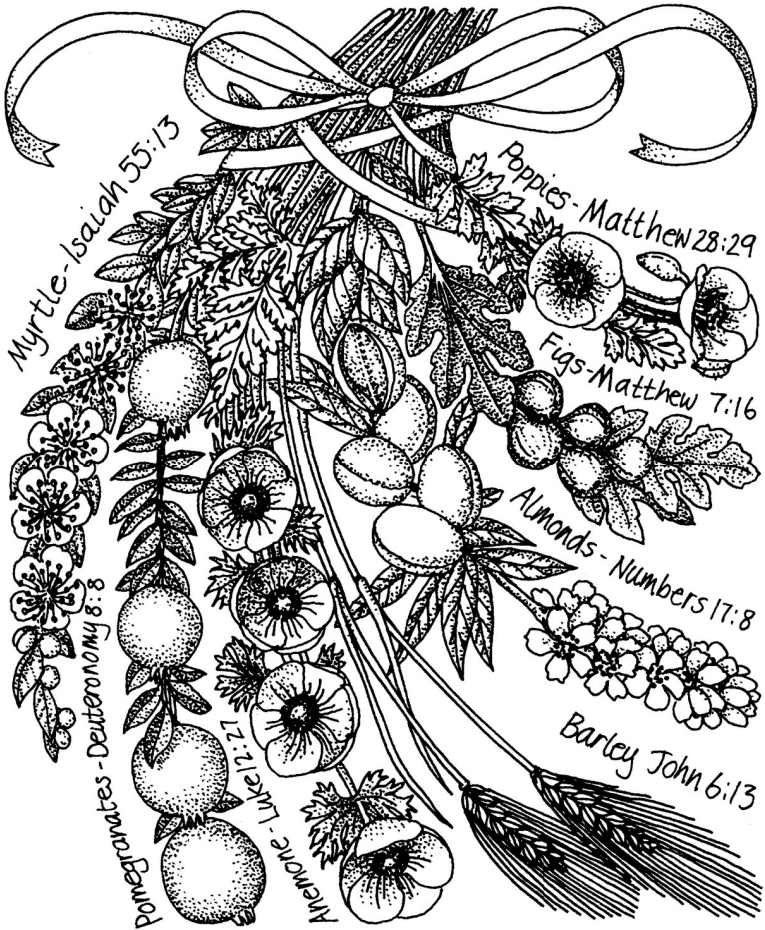


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JULY

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| 5TH | 10.30 | Rev Claire Simpson Family Holy Communion |
| 12th | 10.30 | Rev Leslie Judd |
| 19th | 10.30 | Mr Jerry Williams All Age Worship |
| 26th | 10.30 | Mrs Pam Davey |
| | 18.00 | Rev Claire Simpson Iona Holy Communion |

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| 2nd | 10.30 | Rev Malcolm Rothwell Holy Communion |
| 9th | 10.30 | Rev Malcolm Groom |
| 16th | 10.30 | Mr Andrew Wilcock All Age Worship |
| 23rd | 10.30 | Miss Jean Hooper |
| | 18.00 | Rev Claire Simpson Iona Holy Communion |
| 30th | 10.30 | Cdr Mark Barton |

LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

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|------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 12th July | 10.30 | Tracy Cooper Bridgemary |
| 19th July | 10.15 | Andrew Wilcock Stubbington |
| 2nd Aug | 10.00 | Andrew Wilcock Liphook |
| 9th Aug | 10.30 | Fareham Team Lee on Solent |
| 16th Aug | 10.30 | Tracy Cooper Bedhampton |
| 23rd Aug | 10.30 | Andrew Wilcock Lee on Solent |

Dear Friends

We have been living on the South coast for nearly two years now and yet living so close to the sea still feels like something of a novelty to us. When we first moved here it felt like we were on an extended holiday before we would need to return inland and home! We no longer feel as though we are on holiday but we still appreciate being by the sea and we don't take it for granted – not yet anyway. The sea is an evocative thing. I remember as a child competing with my sister for the 5p piece that went to the first one of us to 'see the sea' when we descended over the Wolds and into Filey. I am always refreshed by a walk along the seafront and when the sea is at its most tempestuous it is a reminder to us of the power and force of nature and the elements. For many the sea is their workplace. Sea Sunday is traditionally celebrated on the second Sunday in July (a clash with Action for Children Sunday) and this is a time to remember the work of the Seafarer's Mission and the 1.5 million seafarers who live and work at sea. The Mission's work is in 260 ports around the world – Southampton named as one of them. To many of us it is an invisible workforce who bring to our shores up to 90% of the goods that we use on a daily basis.

