

BREMHILL, FOXHAM, THE TYTHERTONS AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

April 2014

The Newsletter



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EDITORIAL

Advertising Coordinator and Editor wanted!

It is lovely to have some dry weather. I have cleaned my car (actually the guys at Chippenham Sainsbury's car park) with the vain hope that it will not become just as filthy within 5 minutes of driving up the road. The daffodils, crocuses and primroses are out and making everyone feel more optimistic after a rather foul winter. The problem is that we have to start working hard in the garden with cutting down, digging and tidying up. I have a feeling that the whip is being prepared in our household!

The Newsletter is approaching its first anniversary. It is important that each year, we have as much advertising as possible. We cannot just rely on the generosity of our readers unless we were to become a subscriber only publication. Most people do not want us to take that path.

To that end, we must recruit an Advertising Coordinator(s). If you feel you have some time to spare (only a few hours a week at certain times of the year) and would like to do this vital work, please be in touch as soon as possible. Our survival depends on the adverts!

An editorial panel would be very helpful to bring different perspectives so we can widen our audience. If there is anyone who fancies their hand and would like to join us shaping the future of the Newsletter, please be in touch. We are aware that we do not always put your article/item in the Newsletter as you might expect. There are a number of reasons for this from error to space issues. If we are having to leave out your item, we are going to endeavour to let you know the reason why before publication. I appreciate this this is a frustrating issue for you and will try to rectify it.

Have a lovely April and Easter but don't forget to let us know if you want to be our Advertising Coordinator or fancy being part of the editing team.

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Our programme is designed to present a wide variety of his music: songs, sonatas for flute, oboe, harp, violoncello and pieces for organ. C.P.E. Bach's music has many facets: elegance, humour, melodic charm, deep veins of sensitive expression and a mastery of the disciplines of counterpoint.

Christopher Kent

ACORNS BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

The Acorns Baby and Toddler Group meet every Friday (term time) 9.30am-11.30am in the Christian Malford Village Hall. Charges are £2 for an adult and first child then 50p for each additional child. A healthy snack is provided for the children and tea/coffee for the adults. We also have regular visits from the Health Visitor to have your child weighed or to discuss any concerns you may have. If you would like more information please call Laura Sidhu on 07808081969 or visit www.acorns-preschool.org.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I am receiving reports of thefts of articles from outhouses and sheds and oil from farm premises. Some of these thefts have required careful planning to ensure that the thieves are equipped to carry items away. Again the Police are asking for people to be vigilant and report anything that concerns them and also to keep sheds and outhouses securely locked.

Elizabeth Hannah.

COFFEE AND CAKE

The last 'Coffee & Cake on Friday' for this season will be on Friday the 18th April. The Meat Draw will take place on this day. Coffee & Cake will return again in early September, so watch for the date in the magazine. Thanks to all who have attended and made it so enjoyable

Hillary Harding

CALNE BUSINESS FAIR - 17 MAY 2014

The first Calne Business Fair will open its doors on 17th May 2014 to promote and celebrate the many diverse small and micro businesses of the SN11 area. Inspired by the successful 'Wiltshire Expo 2013', it was felt there were many local companies that do not get the attention they deserve and so an event to shine a spotlight on this business sector was created.

The Calne Business Fair is a free event designed to create business owners a platform to engage with a public audience and to network with other similar local companies. The event will take place in the historic Calne Town Hall and popular Marden House on the same day as the annual Lions Duck Race.

If you would like to book a space to exhibit further information can be found on the Calne Town Council website.



TYTHERTON VILLAGE HALL SPRING BALL

7.00pm to 11.30pm Friday 11 April

Chippenham Town Hall

- Celebrate the coming of Spring with bubbly and a 3 course meal
- Be amazed by the Magic Circle magician Jack Stevens
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Please contact Sheila Lawrence on 01249 740687 or 07887 641043 for tickets

All in aid of raising funds for the new Tytherton Village Hall.



