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Summer Days!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 1st August - Charity Breakfast, Bremhill
- 15th August - Christian Malford and Foxham WI meeting
- 26th August - BBQ at the Foxham Inn
- 1st September - Bremhill Tea Party
- 5th September - Bobby Van ladies lunch
- 6th September - Bremhill coffee mornings start
- 7th September - Bremhill Annual Produce Show
- 21st September - Foxham Horse Show and Dog Show
- 27th - 29th September - Foxham Metal Detecting Weekend
- 3rd October - Bobby Van ladies lunch
- 1st November - Rural Arts in Bremhill
- 5th November - 2013 Fireworks - Bremhill
- 7th November - Bridge and Tea afternoon - Foxham

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EDITORIAL

Easter, 1994, a sunny day, and we were house-hunting. We had already got lost trying to find Bremhill, when suddenly we found ourselves passing a pub called the ‘Dumb Post’ and then turning into a lane where we were met by a sea of yellow. Wordsworth’s ‘host of golden daffodils’ paled in comparison! The village unfurled down the hill before us, although there was the problem of finding the house – numbers between 25 and 30 just disappear from the road, but soon ‘The Track’ was pointed out to us! We left the car on the road, walked down and, after only a few short yards, were totally enchanted by the view! We bought the house – and have been delighted to live in this friendly and lively parish ever since.

So it gives me great pleasure to be part of the team producing this newsletter which has gone from strength to strength during the few months of its existence. The parish boundary encloses a large area which must have a such a wealth of interesting people living in it that there has to be an untapped mine of fascinating experiences to recount. We all have a story to tell, and your Editors would love to hear it. So if you have a tale to tell, be it amusing, serious, adventurous or an experience you would like to share, write it down and send it to the Editor for it to be published in the newsletter.

It has been suggested that ‘Poetry Corner’ becomes ‘Literary Corner’ so that readers can submit either a poem or, if they prefer, a piece of prose which is meaningful to them. It would also be interesting if contributors would also add just a couple of lines about why they have chosen this particular piece. Think about this and again send your contribution to the Editor. Other features have been suggested, if there is sufficient space, and more will be said about these in the future. We are also hoping to include a ‘Small Ads’ section and more information will shortly be given.

We are keen to produce a magazine which is interesting, looks professional and serves the needs of our community. We would emphasise again that the magazine responds equally to the interests of all the villages within the political boundaries of Bremhill Parish Council and our aim is to produce a magazine of which the entire community can feel proud.

Ewen.

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Monday 5th August 2013



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TGC Renewables is a UK-based renewable energy project developer, focused on UK based solar developments. We work directly with landowners and investors to implement renewable energy solutions that make both financial and environmental sense.

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BREMHILL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It may interest residents of Bremhill Parish to know about the change to the Wiltshire Council's Streetscene contract which took effect on June 1st 2013. The following extract is from an email sent to The Parish Council by our Highways & Streetscene Community Coordinator following a presentation made at the last Parish Council Meeting:

"The contract covers the highways maintenance, grounds maintenance, grass cutting, street lighting, bridge maintenance, winter maintenance and public convenience cleaning services. It has an annual value of circa £25m and runs for five years with a possible extension of two years related to performance. The contract will deliver savings of over £1million in the first year, with further efficiency savings in following years. The council is responsible for approximately 5.5 million square metres of grass across the county, the equivalent of about 900 football pitches.

To ensure the disruption to council services was limited, Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) have continued to provide additional staff and equipment, worked extra hours including weekends, and prioritised local community priority areas. Many areas have not been affected by the transfer, however grass cutting in some areas is behind schedule. It is anticipated that all Wiltshire Council amenity areas will receive at least one cut during June and then cut to the previous frequency thereafter. BBLP have approximately 75 staff deployed on grass cutting, they have hired in additional machines and deployed additional staff to grass cutting activities at no cost to the council.

BREMHILL PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Speed of Traffic Throughout the Parish

Mr Tucker has been working very closely with PC Alan Blake and Highways to see how the speed limits can be reduced.

Highways

There are many outstanding repairs to be done, Mr Pearson is working very hard to get them resolved. However the good news is that Turf House Lane is to be repaired this year.

Internal Audit

Very many thanks to Mrs Lyn Peglar for auditing the accounts .

The date of the next meeting will be
5th August 2013 at The Moravian Room East Tytherton at 7.30pm.

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FOXHAM HORSE SHOW 2013

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Yogurt Cake

This is a very easy sponge-like cake to bake for all ages (contains milk), especially young children. It is possibly the most baked cake by families in France!

This cake is also very easy to adapt, for example by adding flavouring or fruit pieces (apples, pears, bananas especially) to the batter.

