



People Called Methodists

A warm welcome to our Methodist Church

Anne Loader

HARTFORD METHODIST Church is situated at the junction of Beach Road and Bradburns Lane. Sometimes known as the Centenary Chapel, it was opened in 1891, a hundred years after the death of the founder of Methodism, John Wesley. The building was renovated in 2000. It had replaced the original chapel, built in 1833, which is now the church hall

Today, the church prides itself on its warm, caring approach to members of the congregation, newcomers, and the wider community – both local

and worldwide.

Visitors are welcome to attend the weekly Sunday services at 10:30am. The children and young people meet in the church at the beginning of the service and then leave for their own sessions. Coffee and tea are served afterwards allowing all those present time to chat and get to know one another.

Special services, held during the year, include September's Harvest Festival and the Gift Service on Advent Sunday, when gifts are brought for the Cheshire Community Development Trust. Each Christmas, the church hosts carol services for Winnington Park *(to page eight)*

The "People Called Methodists" have met in Hartford for over 200 years, originally in homes, then in what is now the Church Hall, just a few steps along Beach Road. As the congregation grew further, the Victorian church building was erected. Worship has been conducted there ever since.



Hartford Methodist Church
Beach Road, Hartford, CN9 1AB.
Services are held each Sunday at 10.30am.
All are welcome to join us.
Website: www.hartfordmethodist.org.uk



Hartford Football Club



In 2015 we started our Girls Football Section, which has flourished this year, with some great performances. The highlight was the under-11 team being crowned Inter League Champions in the

Cheshire Girls Football League. For next season, one under-13, and two under-11 teams are already confirmed - we are recruiting for an under-9 team. ✉ hartfordfcgirls@gmail.com

despite injury, suspension and a host of other obstacles, the boys ground out a run of fantastic results to achieve this unparalleled goal! The weekend after the League Cup defeat brought the District Cup Final, in which the team bounced back with a stylish, hard fought, 3-2 victory over Helsby, its first ever cup final success.

With games in hand in MCYFL Division 1, there was still the opportunity to challenge for the title. The two cup finals had taken their toll, and the boys would have to rely on a depleted squad of twelve players, including a stand-in goal keeper, for their last six league matches. Great spirit and commitment saw the team compete valiantly against all the top teams in the league, with four fantastic wins and a draw seeing them clinch the league title, with one match to spare, and become double winning champions!

Hartford will soon possess a superb state of the art 3G football facility at Hartford Campus. To coincide with the opening of this facility, Hartford FC is stepping up a gear and expanding its current under-6 group into a full **Early Years Academy**, with increased qualified coaching resources, providing a fantastic experience for young boys and girls in the area. *(For more details, see page six.)*

The 2015-16 season, saw a number of bright stars begin and progress their footballing journey to a higher level. Under-8 player Laurence Giani

Review of the 2015-2016 Season

Richard Lamb

Chairman, Hartford Football Club

The future of grassroots junior football in Hartford has never been so bright. The club continues to prosper, offering football to over 250 boys and girls from ages six to eighteen. A great team of volunteers has delivered fantastic growth and initiatives in recent seasons, securing the club's future in the local community. Our partnership with Hartford Church of England High School (with its ever improving facilities) continues to flourish. All fourteen of our Mid Cheshire Youth Football League (MCYFL) age group teams will train and play home matches at Hartford Campus next season.

There have been a few changes off the pitch too; none of this improvement would have been possible without the determination of Jonathan Fallows who, for the last seven seasons, has held key club positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, providing a stable platform for fresh blood to come in and drive the club forward. A sincere thank you to Jonathan as he steps down after wonderful service, with Adrian Argyros and Richard Lamb taking over as Club Secretary and

Chairman respectively.

After a punishing schedule of nine matches in 28 days, including two high pressure Cup Finals, the **Hartford FC under-18 team** (actually only under-17), achieved a fantastic and unique League and Cup double, the like of which has not been seen in recent memory at the Club – possibly ever (we have limited historic records)!