MOVIOLA FILMS

Showing in the Calne Town Hall on Wednesday 16 April at 7.30pm. 'Saving Mr Banks' (12a). starring Tom Hanks and Emma Thompson. This is the story of how Walt Disney persuaded a reluctant P.L.Travers to allow him to film her book 'Mary Poppins'

Doors open at 7.0pm. Refreshments are available and tickets £6.00 can be obtained from the Information Centre in Calne, or on the door.

BOBBY VAN TRUST QUIZ NIGHT

A Quiz Night in aid of the Bobby Van Trust will be held at the Bar and Canteen Area of Wiltshire Police HQ London Road, Devizes. Everyone welcome £12.00 per 4 person team.

Teams must be pre - booked. Contact Ruth on 01225 794652 or bobbyvan@wiltshire.police.uk



DAFFODILS IN DARK LANE

For well over 30 years now, we have been greeted by the most magical carpet of daffodils as 'Dark Lane' leads us gently into Spring. This most welcome sight cheers all who come to Bremhill this way. Needless to say after such long service, these majestic troopers needed some extra support.

A large quantity of bulbs were planted during late October, the small profit from 'Coffee & Cake' in Bremhill Village Hall each Friday covering the cost. We felt the choice of bulb had to be King Alfred because of the Saxon King's relationship with cakes. More bulbs will be planted when the funds allow.



FOXHAM READING ROOM AGM

The AGM for the Foxham Reading Room will be on Wednesday 9th April at 7.30 pm at the Reading Room.

Avril Williams
Secretary of the Reading Room Committee



WOOL WANTED

Unused wool, preferably double knitting, any colours, any amount, half used balls, all will be welcome to make baby jumpers for the 'Fish and Chip' babies in Africa. Please give it to Philippa Stevens 01249 815337 01249 815337. Very happy to collect. Thank you.



NEWSLETTER AGM

The Newsletter AGM will be held on Tuesday 13th May at 7.30pm at Tytherton Village Hall.

RURAL ARTS TOURING JULY EVENT.

Date: Thursday 3rd July 2014

Place: Bremhill Village Hall

One Man and His Cow

A man. A cow. A whole shed load of trouble.

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Marilyn Adcock

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EAST TYTHERTON VILLAGE HALL RACE NIGHT - 8TH MARCH

'A fun evening'. 'Something a little bit different!' - just a couple of the comments about our very first Race Night. A successful evening which brought together people from East Tytherton, Tytherton Lucas and Bremhill - great to see the villages attending each others events.

The evening began with a delicious 2 course meal with cheese and coffee also available. Then followed the racing; 8 races in total. As the night progressed so the competitive spirit increased and noise levels grew as people shouted encouragement for their horse or sounds of disbelief as their horse came last yet again!

Thank you to everyone who came to the event and through your generosity and determination to win you have helped to raise funds for the Village Hall. We would particularly like to thank those who sponsored a race - Holder Contracting, Pillow May, Enterprise Roofing, Charles Rodwell Arts, Kellond Fuel Supplies, Ian and Jane James, Property Maintenance Services and Maud Heath Vineyard. Also thank you to Morrisons Manufacturing who donated the meat.

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CHRISTIAN MALFORD SCHOOL NEWS

We have been very busy at school over the last few weeks. The Diocese of Bristol Academy Trust have appointed Mrs Jill Rowe as our new Headteacher and we are very pleased to welcome her to our School. Mrs Rowe is also Headteacher of Seagry Primary School and Somerfords' Walter Powell School. The children in Beech Class have taken part in "Evacuation Day" giving them an idea of life during the Second World War. They are also producing a play "Here Comes Danger" which they will perform on 2nd April for parents and members of the community. The Friends of School Car Wash was a great success, raising £279 for school funds. Sports Relief Day will be on 21st March and all children are invited to attend school wearing mufti - something sports related. Friends of School and Acorns are jointly running a Scarecrow Trail over the weekend of 29th and 30th March which should be good fun and hopefully a good fund raiser. Parents Evening is on 25th March.

We break for Easter on 4th April. Our Easter service will be on 24th April in Christian Malford Church at 9.30 am. All welcome.