The sea can be a dangerous place to be, not just because of difficult conditions, but because of piracy, violence and crime. As we have seen in recent weeks, for some it also represents a route to a potentially better life no matter how fraught with difficulty the journey may be.

I hope I shall get an opportunity to see the sea on more than one occasion over the summer and when I do I shall remember the work of the Seafarer's Mission and all those who live and work at sea. I hope you can take that opportunity to do so too. But if not, I hope the summer months provide other opportunities for some refreshment and a chance to spend some 'down time' with family and friends.

Blessings
Claire

CHURCH NEWS

Vestry Jottings

As we look forward to the summer holidays here are a few things with which to update you. We have a change to the advertised plan for July 12th, we will that day be welcoming Rev Leslie Judd from Hedge End and are grateful to Rev Malcolm Groom who has agreed to take the planned Local Arrangement Service on August 9th.

As a team we would like to remind everyone that Sunday September 6th will be our annual Covenant Service when we will also celebrate Junior Church promotions, and we will be celebrating Harvest on September 20th, when Rev Ernie Grimshaw has been invited to preach. We look forward to both of these occasions and will, I am sure, receive further information about Harvest Appeals in the next magazine.

Andrew Wilcock will again be taking part in the Historic Churches Annual Cycle Ride on the second Saturday in September. This is a sponsored event and as a church we receive 50 % of his sponsor monies, please look out for further information in the coming weeks.

May we wish everyone a very good summer.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need to

Maggie
on behalf of the steward's team.



ACTION FOR CHILDREN COFFEE MORNING

This will be held on Thursday 9th July at 10 am. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Cath Stevenson

Church Kitchen Big Clean

It's time once again to plan the annual church kitchen clean, and I am looking for volunteers to help during the 3rd or 4th week in August. If you think you could spare a couple of hours to help please contact me for further details and to discuss possible dates.

Lynda Haydon-Jones
Tel. 01329 842646

A New Housegroup

Bob & Sue are hosting a new house group starting in September. If you are not already in a house group and would be interested in joining please have a word with Bob or Sue, or email robertmari-gold@aol.com.

It is intended to hold fortnightly meetings and have a planning meeting in July date to be confirmed.

Ladies Night

During the past year we have been fund-raising on behalf of the Meerkats service of the Rowans Hospice and have been able to donate £400 to their cause. We have also donated £100 to both the Christmas Tree Festival and All We Can.

This year we are collecting for the Rainbow Centre.

Coffee Centre

Please note that there will be no coffee centre on 13th August.

Healing Group

The next healing group is at Joan and Jeff's house and will be on-
Wednesday 29th July at 10am Rita Jackson



Wednesday, 8th July 2015

Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road, Fareham PO16 0NU

Down through the roof.

4.00pm – 6.00pm

**Everyone is welcome to join us for games,
craft, worship and a meal.**



WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUMMER PROGRAMME

July 8th Garden Party at the Home of Joan & Jeff Padley at
2.00pm.

Garden Stalls, usual sandwiches, savouries, cakes and
strawberries & cream. Tickets £3.50

Shirley Henderson

PRINTER INKS.

Because I have had to buy a new printer I have several surplus brand new ink cartridges compatible to several canon printers, namely the 525, 526 range of cartridges. Also some old Epson 1040/1041. If of any use to somebody I will gladly hand them over.

And on another note:

50 YEARS SINCE

50 years ago on the first Sunday in July, we walked through the doors of Fareham Methodist Church. We had moved into our new house on the Friday; on Saturday our neighbour, Mrs. Pond, called to welcome us and tell us that we could take her to church on Sunday, she had been warned by the minister that we were coming! We found a closely knit congregation; I can't say we were warmly welcomed. We were in-comers moving into houses built upon their green fields. About 18 months later Bill Newell asked Marjory to present the prizes for Sunday School; we had been accepted!. Since then the warmth of greeting and loving care have flourished. Thank you all for those 50 years .

