Chapel coffee morning and brought his family to the Flower Show. And he led the Community Songs of Praise service the day after the Flower Show. At the time of writing I understand that he and his family were due to be at our Harvest Thanksgiving Supper held on Monday September 25th.

I'm delighted to report that Brian has willingly agreed to continue the tradition of a Page 4 Minister's Letter. His first is in response to my invitation to tell us something about himself and his family. Enjoy reading his words starting, of course, on Page 4!

We also publish another letter this time. It's from the family of the late Dr Alec Parker and printed on the opposite page. I commend you to read it as it says much about the wonderful and caring community that is Broadwell...

Finally, I'd like to say how pleasing it was to again see so many of the younger and our newer villagers involved in the Flower Show,

thereby giving many of the long-standing stalwarts a well-deserved break. And my particular thanks to those who stayed to the very end of the excellent barbecue and family food gathering after the Flower Show and, before heading home, re-arranged the tables and seating ready for the Community Service the following day. That was much appreciated by yours truly at 7-30am on Sunday when I arrived expecting to do it!

Keith Read – Editor.

Suggested Bible Readings:

October: 6th, Job 1 v 1 & ch 2 vv 1-10 & Mark 10 vv 2-16; **13th**, Job 23 vv 1-9 & 16,17 & Mark 10 vv 17-31; **20th**, Job 38 vv 1-7 & Mark 10 vv 35-45; **27th**, Job 42 vv 1-6 & 10-17 & Mark 10 vv 46-52.

November: 3rd, Ruth 1, vv 1-18 & Mark 12 vv 28-34; **10th**, Ruth 3 vv 1-5, ch 4 vv 13-17 & Mark 12 vv 38-44; **17th**, 1 Samuel 1 vv 4-20 & Mark 13 vv 1-8; **24th**, 2, Samuel ch 23 vv 1-7 & John 18 vv 33-37.

Remember in Prayer:

We pray for those who are ill or anxious, at home or in hospital, and for those coming to terms with the death of loved ones. May they be comforted by knowing that others care.

As the new school year begins we remember those involved with the world of education, especially staff and pupils who have changed schools and colleges. We pray that they will soon settle in and enjoy their new surroundings.

We remember those whose lives are filled with fear and despair; those affected by extreme weather conditions; the victims of violence and injustice and all who have had to flee from their homes.

We pray for the church in every land, for our Methodist Church here in Broadwell and other local Churches. We pray that members may be united to serve and worship with reverence and joy.

We pray for the life of the world and those who exercise power; may we all learn to live as members of a humble family; to bear each other's burdens; to reject the ways of war and work together for justice and peace.

Lord, in Your Mercy – Hear Our Prayers

Your news for the December/January edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by noon on **Tuesday 19th November** at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Wednesday 27th November.

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

(Take care to get two Rs in the middle!) Or jot down your contribution and drop it in at *Hawthorn Cottage, Broadwell*.

Letter to our Chapel from Dr Alec Parker's family

Rosemary Chapman – neighbour of the late Dr Alec Parker and his wife, Mary, who died some years ago – has received the following letter to the Chapel from Adrian Parker, one of the couple's three children.

"Adrian has given us permission to include his letter in Broadwell Mail," said Rosemary. "It will show new folk they have chosen a caring community to live in and it's a great shout-out and recognition of our Chapel. It will also ensure that all those who have helped Alec and Mary over the years get their thank-you from their family."

*Broadwell
community's
support for Alec
and Mary
recognised with a
generous gift and
kind words...*

Dear Rosemary,

Mum and Dad moved to Broadwell when they purchased Orchard Bungalow in 1957 where they remained for the rest of their lives. There was clearly something special about the village and its strong community spirit that kept them there.

Mum was the nurse that everyone turned to, with everything from the usual bumps and grazes to broken bones, serious burn injuries and even life-threatening childbirth-related issues.

As well as advancing his career, Dad was very involved with All Saints, Leamington Hastings and for decades served in roles including Treasurer, Church Warden, Bell Ringer and Lay Reader. He was also on the LH School governing board.

