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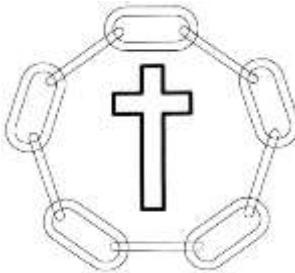
**BREAN**



**BRENT KNOLL**



**WEST HUNTSPILL**



**EAST BRENT**



**BURNHAM ON SEA**

# ***Minister's Letter***

We look forward to welcoming Rev Andrew Biggs to this part of the Circuit on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm.

We extend to him and his wife Julie a warm welcome and our support as he takes up his first appointment as a Methodist Probationer Minister and continues his studies.



## **Baptism**

Francis Jack Gates son of Francis and Jennifer Gates on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Burnham.

## **Deaths**

Audrey McKen Funeral at Burnham Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Doreen Kinsey Funeral at Weston Crematorium Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Our apologies for not including the above in the last Link. Editors

## **Marriage**

Rev. Stephen Hill to Betsan Hill on 1<sup>st</sup> August at Burnham

## **Brent Knoll**

As the link goes into print we have been sadden, to hear of Bert Knott's death on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August. We shall miss Bert very much but we give thanks for his life and for his relief from pain, which has been born with great courage.

We hold Bert, Ruth and family in our love and prayers..

# CALENDAR

## AUGUST

- Sat. 29th 10.00 - 12.00. Shoppers Coffee Morning - All Welcome  
Sat. 29th 10.00 - 12.00. Coffee Morning at Brent Knoll Methodist Church  
Mon. 31st 2.00pm. Annual Hospital Fete in Manor Gardens.

## SEPTEMBER

- Wed 2nd. 7.30pm. Circuit Induction of Rev. Andrew Biggs & Rev. Sheila MacInally. at Burnham.  
Sat 5th 10.00 - 12.00. Coffee Morning in aid of the RD Fund - Wednesday Group  
Sun. 6th. am. Traidcraft table in the Hall  
Tue. 8th 2.30pm. LINK Villages Fellowship - Rev. Sheila MacInally - Milton Ladies Visit.  
Wed 9th. 10.00 - 12.00. Coffee Morning at Dorothy & Cedric's - 6 Brightstowe Road in aid of the RD Fund  
Wed 9th. 8.00pm. Wednesday Group  
Sat. 12th 10.00 - 12.00. Shoppers Coffee Morning - All Welcome  
Sat. 19th 10.00 - 12.00. Coffee Morning in aid of RNLI - Burnham Methodist Hall  
Sun. 20th 10.30 & 6.30. Burnham Harvest Festival 10.30 Rev. Andrew Biggs & 6.30 Mr. B. Dallimore  
Sun. 20th **LAST Day for items for the October LINK**  
Mon. 21st 7.00pm. Burnham Harvest Supper  
Tue. 22nd 2.30pm. LINK Villages Fellowship - Dedication Service - Rev. Margaret Trapp.  
Sat. 26th 10.00 - 12.00. Shoppers Coffee Morning - All Welcome

## OCTOBER

- Sat 3rd 10.00 - 12.00. Coffee Morning in aid of the RD Fund.  
Sun. 4th. am. Traidcraft table in the Hall  
Tue. 6th 3.00pm. "LINK COMMITTEE MEETING" at Brent Knoll  
**Sat. 10th 6.30pm. Magic Lantern Show - and Supper**

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## THANK YOU.

Pam and Len would like to thank all their friends in the Link churches for their cards, prayers and messages.

Also thanks to those who have visited Pam, especially Stanley.

Pam is improving slowly but is likely to remain in Weston Hospital for some time vet.

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Stanley Pipet wishes to report that the Christian Aid Plant Stall for 2009 raised a total of £254. Stanley says a big thank you to everyone who supported the Christian Aid Plant Stall and hopes to see you all at the stall next year."



# COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 - 12.00

At 6 Brightstowe Road,  
home of **Dorothy & Cedric.**

Teas & Coffees, Cake Stall, Bring & Buy and  
Raffle.

In aid of the Redevelopment Fund

## WE ARE TOLD THAT SINGING IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

How about joining the very friendly Burnham and Highbridge Choral Society?

We hold our rehearsals in the Methodist Church Hall, College Street, Burnham-on-Sea and these begin again on Thursday 3rd September at 7-30 p.m.

This years mixed programme has something for everyone and includes extracts from Merrie England, Hiawatha's Wedding Feast, Songs From The Fleet, Messa Di Gloria and carols. Previous experience of these items is not necessary.

All the music will be taught and copies are loaned to you.

If you wish to find out more details please ring 01934 732041.

# Magic Lantern Show

**Saturday Evening  
October 10<sup>th</sup> 2009  
6.30pm.**

**Burnham Methodist  
Church**

**Tickets £7.00**

**Show & Supper**

**(£5.00 if you had tickets  
for February 7<sup>th</sup>)**

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



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

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**If.....**

If you can start the day without caffeine or pills  
If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment  
If you can face the world without lies and deceit  
If you can relax without strong drink  
If you can sleep without drugs  
  
If you can do all these things  
Then you are probably the family dog.

Dennis Dixon

## Notices seen outside some Churches

Adam blamed Eve  
Eve blamed the snake  
and the snake didn't  
have a leg to stand on

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Down in the mouth?  
Come in for a faith lift

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GOD IS PERFECT  
ONLY MAN MAKES MISTEAKS

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As you pass this little church  
be sure to plan a visit  
so when at last  
you are carried in  
God won't ask "Who is it?"

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SPEAK WELL OF YOUR ENEMIES  
AFTER ALL YOU MADE THEM

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Dennis Dixon

Just a thought

Nothing is really work, unless you would rather be doing something else.  
Dennis Dixon

METHODISTS FOR WORLD MISSION  
South West Autumn Conference  
at the  
Ammerdown Centre, Radstock, Nr Bath  
30<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009

# Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land"

"Overseas Fellowships in the U.K.

The Conference will be led by:-

Michael King:  
Methodist Church Leader in World Church Relationships,

Revd. George Mawire:  
Methodist Church Zimbabwe, now in circuit in London

Revd. Graham Shaw:  
Recently Mission Partner in Zimbabwe

Revds. Audrey and Ed. Standhaft  
Circuit ministers in Bristol

The Conference commences at 6.00pm. on Friday and concludes with an  
act of worship after lunch on Sunday.

**Further details and Booking Forms from the treasurer  
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## LINK VILLAGES' FELLOWSHIP

Our 2009/10 session of the Fellowship starts on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 2.30p.m. when we shall, as usual, welcome the ladies from the Milton Ladies Fellowship. Our Guest Speaker will be the Rev. Sheila MacInally, new Minister in the Circuit. This will be followed by a delicious tea in the Schoolroom.

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> our Dedication Service will be led by Rev Margaret Trapp.

St Andrews Church, Bournville Fellowship have invited us to join them for their Annual Rally on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.30p.m.

Several members attended a very interesting Women's Network Friendship Day at Locking Castle on August 5<sup>th</sup>. We met for coffee at 10.00am. and then observed demonstrations of Sugar Craft when we saw how to make roses, Card Making using a variety of techniques and Flower Arranging by our own member, Judy Allen. Following a delicious salad lunch and apple pie some stayed for further chat or looking once more at the crafts before going into the Church for the Afternoon Service. The Speaker, Rev. Andrew Norris, gave a Power Point Talk on the work of the MHA from its beginnings through the development of the needs of its residents especially in the work with those suffering from Dementia. It was a most moving talk. Donations for the lunch and the collection in the service raised £206-00 which will go to the Bristol Methodist District Network annual Project for MHA Spirituality. We want to express our thanks to Mrs. Di Smart who had organised the day and to Revd Pam Pembro for arranging the Lunch. A very good day!

