



BREMHILL, FOXHAM, THE TYTHERTONS AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

April 2015

# The Newsletter

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# Tytherton Ride

The Tytherton Ride is an annual event, held since 1986, to support local organisations. Each year the proceeds of the ride are divided between the Churches and village halls of Bremhill, Foxham, Tytherton Lucas & East Tytherton, Christian Malford Primary School and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal.

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## EDITORIAL

Chaucer clearly knew a thing or two. Besides writing some of the earliest bawdy poems in the English language (try the 'Miller's Tale' sometime!), he began his Canterbury Tales with the words

*'When April's gentle rains have pierced the drought  
Of March right to the root, and bathed each sprout  
Through every vein with liquid of such power  
It brings forth the engendering flower ...'*

I love April. The clocks have gone forward and somehow banished the darkness of winter and all around I can see the beginnings of spring. The buds are sprouting and the trees starting to green up. Across the Parish, the daffodils brighten the verges and appear like brightly waving crowds lining the banks of Dark Lane into Bremhill Village. There seems to be a warmth to the air missing for the last four months and I'm even inclined to take exercise! As I walk around the roads and across the fields, I simply realise how lucky I am to live in such a beautiful area and the need to preserve its character.

The practical help of the Parish Council and volunteers in keeping the Parish clean is greatly appreciated, as is the work of the Council in their efforts to conserve our area through the Neighbourhood Plan and in the light of developments in Lyneham and east of Chippenham. It is good to see the involvement of so many people in Parish matters and in the worthwhile research into broadband and optic fibre connections - or rather the lack of them! - in the area which has certainly raised awareness of our limitations and the whereabouts of 'not-spots'! However, at times it is also nice to take a slightly less serious view and smile gently at ourselves as one of our contributors does.

Enjoy the month and look forward to the summer and all that brings - gardening, holidays, long evenings, pub patios and having to work inside when it's hot and sunny outside! You can see I'm retired, can't you!! Enjoy this issue.

Ewen

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 4<sup>th</sup> April            Bremhill Hall Band Night
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> April    Unpredictable Explorations
- 12<sup>th</sup> April           Tytherton Ride
- 13<sup>th</sup> April           Parish Council Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> April           Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Bremhill)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April           Moviola
- 16<sup>th</sup> May            Calne Business Fair
- 6<sup>th</sup> April            St. John's AGM
- 6<sup>th</sup> June            Clay Pigeon Shoot, Wroughton
- 17<sup>th</sup> July            Rural Arts (Bremhill), Crunchy 'n' Sweet
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sept            Village Show, Bremhill



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## **BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL PRODUCE SHOW**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015

We hope that you already have plans about what classes you may enter. Have you bought your seeds? What unusual vegetable or fruit could you grow? Rumour has it that some people have already started knitting. You could try out a recipe for Florentines - you can use any recipe you like but one is included in this Newsletter.

Schedules: Paper copies are available in Bremhill Village Hall or in the porch to the hall; otherwise contact Marilyn 01249 661369 or Rosie 01249 813642 to have a copy sent to you.

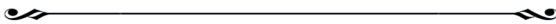


## **THANK YOU!**

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to help Bremhill Parish Councillors in the Parish Clean-up last weekend, a brilliant job done.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at The Moravian Room, East Tytherton at 7.30 pm. Public and Press are welcome to attend.

*Elsbeth Norman  
Clerk to Bremhill Parish Council.*



## **MOVIOLA AT THE TOWN HALL**

**A Most Wanted Man** (15) Thriller

Phillip Seymour Hoffman stars in one of his final performances as a rumbled agent who likes his whisky. The film starts in Hamburg with a man dramatically emerging silently from a river. Hoffman discovers that the mystery man is a Chechen refugee who has come to lay a claim to the bank deposit of his late Russian father. The cast is impressive and the plot is vintage Le Carré.

Showing in Calne Town Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30 pm. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Tickets £6.00 from Calne Information Centre or on the door. Lift and Refreshments available.