So for over half a century they played a very full part in village and community life. But, importantly, they also received an immense amount of support from the community over that period, in particular when at first Mum, and then later Dad, needed it.

That support came from lots of different people, some known to Sue, Helen and myself, but also some that we have not had the pleasure of meeting during our visits back to the village.

Equally, whilst we know how much Dad enjoyed the regular 'Soup Kitchen' lunches and coffee mornings, we know there were also many small acts of kindness such as delivering his newspaper or just checking that the curtains were being opened and closed each day.

As a token of our appreciation for this support, Sue, Helen and I have decided that we would like to make a donation to one of the most important village institutions and source of the support outlined above, the Broadwell Methodist Chapel.

Therefore, please accept a donation of £1,000 from us to be used towards the current programme of redecoration of the chapel.

On behalf of Sue, Helen and myself

Kind regards

Adrian

LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER

The Rev'd Brian Hutton

Dear Friends.

It is such a privilege for me to share a little bit of myself and my family as I prepare to serve, worship and witness with you at Broadwell Methodist church.

A little bit about us as a family: We are a family of six. I am married to Lara, a teacher. We have two daughters, Emily (16) and Rachel (13) and two dogs, Hamilton and Drogheda. Our dogs are fondly named after the towns and places I have lived in – so you never know, in the future there just might be a cat or a dog named Broadwell...!

As a family we love building LEGO, eating good meals, playing squash and enjoy playing, listening and making music. We are a close family; we love good coffee, great food, and spending quality time and holidays together.

A little bit about me as an individual: I am Brian Hutton, born in Scotland, moved to South Africa as a young boy, and never went anywhere near a church until I was at least 16 years old when Jesus revealed himself to me in an immensely powerful life-changing way at a Presbyterian church.

I have been a minister and youth pastor (Methodist) for most of my life; entering the ministry in 2006, being ordained in 2011, and leading a church in South Africa for 15 years. During that time God blessed the congregation to grow from a small group of 15 to almost four hundred.

We arrived in England during the COVID pandemic in July 2020 and have been ministering in Darlington, serving four churches for the past four years offering pastoral care and leading all-age, intergenerational services.

While at Darlington we initiated a WAVE service and café that seeks to include and welcome those who have learning difficulties and those who live with symptoms of dementia, offering ministry to them and those who care for them.

I love playing my guitars (yes, you read right – plural!) also mountain biking, reading, staying busy and all matters regarding spiritual formation, discipleship, and church growth.

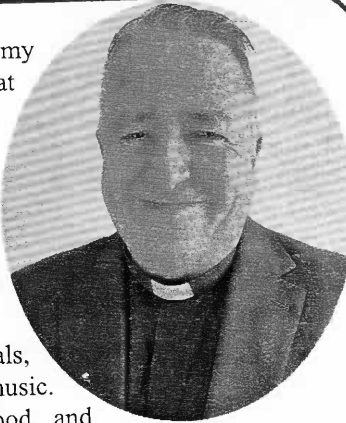
My deep desire is to work, serve, witness, and share God's grace and love together and grow God's Kingdom in this beautiful area. I am at my happiest when I am able to unpack the wisdom of Scripture and apply it for life and spiritual formation.

Looking forward to meeting you all and setting up visits with countless cups of tea!

3 John 1: 13-15: *I have much to write you, but I do not want to do so with pen and ink. I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. Peace to you.*

Sincerely,

Brian.



Farewell gifts for Chaplain Kate:

During our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 22nd September, Chaplain Kate was presented with thank-you gifts from all of us by Sheila Olorenshaw, our oldest Member.



Kate led the service – possibly her last here – and, as a lasting memory of Broadwell, Sheila gave her the framed original painting of the image that you see on the front cover of *Broadwell Mail*. She also gave Kate a cheque for the donations for villagers. We hope that Kate will treat herself to something of her own choosing.

