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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3rd October - 'Bobby Van' ladies lunch
- 13th October - Foxham Harvest Festival
- 14th October - Inaugural meeting of the History Society
- 19th October - Autumn Supper, Foxham
- 1st November - Rural Arts in Bremhill
- 4th November - Parish Council meeting
- 5th November - 2013 Fireworks - Bremhill
- 7th November - Bridge and Tea afternoon, Foxham
- 16th November - Family Christmas Bingo, Foxham

DONATIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

- Envelopes have been inserted into the Newsletter this month and donations may be placed into them and the envelopes sealed.
- Each envelope has the Treasurer's address (Jessica Pillow) and may be posted into her letter-box.
- There will also be three collection boxes placed in The Dumb Post, The Foxham Inn and the East Tytherton Bar.
- Cheques may be made payable to 'Bremhill Newsletter'.
- Payment by BACS: Bank: Lloyds; Sort code: 30-91-99; a/c number: 48359368; a/c Name: Bremhill Newsletter.
- In addition, envelopes may be handed to either of the co-editors, David Stevens or Ewen Bird.

GUIDE-LINES FOR ARTICLES

Articles submitted to the Newsletter should be reasonably short, without, of course, affecting the sense, and normally be no longer than 500 words.

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EDITORIAL

I feel we have had some notable progress milestones with recent editions of the Newsletter, with many developments over a short periods! We have a publication that is expertly set out, looks very professional and addresses the whole community. The publication and its distribution are managed by a team of volunteers, not necessarily experts, but who do their best to deliver a quality product. We apologise if errors occur from time to time, but we ask you, our readers and advertisers, to be tolerant with us and to know that these will be rectified where and when possible. We would also request that the deadline of 13th of every month be adhered to for submission of items.

The Newsletter is now not only an important vehicle for disseminating information to the whole Parish community, but also one whose content makes it an interesting read, either printed or on the website (www.bremhill.com). It is delivered free to each household in the Parish, but still costs from about 55p to 70p per copy to produce, depending on length. Advertising covers some of this cost, but we still need to be able to pay our bills! A number of people have enquired how they might contribute to its cost and donations from anyone within the Parish would be gratefully received. Therefore we have decided this month to insert into the Newsletter an envelope for voluntary donations and details are given in the adjoining box. Any contributions to help with the production and development of the publication are most welcome.

One very pleasing aspect of the last couple of editions of the Newsletter has been the quality of the articles submitted which have been interesting and a pleasure to read. We very much want to be an outlet for more local writing, whether it be poems or short articles on history, the countryside, your experiences and travels, serious or amusing. Recent local events in the Villages have demonstrated that we have very good cooks in the area, so more varied recipes, hot and cold, sweet and savoury, would be welcome. Let that wealth of experience and knowledge which clearly exists within our Community be a springboard for producing short articles for us to publish. Please keep them coming in.

I hope you enjoy this edition.

*Ewen, Co-editor
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BREMHILL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A synopsis of Bremhill Parish Council's recent meetings

PC Alan Blake, Martin Cook and M/s Becky Busby (both from Highways) attended the July meeting. Mr Blake is the Community Beat Manager and spoke about speeding on the local Highways. He mentioned Foxham has a speed limit of 40mph. He felt that was adequate and it will not be lowered. He did say that East Tytherton through to Chippenham is still an issue. It was decided to take forward the opportunity of having an allocated speed watch - volunteers of at least six people. This is to be taken further.

Mr Cook suggested that a survey of the four wards of the Parish should be made to identify any problems and report them to Mr Pearson (Parish Council Highways Representative) who will prioritise the jobs and then liaise with Becky.

Following a letter from Mr Bob Harding regarding a web-site for Bremhill Parish Council, this is to be taken further. Mr Tucker and Mr Semichon are working closely on this.

In the September meeting, which was attended by members of the public, two main topics were discussed. Firstly an update on the impact of noise levels and traffic increase for the application of an MOD Technical College on the former site of RAF Lyneham. Several submissions on the mitigation of noise which could arise from outside activities were sent by the Parish Council to the North Wiltshire Planning Department. A response by the MOD's agents AMEC and the EHO are awaited.