Eric Wheeler



SUNDAY LUNCH 19th JULY at 12.15 p.m.approx

This is open to all members of the congregation and all family and friends. There is no set charge for the meal we just ask for donations for Action for Children and Bulgarian Partnership. If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very good – thank you.

The Menu

Starter: Melon or pate

Main Course: Roast Turkey

Puddings: Variety

There will be a list in the vestibule for you to sign. Please come along and enjoy a Sunday Roast!

Notes From A Nearly Probationary Ministers Desk!

What can I say? Well, firstly a huge thank you for the wonderful send off on June 7th. Lynne and I felt overwhelmed by your love and care. It was a huge privilege for me to share in the service wearing my dog collar. I appreciated all the positive comments about it. I hope I didn't fiddle with it too much – it's definitely going to take a little time to get used to!

Thank you for the wonderful gifts as well. I shall have fond memories of you all every time I use my portable communion set. I've already managed to spend half the gift token on books for 'ministry' and I look forward to building my resources up with the rest of it as and when I need things. Lynne's flowers were beautiful and they lasted for ages.

The piles of boxes filled for moving are growing in stacks around the house now. I leave Lynne to continue packing stuff away as I head off to Launde Abbey in Leicestershire next week for my college leavers' retreat. After that we go away on holiday for 2 weeks and then it's the final countdown to the move. And a new chapter in our lives begins.

I wish you all well in the future and pray that God blesses each of you individually as well as blessing you as a congregation.

With Love until our paths cross again

Penny

Celebrating Holy Communion together

At the Worship Consultation meeting on the 1st June the report produced from the Annual Church Meeting (which appeared in the May Focus) about how we celebrate Holy Communion in our morning services was discussed. Every question and all collated responses were considered and the following recommendations are to be made to Church Council on July: 7th

- * to increase the number of rail communions from three to six times per year thereby giving people more opportunity to come and kneel at the rail to receive the bread and wine. Currently we have three times per year set aside for a rail communion and these are at Christmas, Easter and Covenant communion services. Another three times per year will be added to establish an alternate pattern of rail and rolling communions though there will be some flexibility in this depending on circumstances and the presiding minister.

- * To continue to share the peace as directed by the presiding minister and for the congregation to be mindful of any sensitivities that individuals may have towards this element of the service.

- * The Communion stewards will begin to usher people forward from front row to back row unless specifically asked otherwise.

- * To increase the variety of use of Holy Communion liturgy by using the full depth of services in the Methodist Worship Book and by also having some alternative liturgies available to use in our morning communion services.

It is the hope of the Worship Consultation group that the above recommendations reflect the nature of the comments that were shared and, whilst it is impossible to please everyone all the time, that a balance has been achieved so that we can celebrate together when we gather around the Lord's table and share in bread and wine.



Claire

Our Church House-groups

Many of you will know that we have a number of House-groups that are part of our church life. We currently have 5 groups and they are run by Joan Padley, Linda Press, Mary Bailey, Jill Race/David Bashforth and Liz Haigh/ Keith Sergeant. They meet at different times of the month and in different venues and study a range of material throughout the year. Bob Metcalf is starting a new Housegroup and it will be advertised in the weekly notice sheet.(see page 5 for contact details) New members of House-groups are always welcome. The groups run by Linda and Jill/David are fairly small and would welcome more people. Please be in touch with any of the House-group Leaders if you want to know more.

Church Summer Maintenance

The following projects have been planned over the summer:

- Repainting the kitchen and area outside the kitchen and varnishing storage cupboard doors. Also repainting Welcome area toilets corridor 29th - 31st July.
- Repairs to storage flooring between the two halls. To do this **all** contents will have to be removed which is the ideal opportunity for it all to be sorted and disposed of if no longer used/needed. 3rd- 7th August
- Flooring to church and church hall to be stripped back and resealed 11th -14th August. **The church and hall will not be accessible** during this period.