The gifts were our heartfelt thank-you to Kate for her long and dedicated service both to us in Broadwell and to those in the surrounding communities.

The painting – by Phil Sandall – was one of a dozen 'village views' that he painted and had made into a calendar.

It is particularly significant to Kate as it not only shows the Chapel where she led services and attended many events (and now remains a Member) she also knows the artist – Phil and his wife, Sally.

Church Council:

The next meeting of Broadwell Methodist Church Council will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd at 7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom. All Members are welcome.

Broadwell's second Silver Medalist:

Congratulations to Linda Haynes who became our second Silver Medalist when she and her playing partner got through to the finals of their group in the English Open Pickleball Tournament in Telford.

The event is the third-largest in the world and the largest outside the USA. Some 1,976 competitors from 45 countries took part in the tournament with 1,755 games being played over seven days in 123 individual groups. Entrants ranged from eight to 80 years old and included several professional players who stretched the amateurs to their limit.

Not to be outdone, Bob won two Firsts in the recent village Fower Show – one for the largest onion you've ever seen and one for his sculpture of a canoeist. Having said that, Linda also won a First for her embroidery!

Last month we reported that Toni Senior was Silver Medalist in the gruelling European Middle-Distance Triathlon Championships in Portugal.

Shoebox Appeal aims for record response!

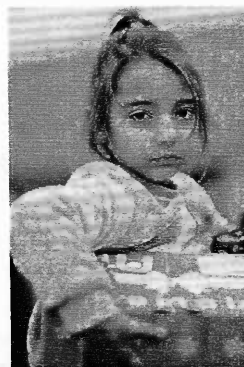
Broadwell has traditionally supported the annual appeal for filled Shoeboxes for vulnerable children for many years, **writes Chrissy Read**. This year we're hoping to do as well as possible.

Your shoebox will be given to a vulnerable child through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages overseas. Our aim is that each box is given in relationship with the local community as part of a long-term commitment to these children. Please be part of this ongoing story that really changes lives simply by filling one (or more!) shoeboxes.

I have purchased several flat-pack boxes (no more fiddly wrapping of empty shoeboxes in Christmas paper!) Just call me on 01926 813603 if you'd like some. I will soon distribute information leaflets

around the village. Please deliver your filled shoeboxes to *Hawthorn Cottage*, Hayway Lane, Broadwell by

Tuesday 19th November so that they reach overseas destinations in time for Christmas. Thank you on behalf of all those children who receive a box one at Christmas.



Where do the shoeboxes go?

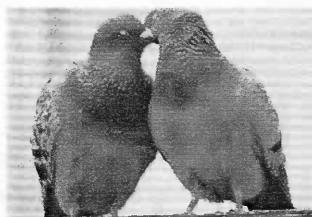
Like in 2023, this year the shoeboxes will be going to Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania. Teams4US works with in-country partners like the Red Cross to help find children that are most in need.

Poems and verse by bird-loving Sheila Fennell...

We were delighted to learn that Sheila Fennell has returned from her short stay in a local care home and is living independently again in her bungalow thanks to regular attendance by professional carers – and the support of friends and neighbours.

While at Thurlaston Meadow, Sheile wrote a number of poems and verses, which we will publish when space allows. Here is just one of her compositions.

Seasons



*I sit in a pear tree on a bare brown bough,
And what do I see in the orchard now?
The days are short and dark and cold,
But drifts of white snowdrops are there to behold.*

*I sit in a plum tree on a budding bough,
The days are longer in the orchard now.
Daffodils round the foot of the trees,
Swaying in tune to the strong March breeze.*

*I sit in my nest on a leafy bough,
I have a mate in the garden now.
He sings all day to welcome the Spring:
Four eggs, when they hatch, new life they will bring.*

*There are six of us sitting on our leafy bough,
Apple blossom graces the orchard now.
We have no time to admire the flowers,
Feeding the chicks fills our waking hours.*

*Our daughters and son have their own leafy bough
We have three small chicks in our nest right now.
We're tired and scruffy in the August heat,
It's hard to find insects for the babies to eat.*

*I'm alone again on my bare brown bough,
Just a few hardy plants in the orchard now.
My chicks are all dead, and so is my mate,
The neighbourhood cats are to blame for their fate.*

*There are Christmas lights on my bare brown bough,
Snowdrifts cover the garden now.
I share scraps with a robin outside the house door,
A foodbank for blackbirds till Spring comes once more.*

Successful outdoor season for LH Bowls Club ends...