The consultation exhibition held in Bremhill Village Hall by TGC Renewables for a large solar farm in the Foxham valley north of Tucks Farm was attended by over 100 people. The detail of the exhibition was discussed in full and councillors voted to send a letter of objection to TGC Renewables concerning their proposal. Mr Semichon gave a presentation of the work to date for the Bremhill Parish website and was thanked accordingly.

Next Meeting ; 4th Nov 2013, The Moravian Room East Tytherton at 7.30pm.

Members of the Press and Public are welcome to attend.

David Wilton Chairman

Elsbeth Norman Clerk

SPECIAL NOTICES.

RURAL ARTS TOURING IN WILTSHIRE

The event we are staging this autumn is rather different from the ones we have had before in the village hall. We want to give you a variety of experiences and this time we have a play that picks up on rural issues.



Kevin Dyer (one of the 5 co writers) says "The play has two sources - the real stories of people who live in rural places - twelve miles from nowhere; and the lives of the writers. In the beginning, five writers spent a lot of time talking to people about their families, their aspirations, their friends and their fears.

The writer/performer Freddie Machin was attracted to to the project. " 'Twelve Miles from Nowhere' presents some of the very clear and rational needs of an isolated family as well as some of the inexplicable things that people do when they are up against it."

When the characters were established and the storyline complete, the writers were then able to create the dialogue and now, two years later, a new production of 'Twelve Miles from Nowhere' will tour nationally to a range of venues in very different communities. One of the writers says "We don't know everything about human nature but always hoped that the play we produced would be truthful and resonate with people whatever their age, experience or location."

So come along and see what resonates with you.

Doors open 7.00 pm. Come along and have a pre-performance glass of wine. Performance starts 7.30 pm. First act 50 minutes. Interval with nibbles/ buffet (Please give a donation) and top up your glass. Second act 50 minutes.

Tickets - available from Rosie (01249 813642) or Marilyn (01249 661369) £7 adults; £6 concessions (students, state pensions, benefits) ; £4.50 children. Experience something different in your own community.



FOXHAM ANNUAL BRIDGE AND TEA AFTERNOON

Val Mirty and Jenny Wilton are holding their annual bridge and tea afternoon on Thursday, November 7th at Foxham Reading Room from 1.30 pm until 5.0 pm. Cost £8 per person. Book early to avoid disappointment! We look forward to seeing you there.

Jenny Wilton.



TABLECLOTHS FOR HIRE.

The Foxham PCC has a set of floral tablecloths (approximately 44"/112cm sq.) for hire at a fee of £2 for the set part set. To book please contact Daphne Glass on 01249 740288.



BOOKINGS FOR THE FOXHAM READING ROOM.

Cathy Hourihane is the caretaker of the Reading Room. She will take bookings on 01249 740413.



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We have books from cookery, classics, sci-fi, autobiographies, gardening, romance to crafts and children books. Something for everyone! So come to the Foxham Reading Room and borrow a book (all we ask from you is to return or replace it).

Book donations can be left in the Free Library, which will now be open all day Thursday 9am to 5pm. Any questions, contact Cathy on 01249 740413.



MORE RURAL ARTS

Date for your diary. The next Rural Arts Touring event is on Thursday 27th March 2014.

Miranda Sykes and Rex Preston.

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Marilyn



FAMILY CHRISTMAS BINGO

Saturday 16th November 5pm for 5.30pm start in Foxham Reading Room / Village Hall.

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Ring Cathy 740413 or email cathylyn@btinternet.com for more info...



BREMHILL CHURCH 100 CLUB FOR THE Fabric Fund

In order to raise money for the fabric of the church, particularly for repairs to the stonework and windows, we have started a 100 Club. Each subscription is £12 annually. You can have as many subscriptions as you like. The more money raised, the greater the prizes.

From each £12 subscription, £6 will go towards the Fabric Fund. £6 will be for prizes, so 50p will be available each month. There will be 3 prizes a month and a "super prize" once a year. If we have 100 subscribers (we are already almost half way there), the monthly first prize will be worth £25 and the second prize £15. The super prize will be worth £120. The first draw will be on 3rd Nov at 7.30pm at the Dumb Post. All subscriptions must be in by then.

Your subscriptions can be paid by cash, cheque to "Bremhill PCC", BACS or by filling in a Standing Order form. Give your subscription to any of the PCC members or just pop it through my door. For a full set of rules, a Standing Order form, BACS details or for any other questions, please call David on 815337 or email on pdosc@yahoo.co.uk

Many thanks in anticipation!

