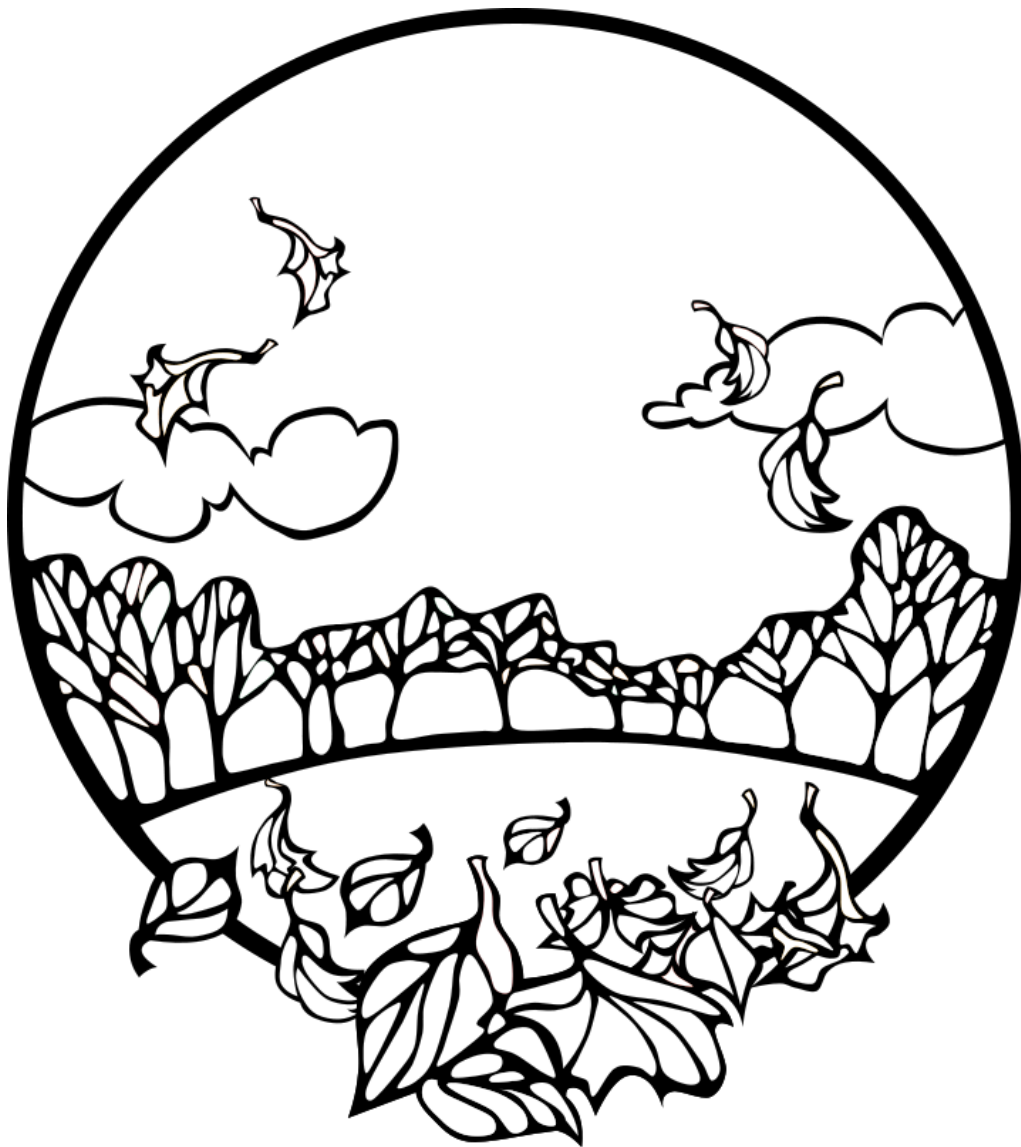


Broadwell mail

Church and community news
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BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Editors

We know that the very long, very hot summer has given cause for worry and hard work in the community, but we are thankful how quickly the countryside has begun to flourish again.

John and I had great pleasure attending the Flower Show. There was so much to see, do, eat, buy, watch and hear. Thank you to all the organisers and contributors for a lovely afternoon.

May we thank all the contributors to this October/November issue of the Broadwell Mail for sending in their items for this edition earlier than the usual deadline. It has allowed us to prepare for publication before our holiday, booked before we took on our editorial roles.