A disappointing showing in the League Cup final *versus* Middlewich, where Hartford FC lost by a solitary goal, could have seen many teams spiralling into a dip in form and an anti-climactic end to the season; instead



Double winners: Hartford FC's Under-18 team, with its League and Cup trophies



This Is The Picture (Excellent Birds)

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We love to receive your contributions to *Hartford News* and we're delighted to display these two photographs of birds seen in the village during recent weeks. Regular contributor Rob Jones sent in a picture of a swan, with a clutch of cygnets, seen on the River Weaver. Alan Morron submitted a shot, taken by his seven year-old grandson Sam, who had captured the moment that two goldfinches (and a siskin) "discussed" the last few seeds in the feeder, at their Lodge Lane garden.

We would welcome your pictures for future issues of *Hartford News*. Summer is a great time to be out and about with your camera, so why not email your efforts for possible

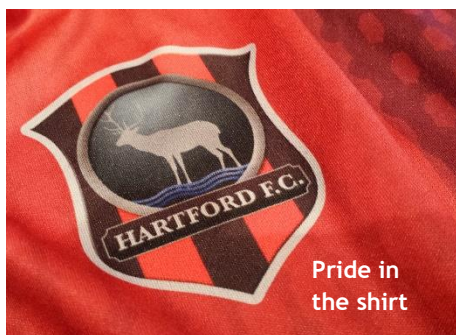
publication in our September edition? Send them to the address at the top of the page.

Hartford Civic Society, meanwhile, is still calling for entries to its photographic competition. With the theme *Hidden Hartford*, twelve pictures are to be chosen for publication in the Society's 2017 calendar. The best of these will grace the front cover and the photographer will be awarded a prize. The closing date for entries is Thursday 28 August, with winners announced and notified by 10 September. More details, and rules of the competition, can be found on the Society's website.

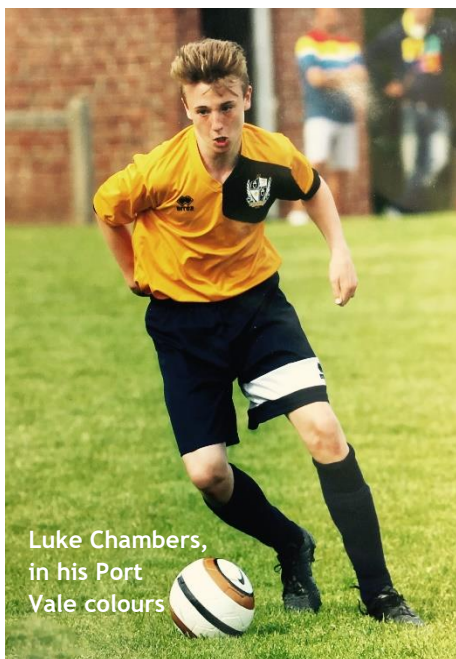
📧 hartfordcivicsociety.org.uk

✉ hcs.photocalendar@gmail.com

📍 HCS Photographic Competition,
8 Lodge Lane, Hartford, CW8 1PS



signed academy forms for Stoke City, and under-13 duo Luke Chambers and Ben Evans signed academy forms for Port Vale. Meanwhile, former Hartford FC player Francesca Bentley, who played for the Club for four years, made her debut for England Womens Under-15s versus Germany in Dusseldorf! On Saturday 11 June, the club met for its annual award and trophy presentations at Winnington Park Rugby Football Club, the highlight of



Luke Chambers,
in his Port
Vale colours

the day being the now traditional match between Hartford FC Under-18 Stags and Hartford FC Veterans, with the Veterans grabbing a last minute equaliser to make the score 5-5. This was played as a community sport match, for the nominated charity of 1874 Northwich - £160 pitch side collection was raised for the Neuromuscular Centre, Winsford.