Preparation time: 15 min. Baking time: 35 min.

Ingredients:

- A plain yogurt (125ml)
- Sugar
- Plain Flour
- Sunflower oil
- 3 eggs
- 1tsp of baking powder



Method:

1. Preheat the oven at 180°C
2. Empty out the yogurt into a small bowl and put it to one side but keep the yogurt pot as you will use it to measure the rest of the ingredients
3. In a mixing bowl, measure 2 pots of sugar and add in the eggs, mixing after each one
4. Add in the yogurt and mix until all combined
5. Measure 3 yogurt pots of flour and add them in with the baking powder; mix well
6. Once the mixture is combined, add 1/2 a yogurt pot of sunflower oil and mix well
7. Line a baking tin and cook the cake for 35 minutes until golden brown
8. Leave to cool for 10 minutes
9. Optionally, you can cut the cake in half and cover with jam or ice the cake or decorate it as you wish
10. Serve the cake cold and enjoy!

Anne-Cécile Semichon

SPECIAL NOTICES

FOXHAM HORSE SHOW - 21ST SEPTEMBER



Last year's Show was our best ever with record attendance and profits with Foxham Church, the Reading Room and 5 charities benefiting.

This year's Show will again feature Canine Capers Dog Show, with an extended area for this and the Trade Stands.

We very much welcome any offers of help in the week beforehand or on the day, as well as offers of much valued sponsorship.

If you would like more information please ring Jane Milligan (740586), or if you are interested in having a Trade Stand and would like more information please ring Anna Layton (720259)



FOXHAM ANNUAL BRIDGE AND TEA AFTERNOON

Val Minty and Jenny Wilton are holding their annual Bridge and Tea afternoon on Thursday, November 7th at Foxham Reading Room from 1:30pm until 5:00pm. Cost £8 per person. Book early on 01249 740279 to avoid disappointment! We look forward to seeing you there.

Jenny Wilton.



BUDDING HISTORIANS ?

Bremhill has a rich and fascinating history, and we are all part of it ! I have discussed with a few others the possibility of forming a Bremhill History Society to see if we could put together, in printable form, the results of any research that we might do, possibly publishing parts of in the magazine. Others, in the past, including, notably, the much respected Leslie Fry, have done sterling work in this field and one of the tasks of any group that we formed would be to collate this past research so that we didn't cover the same ground.

Give me a call if you would be interested in becoming part of this fact finding mission and we can perhaps arrange a date in the near future to decide the next step !

Jim Scott – 01249 813114



CHARITY BREAKFAST

Richard and Caroline Dutton will be hosting a charity breakfast in aid of Meningitis Research Foundation, at The Long Barn, Bremhill on Sunday 4th August, between 9.30am and 11.00am.

We will provide bacon and sausage baps, tea, coffee and/or orange juice and would ask that in return, you make a donation to the charity.

For catering purposes, please could you let us know if you are able to join us by Thursday 1st August, preferably by Email: duttonsx4@lineone.net. or tel 01249 813548

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you.



CHRISTIAN MALFORD & FOXHAM WI

Grateful thanks to all those ladies who merrily helped and baked cakes and scones for cream teas at our July village fete. A superb and busy day.

In fantastic weather a group of novice WI water skiers braved the cold Cotswold Lakes. Uncontrollable nervous laughter followed by exhilarated zooming around the lake. A fun day to remember!

Our July speaker, Marie Noelle Wittily entertained us with the typical daily menus of French families at home, the important social graces in the dining room and the lengthy social affairs that French meals entail. She gave us the shopping differences and tips to remember when eating in France.

On Thursday, August 15th, we have hands on 'First Aid' with Ian Chatterton from Foxham. He has been with us twice before and is an exceptional demonstrator of emergency aid and very entertaining. You will have the chance to learn how to save a life! Come to the Christian Malford Village Hall for 7.30 pm. New ladies will receive a very warm welcome.



THE DUMB POST QUIZ NEWS

The final quiz of this eight week quiz league was held on the 4th July at the dumb post.



The winning team, 'The Drunken Duck' kindly donated their £100 prize money to a charity close to Nicola's heart - that of Hannah's Trees. This is a charity in memory of a swimming team mate. As the name suggests, the money raised pays for Christmas trees for children who are in hospital or hospices over the festive season. Well done Nicola & team-mates!

The second team, 'Ermintrude'(who won £35), together with the third runners up, the Herbs, (£15) also gave their winnings to charity. These extra donations added together with the money raised each week gave a grand total of £207.20 which was donated to the Air Ambulance fund.

Watch this magazine for news of the next season of quizzes later in the year.