Linda Foster

Closing date for Focus September issue

If the earlier closing date of 20th August causes a problem for anyone, please contact me The Editor in advance, letting me know the amount of input required. I will then leave a space and forward the draft version to Bobby Watson who will insert the article by 27th August at the latest.. Thank you Ruth Elvery

Christian Aid Week 2015



Thank you so much to all who supported Christian Aid Week. There was a lot going on this year and many people were involved: advertising; preparing and leading the service at the beginning of the week; collecting house to house and at a stall in the precinct; helping at the count and finally preparing the Church lunch at the end of the week as well as giving so generously. Much of this was gift aided. Thank you.

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| This year we raised: House to House collections: | £765.25 |
| Retiring Collection on 10 th May | £302.40 |
| Monthly Church Lunch 17 th May | £197 |
| Grand Total | £1264.65 |

The stall in the shopping precinct collected £996.98 this year and another £388.99 was collected at the train station.

The total for Fareham and Portchester before gift aid was £7483.85.

This is the 70th year of Christian Aid. If you would like to learn more about the work that they do such as an update about Loko who appeared on the video that was shown in the service or the recent rally in London on climate change please have a look at the website.

The next planned local activity is a Quiz night on Saturday 7th November

Next year Christian Aid Week is 15th -21st May 2016!

TOPICS OF INTEREST

Extract from Buzz
Issue 143

The Methodist Church



The Wickham Music Festival is held annually from 6 - 9 August. It's an outdoor live music event over four days with many acts and tents on a field just outside the village of Wickham in the Meon Valley, Hampshire.

The headline act last year was James Blunt. The one day he performed over 7,000 people came to the Festival.

So, last year, deciding on an outreach project, and with a lot of prayer, Meon Valley Circuit Methodists were allowed a Christian presence for the duration of the Festival. We erected our 'Elemental Tent' within the Festival site, manned by several enthusiastic Christians from our Circuit.

We will be doing so this year (August 2015) as we have again been invited to the Festival by the organiser Peter Chegwin.

We call our Christian presence within the Festival our 'Elemental Tent'. Festival folk are gently encouraged in their journey of faith. We aim to show a Christian presence of relaxation, welcome, crafts and some prayer in and around the Tent. We even held a Harvest Festival service within the Music Festival itself last year (well, the weather was sunny too – most of the time!). We discussed faith openly and we prayed with people who asked for prayers. We had a spiritual artist last year too, and hope he will be there again this year.

Our superintendent minister the Revd David Moss leads the project, assisted by his wife Ali, with the rest of us trying to keep up. We are about to start our training for this.

We are in touch with BBC Radio Solent and we are hoping they will be interviewing us at the Festival.

EXTRACT FROM E NEWS JUNE 2015

Steve Wild - President of the Conference 2015/2016

Born in Rochdale in 1954, Steve Wild gave his life to Christ at a Cliff College Mission in 1968. He worked as a printer but heard God calling him to the Methodist ministry when he visited Taize.



Married to Laura, an artist, he began 15 years of circuit ministry first in Preston and then in St Ives, Cornwall. In 1998 he became Cornwall District Evangelism Enabler and then Connexional Evangelism Enabler Coordinator as well as working part-time with West Country TV presenting programmes about Christianity in the South West.

From 2004 Steve worked at Cliff College as Director of Evangelism and tutor. He returned to Cornwall in 2008 to become Chair of the Cornwall District. You may even have seen him in an episode of the BBC's 'An Island Parish'.

The contrast of Steve's urban roots in Lancashire and his ministry in rural Cornwall gives him broad insight, particularly concerning people experiencing hardship and poverty. Steve is known widely as a man of compassion, prayer, love and encouragement for people of all ages and backgrounds.

A reminder:
MEAL and FILM EVENING
6:00 pm - Friday 10th July

The Kadam family leaves India for France where they open a restaurant directly across the road from Madame Mallory's Michelin-starred eatery! Then . . .

We will be serving an Indian/French Meal
- details to follow.