David Stevens



MISSING HORSE SHOW SIGNS - CAN YOU HELP?

Around the weekend of September 7th/8th two green and white Foxham Horse Show signs went missing. The first, complete with posts, from the junction at the top of Bremhill Wick; the second, posts left lying on the ground, from the junction at the bottom of Charlcutt Hill with Hare Street.

If anyone has seen the signs lying around or has any information that might help us find them, please contact Adrian Whitbread (740367) or Jane Milligan (740586).



FOXHAM SUB-POST OFFICE

Foxham sub-post office is open each Thursday from 9am-12 noon. If you wish to contact the postmaster tel 07973 251633.



CHRISTIAN MALFORD AND FOXHAM WI

Do you know which is your dominant eye? You need it for shooting. Several ladies last month 'pulled' when clay pigeon shooting! Lisa Goble outshone all in 'breaking the clay'. Broken pieces were taken home as mementoes.

One size does not fit all heads! Ros Liddington arrived with all shapes and colours of hats at our September meeting. Many thanks Ros for demonstrating the suitable hat for 'that' occasion.

October 17th from 7.30 at Christian Malford Village Hall we will be transformed into fabulous confident ladies! Jill Wilson will show us what complements our body shape, how to be a savvy shopper and the best way to work our wardrobe. Come uncoordinated and she will pick on you!

New ladies do 'try us out'. We are a very friendly bunch.

Contact Jenny 01249 740950



ACORNS NEWS OCTOBER 2013

With many new starters at Acorns, we are kicking off this term with an 'all-about-me' theme, finding out more about one another and talking about how we all fit in to our Acorns community. We have had our first trip to the woods and enjoyed picking blackberries along the way. Back at Acorns we used the blackberries to make some sensory blackberry playdough, whilst in the woods the children began to learn about keeping safe by playing some simple games.

Some dates for your diaries: Bags2School collection - 4th October; AGM - 21st October; Christmas shopping night - 15th November. For further information on any of the above, please visit our website - www.acorns-preschool.org.uk



FOXHAM AUTUMN SUPPER

Saturday 19th October, Foxham Reading Room. 7.30pm for 8pm until 11.30pm, tickets £15 per person.

After Dinner Auction with proceeds donated to Foxham Church, Foxham Reading Room and Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Bring your own drinks. Limited Tickets Available. For details please contact Fay 01249 760522 or Anne 01249 740338



FOXHAM CHILDREN'S PARTY

Saturday 14th December 3-5pm in Foxham Reading Room / Village Hall. Party entertainer this year will be Dave Hickory, followed by afternoon Tea and a visit from Father Christmas.

Party price is £3.50 per child (birth to primary age only and must live in the village).

Bookings this year will be taken by phone or Email. Please ring Cathy on 740413 or email cathylyn@btinternet.com for more information, to reserve your place and join the food donation list!

Raffle tickets will be on sale at The Foxham Inn & Foxham Post Office and also on the day...

All proceeds to Foxham Childrens Party, any donations would be fantastic :)



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.

Link is always looking to recruit more drivers. If anyone thinks 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

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FALKLANDS EXPERIENCE

The Falklands War was in the early summer of 1982. We bought Old Stone Cottage in 1981 but we had been posted to RAF Cottesmore in Rutland later that year and had let our house to Simon and Glenda Green.

As the war was coming to an end, I was “informed” that I was going to the Falklands within 24 hours. Alec, our youngest, was 6 weeks old. I was immediately sent to the range to be issued with a firearm “to protect my patients”. Luckily for everyone, I was deemed a liability and was not issued with one.

The same evening, I flew from RAF Brize Norton to Ascension Island on an Aeromedical Flight. We flew on to Montevideo, as Uruguay was allowing us to fly our wounded home from there. We were a party of 2 doctors and 2 medics with no stated role. We stayed in a luxury hotel

experiencing wonderful beef and wine. The following morning we witnessed wounded Welsh Guards disembarking from a HMS Hecla, Hospital Ship. Their burns were dreadful. A pitiful sight.