## **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

The church AGM will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in the Church. The meeting is open to all parishioners. It gives them a chance to vote for their Church Wardens, see how their church is working and gives an opportunity to have a say in their church matters.



*The Church Wardens*



## **RURAL ARTS TOURING**

It was great to see such laughter at the March event - "Seven Ages". And what a discovery - we have such artistic talent in our parish!

The next event is:-

- The Croutons "Crunchy 'n' Sweet"
- Date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Time: Doors open 7 pm for 7.30 pm
- At: Bremhill Village Hall. Tickets: £7 adults £4-50 children
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The company are all seasoned "a cappella" performers. They are three glorious singers who will take you on a musical mystery tour by way of Doris Day, Massive Attack and Aretha Franklin as well as toasting songs and contemporary folk ballads. In the future we could organise a workshop with them if enough people were interested.

*Marilyn and Rosie*

Note; a cappella means music sung without instrumental accompaniment. (Actually they may sometimes add a little extra to the voices).



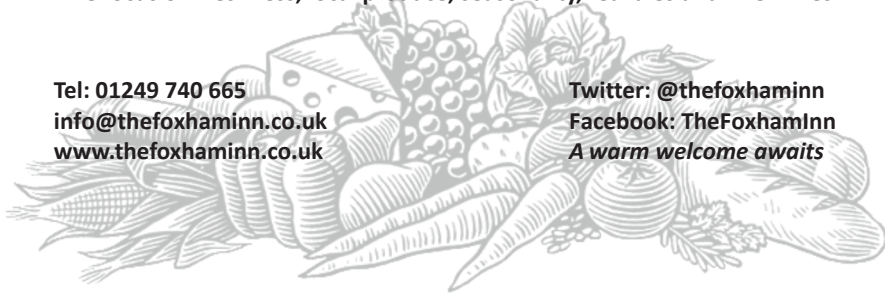


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Well, spring is finally here with lots of lovely produce around, such as Asparagus, Morels, Wild Garlic just to name a few.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> we are holding an Italian Night and on May 21<sup>st</sup> a Tapas Night. Our Annual Charity BBQ is being held on Bank Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May and this year Nick Wardle and Dave Pearce are taking over the reins from Bill and Elsbeth Norman, so come on down and support the boys in their first (hopefully of many) Charity BBQ

We look forward to seeing you all soon

*Neil and Sarah*

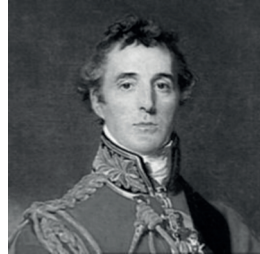
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## **E. TYTHERTON WI**

Local paramedic, Ian Chatterton, made a second visit to our meeting to give us further advice on First Aid. This time he demonstrated how to treat someone suffering a heart attack or injury. We now hope that we could resuscitate someone manually or with a defibrillator and keep them breathing until professional help arrived.



We are looking forward to taking part in the Centenary Festivities for the WI in Swindon on 25th March, when the specially designed baton, which has been travelling through Wales, the Islands, and England to celebrate the links of friendship and community through the WI, is passing through Wiltshire.

Our next meeting is our AGM, which will also be a social evening with quizzes. It will give us the chance to see the new East Tytherton WI banner, designed and made by one of our members, Rachel Green, and which will be held aloft at the Centenary Festival as the baton passes through our hands.

Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month, except August, at 7.30pm, in Tytherton Village hall. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us....we are a friendly bunch!

*Shelah Franklin*



## **Landlord beware! ...**

**From the Gloucestershire Chronicle 11<sup>th</sup> February 1837**

**DARING BURGLARY.** - A daring burglary was committed on Friday night, in Dumb Post Inn, Bremhill, Wilts by three villains, disguised by crape tied round their faces. Miss Froyling, the landlord's daughter, hearing a noise, went on the staircase, and was knocked down three times, and left senseless. They succeeded in carrying off two boxes belonging to benefit societies containing 50/-; and between 50/- and 60/- belonging to the landlord. The boxes were found the next morning in a stone quarry, near the town.

