

# BLOORBEAT

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## Minister's Message

Because we've had a number of baptisms lately, including two adults, and some older children, in addition to infants, I've been thinking a fair bit about baptism, so here I go again. And with the spring upon us and the summer soon to be, it's fitting to ponder how the waters of our baptism, a sacrament done with and by the "scheming Spirit," as one hymn puts it, serves to recall us to God's high, holy purposes. And with the release of this Bloorbeat on Pentecost Sunday, the day in the Christian year when the images of breath and fire are prominent as the church's means to teach us something about God's Spirit, we consider how each of the elements – earth, air, water, fire – are connected to God's unwavering impulse to help us "live with respect in creation," as the United Church's Affirmation of Faith asserts.

We are water creatures, all of us, for long before we're breathing we float in a sac of water, which breaks and flings us into a world of air. Even after we join the air-breathers, we remain three-quarters water, drying a little as we age. The baptismal water we encounter is a ritual statement of this truth: water is life; life is water.

The land on which we live was once sea. Our treasured escarpments are old lakeshores. The Canadian Shield is still two-thirds water, gouged and glaciated so its lakes stretch south like elongated fingers holding canoeists, loons, swimmers, sailors, cottage boaters, ducks, perch. Canada has so much water, friends, trapped in glaciers or moving slowly underground or in huge bodies from which the land emerges, rather than the other way around. The Great Lakes alone, which we share with our southern neighbours, contain 20 percent of all the fresh water in the world.

Like other countries, though, we mistreat our life-giving waters terribly, pouring in sewage and neurotoxins and taking out too many fish. We allow our lakes to be invaded by exotic species, and our aquifers by bottlers who slurp the water up and sell it back to us at well over the price of gasoline. When it comes to protecting the waters that bear us life, it seems we've fallen asleep – and various global players find opportunity in this. Water, now sold as a commodified "blue gold," is a potential source of huge profit, and it seems both government and corporate interest in helping to preserve what surely is a sacred trust is at an all-time low. The privatization of water, clearly a common good, begins with bottled water, taken either without payment or a very meager fee. It's then marketed, portrayed as safer and better for you, found in huge quantities on supermarket shelves and in restaurants. Once bottlers convinced us that tap water is unsafe – which is absolutely untrue – we're now inclined to trust more those who package it for our ease of use, committing our landfills to coping with the plastic remains.

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## LOOKING AT THE WEEKS AHEAD

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, May 19                | - Pentecost - <b>Communion.</b>                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, May 26                | - Trinity Sunday - Aboriginal Healing, Reconciliation               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, June 2                | - 2nd after Pentecost<br>Lunch Bunch meets at The Montreal Deli     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, June 9                | - 3rd after Pentecost - Church Picnic Outdoors with BBQ             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, June 16               | - 4th after Pentecost   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, June 23               | - 5th after Pentecost   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, June 26            | - 3rd Annual Harbour Cruise   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, June 30, July 7, 14   | - St. James United Church<br>400 Burnhamthorpe Rd.                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, July 21, 28, August 4 | - Richview United Church<br>149 Wellesworth Drive                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, August 11, 18, 25     | - Bloordale United Church   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, September 1           | - 15th after Pentecost, Labour Day Sunday                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, September 8           | - Season of Creation 1 <b>Worship Services change back to 10:30</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, September 15          | - Season of Creation 2  |

**Summer Services at 10:00 a.m.**

## **THE ANDREW TEES CONCERT**

On Friday, May 10th, fifty of Bloordale's family and friends braved the intermittent rain to attend a return performance at Bloordale by baritone, Andrew Tees and his wife/accompanist, Kate Carver. All who attended were very enthusiastic. As well as approximately thirty-two Bloordale family and friends, we were pleased to have with us some 'Andrew fans' from Buffalo, Burlington and Oakville, all friends from Andrew's (and my) Quebec cottage community.