TEA & COFFEE IN BREMHILL VILLAGE Hall

Beginning on 6th September, tea & coffee will be available in the Bremhill Village Hall from 10.00am till 11.30 every Friday morning. A range of meat products from Monument Farm (suppliers to Waitrose) will also be on sale.

Do drop in for a cuppa.



N.B. As Friday September 27th is the nominated day for the 'Worlds biggest coffee morning' a Macmillan Cancer fundraiser, local arrangements will apply, therefore the above event will NOT run on that day.



BBQ IN FOXHAM

Village BBQ on Monday 26th August 2013 (Bank Holiday Monday) at The Foxham Inn with the kind permission of Neil and Sarah. All proceeds to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.



METAL DETECTING RALLY

Foxham welcomes back the metal detectorists on the weekend Friday 27th September to Sunday the 29th. A small committee has been formed under the leadership of Jenny Johnson. More details nearer the date.

MORNING & BRING & BUY - Macmillan Coffee

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning - in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Dig out those unwanted Christmas presents. Donations of cakes are very welcome but any donation would be great

Bremhill

Saturday 28 September 2013 from 10.00 to 12 noon in the Bremhill Village Hall. More information, call Judy on 01249 813114 or email her on judy@bremhill.com.

Foxham

Thursday 26th September 9.30am-12.30 at Foxham Reading Room/ Village Hall. If you have any unwanted plants or books or any donations please ring Cathy 07795595878 who will happily collect or please leave in the porch at Reading Room Cottage, Foxham.

Report of Foxham Painting Day 2013

This was the first time we have had grey skies and rain in the air. However, this did not deter 11 amateur painters coming to Hillside for a day painting their pictures under the guidance of artist John Harris. In spite of the conditions, there were several excellent paintings achieved and all had an enjoyable day in spite of the many showers.

Thanks must go to Mary and Paul Kellond for allowing us to use their lovely garden, grounds and house for the day. Thanks also to John Harris who gives a day of his time without payment to help in the raising of funds for Foxham's St. John the Baptist Church. The day raised £240 for church funds and all the painters agreed they had a good day and would like to come back next year.

The day would not be possible without the help of Anne Smith and Dianne Burrows who give their day to help to make the day run smoothly. Thanks also go to the people who donated puddings; these are always very popular with all. Thank you all for making the day possible.

Elizabeth Hannah

FOXHAM READING ROOM

The village of Foxham and others made up part of the Lansdowne Estate at Bowood. Foxham Reading Room is one of five such “rooms” given by the Lansdowne family. The Reading Rooms were provided for villagers to read the London newspapers. Such papers were too expensive for the average family to purchase. The papers were displayed on two-sided easel-type frames so that they could be read standing up.

Foxham Reading Room is now used as the Village Hall. It was originally built in 1884 and it consisted of four walls and a roof! Funds were raised by the people of the village to add an extension in 1979. The extension consisted of a kitchen and toilet facilities. There are plans to improve the kitchen in the next few months. A further extension was added to provide bar facilities and this is now used once a week by the Post Office and community library.



I know that the Reading Room at Charlcutt has been converted to a dwelling. I do not know what has happened to the others. The Foxham Reading Room is the only hall in the village, which can be used by the villagers and others for meetings and various social occasions.

The Reading Room is licensed to hold 80 people seated and 100 standing. There are sufficient regular and irregular lettings to cover the normal costs associated in running the hall. The adjacent cottage is lived in by the caretaker who also takes bookings.

Daphne Glass



RAISE THE ROOF 2013.

A huge thank you to all those who helped with or attended Raise the Roof this year. Despite the weather the event was a great success and those who braved the wind and rain to attend had a great time. The standard of music was very high as usual and it was good to see performers of all ages take to the stage. There was a palpable family atmosphere from the main marquee to the games and children tents.



The Mass on Saturday evening saw music and liturgy groups from 2 different parishes join together to lead the congregation into a joyful celebration befitting the event so well. Rev Jim Scott led a thoughtful and reflective ecumenical Taizé service on Sunday morning to start our Sunday. Many commented that this is something that should be repeated.

All in all, we raised over £1100 with the profits shared between St Edmund's School in Calne and the work of the sisters of the order of the poor servants of the Mother of God in Kenya. Other local charities also benefited from the stalls they ran.

For a few photos of the event, visit www.raiseroof.org.uk. Thank you all and see you in 2015 for the next Raise the Roof! *Jerome Semichon*



LADIES LUNCH IN AID OF THE Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

On the first Thursday of each month at the beautiful Bowood Hotel and Spa, we hold a Ladies Lunch. The aim is to introduce lady guest speakers of influence. So far, they include Jane Scott OBE, Claire Perry MP, the Lord Lieutenant Sarah Troughton. On 5th September, Lady Seaford is our guest speaker. She is a most interesting lady who runs the rather wacky Bison Farm. She will talk about her two worlds and how they merge. On 3rd October, Christine Hamilton is our guest.