*Bremhill History Group*





## GUIDES NEWS

It has been another busy term in the world of Girl Guides, time filled with fun, team spirit and creativity. The Guides have celebrated the World Thinking Day learning about Russia, its history and its culture. There was a choice of activities for every taste - making Russian cakes and Fabergé eggs, performing plays based on fairy-tales, painting Russian-themed dolls and spoons and even learning a Russian dance!

The Guides visited a local care home and shared their smiles and talents with the elderly people. They made everyone feel like "dancing queens", discover the world of "selfies" and laugh watching the "GoldieLocks and Three Bears" and of course, understand why all modern girls are in love with "Frozen"! The elderly people also enjoyed singing old and modern songs with the Guides (Wiltshire has definitely got talent!) and listening to a beautiful flute performance. A big well done to all of the girls, an activity to be proud of!



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## Florentine Biscuits

In the Cookery section of the Village Show there is a class for making Florentine biscuits, considered to be one of the most delicious mouthfuls in the world! Here is just an example of a possible recipe, but, of course, you are encouraged to use your own.

### Ingredients

- 25g butter
- 75g golden caster sugar
- 10g plain flour (plus extra for dusting)
- 65ml double cream
- 50g whole almonds, cut into thin slivers
- 50g ready-flaked almonds
- 50g whole candied peel, chopped
- 25g glacé cherries, chopped
- 25g angelica, finely chopped
- 175g dark chocolate (minimum 70% cocoa solids)

Pre-heat the oven to 190°C, gas mark 5

### Method

Start by putting the butter together with the sugar and flour in a small, heavy-based saucepan over a very low heat, and keep stirring until the mixture has melted.

Gradually add the cream, stirring continuously to keep it smooth. Then add all the remaining ingredients, except the chocolate. Stir thoroughly again, remove the saucepan from the heat and put the mixture on one side to cool.

Place heaped teaspoonfuls of the mixture onto a baking sheet, spacing them about 2.5cm apart (to allow the mixture room to expand while baking).

Flatten each spoonful with the back of the spoon, then bake on a high shelf for about 10–12 minutes, or until golden. Then take them out of the oven and leave the biscuits to harden on the baking sheet for 2–3 minutes, before quickly removing them to a wire cooling tray to cool.

Repeat with a second batch if necessary.

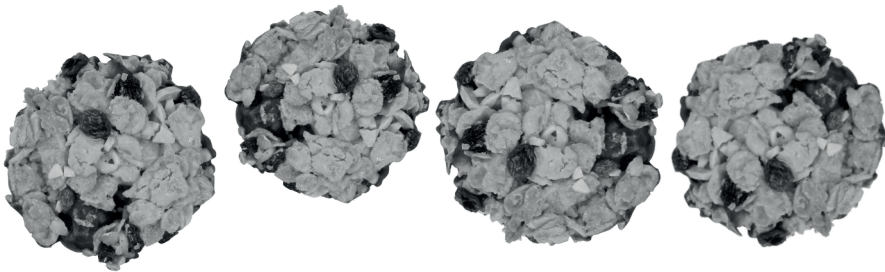




Next, melt the chocolate in a basin over a saucepan of barely simmering water, making sure the base of the bowl doesn't touch the water. This will take about 5–10 minutes.

Place the cooled Florentines base-up on the wire rack and, using a teaspoon, coat the underside of each Florentine with warm melted chocolate. Then, just before it sets, make a patterned, wavy line on each one, using a fork.

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## **RAMBLINGS OF A RETIRED POTENTIAL NEO-LUDDITE**

Now that I am retired, for the first time in my life I am able to read the newspapers and Bremhill district parish magazine from cover to cover. I have found, much to my excitement (Note: remember more blood pressure tablets), that pensioners have never had it so good financially and that technology is going to be our saviour. Having seen and understood that I am, courtesy of Bremhill Village Hall and Kepow Theatre Company, in my 7<sup>th</sup> age of man, I now need to be action man if I am to maximise the opportunities being presented to me. So how shall I spend all this money I apparently have? They say you cannot take it with you, but hey, I could spend it all on technology. Better start researching straight away!!