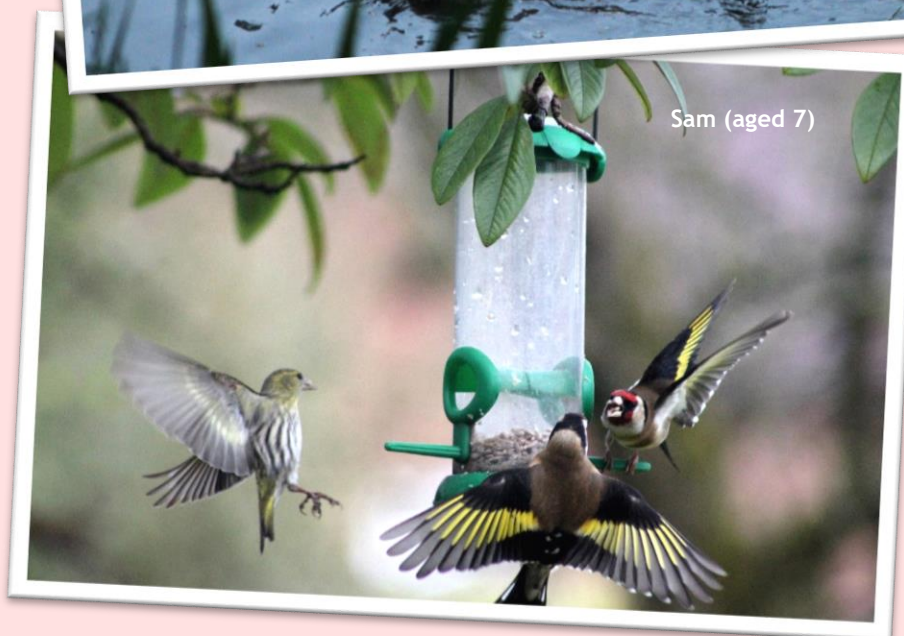
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🌐 hartfordfootballclub.org.uk



Rob Jones



Sam (aged 7)



Hartford Parish Council

Report of ordinary meeting held on Monday 13 June 2016

This is an abridged version of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting. Full minutes are available from the Parish Clerk.

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Public Open Forum

Two members of Hartford Bowls Club requested a list of dates when the Village Hall is booked. There were also concerns relating to payment of rent. The lease is shared between the Bowls Club and Hartford Tennis Club. The invoice had been issued to the Tennis Club and paid in full by it.

One member of the public expressed concerns about Phase 2 of the Grange Farm development, particularly about the lack of a badger survey, and the vacuum sewage plant located immediately behind 14 Walnut Lane which is running overnight. The Clerk is to follow this up with CWaC.

Cheshire West and Chester Council

Councillor Susan Kaur

Cabinet had met on 8 June and approved the Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan now forms part of the Development Plan for CWaC and will be taken into account in local planning decisions. The Council has published a decision statement which sets out the decision to make the Neighbourhood Plan and the reasons for doing so.

It was also agreed that planning applications decided after the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is introduced will need to pay the CIL charge in Hartford, enabling Hartford to benefit from the levy. This is an excellent result for Hartford. Thanks are due to Northwich Town Council for its support, in what has become a brilliant example of two local councils working together to achieve a successful outcome.

Events

Chime is to organise a community event on 30 July at Grange Park involving local businesses. There will be a ticket charge, and a donation made to charity, once costs have been covered.

PCSO Report

PCSO Ian Cosgrove

A report was presented, which is appended to the minutes. PCSO Cosgrove will be resigning on 29 June, following acceptance into the police force as a Police Constable. Council thanked PCSO Cosgrove and wished him well in his new role.

New Councillor



Martin Jones

I have lived in Hartford for nearly three years with my wife Deborah and our sons Ethan (15) and Matthew (13).

Previously we lived in Newton-le-Willows for 17

years, during which time I was Chair of Governors of our sons' primary school. I found this very rewarding and enjoyed supporting the headteacher to improve the life and outcomes of the children who attended.

I studied Law at the University of Central Lancashire and am now the Chief Operations Officer of Home Instead Senior Care, a business that provides care for people to stay in their own homes. I am passionate about changing the face of ageing in Britain.

I look forward to becoming more involved and supporting the local community.

Contact your Council

Contact with Hartford Parish Council should be made via the Parish Clerk, Jo O'Donoghue:

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📍 231 Hartford Road, Davenham, CW9 8JT

Hartford Parish Council's website:

🌐 hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk

Village Hall bookings and enquiries:

🌐 hartfordvillagehall.org.uk;

☎ Administrator Vikki Herbert, 07714 908571

Films in Hartford

Hartford Parish Council wishes to offer a heartfelt thank you to Trish Parker for organising Films in Hartford. With her dedication and support, over nine seasons, more than £15,000 has been donated to local charities; after costs of film hire have been deducted, in excess of £2,000 has been raised this year. Funds are to be distributed as follows: Grange School Charity £300; Northwich Multisports £200; Children's Adventure Trust £200; Tiny Steps £200; Vale Royal Multiple Sclerosis Society £200; The Neuromuscular Centre £200; Hartford Young NSPCC £200; Samaritans £200. Thanks are also due to The Grange School, which provides its facilities at no cost, and to the shops that handle ticket sales.