If you wish to book tickets, please call the Bowood Hotel and Spa on 01249 822228 . The ticket price is £22.50 which includes a £5 donation to the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust.



CHRISTIAN MALFORD SCHOOL NEWS JULY 2013

We are fast approaching the end of term and the children are working very hard, involved in many exciting projects throughout the school. We have many things happening and will welcome new staff in September as Mr Ingram and Mrs Hinder are leaving us. Mrs Margaret Robbins will teach Years 5/6 children and Mrs Vivien Tugwell will be teaching children in Years 1/2. Both are excellent practitioners and very highly regarded. Mr Miles will stay with us in Beech class, with Miss Taylor in Reception.

Sports Day and picnic time were held on 4th July. The weather was warm and the children all had a lovely time. The hard work with running was followed by a cake sale held by Ash Class and ice creams provided by the Friends of School.

On July 19th all classes except Ash Class, who were at Sheldon School for the week, went on a trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park. Ash Class presented "Malford Meadow Memories" as their end of term production.

FOXHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Foxham is officially covered by the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. This scheme was set up by Police to involve the public in Crime Prevention by getting people to report suspicious doings and /or acts to a local contact or directly to the Police using the non-urgent line. This is now the 101 line. In Foxham, the Scheme covers the West End area from Hatts coach depot to Teal Farm and to the Foxham Inn inclusive. I have taken over the role of local contact following my husband's illness and subsequent death.

Reports are sent to me from the Police department which deals with local crime and suspicious events. These range from oil thefts (prevalent at the moment), garden shed and garage thefts to computer scams and the like. When I receive a relevant warning, I put a copy on the noticeboard outside my property for people to read. If I receive a report of something unusual, I send it off to the Police coordinator who ensures the Police and all the other local contacts are made aware. The Police welcomes this help from the community as they would rather prevent crime than have to deal with the effects of crime.

Elizabeth Hannah, Field House, Foxham. Tel. 01249 740619

DAUNTSEY VALE LINK SCHEME (DVLS)

The “LINK” scheme is a long established scheme in Wiltshire and other areas of the country, designed to give help where needed when a person’s needs are not met by official channels. No task is too small to be met by the LINK members. Foxham is included in the Dauntsey Vale Link Scheme. Other villages and towns are covered and information about their schemes can be found in Doctors surgeries, the library and information offices. The aim of the scheme is to carry out activities which, for some reason, the person in need cannot themselves accomplish. This can cover a multitude of things from the need to go to the shops or market, a visit to the doctors or hospital, collecting a prescription or even a small D.I.Y. job in the home.

Contact is made through a coordinator on 01249 891746. He will advise and arrange a Link member to help. All the Link workers are CRB checked and car drivers have clean licenses. To keep the scheme running a small donation is asked for when the task is completed, this is entirely up to the person what, if anything, they give so no one should feel at a disadvantage.

Link is always looking to recruit more drivers so if anyone things they could give a few moments of their time, then please do offer. The recruitment officer is Clair Fairley on 01249 721278 so do give her a call. The Link scheme is available to all so do feel you can use this facility. *Elizabeth Hannah*

RURAL ARTS TOURING IN WILTSHIRE

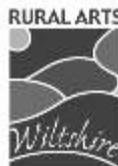
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“Twelve Miles from Nowhere”