Donations towards the cost of the meal will go to:
Nepal Earthquake Disaster Fund - through "All we Can"

Please sign the list in the Welcome area
or contact Jill or Garry - jill.groom@btinternet.com

FAREHAM GOOD NEIGHBOURS organised by Christians
Together in Fareham

Are looking for more volunteers. Please think whether you could help. A fuller description of FGN is available from your Christians Together representative and/or your Minister. Please contact David Cockshoot, the Secretary

65 Scafell Avenue, Fareham, Hampshire PO14 1SF
Tel: 01329 283785 davidcockshoot@btinternet.com

Mini-Market every Monday 9.30 to 11.45 am
(Not Bank Holidays)

Coffee Centre every Thursday 10.00 to 11.45 am

Dedicated to Beau aged 5 whose life came to a peaceful end on Tuesday 23rd June. Her Mum Hannah and Grandmother Debbie are in our thoughts at this sad time.

GOD'S LENT CHILD

I'll lend you for a little while a child of mine God said
For you to love the while she lives and mourn for when she's dead.
It may be six or seven years or forty two or three
But will you, till I call her back, take care of her for me?

She'll bring her charms to gladden you and (should her stay be brief)
You'll always have her memories as a solace for your grief.
I cannot promise she will stay since all from Earth return.
But there are lessons taught below I want this child to learn.

I've looked this whole world over in my search for teachers true
And from the folks that crowd life's lane I have chosen you.
Now will you give her all your love nor think the labour vain
Nor hate me when I come to take this lent child back again?

I fancied that I heard them say "Dear Lord thy will be done
For all the joys Thy child will bring the risk of grief we'll run."
We'll shelter her with tenderness we'll love her while we may
And for the happiness we've known forever grateful stay.
But should the Angels call for her much sooner than we've planned
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand.

Author unknown

(Thank you Brenda for this contribution)

And a quote from Alison who spent a lot of time looking after Beau:

"I'm so glad I shared Beau with the Church because she brought a lot of sunshine into so many lives. She loved Brownies and Messy Church."

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN



TAKING & GIVING

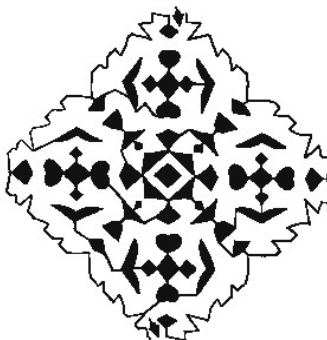
If you look at a map of Israel you will see that there are two small inland seas. And if you look closely you will see that these two seas are linked by the River Jordan. The river starts in the northern hills and goes through the Sea of Galilee, then through the Jordan valley, and ends up in the Dead Sea. But even though the water is all from the same river, the two seas are completely different.

All around the Sea of Galilee are towns and villages, trees and farms. The Dead Sea has no trees or farms, it is dead. What makes the difference? The Sea of Galilee is alive because it has an outlet. It passes the water on as quickly as it flows in. The Dead Sea is dead because it passes no water on.

In St Luke's Gospel we read what Jesus said about giving – 'Give to others, and God will give to you' (chapter 6, verses 27-28). Unlike the two seas we can choose how we want to be: to give and take and be alive. Or just to take - and become sad and lifeless.

IN & OUT

Can you find your way through this lacy maze?



Did you hear about the slimy monster who was famous for his farmyard impressions?

He couldn't do the noises but he could do the smells.



And what about the monster who went shop-lifting?

He was crushed under Tesco's.



FLOWER MINISTRY

Many thanks for the flowers brought to me by my husband. They were lovely and much appreciated.

Betty Bonage

Thank you so much for the beautiful church flowers given to me by Irene on the 14th June.

Liz Avison

When Liz Avison handed me a beautiful bunch of flowers she said I needed cheering up; it worked!! It is a joy to know of the loving care of so many in Fareham Methodist Church. Thank you.

Eric Wheeler

Linda Thomas would like to thank everyone for their cards, good wishes and prayers during and after her short stay in hospital at the end of May. Also for the Church flowers delivered by Tony Emberson. They really cheered her up.

FLOWER ROTA

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| July | 5th. | Lynda Thomas |
| | 12th. | Flower fund |
| | 19th. | Linda and Kevin Foster |
| | 26th. | Jill and Malcolm Race |
| August. | 2nd. | Eric Wheeler |
| | 9th. | Garry Bagshaw |
| | 16th. | Mavis Parish |
| | 23rd. | Flower Fund |
| | 30th. | Maud Lovell |
| September | 6th. | Marion Bright |



Thank you for the beautiful flowers given to me following my Birthday. It is heart warming to be remembered.