The Link Villages' Fellowship meets every second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of each month in the Schoolroom of East Brent Methodist Church. We have a speaker or demonstration followed by a cup of tea and biscuits. You are all very welcome.

Eileen Goundry



# BREAN

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Yeah, we've won the Ashes! What an exciting way to celebrate the end of August!

We hope you have all had something to celebrate during the summer. Children at school and college have perhaps received good exam news and some are ready to start new jobs or move to higher education. Or maybe people have been on holiday and have come back refreshed.

Holidaymakers in Brean seem to have enjoyed their visit, and we have seen several families and other individuals at our services. I was also glad to see Roger Course one Sunday when I was at Burnham, and looking so well too. Roger and Jean were very active many years ago, at Brean and Burnham in particular, before eventually moving down to Devon.

We also had the Garden Party at Thornberry, or at least in the Chapel because the weather threatened to break, and people seemed to have a good time. Then Judy went to the Network craft day where she exhibited her flower arranging techniques and which, again was much appreciated.

We have said goodbye to Stephen and wished him well for Lancashire; and now we welcome Andrew and Julie as they come amongst us. We pray that your ministry in the Link churches and in the Circuit as a whole will be blessed.

I want to add a word for the herculean work that Anne Hicks did to get the Manse decorated and cleaned ready for Andrew and Julie to move into, and in such a short time. She had help from Margaret and others I guess but much of the load fell on her shoulders. We should be thankful that so much work goes on behind the scenes from such dedicated people.

Our invalids continue to prosper in their own way, but we were sad to learn that Harry Kempson has had to have more treatment than he expected after a recent operation. Get well soon Harry.

And so September looms, a new year and a new start. Excited? Well we should be for after all aren't we a community of faith?

Harvey Allen

# BRENT KNOLL

I remember an old song called "The Green Hills of Somerset". It came into my mind this week when a friend and I spent a day in the Quantocks. We may have grumbled sometimes this summer when heavy rain spoiled our plans but it has meant that there is a wonderful lush greenness all around us. We are very fortunate to live in such a lovely part of a beautiful country. As we prepare to start a new Methodist Year we welcome Andrew & Julie and Sheila to our Circuit and we hope that they too will find this a special place to live and also that they will help us to make it a place and time of spiritual growth for us all. We have had our ups and downs over the years and sometimes we have had our disappointments but now we look forward to a fresh start. At Brent Knoll and, I am sure, throughout the Link we shall do our best to support Andrew and Julie in their new ministry.

We send our love to all our friends and especially to those who have been unwell. As I write this we still have three of our August coffee mornings to come. We really appreciate seeing you and enjoy the chat!

Regular activities restart in September, the Ecumenical Group is on Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>. when we shall have a look at the Book of Daniel before venturing into "Revelation"!

Toddlers is on Tuesday mornings 10.30 to 12 noon starting from September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Shell Group for Years 2 - 6 is on Wednesdays starting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

And Youth Group for Years 7-11 is on Mondays 7.30 - 9.30 starting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Margaret Trapp.

# EAST BRENT

As I prepare to write this, I have today witnessed the funeral of Harry Patch. This was a very moving occasion and makes one feel so proud of our English heritage.

The summer has not been too kind to us this year and the farmers have had a struggle to get the fodder harvested for the winter, but even so we are not as unfortunate as a lot of countries and we have so much to be grateful for.

Good wishes to all the students embarking on their first year at University, our own granddaughter being one with two more grandchildren taking a gap year before commencing.

We should remember in our prayers all the young soldiers serving in Afghanistan and all their families who are living in continual tension.

It was interesting to read in the last issue that Harvey and Judy Allen had travelled to Krakow, because my husband and I were also there at the same time.

Now with autumn and winter approaching, we have a new Minister and we all welcome him into our churches.

God be with you all as you go about your everyday duties.