HMS Hecla was our means of getting to the Falklands. After four days of South Atlantic seasickness, much to the amusement of our hosts, we arrived in the Falklands, still with no role. A day later, we were told that we were to look after 200 Argentine prisoners, mostly officers and some conscripts. They had been deposited at the San Carlos Bay meat processing factory - a bleak concrete building with a bomb in the roof. “Should be OK!”, said the ordnance boys. The toilet facilities were unspeakable, there were no meaningful showers but the compo was constipating – thank goodness!

Under the Geneva Convention, our task was to provide the Argentine medics with medical equipment and drugs and provide specialist opinions if required. We had nothing until a RN doctor took pity on us and gave a large box of goodies. The Argentine prisoners were mostly cooperative and friendly. They seemed to be grateful that they were captives of the British, as they knew they

would be handled well. We were requested to see a number of patients daily but we were not taxed clinically. After a week, we were all transferred to a British Rail Ferry (remember them?). A hot shower, hot food and semi decent loos – bliss.

We bobbed about in San Carlos bay for 2 weeks, staving off the boredom between clinics. Suddenly we were told we were taking our captives home. They had a subdued welcome in Argentina but understandable relief for them.

On the way back to the Falklands, I was told I could go home. I recall an emotional phone call to my in-laws. At least I was not going to be the first Medical Officer for RAF Stanley and be there for 6 months.

Despite all the South Atlantic could throw at us, I did not feel seasick. A quick turnaround at Ascension Home and we were home at Brize Norton with VIPs waiting and Brass Bands playing! Greeting Philippa, Hugh and Alec was a real joy and then a holiday in Scotland on the RAF! Some compensations of Service life.



David Stevens



THE FOXHAM INN NEWS

Just in case you never heard, the Village raised £900 for Wiltshire Air Ambulance at the Charity BBQ held here in August. Thanks to the weather and to everybody who came along and supported the event.

We have had some great news from The Good Food Guide that we have made it into their Guide Book. We managed to get into the Guide as a Readers

Recommendation last year, but we have since been visited and assessed and deemed worthy of a full mention this year. We would like to take this opportunity to

thank all our Staff both past and present for their hard work in helping us to get this entry.



For those who attended our Pudding Night, we hope you all had a good time munching through seven desserts including Baked Alaska, Chocolate Torte and Spotted Dick. We hope the waist band hasn't suffered too much! In October we are hosting our Seven Course Vegetarian Dinner. Meat eaters are very welcome. It may surprise you how good Vegetarian food can be! The Game Season is now in full swing with Pheasant starting to become available, so there will be Pheasant in a Creamy Wild Mushroom Sauce on the menu very soon. In the meanwhile, we are currently serving locally shot Partridge and local Roe Deer. We are holding our annual Game, Wild Food and Wine Dinner on Thursday, 21st November in association with Heritage Wine. Give us a call on 740665 or pop in for more information on this.

On Tuesday nights from 7 pm - 9 pm, we will have our Table Tennis Table up if anybody is interested in having a game. Alternatively, why not come down on Friday nights for a social evening with friends and neighbours and maybe a game of Darts? (you can try and beat our resident champion, Mandy Lewis, which is not easy!!).

Our Christmas Party, Christmas Day and New Year's Menu are now available at www.thefoxhaminn.co.uk

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The Home Produce and Garden show, held in glorious sunshine this year, was once again a huge success. With over 380 entries the hall looked a picture with all the wonderful flowers, vegetables, cookery, various handicrafts and photographs. Thank you to all those who entered the classes and to the army of people who helped organise this event.

Presentation of medals to all children who were prize winners - Isabella Knight, Rosie Bedford, Charlie Bedford, Evie Griffin, Marcus Frost. A full list of prizewinners can be found at www.bremhill.com.

George Wall Cup	Children's section – miniature garden in a biscuit tin.	Marcus Frost
Children's Cup	Winner of most points in children's section.	Rosie Bedford Isabella Knight
Open Shield	Winner of most points in Arts Section.	Jess Weston Siobhan Thompson Marilyn Adcock
Crafts Shield	Winner of most points overall in all crafts categories.	Marilyn Adcock
Barbara Taylor Cup	Best entry overall in Handicraft section.	Caroline Dutton
Photography Cup	Winner of most points in photography section.	David Shepherd
Nancy's Plate	Winner of pot of homemade jam.	Jane Blewitt
Cookery Shield	Winner of most points in cookery section.	Marilyn Adcock
Vegetable Shield	Winner of most points in vegetable section.	Lisa Powrie
Harold Ford Cup	A tray of mixed vegetable items.	Lisa Powrie
Eric Hiscock Cup	Winner of best entry in garden vegetable section.	Lisa Powrie
Nicol Jordan Challenge	Winner of most points in flower section.	Judy Scott
Dumb Post Challenge Cup	Most points overall in show.	Lisa Powrie

THE CAKE OF CAKES!

