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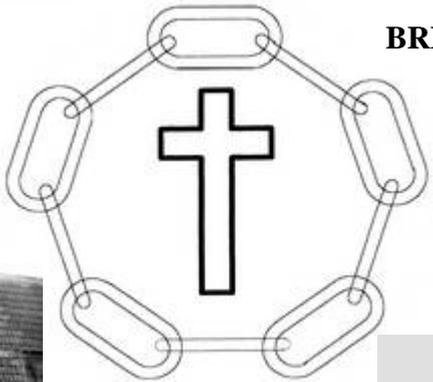
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**BREAN**



**BRENT KNOLL**



**BURNHAM ON SEA**



**WEST HUNTSPILL**



**EAST BRENT**

## *Minister's Letter*

At a family gathering over the summer and like any such get-togethers we started reminiscing over the number of houses and schools we went to while growing up. All this came about due to the fact that mum's current house is the longest she has ever lived in one place. In her move to this house mum only had to move from next door. The family had finally grown up and moved out. So it was fifteen years since mum's move took place but we haven't ruled out any more.

People move, it's the building that stay in one place. We've lived in nine in the same village, don't ask.

Just give someone directions and see what landmarks you use. Nearly 400 years ago a monk got lost at one of the highest points in the Derbyshire Peak District. The night was cold and wet and no shelter to be found. He stayed the night in a rough shelter left for the sheep. In the morning he built a small mound of rocks with a cross to mark the place. He vowed he would return to build a permanent shelter.

Now the nights are drawing in I'm reminded of the story. A Church now stands on that spot. At the top of the church tower is a cross. Times have moved on. When the clocks go back on the last weekend of October the cross is switched on. Its light can then be seen across the valley.

As a church we all understand that light brings warmth and welcome to a home. A home should be a focal point of family life and is able to give security and care to all.

In your prayers this month remember those who lives are far from the ideal.

Every Blessing

*Stephen*

# CALENDAR

## OCTOBER

- Tue. 28th 2.30pm LINK Villages Fellowship - Mrs. Jean Tincknell.  
Wed. 29th 7.30pm. Burnham Church Council.  
Wed. 29th 7.15pm. Visit to Broadway Lodge W s M - Secretary  
Chris Williamson, Tel 01934 511715

## NOVEMBER

- Sat. 1st 10.00 - 12.00. Coffee Morning and Christmas Cards etc. in aid of  
Action for Children (NCH) Burnham.  
Sun. 2nd. am Traidcraft table in the Entrance Hall  
Wed. 5th 8.00pm. Wednesday Group - Jackie Morris,s South African  
Trip at 68 Maple Drive.  
Thur. 6th 2.30pm. Thursday Fellowship - Mrs. Sandra Brown –  
“More about Singapore”.  
Sat. 8th 10.00 - 12.00. Shoppers Coffee Morning - Burnham Methodist –  
Everyone Welcome.  
Sat. 8th 10.30. Christmas Sale and Coffee Morning at East Brent  
Methodist Hall  
Mon. 10th 7.30pm. Circuit Men's Supper Club - Cyril Routley –  
From Pillar to Post"  
Tue. 11th 2.30pm. LINK Villages Fellowship - Mrs. Margaret  
Pendelton "Travels on a Tandem"  
Thu. 20<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm. Thursday Fellowship - Cedric May – Slide Show.  
(SALES TABLE)  
Sat. 22nd 10.00 - 12.30. **CHRISTMAS FAIR in aid of The RD Fund**  
Burnham Methodist  
Sun. 23rd LAST Day for items for the December - January  
LINK  
Tue. 25th 2.30pm. LINK Villages Fellowship - Rev. Robert Channon.  
Sat. 29th Sale etc. In aid of the Singing Children of Africa –  
Burnham  
Sat. 29th 10.30am Christmas Coffee Morning and Stalls at Brent  
Knoll Methodist Church

## DECEMBER

- Tue. 2nd 7.00 for 7.30pm Church Christmas Dinner at the White Cottage

West Huntspill

- Wed. 3rd 8.00pm. Wednesday Group - An evening with Rev. Stephen Hill.
- Thu. 4th 2.30pm. Thursday Fellowship - Favourite Carols / Christmas Stories. Bring & Share.
- Sat. 6th 10.00 - 12.00. Coffee Morning in aid of the RD Fund -
- Sun. 7th. am. Traidcraft table in the Entrance Hall
- Tue. 9th 12.30pm. LINK Villages Fellowship - Christmas Buffet.
- Sat. 13th 10.00 - 12.00. Shoppers Coffee Morning - Burnham Methodist – Everyone Welcome.
- Thu. 18th Evening **Carols in the Barn** at Ash Lawn Rooksbridge.



Dear Friends.

We would like to thank all members of the 'Link' and Circuit who have supported us with prayer, visits, calls and cards over this past difficult week. We very much appreciate the support we have been given. The time has now come for us to step aside from active church work in Burnham, and we wish every blessing to those who will be "picking up the baton" from us.

Eric is recovering very well from his Stroke and hopefully with less stress and more rest will make a full recovery.