So what better way to start than attending a meeting, an excellently presented computer-based presentation, on the Bremhill Neighbourhood plan. It was so good I went to two of them! A survey was done of us all and the results added up by a computer, fingers still needed but not for the adding up, amazing. Being a self-proclaimed smart cookie I quickly realised I needed a computer to help me max out my retirement, as apparently it is doing for many other people in Bremhill and district. The Parish newsletter in February and March 2015 has proved particularly informative.

My summary interpretation of the Neighbourhood plan is that we all need high speed internet - the broader, then the better access, so that we can earn lots of money from home and can buy essential things from South America delivered along the River Amazon to Bremhill. Very sensible, I thought, to deliver by water, as Stanley Lane will be one big traffic jam with all the houses being built and massive building supply trucks trying to pass. Being a bright sort of person, as mentioned elsewhere, I thought that I had better check out the budget for the resurrection of the Canal leading to Stanley Bridge.

The final part of the journey will, I was assured by a really helpful young man from the wilds of the Amazon, be by a driver-less helicopter which he called a drone, which somehow knows where I live. Wonderful! He went on to say that I too could buy one and have it delivered from the Amazon. The world really is getting smaller. I really am having trouble controlling my excitement at all this unexpected good news; still as I have got older, another bladder control tablet won't do any harm. A few phone calls later to the Council I









discovered that it (Canal restoration budget) had been accidentally omitted from the draft master plan in favour of another 4800 houses or was it 800 houses, not sure, but such a shame as I was looking forward to exotic South American delicacies. Still they seemed very pleased that I had brought the budgeting error to the attention of the Council, even though they must be so busy, as I discovered when they had to put the phone down to take another important call when I was only half way through explaining other things that could also go into the revision of the budget.

As a service to the community I will, when time allows, continue my research at no cost to the ratepayer in an attempt to get to the bottom of this technology stuff that is clearly so essential to our lives here.

(to be continued .....)

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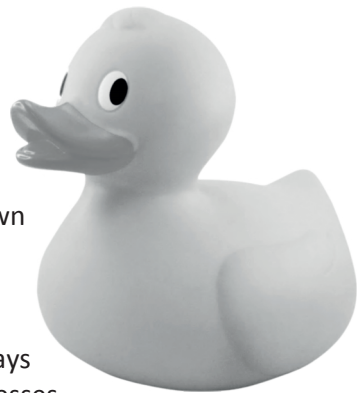


## **THE 2015 CALNE LIONS DUCK RACE**

promises to be bigger and better than ever!

The highlight of the Calne calendar is the annual Calne Lions Duck Race. This popular event, now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year, is always enthusiastically supported by the generous people of Calne, who line up in their thousands to cheer on the school, business and individual ducks as they race down the River Marden.

This year's Duck Race is being held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, with the wonderfully decorated larger School and Club Ducks taking to the water first, swiftly followed by the business Ducks and finally the 3000 colourful individual ducks. Tickets for the race will be sold door to door by the Calne Lion volunteers throughout April and May and will also be available to buy online, at the Hub and on selected Saturdays at Sainsbury's. A small number of tickets may be available to buy on the day, so buy in advance to avoid disappointment. Mark Leach, from Calne Lions was also excited to announce that "By popular demand, we have decided to bring back the exciting Duck Sprint Races from the Town Hall to the Marden House finish line to allow everyone a second chance to win a prize!"



The town always has a real buzz on Duck Race days with a funfair, stalls from local groups and businesses and this year the Lions are introducing a food court in Marden House Hall along with a Health Screening service run by Northlands Pharmacy. For the second year running we are delighted to be working in partnership with the Calne Small Business Fair, which will be held throughout the day in the town hall.