Entitled "A Musical Journey to Virtue and Vice - the best of Oratorio and Broadway", Andrew taught us about oratorio and the background of pieces by Verdi, Brahms, Handel and Mendelssohn among others. Then, after the intermission, he entertained with familiar songs from musicals such as Show Boat, Carousel, South Pacific, Guys and Dolls, Jesus Christ Superstar, Man of La Mancha, Can-Can and Les Miserables.

In the words of some of our attendees, "Andrew's voice was better than five years ago and his demeanor was more confident" - "his voice is spectacular" - another said his voice was "rich, powerful, but controlled" - "wonderful voice and his winning personality made it all so entertaining" and finally, "Andrew is truly gifted, and it's great that he shares that gift with all of us. It was even more special to see his family there and how he and his wife work as a team. I know the turnout was disappointing, but it did lead to a more intimate experience for all of us". I think that says it all!!

After a standing ovation, beverages and delicious dessert treats were served in the Sanctuary. Andrew and Kate remained for some time, giving people a chance to speak with them.

The Social and Fundraising Committee would like to thank some of our other Bloordale friends for helping with the behind-the-scenes running of the evening. John Pauksens designed a bright, eye-catching poster to advertise the concert, prepared and edited the programme and helped set up the sound system and the chancel area for the performance. Joan Hollowell was a welcoming back door greeter, Lila Conroy helped sell tickets downstairs, Gordon Moore ran the elevator, Anabelle Goncalves greeted and handed out programmes upstairs, and homemade goodies were graciously provided by Edna Bell, Debbie Cauch, Helen Hitchcock, Gladys Lewis and Barbara Saunders. Thanks as always to Julia and her office staff for much assistance. We were most grateful for all this help.

And finally, we are pleased to announce that we realized a profit of \$700.00 from the evening.

*Patricia Nelson*

*for The Social & Fundraising Committee*

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## **PASTORAL CARE**

Compliments of the Pastoral Care Committee, 4 copies of the daily devotional booklets "Our Daily Bread " for the months June - August have been placed on the Outreach table. Please help yourself to a copy.

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## **BRIAN'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Brian will be on holidays during the following periods:

June 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>; June 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> (these two periods complete 2012 - 13 holidays)

Emergency pastoral coverage during June will be done by Linda Pennock, 416-626-9582.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>; July 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>; July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup> (2 ½ of 5 weeks; 3 of 5 Sundays 2013 - '14)

Emergency pastoral coverage during July and early August will be done by Nelsona Dundas, 416-620-4098

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## **LARGER PRINT IN BULLETINS AS OF MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> - FEEDBACK WELCOME!**

The Worship Committee. has decided to experiment with a slightly larger font size for the regular bulletin, and we will begin to do this on May 26<sup>th</sup> and following. Please offer Brian, Sharron, or others on the Committee. your feedback about this.

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## **MESSAGE FROM HANNA**

I honestly cannot believe we are already looking at this past church year in the review mirror! What a great year it's been! As I am preparing to head back to Victoria, BC for the summer, I find myself reflecting back on the year with pride and just a hint of disbelief that it's already over. I'd like to thank all of the children, parents, the congregation, and of course the youth, for making this another positive and uplifting year. I will be back in the fall, but until then, I hope everyone at BUC knows how great it has been working, playing, and learning with the support of the congregation.

I wish everyone a fantastic summer!

Hanna Lyle

The next step – tempting when cities are underfunded from various sides and/or abandon shared values of public health and good – is a corporate offer to take over municipal water services, an arrangement which Hamilton entered a number of years ago to disastrous effect. Now the US government is looking to obtain fresh water for its people, and eyeing with envy the lakes, rivers and streams of this northern paradise in a growing lust for water security, and the Council of Canadians, and Kairos, and Christian Peacemaker Teams, etc. are having to advocate against making it far too easy for corporate interests to sell the water that is our common gift. Those same groups, as well as the United Church and others, also stand in solidarity with our aboriginal brothers and sisters in the north and elsewhere as the First Nations women of this land cry out with historic tears, as caretakers of the water, to prevent the poisonous killing of our intricate and connected waterways and the death of their sacred way of reverent life along the land's shores. And on and on ...