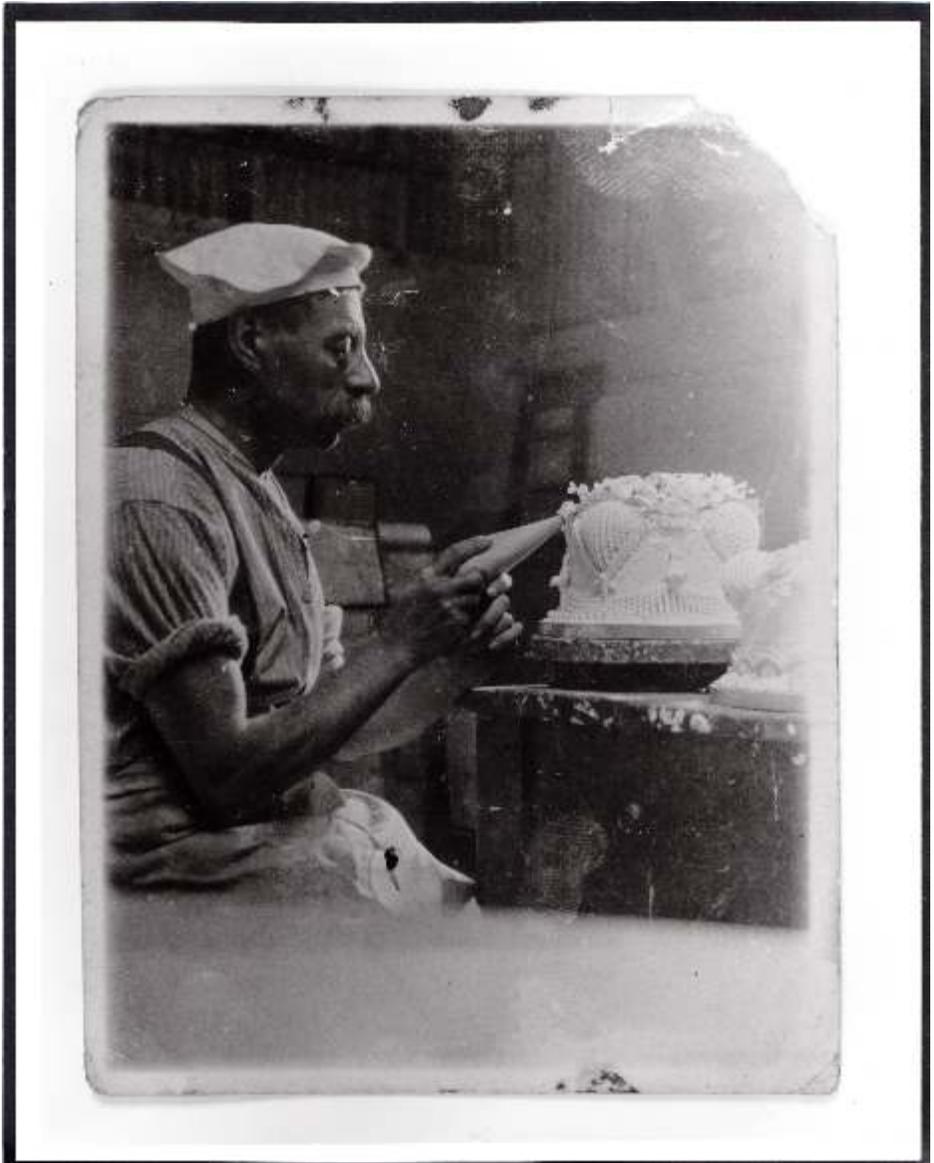
The event this autumn is produced by a team with a track record for creating high quality drama and based on contemporary themes of rural life”. “Twelve Miles from Nowhere” has been developed in collaboration with Action Transport Theatre, who have worked with young writers to bring to life their feelings about rural living.”

The BVH have been congratulated on the way that the events that we have had in the village hall have been organised and supported, so please come and join us on this evening.

Tickets: £7 adults, £6 concessions (students, state pensions, benefit), £4-50 children available from Rosie (01249 813642) or Marilyn (01249 661369)



Down Memory Lane



Albert Fry icing a wedding cake at Bremhill Bakery, 1928

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ACORNS NEWS AUGUST



As the summer term draws to a close the children have been making the most of the warm weather. They have been continuing with their trips to the woods on Wednesdays, and enjoying the shade of the trees! The older children who are preparing for school in September were able to go and see their new classroom and outdoor learning area. We held a barbeque on 20 July to round off the term and to say goodbye to the children leaving to start school in September.

Holiday events: We will be running 'stay and play' sessions every Wednesday morning throughout August. On 7 August we will be running a special Play Day event (linked to Play England) - there will be mini sports day events such as bean bag races, egg and spoon races, etc and cream teas too. All children aged 7 and under are welcome with parents or carers. Each session costs £2.50 per child including a snack and drink. For further details contact Claire Kennedy on 07801 056647 or see our website www.acorns-preschool.org.uk.



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BREM HILL SHOW
Bremhill Village Hall
7th September 2013



The beautiful weather has encouraged us out into our gardens and many of us are having a go at growing our own produce . Whether this is your first attempt, or you are a seasoned flower or vegetable grower, we hope you will enter the annual garden and produce show on 7th Sept.

There is always a challenge – too much rain or not enough of it at the right time. Maybe the sun will ripen things earlier than expected. The village hall will buzz with anticipation on the morning of the show as people pour in with their entries. We hope we have included categories to suit everyone – arts, crafts and photography always make a wonderful display. So please have a look at the schedule and see if there is something you would like to enter.

When the show opens in the afternoon, please come along and enjoy the outside stalls, relax with a drink, and spend some time looking at all the entries displayed in the hall. The afternoon finishes with a boisterous and good humoured auction of the produce.