The Calne Lions have a busy event calendar and proceeds raised are channelled back into local good causes. The Lions are always looking for new volunteers and if you might be interested in joining us, the Duck race is an ideal opportunity to get involved. To learn more and to buy a ticket for the race online visit [www.calnelions.org](http://www.calnelions.org).





## CHRISTIAN MALFORD & FOXHAM WI

Our first special guest speaker to 'kick off' (not 'strip off'!) our new programme for the year, is Tricia Stewart from Calendar Girls. She has an amazing story to tell, as she was the originator and driving force behind the Alternative WI Calendar. The movie and stage production, 'Calendar Girls' is based on her story. Be there on April 16<sup>th</sup> in the Christian Malford Village Hall for 7.30pm.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

We are celebrating 100 years of the WI this year, so do not miss our special Spring Dauntsey Vale Group Meeting. Note that this will be in the Foxham Reading Rooms: 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. We have Rich the Caricaturist coming to entertain us on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Rich studied animation at college and trained with a Disney animator to develop his sharp and hilarious caricature skills. Rich will show us how to exaggerate and distort a person. Some of us will have 'hands on' and some will have Rich's cartoon work to take home!

Please remember that we welcome any new ladies. All our information can be found on the notice board outside the Christian Malford village shop.



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*Tricia Stewart*



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## FIBRE INTERNET UPDATE

We are still trying to find answers to the many queries raised. Here is a summary of the information we have as of mid-March 2015:

**Neighbourhood Plan:** We are trying to build a map of advertised and actual connectivity in the Parish to inform the Neighbourhood Plan. We'd be very grateful if you could send the output from <http://dslchecker.bt.com> and <http://www.speedtest.net/> as well as your telephone number and postcode to [broadband@bremhillparish.org](mailto:broadband@bremhillparish.org). We are aiming to build and maintain a map of these speeds across the Parish and publish it on [www.bremhillparish.org](http://www.bremhillparish.org). We will not publish the phone numbers but they will help us maintain the information.

**Kellaways exchange** (numbers starting 01249 740XXX): BT Openreach is still digging and making steady but slow progress according to Wiltshire Online. The re-forecast date for the Kellaways Exchange is April 2015. Continue checking <http://dslchecker.bt.com>. When an FTTC line appears in the output, you will be able to order FTTC from the ISP of your choice.

**Bremhill:** it appears that BT Openreach has enabled a number of additional cabinets connected to the Calne exchange. It seems that it is possible to order Fibre Internet for some phone numbers around Bremhill although BT Openreach engineers have struggled or been unable to install a functioning Fibre Internet service in some instances. Hence it is worth checking <http://dslchecker.bt.com>. If you can see an FTTC line, in the output, you can order FTTC from the ISP of your choice if you so wish but be prepared to be told that you are too far away from the cabinet to maintain a stable connection.

Should you have questions that you would like help with, feel free to contact us either through [www.bremhillparish.org](http://www.bremhillparish.org) or directly.

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## THE HAROLD FORD CUP

This cup is presented annually at Bremhill produce show, to the winner of the class for the tray of 5 varieties of mixed vegetables.

Harold George Ford was born in June 1909 at Queens Charlton, Keynsham and married Joyce (Cozens) in 1940. Son William arrived in 1944 and son Arthur was born in 1946. Harold bought Stanley Bridge Farm in 1956 and moved there from an estate farm known as Ford's Farm at Queens Charlton, previously known as Off Licence Farm as it was licensed to sell Somerset cider. Harold remained farming at Stanley for the rest of his life until his death in March 1998.



During over 40 years living in Stanley, Harold was very keen on being an active member of the Bremhill community. He was a local parish councillor, being chairman of both the parish council and Bremhill village hall at one stage. He was also a keen vegetable grower as well as farmer.

As Harold and Joyce prepared to retire, they moved into a newly built bungalow near the farm in 1972 on Bencroft Hill. Son Arthur took over the running of the farm in 1982 when there were 70 Fresian cows to be looked after.