Leamington Hastings Bowls Club members have enjoyed a great outdoor season (April-September) **writes Susan Turner**. Out of 12 matches, we won eight. one was rained off, one was cancelled due to lack of away team players and we lost just two. Well done everyone!

It's lovely to see our newest members settling in, playing well and enjoying being part of the club. You have all taken so well to the game!

Saturday 24th August arrived wet and overcast and not looking good for our Lyle Watts Day raising funds for Myton Hospice. However, after some reorganisation, we bowled indoors on our short mats and had a fabulous afternoon. A more-intimate setting than outdoors allowed everyone to chat and be more involved in the bowling. The amount of cheering and (friendly) heckling added to the atmosphere. Well done to the winning team of Pat, Jan, Jim and Mel. Tea and homemade cakes were, as always, very welcome, and well done to everyone who helped to raise a magnificent £487.

We played our traditional Ladies v Gents match to end the outdoor bowls season on Sunday 15th September. The Ladies came second... We enjoyed a lovely meal and get-together afterwards at the Harvester in Long Itchington. Our thanks go to Sharon and Simon.

On Wednesday 18th September we started our indoor short mat bowls season in the Leamington Hastings Parish Hall. We play every Wednesday from 2pm-4pm. You are welcome to join us. . This is gentle exercise, with a cup of tea and a biscuit or two at half time. Please wear loose clothing and flat shoes. If you would like more information,

6 please call 01788 336913.

Over Sixties' Club:

On October 30th we will once again welcome Jamie and Janine for an afternoon of leather work with an opportunity to participate. This meeting will begin at 2.30pm.

The November meeting will be on the 27th, at 2pm when Bryan Tomkins will lead us in singing Christmas songs.

Both meetings will be in the Community Room at the Almshouses, Leamington Hastings.

Over Sixties normally meet on the last Wednesday of the month. **Please note the change of time in November as we plan for our winter meetings.**

Community Service:

Following the Flower Show on September 14th, we were pleased to see many of you at the Community Songs of Praise Service in the Marquee on Sunday 15th, led by The Rev'd. Brian Hutton and accompanied by Robin Coling.

Many thanks to Brian and Robin and those who prepared and cleared the marquee.

The collection amounted to £98 while £15.50 was donated for refreshments following the service. A sum of £20 will to be donated to help with the cost of the marquee and £93.50 will be sent to this year's Flower Show charity, The Friendship Project.

This is an organisation of volunteers helping young people by mentoring or giving them respite time by supporting them with

activities such as going out and about, for example, walking, bowling, a trip to Macdonald's etc. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Coffee

Mornings:

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 Mornings will be on October 9th and November 13th. Please make a note in your diaries and come along if you are able.

Broadwell Christmas Fayre.

The Victory Hall Trustees are holding their annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23rd. November starting at 2pm. Please bring children to the Victory Hall to meet Santa and receive a present from him.

There will also be a tombola, cake stall, nearly-new stall, cards and our great hamper raffle. Refreshments will be available including mincepies.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Stuart Barrie.

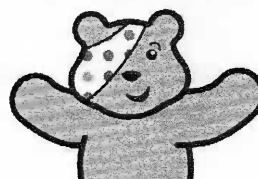


Broadwell Ramblers walk for Pudsey again!

On Sunday 6th October, Bob and Linda Haynes are again organising a sponsored walk in conjunction with the annual BBC Country File Children in Need appeal. This will be the 15th time the local walk has been held and, over the years, several thousands of pounds have been raised by Broadwell Ramblers.