Baptism's main image is, of course, water, but baptism also has an element of repentance, which makes it unpopular, if not considered redundant, among many postmodern people. Yet the repentance to which we're called is precisely to let go of that which damages life, and to embrace public policies and never-only-private practices which preserve and empower life. To repent means, literally, to turn around, to turn away from old ways of living selfishly or narrowly or dangerously in the world to embrace living new ways alongside those made brothers and sisters in one water-born family of faith. In baptism we learn that water, friends, is thicker than blood.

The power to live this new life comes from the Spirit, God's probing, proclaiming, empowering presence within and among us. As children of earth, the Spirit's breath inspires, her flame flickers forth urgency in the wake of waters' demise – and there are signs that we are waking up, undertaking actions in concert with like-minded friends, of whatever faith or none, to educate ourselves and others, to be transformed ourselves and to seek the transformation of those people and powers who, by continuing to threaten the waters of life, continue to threaten our lives and those water-born people of our current and future generations. There are any number of things to consider doing this summer to alleviate the drain, on a personal and family level, and advocate for change, at the public and political level – and if you do nothing else, at least consider buying less bottled water – and letting us (me!) know you've made that decision, with the Spirit's help, to take a stand for life!

May you enjoy the cool, refreshing waters of life this summer, and may we all return in the fall to take up the Spirit's continuing call, in baptismal discipleship of Jesus, to protect, embrace and enhance life in all its splendid, sacred diversity. Thanks be to God for the wind and rain of life!

Brian

## Hats off to . . .



### Bob Trimble

It was on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1953, that Rev. 'Bob' Trimble, our Hon. Pastoral Associate, was ordained to the Christian Ministry of the United Church of Canada. The service took place in Trinity United Church on Bloor Street here in the City under the authority of the Toronto Conference.

In that dynamic group of young ordinands, there were two women and thirty men. In early May of this year, a lovely luncheon was held at Victoria University of the U of T Campus to mark this 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Bob and Jackie were joined by 6 other class members and their spouses, 2 others live out of province and 23 others have left for God's Nearer Presence. Those attending had a lively reunion with plenty of accolades from University Staff. It was a truly rewarding occasion.

Bob began his Ministry on a 4 point charge just north of Huntsville (Emsdale, Novar, Sprucedale and Kearney with two services every Sunday morning, one in the afternoon and one at night) and the influx of tourists during the summer period necessitated his vacation in January.

## PASTORAL CARE MINISTER NELSONA RETURNS FROM LEAVE

The Rev. Nelsona Dundas returns to Bloordale after a six month leave of absence as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

We'll be pleased to have Nelsona return, and offer her consistent care and concern to us.

## STEWARDSHIP SPOT

"Stewardship is everything I do after I say 'I believe'."

### The Half-Full Glass

Many people are familiar with the SWOT analysis in business and charitable circles, SWOT standing for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Well, similar to the SW of that equation, asset-based stewardship practices, as contrasted with needs-based practices, are finding a foothold in churches these days, changing the nature of our conversations about the future.

The words and phrases we repeat to ourselves every year, whether in the Annual Reports or in the Bloorbeat newsletter, especially regarding the financial resources at our disposal for vision, mission and ministry, form standards for our understanding, ways of looking at things that we, after lengthy use, simply assume to be true and no longer question. Our vocabulary often determines our habits and horizons, and we should wonder aloud whether we're adequately reflecting a faith-based (read "trust-based") mission outlook as we ponder the possible decisions before us at any given time.

Here's a list of contrasting phrases. Your challenge, should you choose to accept it, is to pick the asset-based one of each pair:

We need more commitment/God has given us

Take/collect the offering/Receive the offering

Pay the church's expenses/Give as an act of worship

Unfortunately, we have to mention money today/

Here is an opportunity to

Please give to avoid a deficit/

Please give to support our youth, ministers, project, etc.