The winning cake in the Bremhill Show - submitted by Caroline Dutton.
Mary Berry's Chocolate cake with Wicked Chocolate Ganache Icing

3 eggs
175g (6oz) self-raising flour
175g (6oz) caster sugar
175g (6oz) soft butter
1½ teaspoons baking powder
40g (1½ oz) cocoa powder
4 tablespoons hot water

For spreading and icing

150ml (¼ pint) double cream
150g (5oz) Bourneville plain chocolate, broken into pieces
4 tablespoons of either seedless raspberry or apricot jam

Pre-heat oven to 180 degrees C/Fan 160 degrees/ Gas 4

Preparation time 15 minutes - Cooking time 20-35 minutes

1. Put the cocoa in a small mixing bowl, and add the water slowly to make a stiff paste.
2. Measure all the ingredients into a large mixing bowl and beat until smooth.
3. Turn into two lined 18cm (7in) deep sandwich tins, level the top and bake in the preheated oven for about 20 - 25 minutes until shrinking away from the sides of the tin and springy to the touch.
4. Leave to cool in the tin, then turn onto a cooling rack to become completely cold before icing.
5. To make the icing, measure the cream and chocolate pieces into a bowl and carefully melt over a pan of hot water over a low heat, or gently in the microwave. Stir until melted, then set aside to cool a little and to thicken up.
6. To ice the cake, spread the jam on the top of each cake. Spread half of the ganache icing on the top of one of the cakes, then sandwich the two cakes together. Use the remaining ganache icing to ice the top of the cake in a swirl pattern.

You can either dust with icing sugar to serve, or melt white chocolate onto a plate, leave to cool and then place in the fridge for 1/2 an hour or so. Use a cheese slice to make shards to decorate the cake.

Please let the editor know if you have old photographs of village buildings or activities

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“MEMORIES OF THE SUMMER OF 1976”

We have just had one of the best Summers for many years, and the long, hot sunny days have rekindled memories of the glorious Summer and heatwave of 1976.

As an A-level English student, I vividly recall our study of the “Romantic Poets”, Blake, Byron, Keats, Wordsworth, Coleridge and Shelley. During the wonderful spell of weather our English Literature teacher, the aptly named Miss Bottomley, who with her long blonde hair and eyes of blue had the four young men of the group entranced, would take us out onto the school grounds for some of the lessons.

In Fairford Park, having found shade and solace under a blossoming Horse Chestnut tree, we would take it in turns to read a poem to the rest of the class. Poetry and nature go hand in hand, and we felt special and privileged to be reading such wonderful words against the backdrop of the trees and flowers, with the sound of birds audible in the distance.

I selected “Love`s Philosophy” by Shelley.

*“The fountains mingle with the river
And the rivers with the ocean,
The winds of heaven mix forever
With a sweet emotion,
Nothing in the world is single
All things by a law divine,
In one anothers being mingle
Why not I with thine.*

*See the mountains kiss high heaven
And the waves clasp one another,
No sister flower be forgiven
If it disdained its brother,
And the sunlight clasps the earth
And the moonbeams kiss the sea,
What are all these kissings worth
If thou kiss not me”.*



Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822).

Shelley's romantic poetry did not become popular until after his death. He tragically drowned one month from his 30th birthday near Livorno in Italy when his boat capsized.

During his lifetime, he was more famous for his views on atheism (he was expelled from Oxford after just one year) and for his writings on social and political reform, which caused embarrassment to his father who was a prominent MP.

His personal life was not without difficulties and scandals! He eloped with 16-year old Harriet Westbrook to Scotland to marry, and Harriet, when she and Shelley became estranged 3 years later, drowned herself in the Serpentine in Hyde Park. She was heavily pregnant at the time.

Shelley had left Harriet for 16-year old Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin with whom he had fallen in love, and they eloped to Europe to marry, where Shelley was able to continue his writings on the British political system without fear of recrimination. Mary Shelley later became famous as the author of Frankenstein.