"Following the success of last year's event, which started from The Green Man Inn, Long Itchington, we are doing the same, gentle, five-mile circular walk," said Bob. "We'll start at 10.30am at The Green Man. Everyone is invited to join us and the route allows individuals and groups to walk at their own pace.

"When we arrive back at The Green Man, the pub's reasonably-priced Sunday Lunch will be available for those who want it. Last year lunch was popular with many of the walkers. But please let me know (on 01926 813642) if you'd like to eat as the pub needs to know in advance how many of us to cater for."



Broadwell Flower Show 2024

Flower Show day turned out to be a glorious day with virtually wall to wall sunshine and a good turn out of visitors, *writes Martin Wibberley*. Several people came along who had intended to put their produce into the Southam show. But as this had been cancelled they decided to come to us instead.

I have had many people come up to me since the show saying it was probably the best one they'd been to! And I have to say it did seem to have a real energy about it.

Looking at the draft accounts, the show made just over £1,150 profit, I think the largest we have ever made. This will allow us to make a good sized donation to our chosen charity for the year, 'The Friendship Project'.

An evening social event also took place with more than 80 villagers attending and much fun, food, merriment and music was enjoyed – a great end to a lovely day.

Finally, events like this don't just magically happen and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the day and evening a success, whether planning, executing or supporting the event. There are so many of you I don't have room to

name everyone. But you will know who you are.

We have already started planning next year's shows, so keep tuned in!

Knitting & nattering continues!

Following a very successful inaugural meeting, we invite you to join us again for Knit & Natter. We're gathering at the Victory Hall, Broadwell on Wednesday, 2nd October from 2pm until 4pm.

Bring any craft – or none! – and enjoy good company for a couple of hours. Tea, coffee and cake is provided.

We would be grateful for a voluntary contribution towards the hire of the Hall.

For further information, phone Elizabeth on 01926 815466.

Be an Angel and knit an Angel

Calling for knitters to knit the Angels for the annual Methodist Angel distribution, *writes Rosemary Chapman*.

"We will be taking them into Rugby to be tagged the first week in November. Angels are the perfect project to knit in our new Knit & natter group! "If you can't knit maybe you could have a go at sewing them up during the session? See you there!

Great start to new academic year at LH CofE Academy

By Suzanne Marson, Head of School

We have had a great start to the academic year at Leamington Hastings C of E Academy. The new children have settled into nursery and reception and have quickly become part of the school family. The new learning topics are well underway, with the Early Years children focusing on the topic 'Marvellous Me' and Key Stage One carrying out some historical learning about toys from the past.

We have some exciting trips and events planned for later this term such as a visit to Warwick Arts Centre for our annual theatre trip, workshops taking place in school to find out about toys from the past and a vocabulary day – this is where everyone dresses up as an ambitious word and is great fun to take part in.

If your child is due to start reception in 2025, or nursery within the next year, you are welcome to join us for our prospective parents open evening. Everyone is welcome on Monday 11th November 2024 at 5:30pm. In the meantime, our online prospectus will give you lots of information about the school and can be accessed using the QR code or online via:

<https://www.leamingtonhastings.covmat.org/school-prospectus/>



Charity's Relief-in-Need Fund

The Leamington Hastings Consolidated Charity not only manages the Almshouses in LH, but also administers a Relief-in-Need fund.

The fund is available to local residents who could benefit from a grant to help towards the cost of items, services or facilities to support them during a time of need.

We welcome applications from individuals. Equally, please do let us know of other residents who may not be in a position to apply for themselves - we may be able to help.

The application process is easy and informal. Questions and interest should be forwarded to Alex Rigler, Clerk to Trustees at alexrigler@aol.com or call 07962 169199

New blinds for Parish Hall:

I'm happy to announce that Leamington Hastings Parish Hall was successful in gaining funding from the County Councillors' grant fund for new window blinds, **writes Dale Keeling.**

Dale is Leam Valley's County and Borough councillor.