Agenda

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Tuesday 5 July

Bostock Singers

Hartford Methodist Church
7:30 pm

Friends and Family Concert

Bostock Singers recently won the St Luke's Hospice *Last Choir Standing* competition. All welcome; admission is free.

📞 bostock-singers.co.uk

Wednesday 6 July

Hartford Women's Institute

Hartford Methodist Church Hall
7:30 pm

An English Woman in the White House

Susan Leicester. Visitors welcome, free of charge.

📞 Pam, 01606 75520

📞 cheshirewi.org.uk



Hartford's bells rang out for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations on 12 June. The bell tower will be open to all on 12 September - and you can even try ringing one of the bells!

Sunday 10 July

Marshall's Arm Local Nature Reserve

Meet at the Heron Gate entrance, Saxon Lane
10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Bugs, Beasties and Sensory Stories

An invertebrate whodunit! Collect evidence and discover the mystery nibblers and chompers.

Limited parking. Wheelchair and pushchair friendly. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Other meeting points by arrangement.

📞 Virginia Hunt, 01606 42667

Hartford Civic Society

Meet at Walnut Lane 'bus stop
10:00 am

Litter Pick

Volunteers are always welcome to help with our litter picks, which are held on the second Sunday of every month. All the equipment is provided.

Over thirty people joined the coach trip to Combermere Abbey. The next one will be to Bramall Hall on Wednesday 12 October. Details will be available in early September.

Good progress is being made on the panel which will provide details of the village's listed sites though, with respect for the owners' privacy, the map in the centre will not show where the sites are. Instead it will show Hartford's Conservation Area. It is possible that many residents are unaware of its existence and may not realise the responsibilities that residents within this area carry. The Parish Council is equally concerned so, this will become a joint project with one Parish Councillor and one Civic Society committee member leading the project.

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Regular contributors please remember that there is no *Hartford News* in August. Items for inclusion in the September 2016 edition should be sent, preferably by email, to reach us on or before 15 August.

All 481 previous editions of *Hartford News* are available in electronic form on request; please contact using the email address at the top of this page.

Priority for inclusion will normally be given to activities taking place within the Parish of Hartford.

Contributions to *Hartford News* are always welcomed; contact and email details are at the top of this page.

Commercial advertisements and articles are not accepted.

The editor and the Parish Clerk jointly determine which items are to be included; their decisions are final.



In our June edition we carried an item about WCMO. This group was originally formed with a view to planting a small community orchard near the centre of Weaverham. However, it was difficult to find land within the village, until Woodland Trust granted WCMO the lease of land in Thorn Wood. Bearing in mind the position of Thorn Wood, within the parish boundary of Hartford, WCMO has decided to call the orchard simply 'The Memorial Orchard', as it now wishes the orchard to provide an amenity for Hartford, Weaverham and neighbouring communities. In other words, it will be a community orchard not only for Weaverham but for Hartford residents as well. WCMO has invited all the schools in Hartford and Weaverham to send pupil representatives to the Service of Dedication and Remembrance on Monday 12 September, at 2:00pm. Residents of Hartford and neighbouring communities are warmly invited to this event.

Monday 11 July

Police Community Support Officer

Hartford Village Hall Small Meeting Room
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Surgery

Meet our PCSO.

Hartford Parish Council

Hartford Village Hall
7:15 pm Public Open Forum
7:30 pm Main Meeting

Ordinary Meeting

Members of the public wishing to raise matters with Council may do so during the Open Forum. These matters can be discussed, but the Council cannot make decisions on non-agenda items, so they must be deferred to the next meeting. Members of the press and public may attend the meeting, but are not permitted to take part.

The agenda is on Council notice boards, or obtainable from the Clerk. Hartford Village Hall is accessible to users of wheelchairs.

There is no meeting in August.