Harold so loved the Bremhill area and the farm that after his death in 1998 his ashes were scattered on the fields along with that year's supply of fertiliser. In his will, he bequeathed £1000 to St Martin's Church where there is a bench outside the Church and kneelers inside in his memory. This is in addition to the Harold Ford cup which is given for overall best tray of vegetables entered in the annual village produce show.

After her death in 2005, Joyce's ashes joined those of Harold when they were also scattered on the fields at Stanley Bridge Farm but this time without any additional fertiliser!








Arthur Ford continues in his father's footsteps and has been (and still is) a Parish Councillor representing Bremhill for over 25 years. The photograph of Harold and Joyce was taken on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 1990.



*The Harold Ford Cup won last year (2014) by Terry Brown.*

See item on page 5 for details of how to enter this year.





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## **THE CALNE BUSINESS FAIR 2015 opens its doors once again on 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Following the success of last year's inaugural Business Fair, we are pleased to announce that the Calne Business Fair will be returning on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015.



The event will be taking place at the historic Calne Town Hall between 10 am and 1 pm and once again will coincide with the Annual Lions Duck Race, creating an ideal opportunity for you to meet other local businesses and residents in the area.

The fair provides you with an ideal opportunity to promote your business by showcasing what your business has to offer, raise awareness and make valuable connections, in a welcoming and informal environment. It is only open to businesses situated in SN11 area and the surrounding villages. There is a £25 entrance fee payable which includes your stall at the event, part of the exhibitor guide, advertisement on the Business Fair Facebook page, a Networking lunch and entry to a Prize draw. There is also a fantastic offer of membership to the Calne Chamber of Commerce at a discounted fee of £25, (normally £75) for those that participate at the event and who are not already Calne Chamber members.

Calne Chamber of Commerce is a proud main sponsor of the event and was encouraged by the success of the event last year.

### **How to book**

To reserve your place go to:

[www.booking.calnewiltshire.com/events/calne-business-fair-2015/](http://www.booking.calnewiltshire.com/events/calne-business-fair-2015/)

**Book early to avoid disappointment - spaces are limited!**

The Calne Business Fair Committee members are:

Jessica Pillow, Accountant - Pillow May Accountants

Andrew Tottman, Financial Advisor - Chilvester

Rhianna Cole, Solicitor - Goughs Solicitors

Graham Craig, Marketing & Creative Designer - CleverTinman

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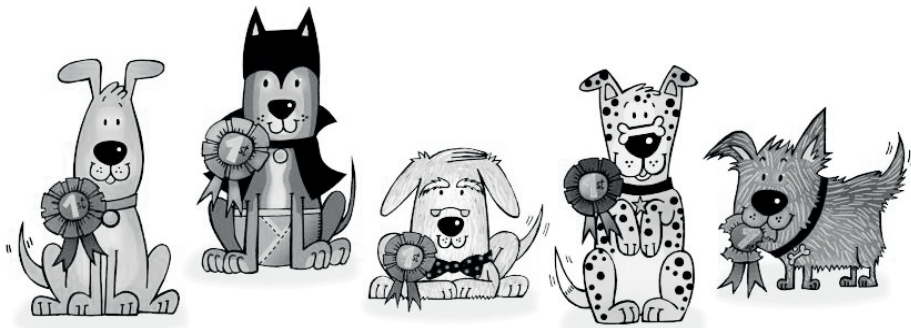
## BOWOOD DOG SHOW AND SUMMER FAIR

For the 10<sup>th</sup> and FINAL time, the Bowood Charity Dog Show & Summer Fair will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015, from 10.00 - 17.00. Over the last 9 years it has raised over £250,000 and, as a final gesture, will be trying to get to £300,000 for charities serving the people of Wiltshire.

The theme of this Show will reflect the title and bring back the old fashioned family day out with dog classes for pedigree and family dogs, including fun classes for children, and the ever popular 'Have A Go events'. There will be fantastic displays in the main ring, a Dance Theatre (featuring a guest appearance by Angelina Ballerina) with dance displays and hip hop master classes, great local food outlets and the 'Bake it Big' productions with cookery demonstrations. Our talented bakers from the Bremhill Village Hall will run the Vintage Tea Tent, supplying a range of delicious home-made cakes, so come and support (eat!) their efforts.