We also thank Keith and Glenys for their support in preparing this issue. **Helen and John**

Welcome

A warm (and slightly belated) welcome to Rick and Jane Francis who have moved into *Home Close* – the late Sheila Olorenshaw's bungalow.

They moved in glorious weather just as the August/September edition of *Broadwell Mail* was being prepared for printing.

We hope that Rick and Jane are settling in well and that they are getting to know Broadwell folk and are enjoying all that our lovely community offers.

Time to change

A reminder that British Summer time ends on **Sunday, October 25th**, when clocks go back by one hour.



Your news for the December 26/January 27

Edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach John & Helen Kay by noon on **Wednesday 18th November** at the very latest.

Printing is scheduled for Thurs 26th November.

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**

Letter from our Minister

The Rev'd Brian Hutton



1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient.

Read usually at weddings, these three words still percolate in my soul and spirit. Love is patient - and what that exactly might mean for us and each of our contexts. Love according to Paul's list about love is first and foremost...love is patient.

Patient with others and their understanding. Patient with others who repeat things, who tell the same stories, who take much longer than us to get around. Patient in offering others room to grow, not rushing them. Choosing to try and understand than to be irritated. Patient with people coming on board with new ideas or new ways to do things. We can so easily be patient in the supermarket with strangers but struggle to find patience with those we live with or are closest to. Love... is... patient.

Ronald Rolheiser describes this patience as giving others the full space to unfold according to their own inner rhythms and impatience as a subtle form of atheism, a refusal to let things happen in God's time.

Patience includes waiting, but being patient is also an attitude, allowing others room, time and space. Being patient requests humility from us - we don't bully, control, force, coerce or manipulate. In older Bibles patience is described as long suffering - I get that. And when we truly trust and lean on God's Spirit to put this into practice we mirror God's patience with you and me and for the ways we are slow to understand and trust his ways. I wonder where and with whom could you practice patience and growing in love today?

Brian

Bible Readings for October/November (Year A)

October 4th Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46; **Oct. 11th** Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6,19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14; **Oct. 18th** Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22; **Oct. 25th** Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6,13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46
November 1st Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7,33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12; **Nov. 8th** Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13; **Nov. 15th** Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30; **Nov. 22nd** Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46; **Nov. 29th Advent Sunday** Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 13-9; Mark 13:24-37

Memories of Eileen Burgess

(from her son Alan)

Many of you will know of Eileen as Margaret Webster's older sister. She was born on the 17th August 1933 to Basil and Olive (May) Collett. The middle child with Gordon, her older brother and Margaret, her younger sister.

Initially living in Grandborough, they moved to Broadwell, where she attended the local school, then the Leamington School for Girls, catching the train from Stockton, which is where she met Donald on the same train going to the Boys School.

They got married at Broadwell Methodist Chapel on the 12th September 1953 and bought a farm at Bow Brickhill, in Buckinghamshire.

Here they started a family with the arrival of Alan, Peter and Andrew.

As well as bringing up the children, she was busy about the farm too, including calf rearing, lambing and driving the tractor.

Eileen had a very strong Christian faith and attended Chapel and helped with the Sunday School, enjoying the Annual Sunday School outing to Wickstead Park.

In 1971, because Milton Keynes Corporation wanted part of their farm for development, the family moved to Lower Boddington in Northamptonshire, where Eileen, always interested in her garden, started growing plants for sale. This grew into selling animal feed, too, until their retirement in 1996, when they moved to Upper Boddington and completely transformed the garden there.

Eileen joined the Boddington and Broadwell Singers, performing in many concerts.

The early 2000s saw her nursing Donald, despite needing a new hip herself. After his death in 2008, Eileen got her new hip and continued with her gardening and selling plants in aid of the Chapel and Parish Churches. Even during lockdown she sold plants at her gate, to raise money. She was a regular organist at the Chapel and relief organist at the Parish Church and led the Christmas Day service for 36 years, without repeating one!

In 2020 Eileen moved to Kirkby Steven, where she quickly joined in with the Chapel and all the local coffee mornings, sorted out her garden and grew plants for sale in aid of the Chapel. A new walker gave her a new lease of life and she'd enjoy walking into town to sit and chat with whoever came along.

Eileen was a good sister, mum, aunt and a good friend to many.

In Prayer...

Merciful Lord, it can be hard to be patient.
Help us, Lord. Speak calm into our hearts.
Especially when they ache, grieve and are in pain.