☎ Jo O'Donoghue, 01606 41862

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Northwich Family History Society

Over St Chad's Church, Winsford
7:00 pm

Tour and talk

Tony Bostock.

☎ Dave Thomas 01606 624315



This pineapple broom (*Cytisus battandieri*) was on show, at the garden of Mr & Mrs Rawling, during the Hartford Young NSPCC Open Gardens event in June. Look out for the NSPCC teddy-bear themed stand at the Northwich Festival on 28 and 29 August.

Tuesday 12 July

Eddisbury Flower Club

Sandiway Church Hall
2:00 pm

The WOW Factor

Joan Robinson (North West Area Demonstrator)

☎ Hilary Marsh, 01606 782812

🌐 nafascheshire.org.uk/clubs

Thursday 14 July

Knots & Needles

Hartford Village Hall
7:15 pm

Card Making

Lorraine Reed returns for card making from her extensive supply of designs and ideas. Please bring sharp pointed scissors, glue stick, etc.

☎ Jean McBride, 01606 889871

Friday 15 and Saturday 16 July

The Rotary Club of Northwich Vale Royal

Blakemere Village
9:00 am to 10:00 am

Scooter Rally and Beer Festival

Musical entertainment from the Diane Shaw Band, Lazy Band, Amplify local Youth Project, Johnny Boy and Deadbeat Descendants.

🌐 www.mccsr.co.uk

Saturdays 23 and 30 July

Hartford Football Club

The Green Field (behind the Post Office)
9:00 am to 10:00 am

Taster Sessions

Hartford FC is growing its already successful under-6 age Group to a full Early Years Academy, catering for all player pathways. Learn to play football with FA qualified Coaches in an organised, safe and fun environment. The Academy's official start is on Saturday 3 September, on the 3G AGP at Hartford Campus.

☎ Paul Twibell, 07710 469697

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Wednesday 27 July

Mid Cheshire Flower Club

Hartford Methodist Church Hall

7:15 pm

Summertime

Cynthia Preston-Jones. Our club welcomes visitors and potential new members.

☎ Pat Barker, 01606 46951

🌐 nafascheshire.org.uk/clubs

Thursday 28 July

Northwich Macular Disease Society

Hartford Methodist Church Hall Fryer Room

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Latest treatments

Amanda Read (North West Regional Manager, Macular Society). Entrance is £1.00, including refreshments. All welcome.

☎ Denis Kidd, 01606 882373

🌐 macularsociety.org

Sundays

Hartford Methodist Church

10:30 am

Morning Worship

Young people meet prior to their classes.

☎ Rev Chris Pritchard, 01606 44613

✉ cn.pritchard@btopenworld.com

St John's Parish Church

8:00 am

Holy Communion

10:00 am

Morning Service

Church Centre

4:30 pm

Café-style Service

6:30 pm

Evening Service

☎ Church Centre, 01606 872255

🌐 stjohnshartford.org

Pink Poo success

Cleaning up Marshall's Arm

Sian Jenkins

Sunday 5 June marked the end of the Marshalls Arm Pink Poo Campaign. Volunteers and their families celebrated, in glorious sunshine, at a barbeque hosted by Northwich Rowing Club. Over the course of May, volunteers took routes through the reserve, counting and spraying (in pink!) the examples of dog mess that had been left by irresponsible dog owners. You may have seen the pink fluorescent jackets throughout the reserve. Some passers-by also provided positive feedback about the campaign – “Keep up the good work, it is making a difference”; “it’s about time the issue was highlighted – well done!”

The numbers clearly demonstrate a decrease in the amount of dog poo found in the

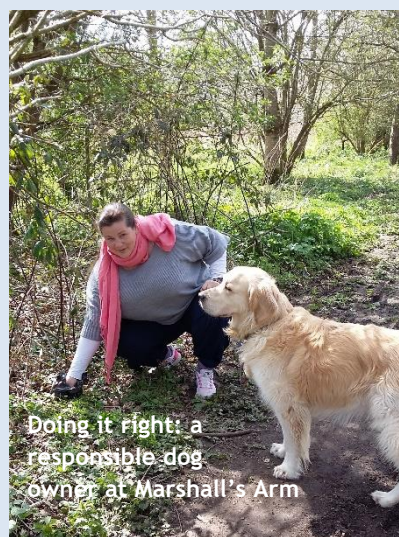
reserve, as a result of highlighting the poo. On the first occasion some 240 examples of dog mess were counted and highlighted; on the third, this number fell to around 70. Such a reduction in the mess left in the reserve means a safer and cleaner environment for all to enjoy the trails – particularly as Summer approaches. Since May’s Pink Poo campaign was so successful, volunteers are considering re-running the campaign, with the aim of making Marshall’s Arm completely free of dog poo.