The problem is .../This is a great time to ...

Pay, spend/Give, invest

We can't/We expect

We will likely not meet our target/

I wonder ... What if we met our target?

Let's maintain .../Let's join together to ...

Fear, concern, survive/Trust, hope, appreciate

Asset-based thinking is realistic, and is more than just positive thinking, for practical outcomes are still important. But addressing our more substantial and hopeful motivations can make a big difference in how we go about meeting our goals, financially and otherwise.

Asset-based thinking in churches is a great way to turn from what we can't do to what we can do. Instead of "the great commission" to go into the world and convert people to Christianity, found in

Matthew 28: 18-20, we should be undertaking "the great permission" in trust that God has supplied us with the faith, the skills and the Spirit we need to accomplish what we've been given to do: to encourage spiritual growth, build inclusive community, and transform people's lives, as our Vision statement says. Consider the lovely phrase from the little book by the same name, The Great Permission: "*The best answer to the question 'How?' is always 'YES!'*" For people of faith, when we count the givens of God's grace, love, power, and passion into our equation, it seems the glass is always half-full!

Brian

## MAESTRO

At the age of 8, he started to play the piano under the tutelage of his mother; he wrote his own words to Beethoven's "Ode to Joy". At 14 years old, he wrote his first piece of music.

Mervin is a graduate of the University of Toronto, Faculty of Music and has diplomas in Vocal Performance and Vocal Pedagogy from the Royal Conservatory of Music. He also has a diploma and certificate in Service Playing from the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

Mervin's favourite instrument is the voice. He currently conducts 5 choirs. He is the Artistic Director of the Mississauga Choral Society, Conductor of the Peel Chorale Society Singers of Brampton and the National Award Winning Esprit Chamber Choir, the Founding Director of the Toronto Beach Chorale and also our Minister of Music.

Mervin, thank you for the taking the time to do an interview with my 8 year old grand daughter, Grace. In Grace's words "I chose Mervin William Fick for my project because he loves music, I enjoy watching him perform and he is still alive".

*Submitted by Juanita*

*Warmest Best Wishes*

*to*

*Vanessa Ramsahai*

*and*

*Kevin Mitchell*

*on the occasion of their Marriage*

*on*

*March 22, 2013*

### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL HARBOUR CRUISE

Join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Toronto Harbour Boat Cruise, followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant, Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup>, approximately 3:30 pm.

It should be a super afternoon and evening; it is also Brian's Birthday (don't tell him we know...we want it to be a surprise).

Watch for more info! Call Vanessa at 416-358-4504.

### THE LUNCH BUNCH

On Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>, after coffee time, 16 Bloordale folk went to BOUNTY Restaurant, at Dundas Street just west of HWY 427, for our fourth 'Lunch Bunch' lunch. Sandwiches and omelettes were the favourite meals (5 of us ordered omelettes and 5 of us ordered sandwiches), but dinner meals were ordered as well. We all had a good time eating and chatting.

Thanks to Gord Moore for organizing this event. Our next lunch is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will be at The Montreal Deli, on Dundas Street just 1 minute west of the 427 exit. As always, car pooling is available. Keep this date in mind and do consider coming.

### BLOORDALE AT BLUE JAYS HOME OPENER

April 2nd, 2013 was the opening day for The Toronto Blue Jays. With the 'new team' and prospects that the Jays could win the World Series this year, we quickly sold out of our 15 tickets at the first base line. Rogers Centre had sold out within an hour of their sales, and Bloordale had a waiting list!

Julia managed to secure two additional tickets for opening day in the VIP section, front row of Section 200, right behind home plate. The Social Committee gave these seats to newly weds Vanessa Ramsahai and Kevin Mitchell, and two other folk from Bloordale's waiting list now got to go to the game.