Teach us, mould us to be more patient,
with people, circumstances and even with ourselves.

Help us to be more loving and gracious to our families,
friends and others in our community.

Remind us that we all have our difficulties, trials and problems.
Refresh us, then and give us the humility to show patience
to those around us, to remain at peace and speak gracefully to
others.

Let peace and patience be a symbol of our neighbourhood.
May Your peace fill our hearts.

*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.

Christmas Angels

Volunteer knitters are
required to knit Christmas
Angels. They are asked to
hand the knitted angels to
Rosemary Chapman by
the end of November.
If patterns are needed
Rosemary can supply
them.



Tea & Chat

Tea and Chat meetings will be on Wednesday, October 28th at 2:30pm
and November 25th at 2:00pm at Leamington Hastings Almshouses
community room. All are welcome to join us for these friendly informal
gatherings.

**As we will have altered the clocks please note the change of time
for November.**

BROADWELL VICTORY HALL - WINTER 2026

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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SAT . OCT

BRADDLE TAP WITH BAR

5PM - LATE



22

SUN . NOV

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

2 - 5PM



28

SAT . NOV

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

2 - 4PM



11

FRI . DEC

WREATH MAKING

7:30PM



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Soup Kitchen Dates

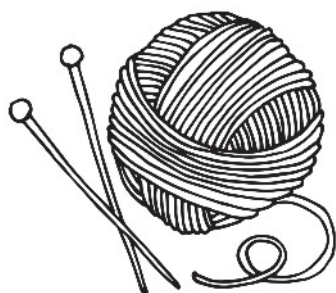
The next for the Soup Kitchen are:
October 21st and November 18th, 12noon 'til 1:30pm
at the Victory Hall. Everyone welcome.

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/coffee and light refreshments between 10:30am and 12noon. Our next Coffee Mornings will be on **October 14th** and **November 11th**. Please join us if you are able.



Knit and Natter



The popular Knit and Natter sessions, held on the first Wednesday in the month, at Broadwell Victory Hall, continue meeting at 2pm.

The dates for the next meetings are **Wednesday October 7th** and **Wednesday November 4th**.

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

Broadwell Striders & Friends stride for Pudsey

Once again our local BBC Countryfile walk for Children in Need is being organized by Bob and Linda Haynes. This year's event is on Sunday 11th October and is a maximum of five miles along easy tracks through the Warwickshire countryside.