Many members of the current group of Pink Poo volunteers became involved following the first Marshall’s Arm Dogs Day Out held earlier in the year.

The reserve will be holding a similar event on Sunday 20 August. The Dogs Day Out is a family day for all – whether you have a dog or not! This Summer’s event, to be held in the meadow, will include dog treats and competitions in which to enter your dog (and maybe win a prize for your pooch!). There will also be a professional dog trainer offering a demonstration and advice throughout the day! We hope to see you there.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer on further Pink Poo campaigns, please contact Virginia: ☎ 07814 107732.

🌐 marshallsarm.org.uk



Doing it right: a responsible dog owner at Marshall's Arm

Responsible owners are welcome at Marshall’s Arm, and in most areas of the village. The *Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996* says “If a dog defecates at any time on designated land and a person who is in charge of the dog at

that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence...”.

Not only is dog mess unpleasant, it carries a number of health risks. As ever, the simple message is

“bag it and bin it”. A securely sealed plastic bag of dog waste can be disposed of in any litter bin – of which Hartford has plenty.

If you are not prepared to clean up completely after your dog please do not walk it in a public place.



Free maps offer



Pictured are the Sustrans Active Travel Map (unfolded) and the Northwich and Winsford Bikeability Map. HN doesn't have a lens wide enough to photograph all of the latter when it is opened up...

Just in time for the Summer holidays, *Hartford News* has a small supply of free maps to give away (subject to availability) to Hartford residents. Either map could guide you, whether you are on two feet or two wheels.

The Sustrans Active Travel Map covers Northwich, features traffic-free cycle routes, and includes contact details for a number of relevant organisations.

The Bikeability Map covers Northwich and Winsford, and is linked to the Bikeability scheme, today's cycle training programme.

Bikeability is about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. The map details local cycle routes according to Bikeability "levels", so you can find a route that suits your ability.

To get your maps, send an email (including your home address) to *Hartford News*; the editor (and, in all probability, his dog) will bring it to you. Note: if you took up this offer in 2015, the Bikeability Map is the same as the one you already have.

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📞 cyclechester.com

📞 bikeability.org.uk

The Mane News...

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One of Hartford's best known and popular businesses is now in new hands. After sixteen years at the helm, Caron Beresford sold the

Mane Man Barbers, on School Lane, to Anna

Godden (who lives in Hartford with her partner, Joe, and their dog Susie) in May.

Caron opened the business in July 1999, and

continues to work there for one day each week. Anna has given the interior new décor, while the exteriors of all the School Lane shops have recently received a facelift. The Mane Man is now open every day except Sunday.

☎ Anna Godden, 07543 161766.



Susie.
Cute dog picture.
Any excuse.



Anna (left) and Caron

People Called Methodists

(from page one) Community Primary School, and a local Cub Scout group.

Activities in the nearby church hall include a Friday morning mums' and toddlers' group in term-time, monthly Ladies' Fellowship meetings, and weekly table tennis sessions. The social committee also organises various events such as bowling, a film night, lunches and countryside walks. A number of other local organisations use the hall, and it is available for private hire. Usefully, it has a large car park. The congregation regularly supports the Mid Cheshire Food Bank with donations

of food. Several members of the church are also volunteers at the food bank warehouse and at a number of the distribution centres. In this country the



Inside the Church

church also supports Methodist Homes for the Aged and Action for Children. Overseas help is given to Christian Aid, Water Aid and a school and HIV/Aids

clinic near Mombasa, Kenya.

Hartford Methodist Church is one of a group of churches led by our Minister, Rev. Chris Pritchard, who lives with his family in Kingsmead. Chris is ready to talk to you about any concerns you may have. He would be delighted to talk to you about having a wedding or baptism in the Church.

Rev Chris Pritchard

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