And now for something a little different ...

BREMHILL PARISH LITTER CLEAN UP

On March 1st the Parish Council organised the annual clean up of all the litter dropped around the roads and verges in the area. There were the usual hot-spots in lay-bys where take-away cartons and cans get thrown out of car windows by uncaring people usually under the cover of darkness. Recent inclement weather does not seem to have had much impact on the culprits either as last year the black bags of rubbish count was 42 and this year 45 bags were collected.



Our thanks go out to the Parish Councillors who organised their ward litter pick-up and special thanks to all the Parishioners who gave up their Saturday morning to help make our countryside a clean environment once again. Wiltshire Council collected the mound of rubbish from a centralised point in Foxham and were responsible for providing rubbish bags and the loan of high-viz vests and pick-up tools.

Do you have something that might fit on a single page?

It doesn't have to be 'original' - just interesting

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BREMHILL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A synopsis of Bremhill Parish Council's meeting on March 3rd 2014

Lyneham: Mr Tucker has had a meeting with the programme manager at the new Lyneham Technical College (on the old RAF base). The manager apologised for the lack of appropriate consultation with the Bremhill PC in the past and that he would address this in the future.

Neighbourhood Plan: Mr James reported that the Neighbourhood Plan continues to be developed and that a questionnaire on the future development of the Parish will be circulated.

Operational Flood Working Group: Mr Bailey reported on where significant flooding had occurred in the Parish. A working party has been set up under the leadership of Mr Tucker to investigate and try to mitigate the problems.

Mr Pearson is pursuing the repair of several potholes in the Parish as well as the number of blocked drains advised by Parishioners. The Parish Council expressed the urgent need to address these and a meeting will be held with Wiltshire Council to discuss next steps.

It is proposed that Bremhill is to enter the best kept village in Wiltshire competition. Look for details in future editions of this newsletter.

Next meeting: 7th April at The Moravian Room East Tytherton at 7.30pm.

CALNE YOUNG FARMERS

Who are we? We are Farmers, Builders, Sales Reps, Teaching Assistants, Land agents and more. We are all aged between 10-26. The Juniors and Seniors have meetings separately and together in East Tytherton Village Hall.

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays Juniors meeting at East Tytherton Village Hall 7pm - 9pm. Seniors: 8pm every other Wednesdays: Main meeting place is East Tytherton Village Hall. Socials: - 8pm around other pubs in the area. For any more information please contact Rachel Club Chairman on 07788 722 661.

New Officers for 2013-2014: Chairman, Rachel Bailey. Vice Chairman, Ben Stevens. Secretary, Hannah Bennett. Senior Leader, Amanda Bennett

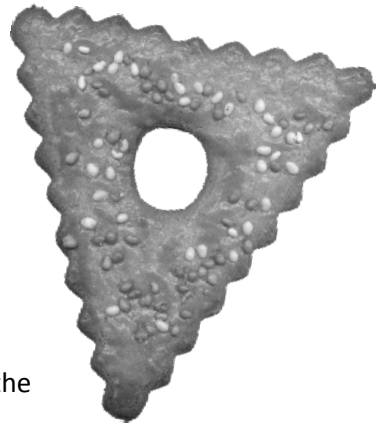
CORNUELLES RECIPE

“Cornuelles” are very specific and traditional to the Charente area of France. They take their name from the 3 “cornes” (horns) representing the Holy Trinity of the triangular shaped biscuit with a large hole in the middle.

The “cornuelles” were traditionally eaten for 1 month of the year: 15 days before and 15 days after Palm Sunday. The hole in the middle of the biscuit allowed room for a blessed twig of box sometimes planted in an apple with a ribbon around it (box is traditionally used on Palm Sunday in France, not palms). There are also more modern variations using puff pastry filled with Cognac flavoured “crème patissière” or whipped cream.