We are grateful to the following judges:

Cecil Burgess (vegetables); Mary Kelland and Elizabeth Hannah (flowers); Lysa Fairhurst and Katherine Redman (cookery); Susan Perkins (drinks); Pat Holtham (handicrafts – textiles); John Harris (arts and crafts/ photography); Rev. Ann Massey (children’s classes).



You may be interested in some tips from the RHS Show Handbook:

- Vegetables: generally avoid splits, pest and disease damage, samples evenly sized. Where applicable. e.g. cabbage, preserve bloom.
- Carrots, parsnips and beetroot: remove soil and cut off tops leaving 7.5cm (3") leaf stalks.
- Onions and shallots: well ripened bulbs not stained, avoid thick necks and over skinning, Trim roots neatly to base plate.
- Marrows: uniform in size, shape and colour.
- Runner and French beans: slender, straight, no outward sign of prominent seeds.
- Potatoes: clean and unblemished.
- Tomatoes: even sized fruits, ripe but firm with calyces stalks.
- Fruit: with stalks and bloom preserved (unpolished).
- Peppers: hot (chilli) or sweet: fresh bright fruits with clear skins of a colour according to cultivar.

You will find a copy of the schedule enclosed, or you can look on the Bremhill website. They are also available from 17a Bremhill (in the porch) or at the Dumb Post Inn.

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SMALL ADS

Do you have something in good/reasonable condition which you would like to sell locally? Some CDs or DVDs? A chair? A bike? Perhaps a service like baby sitting?

We hope to start this small ads feature next month in the Newsletter. You will be able to place your advertisements in one of two formats – either 70 or 140 characters, so they will need to be precise and to the point. Money must be paid up-front, and anyone under 18 years of age is required to give a land-line contact number. The cost will be £1 for 70 characters and £2 for 140 per month. Remember a space counts as a character. Every additional 70 characters or part thereof will cost an additional £1.

A live example of a small-ad is the following:

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If you want to place a small-ad, please contact Ewen Bird at editor@bremhill.com

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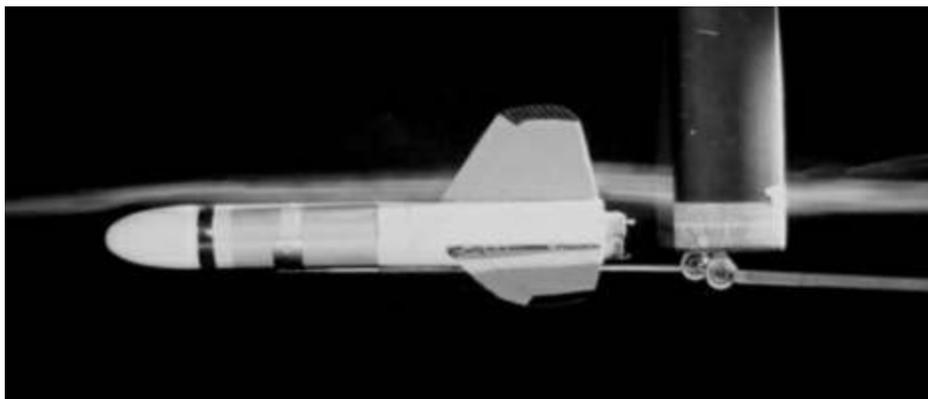
Lower Glebe farm, Bremhill

Adjacent parking, £5 per angler per day
For more information ring Robin
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UK AMATEUR YOUTH ROCKET CHALLENGE 2013

This year, and for the second time, 10th Chippenham Air Scouts troop took part in the UKAYRoC. UKAYRoC stands for United Kingdom amateur youth rocket challenge. It is a competition for young people of secondary school age where you need to build a rocket, make it fly to the right height, make it take the right amount of time to come back down to earth and you even need to bring a hen's egg back intact to qualify! This may sound very hard to do but when you know what you are doing it is easier.

It is a bit of a challenge to calculate everything so that the rocket goes the right height and comes back in the right amount of time. However after a bit of trial and error we worked out how heavy the rocket needed to be at the start and when the parachute comes out. We were also lucky to be given



This is our rocket being tested in a wind tunnel for air resistance

access to the University of West England's wind tunnel which was a fantastic experience.

We were at Keevil airfield, where we usually fly gliders, on a cold April morning flying our rocket trying to qualify for the finals of the challenge. This year, to qualify, you needed to get the rocket to 750 feet and get the egg compartment back in as close as possible to 50 seconds. Getting the rocket back in 50 seconds was very hard because it usually came back very quickly. To prevent this from happening, we transferred as much weight as we could to the back half of the rocket.

After the first try, we got a flight good enough to qualify, and the second one was almost perfect. Had it not been for the wind, I think that the flight would have been a lot better but we did qualify for the finals, leaving 51 teams behind us.