Sincerely. June and Eric.



## **MRDF SUPPORTERS NEW APPEAL FOR ZIMBABWE**

A ban barring aid agencies from operating in Zimbabwe has now been lifted. MRDF is supporting a new appeal that will deliver food and agricultural assistance to some of the country's most vulnerable people. It is estimated that nearly 4 million people could go hungry in October with this number peaking at 5 million between January and March 2009. Now that the ban has been lifted, many will now be able to access much-needed food supplies. MRDF is supporting an appeal through Action by Churches Together that will distribute monthly food rations of maize, cooking oil and beans to over 26,000 people in some of the most vulnerable communities. It will also help farmers rebuild their livelihoods by providing seeds, fertilisers and training in conservation farming that will help them mitigate the impact of drought on their crops

MRDF NEWS RELEASE

Chris Wray



### **Your Opportunity to Visit BROADWAY LODGE**

Weston s Mare

**Treatment Centre for Addiction.**

**This is an opportunity to see Broadway Lodge from the inside.  
Rev. Peter Davis has arranged an evening at the centre to explain the  
service and to hear from a recovering patient.**

**When: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2008**  
**Where: Broadway Lodge, Totterdown Lane, off Oldmixon  
Road, W-s-M**  
**Time: 7.15 for a 7.30pm start.**

*This has been arranged by the Methodist Circuit Mission and Justice Committee.  
Secretary Chris Williamson, Tel 01934 511715*



**THE METHODIST CHURCH**

College Street,  
BURNHAM ON SEA

**CHRISTMAS  
FAIR**

**NOVEMBER 22nd**  
**10.00am – 12.30pm**

**VARIETY OF STALLS:**

Home Made Cakes – Handicrafts – Groceries –  
Choc-a-holics – Jewellery – Bric a Brac  
Toys  
“Christmas Raffle” & Competitions  
Coffee/Tea & Biscuits/Mincepies

**Admission Free**

***In aid of the Church Redevelopment Fund***

# Christmas Sale

CARDS CALENDERS PAPER

COFFEE



CAKES

JAMS

JIGSAWS

BRIC-A-BRAC

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>  
METHODIST HALL 10:30  
EAST BRENT

# LINK VILLAGES FELLOWSHIP

Our Dedication Service on Tuesday, September 23rd. was led by Revd. Margaret Trapp.

Several members attended St Andrews Church, Bournville to join their Rally on October 14th. Mrs Gwen Cox led the service and the Speaker; Rev. Margaret Trapp took as her subject "Women Hymn Writers". The three hymns we sang were all written by women. Margaret gave examples of some of the well known and some not so well known hymns by women to be found in our Hymn books.

Mrs Jean Tinckell will be our speaker on October 28th.

On Tuesday, November 11th, Mrs Margaret Pendleton will tell us of Travels on a Tandem.

Rev. Robert Channon will be our speaker on November 25th.

We shall enjoy our Christmas Buffet at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9th.

Eileen Goundry.



**Magic Lantern  
Show  
Saturday Evening**

**NEW DATE**

**February 7<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**Burnham  
Methodist  
Hall**

**Tickets £7.00**

**Show & Supper**

**From**

**Mrs. Ros Anderson  
Tel. 01278 783652**

**or**

**Mrs. Jackie Morris  
Tel. 01278 785249**



We aim to provide an authentic Victorian/Edwardian entertainment, using original slides & lanterns which would have enthralled an audience long before the advent of cinematography through to the first world war.

To enhance the beauty of these hand-painted photographic slides, we are indebted to the virtuosity of our pianist -  
Mr. Eric Holdaway -  
Who is often in the dark -  
In more ways than one !

You are invited to sing along with Eric and, for certain shows, we are delighted to have our very own guest singer -  
Beverley Gregory



## **BRENT KNOLL**

In these depressing days of financial turmoil in world markets affecting our daily living. I think it is wise to turn our minds to giving thanks for all the good things in life, and the advantages we have, especially those which come from belonging to a Church fellowship. So many people cannot realize what they are missing in being able to gather freely in God's house for worship, and here I am reminded of the need for prayer for Indian Christian now being persecuted for their faith.

Let us remember with thanks all who contribute to what our church has to offer. There are those who conduct worship, all who hold office, see to the beauty and warmth of the premises, the music, the finances, the flowers, the stewarding and the Youth work. Then there is the privilege of Holy Communion, the joy of the festivals, Christmas, Easter, Whitson and Harvest. And here we would pay tribute to Rev. Pam Pembro who conducted our lovely Harvest service, so no doubt you, dear reader, can count even more blessings for all that your Church means to you and give thanks for the fellowship you enjoy.

Why not come and join in our Fellowship at Brent Knoll on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am to share in our Christmas Coffee morning, when there will be delicious mince pies, various stalls and an opportunity to meet and chat. Do come!

Always give thanks to our God and Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians Ch. 5 v. 20)

Kathleen Burridge.