Ingredients (for 12-14 “cornuelles”):

- 500g plain flour
- 250g caster sugar
- 200g of butter (preferably lightly salted)
- 3 eggs + 1 egg yoke
- Baking powder
- Anise seeds (sugar coated if possible)
- Vanilla extract (or lemon juice)



Preparation:

1. Mix the butter, sugar and the 3 eggs
2. Add the flour and baking powder as well as the vanilla extract (or lemon juice)
3. Roll out the pastry to 3mm thick
4. Cut into triangular shapes with 18cm sides
5. Cut a hole in the middle (the size of a glass)
6. Brush the pastry with egg
7. Sprinkle anise seeds in the corners
8. Put in the oven for 5 min at 200°C then 10 min 150°C

EAST TYTHERTON MIDSUMMER PARTY

There is going to be an afternoon Fete and an evening Barn Dance in the centre of East Tytherton on Saturday 21st June. Please put this date in your diary. It will be a fun event very much like the Jubilee celebrations a few years ago. Everyone in the Parish is welcome.

More detailed news about this event in the May and June Newsletter.

Remember the Jubilee? Thousands of local groups across the country got together in a uniquely British display of community celebration. Our villages here were no exception. I joined the Tytherton event, expertly planned for the one dry day of the weekend. It saw a superb turn-out for everything from flowers in the church (even Calne Young Farmers contributed a display), to games on the green - no I didn't come away unscathed from the egg-throwing competition - and dancing, even impromptu singing.

Of course our community spirit here stretches beyond the individual villages. This newsletter is itself a perfect demonstration of what we can achieve together. This year we can all celebrate together in a midsummer party. Like my Jubilee experience, it will be in East Tytherton - the geographic centre of the parish - but reinforced with the Bremhill Marquee, and hopefully with strong attendance and participation from across the parish. There'll be two parts: an afternoon fete and an evening barn dance.

Afternoon Fete

Community games with family-favourites from sack and three-legged races to egg-throwing and tug-of-war!

Cream teas, bar, ice creams: Stalls - from local groups

Free entrance

Evening Barn Dance, from 7pm

- Dance out the longest day in the Bremhill Marquee
- Feast on a Foxham Ploughman's
- £15 (£10 for children or without food; under 5s free) - with proceeds towards building a replacement Tytherton Village Hall.

It may still seem dark and wet now, but save the date and look forward to a superb neighbourhood celebration!

Jessica Pillow-May

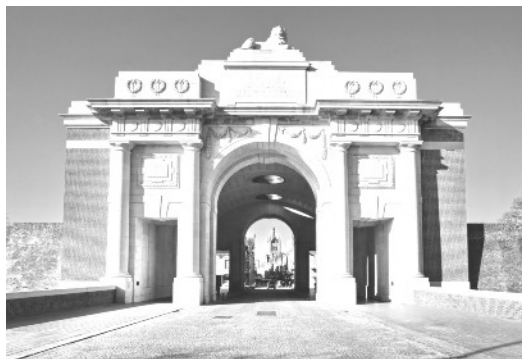
MENIN GATE VISIT

My wife, Jophy, and I were lucky enough to be included in the recent Grenadier Guards trip to Waterloo. This was a battlefield tour arranged to coincide with a fund raising cycle ride from Wellington Barracks in London to Waterloo in Belgium. We spent the first night in Ypres and this was an opportunity for us to lay a wreath at the Menin Gate in memory of the Bays¹ and King's Dragoon Guards who were killed in the Salient during World War I.

As you probably know, every evening since 1918 (except during the German occupation of 1939/45), the local Pompier (fire service) sound the Last Post and Reveille, honouring the 30,000 plus who fell but have no known grave. The band of the Grenadiers played and the Major General (London District) said the exultation. We then laid a wreath. This was a very special moment which neither of us will ever forget.

An added bonus was that during our tour of Waterloo, we met the Trust committee members at Hougemont farm. They were able to explain their plans and financial arrangements for the refurbishment of the buildings. They indicated that they had managed to raise over 2 million euros towards this work and that it was due to start that week.

Brigadier George Powell



¹ The 1st King's Dragoon Guards were amalgamated with the 2nd Dragoon Guards, better known as the Queen's Bays to form the 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards on January 1st 1959.