He said: "The next round of grants from the County Councillors' fund become available on the 23rd September and lasts until 3rd November. If any local group would like to apply for a community grant, please contact me for more information. My phone number is 07895 360442 and my e-mail is dakekeeling@warwickshire.gov.uk

"I look forward to hearing from anyone who would like to apply."

Missing plaque:

Have you seen the metal plaque that was beside the Platinum Jubilee tree on The Green?

Sally Sandall and her family are hoping that someone knows the whereabouts of the special plaque that they commissioned when her Mum, the late Dorothy Pickering, unveiled the oak tree that commemorates the Queen's 75th year as head of our nation and the Commonwealth.

"If anyone knows the whereabouts of the

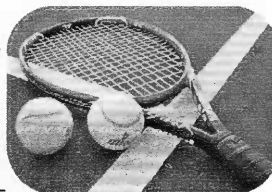
plaque, we would be very grateful," said Sally. "It has gone missing and we are very sad that it is no longer in place."

If you have any information, please contact Sally. **But if you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact me in the strictest possible confidence – Editor.**

Anyone for tennis?

Do you fancy some great winter exercise?

Part-year memberships are available from now until 31st March 2025 at the LH Parish Hall tennis court, **writes Jill Ayres.**



"The cost is a nominal £25 per household," said Jill. All members of the household may use the court.

"Are you interested? If so contact info@lhparishall.co.uk. We would love you to join us."

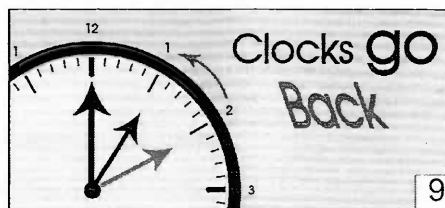
Otters sighted locally:

Two different dog-walkers have seen otters in the fields off Hayway Lane on different occasions recently. It is believed the otters are young from last year, currently looking for new territory.

Each of the dog-walkers had remained silent about their sightings in case they were wrong. However, when they met recently and chatted, each was relieved to hear that the other had also seen them.

Timely reminder...!

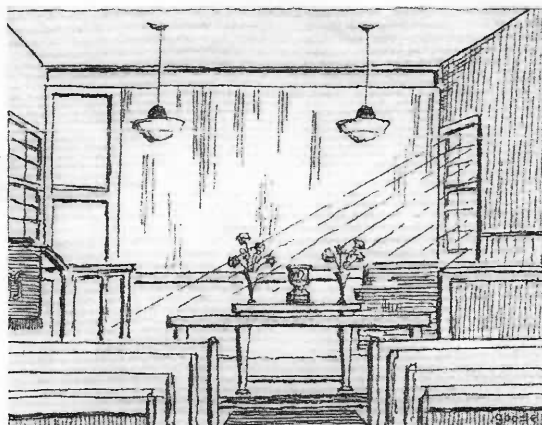
British Summer time ends at 2am on Sunday 27th October when clocks should go back by 1 hour.



Broadwell Methodist Chapel

PREACHERS FOR October & November

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



Oct	6th	Mrs Margaret Geldart
Oct	20th	The Rev'd Brian Hutton, Chapel Anniversary & Holy Communion
Nov	3rd	Kate Horrix
Nov	17th	Mr Peter Kent.

Flower rota

October:

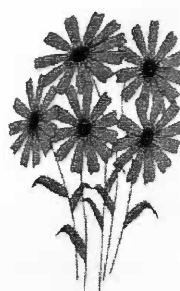
6th	Rachel Sensecall
20th	Alison Deeming

November:

3rd	Sharon Barnes
17th	Wendy Williamson

December:

1st	Freda Slater
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Cleaning rota

(Week ending...)



October:

5th	Rosemary Chapman
19th	Carla Tucker

November:

2nd	Wendy Williamson
16th	Freda Slater
30th	Valerie Bostock

December

14th	Angela Woolliscroft
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