## **EAST BRENT**

The Harvest Service was well supported with many Brownies and some of their parents. June Nethercott gave a splendid account of Harvest and of sharing ably supported by Eric.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Ann Martin one of our age group and of the great fellowship enjoyed at Sidholme and barbecues at Rookery Farm now Rookery Manor.

At East Brent we also report the passing of Tom Hadfield a day after his 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday and a year since the loss of Betty. Tom had a very interesting and active life and would often recount some of those times. We have items at East Brent that Tom made for us, as he was an accomplished carpenter.

Our Church Council on the afternoon of Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October was not very well attended and unfortunately I was taken ill walking to the hall and Jill had to transport me home, so we also were missing (I'm fine now). I understand the meeting went quite well and was completed by 3.30pm, there will be a further informal meeting to tidy up and finalise certain items.

This year Evelyn's Christmas card sale will be held in the schoolroom, jointly with the Brownies on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am – cakes, bric-a-brac, cards paper & lots of other worthwhile purchases, along with coffee and gossip!!

Carols in the Barn will be Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at Ash Lawn, Rooksbridge (Andrew & Rosemary Gilling's)

East Brent's usual Carols by Candlelight will be Friday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Christmas morning we shall hold a short family service at 10am.

We look forward to welcoming you at some or all of these events.

Gordon Legg

# **BURNHAM.**

[www.methodistchurchburnhamonsea.org.uk](http://www.methodistchurchburnhamonsea.org.uk)

## **STEWARDS COLUMN**

Greetings to everyone in the Link Churches from myself and my husband – two very new Burnham Methodist Church Stewards. We are very honoured and happy to be able to serve the church in this capacity and although our time in Burnham has been relatively short and our membership of the church even shorter, our welcome into the family of Methodism is something in which Barry and I take great joy.

As our lives have taken us down this new and exciting path so it is mirroring the new and exciting developments at our church in College Street. The entrance and foyer are fully open now and for the first time on 12<sup>th</sup> October we were able to offer tea and coffee again after Sunday Worship using the new mini kitchen facilities.

The Saturday shopper's coffee mornings now take place in the foyer and everything is working well. The entrance with the frosted glass and clear crosses, the carefully sourced stone, blends the old and the new in harmony. The building is now saying – “Notice me, I am here, come inside and feel the warmth of the community within”.

The interior of the church itself appears empty – no pews, no pulpit, in some places no floor, but to stand in the seemingly desolate space and close your eyes you know that it is not empty – it is filled with the love of God and there is, to me, a peaceful and serene anticipation of what is to come. The Services of Worship are taking still taking place in the school room cum church hall and we are all adjusting to the inevitable changes that this brings. When all the work is completed it will be the culmination of the combined efforts of a great many people who are putting their heart and soul into this work which has been planned for so many years –

draw a deep breath and take heart for the final sprint – the finishing line is near!

We have been deeply saddened by the passing of one of the well-loved members of our congregation - Ann Martin. She was known by all and her cheerful character will be sorely missed. The bravery Ann showed during her illness over the past years has been an inspiration to us all.

We have just learned that Eric, our senior steward, has been taken ill. Our prayers and thoughts are with Eric and June at this time and we send our heartfelt wishes for Eric's speedy recovery and return to good health.

Ann Hall.



## **CHURCH CHAIRS**

The Church chairs have been ordered. Would those who promised, and any who wish to pay for a chair or towards a chair, please pay by cash or cheque (Burnham on-Sea Methodist Church Redevelopment Fund) as soon as possible, to the treasurer, Joyce Plumb. Thank you.

pp. E. Nethercot

## **BURNHAM REDEVELOPMENT at 1.10.08**

Money raised by members: £109,681.62

Other money –interest, bequests, etc £50,767.42

**TOTAL £160.449.04**

Expenses: £105,400.17

This includes money raised for kitchen Equipment and the Ovens have been purchased.

Our thanks to those who have given and raised money during September: In Memory of Lily Pearson £290.75

Donations: £250, £100; Coffee Morning £113.92

Kitchen £155, £174. Chairs £120.

The kitchen is now completed and looks good. We hope shortly to have a Dish washer. (Along with the ovens we have to raise this cash extra.)

Our next major event is the CHRISTMAS FAIR on NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>

We need as much help as possible. Please contact Joyce 794125.

Joyce F Plumb.



# BREAN

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As Harvey said in his LINK report last month –“she will be back” and here she is trying to get back into routine again after a lovely fortnight away. I just hope that everyone had such a lovely time as we did. We are blessed with some wonderful scenery in our country.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> we welcome our Minister Stephen back again. It was great seeing and being assured that he is really fit now and we trust he will remain so. There are so many folk who are going through difficult time’s health wise and we think of them and pray for them.

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> we are having a Church Council meeting after the morning service – also with lunch.

We are enjoying our new organ replacement and it is certainly working well – it is certainly a good standby.

We are sad to hear of the passing of Tom but he is reunited with Betty who he missed so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

The next thing to occupy our thoughts will be Christmas – all those cards to write and presents to get – it gets more difficult each year.

We send our Best Wishes to everyone especially those going through a difficult time and remember you in our prayers.

Lilian Stone.

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