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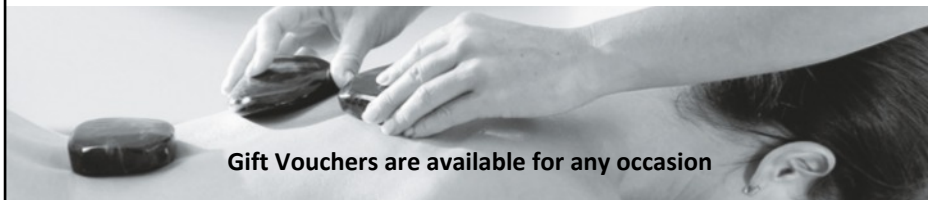


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FRIENDS OF ST MARTIN REPORT

The Cheese and Wine Promises Auction was successful even though the weather and the date were not in our favour. In spite of a smaller turnout than usual however, we managed to raise over £4000. Thanks to the effort of our auctioneer, Mr Pat Murphy, who stepped in at the last minute. Many thanks are also due to everybody who gave promises to be auctioned. Also thanks to the ladies who prepared the food for the refreshments.

After the auction we were able to give a donation of £2000 to the Church and £500 to the charity of North Wilts Holiday club for children. We now look forward to a good summer for marquee erecting. Once again we are dependent on our trusty band of helpers. Anyone who would like to help with the marquee and who is not already on our phone list please let Heather Mowlem know on 07764949471.

Just a final reminder, that as always, all of our funds are raised for the good of our community as a whole.
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Terry Satchell

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SMALL ADS

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2. HAND CAR WASHING SERVICE – EAST TYTHERTON (and area): Drop your car in to me and an excellent service is assured! Please contact Nick Brazier on 07772 075275 for all details.
3. I am available for house and animal sitting, including looking after horses. Previous experience and reliable references. I am retired and in my mid fifties. Female, fit and a non-smoker. Contact Paula Godwin on: 01249-815145 or 07753-353493.

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LONDON MARATHON RUNNERS

John Hayter and Jo Lumb will be running this year's Virgin London Marathon on April 14th 2014 Both have been training hard and will be also running in the Bath half marathon on 2nd March.

It was Jo who was successful in the ballot to gain entry in the London Marathon back in October. John had recently completed the Chippenham Half Marathon and invited Jo out on a 5 mile training run as he prepared for the Sodbury Slog (extreme off road race). From that first run together John offered to help Jo prepare for the London Marathon which then led to Jo convincing John to run in the Bath Half Marathon, followed by John being offered to run the London for the Leonard Cheshire Disability charity. So they are now working hard and you will see them out on our local lanes running. They have a third running partner who won't be running in the races - Oscar, Jo's golden Labrador. Oscar even has his own hi visibility running jacket!

As part of John's fund raising for Leonard Cheshire Disability it has been agreed that all funds raised will go to Great House at Kington Langley which many of us are familiar with.

Jo will be running for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

If you wish to donate see Jo in the Langley Tap or Dumb Post for Air Ambulance and John has a just giving web page:
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FOXHAM INN NEWS

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 5th May, Bill and Elsbeth Norman are holding a BBQ at The Foxham Inn, in aid of "Step by Step Ollie" which is a charity trying to raise £40,000 for Oliver Baker who is a 3 year old boy who lives in Lyneham and was born with Cerebral Palsy. He needs an operation to enable him to walk. We will also be raffling a Basket of Easter Eggs on Easter Sunday evening, tickets are available from the bar. We do hope that you are able support both of these events.

The rain seems to have finally stopped and Spring is here. We now have Wild Garlic on the menu, Morel Mushrooms with Dorset Duck Egg and Wye Valley Asparagus. (Support Local)

We have just had our annual Seafood dinner and to look forward to in the next couple of months are:-

- Italian Night (5 Course dinner) April 24th
- Spring into Summer Dinner (5 Course Dinner) May 22nd

Look forward to seeing you all soon

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GREAT SOMERFORD GUIDES NEWS

During the spring term the Guides have been learning basic first aid the St John Ambulance First Aider course. They have covered topics such as coping in an emergency, communication and casualty care, first aid kits, recovery position, asthma and choking. They have also worked in patrols to plan and carry out activities. We had a Division international themed activity day on Thinking Day (22nd Feb, when we think about Guiding around the world). We are looking forward to a sports evening and indoor climbing session at the end of term and an indoor weekend residential including a trip to Legoland.