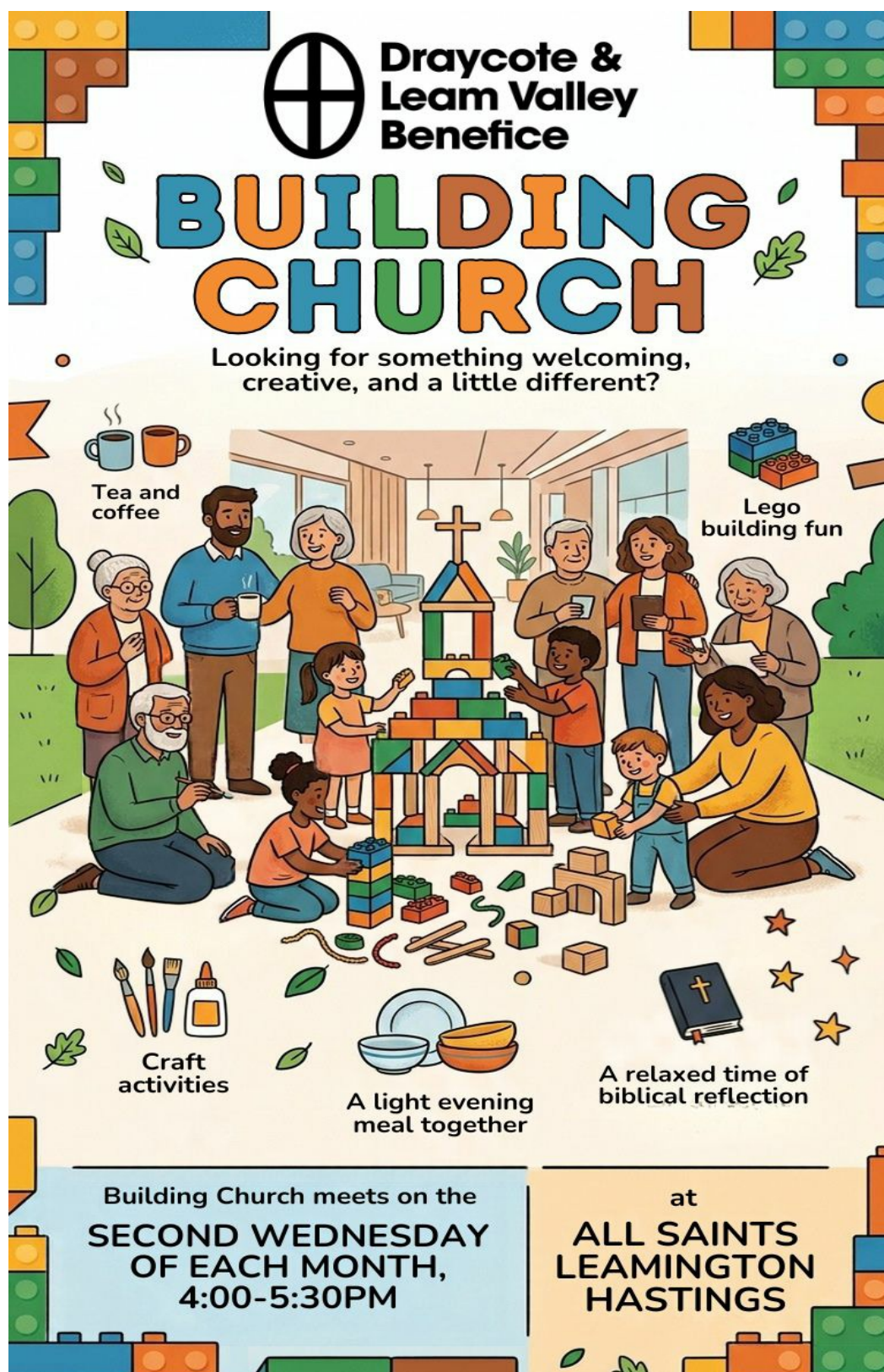
"The plan is to meet at The Green Man pub in Long Itchington at 10am," explains Linda. "After the walk some of us will enjoy Sunday Lunch at The Green Man. If you'd like to join us for that, please let Bob know on 01926 813642 as the pub needs to know how many to cater for."

"We hope that as many walkers as possible will join us for what is always an enjoyable social event raising funds for Children in Need. All we ask for is a donation."

"We have always been lucky with the weather, so fingers crossed for the 11th October. Do please join us if you can!"

Broadwell Methodist Church events

Wednesday, October 14th Coffee Morning 10:30am-12noon
Wednesday, November 11th Coffee Morning 10:30am-12noon
Sunday, December 20th Carol Service at 4:00pm



Volunteers needed...

...to tidy the graveyard at Leamington Hastings on Saturday October 17th from 09:30 - 12:30 (even an hour would be greatly appreciated), for general weeding and hedge cutting. Please bring gloves and any tools you may have. It's quite a social morning and hot drinks and biscuits are provided. Any help is greatly appreciated. It makes a great difference to a lot of people each year.

Christmas Shoebox 2026

By Chrissy Read

Our local co-ordinators – Fred and Rachael Smith – have stood down after many years receiving and passing on the shoeboxes and Teams4u have not yet appointed new co-ordinators. While I will be doing some shoeboxes I won't be collecting those from the village this year.

If you still want to fill some shoeboxes I will happily let you know where I will be sending mine. It could well still be to Teams4u; equally, it could be to another deserving charity. Until Teams4u get back to me I simply don't know...

In the meantime, my heartfelt thanks for all the shoeboxes that you have filled over the years. I can't remember exactly how long I've been acting as the Broadwell contact for Christmas Shoeboxes – it must be getting on for 25 years! And on behalf of all those many disadvantaged children who have received your gifts on past Christmas Days,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



“Thank you” from Annegret

I would like to thank everyone for the kind messages, flowers and visits I have received after my accident. I am looking forward to seeing you all again when I am able to drive.

Much love and good wishes!

Thank you so much to all who sent cards, phone calls, messages and beautiful flowers for my 90th birthday on August 13th, the hottest day of the year, even so, I spent a lovely nostalgic time reminiscing with my two sons while trying to keep cool. Your kind thoughts were greatly appreciated. ***Writes Glenys Caunter***

Thank You to 'John the Milkman' who has donated the milk for our Harvest Supper. Our Chapel appreciates his kindness.