The shopping will be terrific, plus falconry displays and, hopefully, a craft tent adding to the mix. There will a farm animal petting tent with chickens hatching and baby farm animals, adding to other attractions.

The charity element is the most important aspect, and, as in the past nine years, ALL the gate money goes directly to local charities. The show is funded by local people and businesses and run by a vast team of local volunteers. For more information see website: [www.bowooddogshow.org](http://www.bowooddogshow.org), follow us on Facebook and Twitter or email [bowooddogshow@aol.co.uk](mailto:bowooddogshow@aol.co.uk).





## SNOWDON SUCCESS FOR DOROTHY HOUSE

The Foxham Fit Fighters took on Snowdon to raise money for Dorothy House as a challenge and what a challenge it was!

A small group of ladies from Foxham started walking together recently and the idea of tackling Snowdon was born. Due to our busy lives, finding a suitable date was hard, but Michelle Hanson, Rachel Adderley and Trudie Stait all discovered they could make the 12<sup>th</sup> March, so planning began. We had been training for some weeks, with our last 10 mile training walk a week before. We chose Dorothy House Foundation as our charity to support, as we all have some connection with their wonderful work. We originally set a target of £500, but have been overwhelmed by the most generous support and have raised just over £2000 so far.

We set off from Foxham at 05.30 on Thursday morning and four hours later were all set to go at the base of Snowdon. We began in reasonable weather, but by half way up we encountered rain, sleet hail and, just for good measure, the cloud came down. Motivated by our fantastic fund raising we battled on and reached the summit in four hours. A formal photo call was suspended as visibility was limited and the wind gusting at 35mph! The descent was much quicker, with the wind behind us we fairly flew back down.



A massive thank you to all the people who have supported us and raised over £2000 for the Dorothy House Foundation. Should anyone wish to donate retrospectively go to Just Giving, then search for Rachel Adderley





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## REVEREND ANN WRITES ...

Dear All

There is definitely the feel of spring in the air! The daffodils are beginning to bloom - just in time for Mothering Sunday. The primroses are surfacing in their many colours. All in all the signs of spring that bring hope and a feeling of being past the worst part of the winter with better times to come are here. The death of winter turns to renewal of life. It seems to come from nowhere!

Of course, it is no accident that, at the same time as the landscape is changing from the dreariness of winter, we are preparing spiritually for Easter, the most important in the church year. Sadly, even though it is the most important season in the church calendar it is not the focus for many. Part of this, I believe, is the relief of better weather, thoughts of summer and relaxing holidays with family and friends. And there is the lure of chocolate Easter eggs too after no chocolate, no wine etc. during Lent!

So, people come to Easter with relief in their hearts and in expectation of enjoyable times ahead relaxing with family and friends, doing the things they enjoy. But what about the spirit of God that dwells within each of us? How do we care for it and nurture it? The spirit within us is important; it is what guides us when we pay attention to it, in our choices as we journey onwards. This spirit was first recognised on that first Easter Day when each person who knew Jesus well enough, or wanted to know him, was able to recognise His spirit within themselves. It has been passed from generation to generation of believers ever since.

To enhance your holiday why not try and join in the Easter celebrations in a church wherever you are on 5<sup>th</sup> April. Your spirit will be refreshed and your body and mental being too, I feel sure, will benefit from the experience. If you don't recognise the spirit working within you now, you may do after making room for Him in your hearts during this holiest of seasons.

May the spirit of God dwell deeply within you and be known to you, and grow within you this Easter time.