Thank you for the support we have already had for our 'Dress a girl around the world' project and will tell you more about this next time. We are looking forward to welcoming adults at Guides over the next few weeks for this project. If you have other skills or interests that you would like to share with us, especially outdoor based, as we approach summer, please get in touch.



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CHRISTIAN MALFORD AND FOXHAM WI

Artwork of every description, transformed the hall at our March meeting. Many were amazed that our ladies had achieved a new talent under the guidance of Des Palmer. Every medium from pastel and watercolour to printing with pennies and abstracts with coffee!

We thought we had better give Des a gift of the book: "1001 paintings you must see before you die" sooner rather than later, as controlling us in art class must have put years on him! The AGM and winning Denman bursaries took place at the same meeting.

In early March intense raffia weaving produced the most wonderful straw hats when Ros Liddington came for the day to instruct us. All the different finished styles were enviously on their owners' heads at the last meeting!

Peter Biggs will be coming to tell us how to have the fun element and surprise in our gardens. He is a garden designer who especially likes to provide wildlife habitats within his outdoor spaces. His talk is on April 17th at 7.30 in Christian Malford Village Hall. Do come and learn!

Would you like to have a 'go' with the golf club on Wednesday April 30th? A taster day has been arranged exclusively for our WI girls at Chippenham Golf Club. If you enjoy it then you will be 'hooked', if it's not for you, then at least you have tried it! Contact Vilma: 01249 720502.

New members are always welcome. All our information and club activities can be found on the notice board outside the Christian Malford village shop.

*Contact Jenny
01249 740950*

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HELP 3-YEAR OLD OLLIE WALK

Contributions needed to help fund an operation

A charity Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy event is being held in aid of "Step by Step Ollie" which is a local charity trying to raise £40,000 for Oliver Baker, a 3 year old boy who lives in Lyneham and who was born with cerebral palsy. He needs an operation and physiotherapy to enable him to walk (but the NHS will not fund it).



Our fundraising event will be held on Saturday 17th May, 10am - 2.00pm in the Foxham Reading Room. Any unwanted items such as books, toys, plants, clothes, unwanted gifts, cakes would be gratefully accepted.

If you have any suitable items, please contact:

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BREMHILL TANK PICTURE

The picture of the tank published in the Jan edition has sparked a lot of conversation and interest. The people in the picture (and indeed the tank itself) have now been identified but we don't have all the details.

Mr Chubb is standing in the front garden of number 23, Bremhill. Mr Chubb died circa 1940. This house was later used to house Italian POWs working on the farm. The ladies in the foreground are Mrs Minty (white dress and black hat) and Miss Fry. They were sisters and also aunts of Leslie Fry. They lived at the Bake House (opposite) but moved to number 12 later.

Mrs Minty was the widow of one of the people named on the War Memorial in the church yard. Many of us who have been in the village for 20 years or so, will remember Leslie, who lived in the Bake House. He was the village baker and a skilled glass engraver. You will see an example of his work in the church porch.

The vehicle in the picture of a tank driving through Bremhill is a Vickers Mk II* Medium Tank used from the mid-1920s to mid-30s. It is a Mark II* as it has an armoured box at the rear of the turret used for a wireless. This addition was made in 1932. The tank was phased out of use by 1939.

There is some debate about the unit involved. The Tank Museum believes that it must be from the Royal Tank Corps as these were the only units operating the Vickers Medium. The tank in the picture appears to bear a Prince of Wales plume of feathers, which is a symbol long-used by the local Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry (i.e. a Territorial, not a Regular, unit). However, the Yeomanry were not equipped with anything other than horses or searchlights until Jan 1941, so it seems unlikely it is a RWY vehicle.