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| 29 9.30 Mon. Mar- ket | 30 9.45 Par- ent and Toddlers Ladies' Night 1500 Summer tea party | JULY 1 | 2 10.00 Cof- fee Centre 10.15 Prayer Circle 17.30 Brownies | 3 | 4 |
| 6 9.30 Mon. Mar- ket | 7 9.45 Par- ent and Toddlers 19.30 Church Council | 8 14.00 Gar- den party at Padley's Messy Church 16.00 | 9 10.00 Cof- fee Centre in Aid of Action for Children 17.30 Brownies | 10 18,00 Film & Food eve. | 11 Picnic and Praise – MAYC St James Rd MC, Soton |
| 13 9.30 Mon. Mar- ket | 14 9.45 Par- ent and Toddlers | 15 | 16 10.00 Coffee Cen- tre 10.15 Prayer Circle 17.30 Brownies | 17 | 18 |
| 20 9.30 Mon. Mar- ket | 21 9.45 Par- ent and Toddlers 10.15 Snug HG | 22 | 23 10.00 Coffee Cen- tre | 24 | 25 |
| 27 9.30 Mon. Mar- ket | 28 | 29 10.00 Healing grp at Padley's Maintenacne work in pro- gress | 30 10.00 Coffee Cen- tre Maintenance work in pro- gress | 31 Main- tenaqnce work in progress | AUG 1 |

The diary dates as displayed are presented in the same format as the Church website. They are as accurate as the information provided at the time of going to press, but should only be used as a guide, which can be updated with information from the weekly notice sheet..

DIARY DATES FOR AUG

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| 3 9.30 Mon. Market Maintenance between halls | 4 Maint.cont | 5 Maint.cont | 6 10.00 Coffee Centre 10.15 Prayer Circle Maint. Cont. | 7 Maint. Cont | 8 |
| 10 9.30 Mon. Market | 11 church hall floor maint. | 12 church hall floor maint. | 13 church hall floor maint. | 14 church hall floor maint. | 15 |
| 17 9.30 Mon. Market Kitchen clean during this 2 weeks | 18 | 19 | 20 10.00 Coffee Centre 10.15 Prayer Circle | 21 | 22 |
| 24 9.30 Mon. Market | 25 | 26 | 27 10.00 Coffee Centre | 28 | 29 |
| 31 Bank Holiday | SEPT 1 | 2 | 3 10.00 Coffee Centre 10.15 Prayer Circle | 4 | 5 |

DOOR STEWARDS

July

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| 5th | 10.30 | Bobby and Patrick Watson |
| 12th | 10.30 | Amber and James Terry |
| 19th | 10.30 | Sue and Bob Metcalfe |
| 26th | 10.30 | Judith Bramall and Keith Sargeant |
| | 18.00 | Eric Wheeler or Bobby and Patrick |

Aug

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| 2nd | 10.30 | Brenda Bennett and Janice Collins |
| 9th | 10.30 | Bessie and Daniel Taabu |
| 16th | 10.30 | Liz Haigh and Lynda Hayden-Jones |
| 23rd | 10.30 | Margaret and Bob Temple |
| | 18.00 | Eric Wheeler or Bobby and Patrick |
| 30th | 10.30 | Liz Avison and Irene Russell |

REFRESHMENT ROTA

July

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|------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 5th | Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae Shepherd |
| 12th | Sheila Dyer, Sarah Brooks & Meg Cox |
| 19th | Margaret Boyd & Jenny Chalmers |
| 26th | Margaret Temple, Sally Bland & Brenda Bennett |

Aug

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|------|----------------------------------------|
| 2nd | Cath Stevenson & Judith Bramall |
| 9th | Pat Croker & Mary Bailey |
| 16th | Liz Haigh & Liz Avison |
| 23rd | Pat & Walter Metcalf |
| 30th | Marilyn Woodrow, Janice & Alan Sargent |

PRESS DATE

All items for the **Sept.** Focus should be emailed to ruthelvery@yahoo.co.uk or if this is not possible placed in the box in the Welcome Area by noon of **20th August.** Please note that this is earlier than usual due to holidays.

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