Ruth Moxey

# BURNHAM.

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## STEWARDS COLUMN

September and the beginning of a new Methodist year, bringing with it changes. We think of all the Ministers who have moved to take up new appointments and those who have retired.

In July we held the farewell service for Stephen. He was assured of our Best Wishes as he moves to be Superintendent of the Crosby Circuit. On August 1<sup>st</sup> we were able to share in his wedding to Betsan. It was a very wet day but the sun was shining in their hearts as they exchanged their vows. We all wish them much happiness together in their new Circuit.

We are now looking forward to welcoming Andrew and Julie. The Welcome Service will be in Burnham at 7.30pm. on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>.. On that evening we shall also be welcoming the Revd. Sheila MacInally who will be the Methodist Minister at St. Marks Worle.

We think too, of all the children and young people, those who are beginning their school life, those who are moving to new schools, those who are starting work and those who are leaving home to go to college or University. Our Best Wishes are with them all.

On September 20<sup>th</sup> we have our Harvest Festival Services. On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> there will be our Harvest Supper. This is a time of celebration when we give thanks for all our food and flowers. As usual the weather has been very changeable but vegetables, fruit and flowers have all flourished.

I would like to thank Patrick for all he has done during his time as a Steward. Patrick felt that he could no longer continue due to other commitments. Thank you Patrick.

We continue to remember in our prayers all those who are ill or housebound.

Every Blessing,

Dorothy, on behalf of the Stewards.

## **Thank You**

Tim and Bridget would like to thank everyone for their cards, letters, messages of goodwill and their Prayers when Tim was in hospital. They are all so very much appreciated and demonstrated that, whatever shortcomings there may be, there is no lack of love and concern in our Church. Is that not most important of all.

They would also like to record their grateful thanks to all at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton who have been absolutely wonderful, in particular they are so thankful for the marvellous care and attention of Dr. Greig, Dr. Walter, Anne and Laura at the Beacon Centre.

## **From the Organ Loft**

I recently thought I might write the occasional vignete for “**The LINK**” with a musical flavour and actually had something in preparation for the last edition but other matters intervened. Trying again therefore I believe it best this time to take the oppertunity of thanking those who have filled in for me on numerous services, particuly John and Alice who have both come up trumps at short, even no notice. Thank you very much.

I wonder if you have spied the new cutain that adorns the organ bench. I think it is excellent, both in the way it blends in with the organ woodwork and the new chairs. Furthermore it hides my unsightly feet, though regretably it is not versatile enough to cover aromas (but I do wear clean socks most Sundays).

It is my great pleasure to record sincere thanks to Rev. Joyce Plumb for the gift of the material, and to Dorothy for making up and fitting.

Thank you ever so much Joyce and Dorothy.

Tim Christian.

## **BURNHAM REDEVELOPMENT FUND**

We have raised £3,508 by the end of July towards the £21,000 required. We thank Tony and Joy and Dorothy and Cedric for the Coffee Mornings and Afternoon Tea and Eric and Elsie for the Evening Event. These were all great occasions as we were able to enjoy sharing in fellowship with one another. Sometimes the weather was good and we could enjoy the garden!

### **We have the following events planned:**

**September 9<sup>th</sup>** Coffee Morning at Dorothy & Cedric's

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** Lantern Show and Supper.

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** Fashion Show.

More events required. We do enjoy the friendship these offer. – please contact Joyce Plumb.



Following the water ingress in the new entrance in June the matter is in the hands of the Insurers and we await further reports. The walls have been dried and the carpet cleaned professionally for the safety of our health. Later the walls will be redecorated. We are awaiting a report from the Architect.

Joyce Plumb and Cedric May acting on your behalf.



# **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP**

In spite of dwindling membership the Thursday Fellowship in Burnham has managed to enjoy a varied programme. We look forward to welcoming our new Minister to our dedication meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

We would also be pleased to welcome new members to our 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday meetings.

The new programme of meetings will shortly be available.

Joyce Beard ( Secretary)

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