It is most likely to be from the Royal Hussars or 3rd Dragoon Guards while exercising on the Plain and from the late 30s. It could also be from the 1st Tank Brigade operating in Salisbury Plain from 1934 or the 2nd or 5th Tank Brigade based at Farnborough and Perham Down respectively. The picture looks as if it was taken in the mid to late 1930's.

Editor

LOCAL CHURCH INFORMATION

ST NICHOLAS, TYTHERTON LUCAS

Sunday 6 April	Morning Service 10am
Sunday 13 April	Holy Communion 8.30am
Good Friday	Morning Prayer 12 noon
Easter Sunday	Holy Communion 10am
Sunday 27 April	Holy Communion 8.30am
Sunday 27 April	All Churches Service 10am

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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the church will be held in the reading room on April 3rd. Commencing at 7.30.p.m. This meeting is open to all those with an interest in the church and its affairs.

If you are interested come and meet with the priests, church wardens and members of the parochial church committee (PCC) and after the meeting stay for informal talk over refreshments and a glass of wine.

*Elizabeth Hannah & Mary Kellond
church wardens.*

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH Foxham

6th April Lent 5	9.30am Holy Communion	Romans 8: 6-11 E Hannah
13th April Palm Sunday	9.30am Family Service	M Kellond Philippians 2: 5-11
20th April Easter Day	9.30am Holy Communion	R Pegler Acts 10:34-43
27th April 2nd Sunday of Easter	6pm Evensong	D Scott Acts 2: 14a 22-32
4th May 3rd Sunday of Easter	9.30am Holy Communion	D Wilton Acts 2: 14a 36-41

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, BREMHILL

	Service	Sidesmen	Readers
6th April Lent 5	8 am Holy Communion 6 pm Evensong	N Jordan C Tumber & A Heath	Ezekiel 37:1- 14 Mrs Judy Scott John 11: 1-45 Mrs June Hughes
13th April Palm Sunday	11 am Holy Communion	A Woods & D Kyte	
18th April Good Friday	2 – 3pm Readings & Music		
20th April Easter Day	11am Family Communion	A Jones & L Jones	Acts 10: 34 – 43 Mr William Wyldbore Smith
27th April 2nd Sunday of Easter	9.30am Family Service	Children	John 20: 18 – end A Young Person
4th May 3rd Sunday of Easter	8am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong	M Kyte P Rawlings & J Hughes	TBA TBA

“May the words of my lips and the meditations of my heart be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.”

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

In Church you will see a Church Cleaning Rota. If you can find an hour of two to help clean the Church or polish the Brass, please put your name down as a volunteer. It will be much appreciated. Please bring your own cleaning materials, but there is a fine vacuum cleaner at the back of the Church.

If you have any items of Bremhill Church news for the MAY 2014 edition of this Newsletter, please give them to either Derek Kyte (815073) or to me Jane Jordan (812083) in time for the 8th APRIL 2014 deadline. Thank you.

For local Church information, please contact Rev Ann Massey 817926 ea.massey@btinternet.com. You can contact the Rev Jim Scott on: 813114

THE NEXT PCC MEETING - TBA

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ROBERT BROWNING

Home Thoughts, from Abroad

O, To be in England
Now that April 's there,
And whoever wakes in England
Sees, some morning, unaware,
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough
In England—now!

And after April, when May follows,
And the whitethroat builds, and all the swallows!
Hark, where my blossom'd pear-tree in the hedge
Leans to the field and scatters on the clover
Blossoms and dewdrops—at the bent spray's edge—
That 's the wise thrush; he sings each song twice over,
Lest you should think he never could recapture
The first fine careless rapture!

And though the fields look rough with hoary dew,
All will be gay when noontide wakes anew
The buttercups, the little children's dower
—Far brighter than this gaudy melon-flower

Home-Thoughts, from Abroad was written in 1845 while Browning was on a visit to northern Italy, and was first published in his *Dramatic Romances and Lyrics*.



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