Some of us car pooled, and some came downtown much earlier, for easier parking and/or other activities. Two car loads of us had prebooked disabled parking spots in the Roger's Centre. There is no greater joy than driving to the underground parking entrance, with a 'Lot Full' sign outside, and being let in. Our spots were near the elevator, for minimal walking, and we were whisked right up to our floor.

The stadium was packed, and the fans were pumped to be there. We all got blue and white cheerleader razzles, and used them throughout the game.

Opening day ceremonies are always a treat to watch; this year there was a massive Canadian flag on the field held by hundreds of young people.

We looked for Kevin and Vanessa in the VIP section, but they were quite far from us and we could not see them. We speculated that they had scalped their tickets for \$ 500., but no, they were there, enjoying the game.

The excitement of Opening Day soon deflated, as the Jays were not playing that well. Many of us left before the game ended, 'to beat the traffic'. The Jays lost 4-1.

We have been going to Opening Day for a number of years now. Please tell us if opening day 2014 is something you are still interested in, or would prefer a Saturday afternoon game later in the season.

*Julia Stavreff for the Social and Fundraising Committee*

### PICNIC

It is hard to believe we are approaching June and it is time for our Annual Picnic. We will be holding our Picnic, rain or shine, on Sunday, June 9th. Weather permitting, we will hold our service outside with a barbeque and games (all ages welcome) to follow.

Please plan on attending. It is a great time for fun and fellowship and who wants to miss seeing Brian and Merv wrapped from head to toe in toilet paper!

See you all there.

*Lisa*



Wishing you a sunny and safe summer  
See you again in September

Bloorbeat Team

## PROJECT ROOM 14

I am looking to put together an enthusiastic team of volunteers to help give room 14 a much needed freshening up!

Whether you are good with a paint brush, filled with creative ideas or just want to join a group of people for some laughs and interaction, please feel free to contact me. I would really like to turn room 14 into a space that children feel welcome and at home in, with a bit of a creative spin (creative both in design and in keeping a low budget).

Property has kindly given us the go ahead but our job will be to make it happen. Please let me know if anyone is interested.

As I said, you don't need experience, just a willing heart. Just think, you might even meet some new friends along the way!

Thanking you in advance,

Lisa

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## WHEN & WHERE

### EVEN THE WIND AND WAVES OBEY HIM November 5 1688

The God who controls the winds controls the nations.

The 1660s through the 1680s were tough times for God's people in England and Scotland. After the ascendancy of the Puritans to political power during the English civil wars of the 1640s and the execution of King Charles I, Oliver Cromwell, a Puritan Independent, set up a commonwealth with himself as its head. Following his death in 1658, his son Richard succeeded him for one year and then resigned. During the Cromwells' rule, the Puritans experienced their peak of political power and enjoyed religious freedom.

The Presbyterians controlling Parliament were no fans of the Cromwells. Therefore, in 1660, Parliament invited Charles II, the second son of Charles I, to the throne. They were influenced by the fact that ten years earlier Charles II had become a Presbyterian in order to gain Scottish support for his recovery of the throne. But Charles II turned out to be no friend of God's people. Under the Act of Uniformity of 1662, all ministers were given a deadline by which they were required to receive Episcopal ordination. This resulted in the "Great Ejection," in which about two thousand Presbyterian, Independent, and Baptist pastors were forced from their churches. The Five Mile Act of 1665 forbade them from coming within five miles of any British town.

On his deathbed in 1685, Charles II publicly acknowledged his conversion to Roman Catholicism, which he had kept secret for years. This explained his animosity toward the Presbyterians who had brought him to the throne.

Charles II was succeeded by James II, another Roman Catholic. James II intensified the persecution of the Scottish covenanters who resisted the Episcopal government being forced upon the Church of Scotland. Many lost their lives. Since James II had pushed for a Catholic succession, the birth of his son brought the issue to a crisis. His daughter Mary had married William of Orange, who was raised as a follower of John Calvin and had become head of state of the Netherlands. William also had strong claims to the throne of England. The thought of James's Catholic son as heir to the throne was too much for the Protestant nobles of England and they invited William and Mary to take the throne.