From all at Broadwell Methodist Chapel.



**Come and join us for a
fun evening of Skittles
with supper
on
Friday 16th October**

You are all welcome to join the members and friends of Leamington Hastings Bowls Club for a skittles evening with supper and raffle, to be held on Friday 16th October, meeting at 6:30pm for 7pm start, with supper at 8pm.

Tickets are £12 and the venue is Leamington Hastings Parish Hall.

If you are interested please contact John & Helen at helenkay6363@gmail.com by Wednesday 14th October.

Great fun on the green this summer
By Susan Turner

What a lovely outdoor season the club members have enjoyed! Although our green isn't green at the moment, (more brown), and bowling on it requires luck more than skill, it has been great fun, caused laughter and created weird and wonderful shots!!

Work continues on the ditch ends by some dedicated and skillful gents and it looks amazing and will ensure the ends of the green are intact and safe. Thank you to all those involved.

On Saturday 22nd August many members bowled, drank tea and ate cake to raise money for Myton Hospice. Well done everyone who helped and bowled!!

Our traditional closing of the green match, Ladies v Gents, was played on 19th September (at the time of printing the result is unknown).

We start our indoor short mat bowls at the end of September, every Wednesday, 2pm-4pm in LH Parish Hall. If you would like to come along and have a go, you will be made very welcome!

Please wear loose clothing and flat shoes, all equipment is provided and the car park is free! We even stop for a cuppa and a biscuit!

Rugby Borough Council Councillor Grants Scheme 2026/27

Rugby Borough Council has launched its new Councillor Grants Scheme for 2026/27, providing Borough Councillor Dale Keeling up to £3,000 to support projects within his ward. The scheme offers funding for a wide range of initiatives through two grant programmes:

- Community Grants to support community projects, activities and local organisations.
- Direct Local Action Grants to fund practical, one-off improvements that benefit local neighbourhoods.

Community groups, charities and other eligible organisations are encouraged to explore the opportunities available and discuss potential projects with their local borough councillor.

Full details, including eligibility criteria and application information, can be found on the Rugby Borough Council website.

County Council Community Grants Benefits Broadwell

Cllr. Keeling was pleased to announce that two local organisations have successfully secured funding through the Warwickshire County Council Community Grants Scheme to support important community initiatives.

Funding has been awarded to help install a broadband connection in Broadwell Village Hall, together with the equipment needed to provide Wi-Fi coverage both inside and outside the building. The project will help improve digital connectivity and accessibility for residents and community groups using the hall.

Additional funding has also been secured for Broadwell Methodist Church to help meet heating costs and ensure the building remains warm and welcoming for the village's monthly community coffee mornings.

Cllr. Keeling said, "These projects demonstrate how community grant funding can support both practical improvements and valuable local activities that bring residents together and strengthen community life."

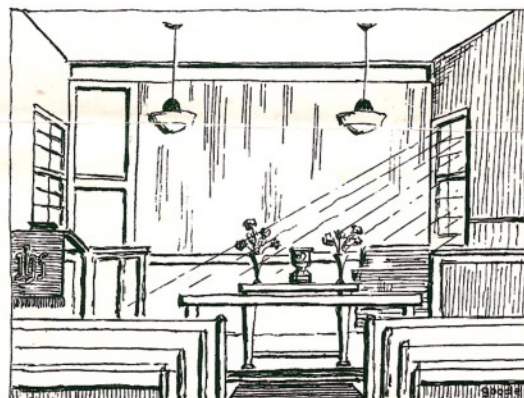
Note: Cllr Keeling is the Borough and County Councillor for the Leam Valley area.

Broadwell Methodist Chapel

Preachers & Rotas for

Oct/Nov 2026

*Services are held at 11am
unless otherwise indicated*



October	4th The Rev'd Brian Hutton
	18th The Rev'd Brian Hutton, Holy Communion
November	1st Mrs Margaret Geldart
	15th The Rev'd Brian Hutton
	29th Advent Sunday, Fellowship and Coffee

Flower Rota:

October	4th Alison Deeming
	18th Sharon Barnes
November	1st Wendy Williamson
	15th Valerie Bostock
December	6th Christmas Flowers



Cleaning Rota: (week ending)

October	3rd Wendy Williamson
	17th Valerie Bostock
	31st Angela Woolliscroft
November	14th Rachel Sensecall
	28th Rosemary Chapman
December	5th Sharon Barnes



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