On the day of the rocket finals in May, we went to Farnborough to join the other 19 finalist teams (including 3 teams from Abbeyfield School making Chippenham the best represented town in the finals). We arrived on a Tuesday evening for the briefing. We camped for the night and on Wednesday we launched our rockets.

Our first flight was very bad, the egg compartment came off before the rest of the rocket, and the bottom part went up. When it came back down, it was unusable because it was all smashed. Luckily, we had a backup rocket in case something like this happened but it was not as good as the other one that we had. We got a decent flight from this rocket but as we had not had the time to calculate everything properly, the flight was not good enough to win. On top of that our egg broke when the rocket came back down so we were disqualified.

We were awarded 17th position which is a great achievement for a Scout Troop that meets weekly for 2 hours and with very little funding.

Overall, I think that this competition was very interesting and fun. We learnt a lot on areas such as engineering and maths. We met lots of people and it was a very enjoyable experience.

Pierre-Marie Semichon
(age 13)



THE FOXHAM INN NEWS

On 24th July Neil, Sarah and George celebrated seven happy years at The Foxham Inn. During this time there have been lots of changes including a long Recession, wet Winters, wet Summers, cold Summers and even colder Winters, but through all this Sarah has always tried to give a warm welcome to customers old and new.

During the seven years that they have been at the Inn, Neil and Sarah have created a great following for their Food, Wine and real Ales. They also put on popular events such as Gourmet Nights, Cheese and Wine Pairings, Vegetarian Dinners, Pudding Club and Butchery Nights and they are looking to develop this further with Cookery Demonstrations and Cookery Classes.



Neil and Sarah have slowly added strings to their bow, erecting a polytunnel in the back garden and growing their own herbs, peppers, cucumbers, chillies and tomatoes. With the abundance of crops Foxham Foods was created making home-made Jams, Pickles, Chutney, Tomato Ketchup, Pickled Onions, Lemon Curd, Cheese Biscuits etc.

Neil and his team of Chefs make the majority of the food fresh in the Kitchen. Neil likes to use some Game in his Menu with much of it shot locally. The Menu has slowly evolved over the years and they have been entered in the most recent addition of The Good Food Guide. However, the classics of Fish and Chips (take away if you like) and Ham, Egg and Chips are still available.

Neil and Sarah have also taken on Social Media with their Facebook site The Foxham Inn and also you can tweet them @thefoxhaminn as well as view details at their Website www.thefoxhaminn.co.uk.

A couple of years ago Neil and Sarah took the tiger by the tail and made the decision to extend the rather sterile and boxy restaurant and create an Open Kitchen. After consultation with the Planning Officer, their Architect and their Builder a larger Car Park and two Letting Bedrooms were also created. The whole building works have been a great success and the Open Kitchen has become very popular with customers old and new. In addition to the building works, a Dart Board has been re-instated in the Bar (a present from one of their regulars). Anybody fancy starting a pub darts team?

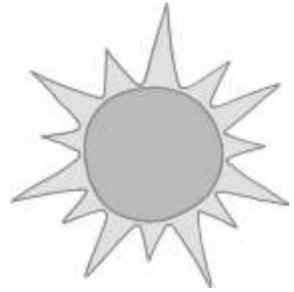
Don't forget there will be a charity BBQ on August Bank Holiday Monday in aid of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. There will be a Raffle on the day. Tickets are available from the Bar and any donations for prizes are welcome.

In addition to the BBQ, Dave Pearce is trying to organise a Charity Clay Shoot on the August Bank Holiday Monday morning before the BBQ, but is having difficulty finding land for the Clay Shoot. If anybody can help by providing a venue, please contact Neil at the Pub.



Dear All,

I am writing to you at the end of a week of wonderful weather. And everyone looks so much happier now that there is sunshine around, rather than dark grey clouds putting the dampener on well planned events.



Sunshine always seems to lift the mood – it is the silver lining when much appears to be going wrong. The long summer days add to this feeling of wellbeing and people come out and mix at fetes and open garden events. Nothing seems quite the same after the good weather passes as it seems to have a sort of cleansing effect. It is also an opportunity to meet one with another, share a few words of friendly banter and feel part of something larger than one's own four walls.

This summer we will all continue to meet at various events in the villages. They are opportunities to come together, to share and to talk. I hope too that you may have time to talk about being part of the church and what it is that gets in the way of many of you attending regularly. In particular I would like to know how the church can better serve the community. Why aren't there more committed members in our regular congregations? It would be really helpful to have some constructive thoughts on what people would like to come to in church. What they would find helpful and what they look for from a church. After all the members of the church are here to serve the community in the parish. How can they do that better?