On November 1, 1688, William set out with his navy across the English Channel to invade England. The wind was so strong that it kept many of the English ships imprisoned in the Thames River, unable to attack William. The sight of William's fleet sailing along the English coast was a stirring spectacle to the beleaguered Protestants of England. On November 5, 1688, William's fleet landed and William of Orange and his troops began what became known as the Glorious Revolution.

James II fled to France. The next month, as the Protestants of England celebrated their first Christmas in years worshiping as they wished, James was attending Mass in France.

God used the wind to keep England a Protestant nation.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of April 30

### Local Contributions

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$51,000</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$45,775</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ -5,225</b>

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## THE DAY BART SIMPSON PRAYED

Bart wasn't doing well in the fourth grade. When he flunked his book report on *Treasure* Island because he only knew what was on the cover that was the last straw. His teacher called a meeting with Bart's parents and the school psychiatrist, whose conclusion was that Bart should repeat the fourth grade.

Bart was horrified! "Look at my eyes," he said. "See the sincerity?"

See the conviction? See the fear? I swear I'll do better!" After all, nothing's worse to a ten-year-old than being held back in school.

But Bart hatched a plan. He made a deal with a brainy student named Martin. He'd teach Martin how to be cool if Martin would help him pass his next American History exam. That final test was monumentally important because if he passed it, Bart would be allowed to graduate.

Bart did teach Martin the fine points of being cool-how to burp on command, how to spray-paint graffiti on garage doors, how to shoot a slingshot at unsuspecting girls. And, sure enough, Martin became the most popular kid in school-so popular, in fact, that he didn't have time to help Bart study.

Now picture this: It was the night before the big test. Bart was sitting at the desk in his room, staring at an open book, trying to study, when he came to the chilling realization that it was too late. He couldn't cram enough into his head in one night to be able to pass the test. Finally, his mom peeked into the room and said, "It's past your bedtime, Bart."

Slowly, Bart closed his book. With the exams just hours away, it seemed like all of his options had evaporated. That's when he got down on his knees next to his bed and prayed to God.

*"This is hopeless!" he said. "Well, Old Timer, I guess this is the end of the road. I know I haven't been a good kid, but if I have to go to school tomorrow, I'll fail the test and be held back. I just need one more day to study, Lord. I need your help! A teacher strike, a power failure, a blizzard—anything that will cancel school tomorrow. I know it's asking a lot, but if anyone can do it, you can. Thanking you in advance, your pal, Bart Simpson."*

The scene switched to an outside view of Bart's house. The lights in his room went out. It was cold and dark. A few moments passed, and then a single snowflake gently fell to the ground. Then another. And another.

Suddenly, there was a virtual avalanche of snow; in fact, it was the biggest blizzard in the city's history! The "Hallelujah Chorus" swelled in the background.

The next day, school was cancelled. Bart fought the temptation to go sledding with his friends, and instead studied hard. Then the following day, when the time finally came for the test, he gave it his best shot, but he came up one point short. It looked like he had failed—until at the last possible moment, he miraculously scored one more point and squeaked by with a D minus.

Bart was so happy that he kissed his teacher as he scampered out the door. Homer was so overwhelmed that he posted Bart's paper on the refrigerator and said, "I'm proud of you, boy."

To which Bart replied, "Thanks, Dad. But part of this D minus belongs to God."

### BLOORBEAT PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Following is the publication schedule and the deadlines for submissions for upcoming issues through May 2014.

Publication Date	Submission Deadline
<b>2013</b>	
September 22	September 14
November 17	November 9
<b>2014</b>	
January 19	January 11
March 23	March 15
May 11	May 3

### BLOORBEAT ADVERTISING

Would you like to advertise your business in Bloorbeat? Prices per issue of Bloorbeat are :

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