Stephen Cook

LA FLÈCHE'S MUSICAL TREASURE.

Thanks to arrangements by a French colleague, last month I paid a short visit to Chippenham's twin town La Flèche. My main interest was the restored organ in the church of St. Louis which is part of the Prytanée Military Academy. This baroque building dates from the reign of Henri IV (1553-1610) and like so many fine buildings in the town, it is constructed of the light warm stone of the Loire region, as is the elegant arched river bridge.



The scrupulous restoration of the Prytanée organ was completed in 1996 after four years work which was hailed by the distinguished French organist, André Isoir, as 'a resurrection.' There are no modern electrical devices except for the blower, but to be environmentally friendly, it can also be hand blown by two people.

The authorities had allocated me a generous amount of time to examine and play the instrument. I was soon at home with its light responsive action, very much like that of my own French style harpsichord, so essential for the highly ornate repertoire of the period. The timbres were all one could wish for too: a silvery main chorus, reed stops of both power and moderation and other stops which could be combined in so many different ways exactly as prescribed in the music of the period. As an inveterate 'foodie.' I felt I had at my disposal a musical parallel to the variety and finesse of French cuisine enlivened by the generously resonant acoustic into which these delectable sounds were projected from the west gallery.

A final pleasant surprise awaited me. The titulaire organist was unfortunately away and a deputy arrived to play for a Requiem Mass. She was to accompany the chants of the office and I was invited to play the Prelude, Meditation and an extensive Postlude. A few hours later I was being whisked to Paris by the TGV, through the Channel Tunnel, and eventually arrived on time in Chippenham shortly before midnight.

Christopher Kent.

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Dear All

The weather has changed! There is a crispness in the air that wasn't there a few days ago. The children are back at school. And we are taking a deep breath as the shops start to fill up with Halloween merchandise.

But to think of Halloween so soon is to rush past Harvest. Harvest is a traditional festival that has been commemorated at least annually since time began to thank God for His goodness.

Through time farming methods have changed as mankind has learnt the science behind growth and productivity from the land. Despite the incredible amount of knowledge humanity now has though, the secret formulae for creation is still held by God. No-one can produce anything without a 'starter' from God!

Our Harvest Festival corresponds to the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, which is described as 'the feast of ingathering, at the end of the year' (Exodus 23:16). This was the last and greatest feast of the Jewish year and it was sometimes simply referred to as 'the feast'.

This year we shall celebrate God's good gifts to us at Bremhill on 6th October at 4pm and at Foxham at 9.30am on 13th October. I do hope you will come with your family and gifts to the service you choose, to recognise the goodness of God to us all in this part of the world, because we are indeed living in an exceptional place where the generosity of God is truly evident. I do hope to see you!

Very best wishes

Reverend Ann



LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

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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

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NEWS FROM ST. John the Baptist Church, Foxham

6 th Oct Trinity 19	9.30am Holy Communion	A.Whitbread 2 Timothy 1: 1-14
13 th Oct Trinity 20	9.30am Harvest Family Service	D. Wilton Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
20 th Oct Trinity 21	9.30 Holy Communion	A.Glass 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4:5
27 th Oct Trinity 22 Last after Trinity	6pm Evensong	E.Hannah Joel 2: 23 – 32 & Luke 18: 9 - 14
3 rd Nov 4 th before Advent	9.30 Holy Communion	M.Kellond Ephesians 1: 11 - 23

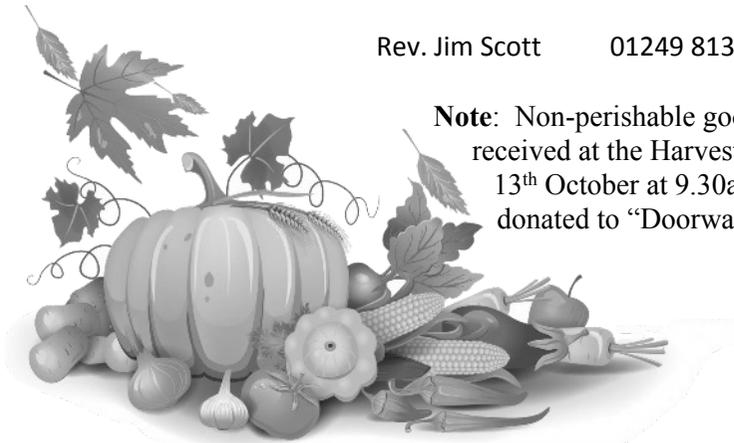
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Note: Non-perishable goods will be gratefully received at the Harvest Family Service on 13th October at 9.30am which will be donated to “Doorway” in Chippenham.