With love and best wishes always

*Ann*





## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH. Foxham

5 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER DAY	9.30 am Family Communion (with Easter Egg Hunt)	D. Wilton Acts 10: 34-43
12 <sup>th</sup> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun. Easter	NO SERVICE (Tytherton Ride)	
19 <sup>th</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. Easter	9.30 am Holy Communion	E. Hannah Acts 3: 12-19
26 <sup>th</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun. Easter	6 pm Evensong	M. Kellond Acts 4: 5-12 John 10: 11-18
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun. Easter	9.30 am Holy Communion	D. Milligan Acts 8: 26-end

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, BREMHILL

	Service	Sidesmen	Readers
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April Good Friday	Service of Meditation, Prayer and Music 2-3 pm		
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER DAY	8 Holy Communion  11am Holy Communion For Easter Day & Easter Egg Hunt	J Jordan  K Blackmore & K Webb	Acts 10: 34-43 Mrs June Hughes
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April Easter 2	11 Holy Communion	A Jones & L Jones	Acts 4: 32-35 Mrs Beryl Wells
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April Easter 3	6 Evensong	B Rawlings & P Rawlings	Acts 3: 12-19 Mr N Jordan Luke 24: 36-48 Mr Mark Kyte
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April Easter 4	9.30 Family Service	Children	Psalm 23 A Young Person
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Easter 5	8am Holy Communion  6pm Evensong	N Kyte A Woods & D Kyte	Acts 8: 26 to end Mrs Nancy Kyte John 15: 9-17 Mr Mervyn Wells

## ST NICHOLAS, TYTHERTON LUCAS

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday Service.	12 noon	Derek Copeland
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Day. Eucharist	8.30 am	Rod Key
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	No Service	(Tytherton Ride)	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Mattins	10 am	Derek Copeland
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Eucharist	8.30 am	Bryan Pettifer
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning Service	10 am	Margaret Gubbins







## ST MARTIN'S NOTICES

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in St Martin's Church at 7.30 pm.

**Help with Churchyard mowing.** If you have an hour or two spare and would be prepared to do a bit of grass cutting or strimming, please contact us. Sadly we had no replies last month and hope for some this month! Please help if you can - the grass is growing!

**Cleaning rota.** In Church you will see a Church Cleaning Rota. If you can find an hour or two to help clean the Church or polish the Brass, we would be grateful if you would add your name to the list of volunteers. Please bring your own cleaning materials, however, there is a vacuum cleaner situated at the back of the Church.

**Devizes Mobile Library.** This calls at Naish House Farm, Spirthill, on every other Monday afternoon at 2 pm - 2.30 pm - 20<sup>th</sup> April - only one visit owing to the Bank Holiday.

There is also 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!

If you have any items of local Church or Village News for the May 2015 edition of this Newsletter, please give them to either Derek Kyte (815073) or to Jane Jordan (812083), in time for the 8<sup>th</sup> April deadline. Thank you.



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## I WANT IT NOW!

By Roald Dahl

Gooses, geeses  
I want my geese to lay gold eggs for  
easter  
At least a hundred a day  
And by the way

I want a feast  
I want a bean feast  
Cream buns and doughnuts  
And fruitcake with no nuts  
So good you could go nuts

No, now

I want a ball  
I want a party  
Pink macaroons  
And a million balloons  
And performing baboons and  
Give it to me now

I want the world  
I want the whole world  
I want to lock it  
All up in my pocket  
It's my bar of chocolate  
Give it to me now

I want tomorrow  
I want to wear 'em  
Like braids in my hair and  
I don't want to share 'em

I want a party with roomfuls of  
laughter  
Ten thousand tons of ice cream  
And if I don't get the things I am after  
I'm going to scream

I want the works  
I want the whole works  
Presents and prizes  
And sweets and surprises  
Of all shapes and sizes

And now

Don't care how, I want it now  
Don't care how, I want it now



*Roald Dahl (1916-1990) is perhaps best known for his children's stories and rhymes, with their unexpected twists and dark humour.*

*Parents of young children will recognise the sentiments in this poem...or is it just as relevant to adults?*





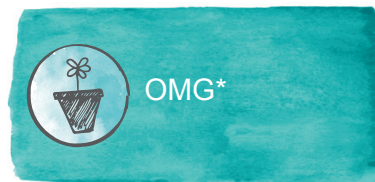
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