If you would like me to call a meeting to discuss how the church can better serve the community as a whole then please do get in touch with me and I will organise a date etc. I cannot suggest to the PCC any additions or changes to our offerings without knowing what people actually would like. So please, do get in touch if you are willing to contribute to a forum to talk about how we can be church together! This would be a very open discussion! And it would provide real fruit for harvest!

With love and best wishes for continued good weather and lots of fun over the summer holidays!

Reverend Ann

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST - Foxham

	Service	
Aug. 4th 9.30am	Holy Communion	C. Minty. Colossians 3: 1-11
Aug. 11th 9.30am	Family Service	R.Peglar. Luke 12 32-40
Aug. 18th 9.30am	Holy Communion	A. Whitbread. Hebrews 11: 29-12:2
Aug. 25th	NO SERVICE EVERYONE is welcome at Derry Hill Evensong 6pm.	United Benefice at Derry Hill with Rev. Derek Frost
Sept. 1st 9.30am	Holy Communion	A. Glass. Hebrews 13 1-8,15-16

ST NICHOLAS, TYTHERTON LUCAS

The services will follow the usual monthly pattern in August:

Weeks 1 & 3 Morning Service at 10.00am

Weeks 2 & 4 Holy Communion at 8.30am

MORAVIAN CHURCH SERVICES, EAST TYTHERTON

Morning worship is every Sunday at 10.30am with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month. ALL WELCOME

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Station Hill, Chippenham
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NEWS FROM ST. John the Baptist Church, Foxham

This month we will not be having a United Benefice Service. The last one was held at St John the Baptist Church in Foxham. A United Benefice service is one where all 3 churches in the Benefice come together in one church for a service, usually a Communion service.

These services are held when the month has 5 Sundays in it and it takes place in one of the 3 churches in turn, on the last Sunday in the month. Usually these services are held at a later time than the usual morning one in Foxham of 9.30am. The one held on 30th of June was at 11 am.

Rev. Anne Massey took the Communion service, the choirs from Bremhill and Derry Hill churches united provided a good musical base for all the hymns.

As the service was later in the morning, it gave us an excuse to have wine and nibbles before the congregation and choirs left for home. This proved an excellent way to meet with congregation members from each other's churches and proved a popular end to a happy occasion.



ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

BREMHILL CHURCH SERVICES - JULY 2013

	Service	Sidesmen	Readers
Aug. 4 th Trinity 10	8am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong	N Jordan M Kyte & K Blackmore	Hosea 11:1-11 Mrs Tamsi Castle Luke 12:13-21 Mrs Judy Scott
Aug. 11 th Trinity 11	11am Holy Communion	L Jones & A Jones	Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 Mr Francis Pearson
Aug. 18 th Trinity 12	6pm Evensong	S Tumber & A Heath	Isaiah 5:1-7 Mr Nicol Jordan Luke 12:49-56 Mrs Nancy Kyte
Aug. 25 th Trinity 13	9.30am Service of the Word ~ John Bunyan 6pm Evensong with Rev Derek Frost	A Woods & D Kyte United Benefice Service	Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Mrs Jane Jordan Luke 13: 10-17 Mr Keith Blackmore
Sept. 1 st Trinity 14	8am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong	J Scott K Webb & J Hughes	

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CHURCH NEWS

Mobile Library calls at Naish House Farm, Spirithill. Every other Monday afternoon 2-2.30 i.e. 12th and 26th of August and 9th September.

Need a holiday read? Why not try the Church Library. There are 2 book cases opposite the door on the north side of the church. Lots of good authors all in author order! Just put 20p in the Fabric Box for each book, please.

100 Club. Over the next few months, you may be approached by a member of the PCC to ask if you wish to join. There will be prizes every month with a bumper prize once a year. Half of all receipts will be given away in prizes. All proceeds to the Fabric Fund.

Bremhill Plant Stall in the Village Square. Great plants, both annuals and perennials. All in aid of the St Martin's Church Fabric Fund.

If you have any items of Bremhill Church news for the September issue of the Newsletter please give them to:

Derek Kyte (815073) or Jane Jordan (812083) by 7 August.



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HE WISHES FOR THE CLOTHS OF Heaven.

Submitted by Ewen.

Had I the heavens' embroidered cloths,
Enwrought with golden and silver light,
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths
Of night and light and the half light,
I would spread the cloths under your feet:
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.



W.B. Yeats (1865 – 1939) was one of the foremost figures of 20th century literature and a pillar of Irish and British literary establishments. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1923.

Many of his poems were influenced by his love for Maud Gonne, to whom he proposed four times but never actually married. I feel this is a lovely, lyrical love poem.

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