ALL WELCOME



ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

BREMILL CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2013

	SERVICE	SIDESMEN	READERS
6 th Oct Trinity 19	8am Holy Communion 6pm HARVEST FESTIVAL	N Kyte L Jones and K Blackmore	Deut'my 26: 1-11 Mr William Bailey John 6: 25-35 Mr Michael Parlett
13 th Oct Trinity 20	11am Holy Communion	D Stevens & D Kyte	2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Mrs Tamsi Castle
20 th Oct Trinity 21	6pm Evensong	S. Tumber and A Heath	Jeremiah 31: 27-34 Mr Nicol Jordan Luke 18: 1-8 Mrs Judy Scott
27 th Oct Trinity 22 Last after Trinity	9.30am Service of the Word – Simon & Jude	J Hughes and P Rawlings	Isaiah 28: 14-16 Mrs Jane Jordan John 15: 17-27 Mrs June Hughes
3 rd Nov 4 th before Advent	8am Holy Communion 4pm Evensong	N Jordan K Webb and A Jones	Readers and Readings to be advised

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CHURCH NEWS

The date of the next PCC Meeting is on 14th November 2013 at 7.30pm. Venue t.b.a.

Mobile Library calls at Naish House Farm, Spirithill on every other Monday afternoon at 2.00 – 2.30 from 7th and 21st October and on 4th November.

There is a **Library** in Church, of course. Just put 20p in the Fabric Collection Box and the book is yours. The books are all in two bookcases and in alphabetical order! Please pop in and have a look.

HARVEST FESTIVAL is at 6 pm on 6th October and The Harvest Auction will take place on **Monday 7th October**. The new managers of the Dumb Post Inn have kindly agreed to open the pub at 6 pm on that Monday (usually they are closed on Mondays) so that we can hold the traditional Auction, **starting at 8 – 8.30 pm**. Please come along and support this event. The proceeds will go to charities connected with famine, both at home and overseas.

Harvest Festival

After much thought over the design of this service it will be an All-Age one to celebrate all the good things we have received over the last year. It will be a service of song, readings and prayers. As in a traditional harvest please do bring something of God's goodness to offer at the service. There will be a time for presenting the gifts at the altar during the service. It is hoped that the produce will either be sold via auction, as in previous years, at the Dumb Post on Monday 7th October or will be given to a charity for the Homeless e.g. Doorway in Chippenham. Please look out for posters that will confirm auction details!

If you have a favourite harvest hymn or reading then do let Reverend Ann know on 01249 817926 or via e-mail: ea.massey@btinternet.com and she will aim to include it in the service.

If you have any items of Church or Village news for the November issue of the Newsletter, please give them to Derek Kyte (815073) or Jane Jordan (812083) by 8th October. Thank you.

Poem of the Month

Blackberry-Picking

Late August, given heavy rain and sun
For a full week, the blackberries would ripen.
At first, just one, a glossy purple clot
Among others, red, green, hard as a knot.
You ate that first one and its flesh was sweet
Like thickened wine: summer's blood was in it
Leaving stains upon the tongue and lust for
Picking. Then red ones inked up and that hunger
Sent us out with milk cans, pea tins, jam-pots
Where briars scratched and wet grass bleached our boots.
Round hayfields, cornfields and potato-drills
We trekked and picked until the cans were full
Until the tinkling bottom had been covered
With green ones, and on top big dark blobs burned
Like a plate of eyes. Our hands were peppered
With thorn pricks, our palms sticky as Bluebeard's.
We hoarded the fresh berries in the byre.
But when the bath was filled we found a fur,
A rat-grey fungus, glutting on our cache.
The juice was stinking too. Once off the bush
The fruit fermented, the sweet flesh would turn sour.
I always felt like crying. It wasn't fair
That all the lovely canfuls smelt of rot.
Each year I hoped they'd keep, knew they would not.



Seamus Heaney, who died on 30 August was an Irish poet, writer and lecturer. He was one of the most widely known and important poets writing in English, or perhaps any language, today. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1995.

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