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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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- 7th August Ladies Lunch with Jenny Hastings
- 4th September Ladies Lunch with Sophie Lanfear (film producer)
- 6th September Bremhill Village Show
- 12th September Coffee in Bremhill village hall
- 20th September Foxham Horse & Dog Show
- 1st November Pumpkin Ball - Foxham
- 13th November Foxham bridge afternoon
- 28th November A Victorian Christmas



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"Dancing Cranes" by Simon Gudgeon at Art in the Garden, Hazeland Mill

EDITORIAL

How lucky we are! Not only to live in our rural idyll but with the weather this summer. So far virtually all the events have been blessed with sunshine and we have had enough rain to keep the gardeners content. With Philippa's plants all getting thirsty, syphoning the bath water has only been performed a few times!

We have all been filling in our Local Development Plan Questionnaire recently. It will be fascinating to see the results. I am sure there will be many different points of view but some where we all agree. We will do our best to reflect the outcome in the Newsletter. Let us hope that we can retain the beautiful character of our Parish but, as Jan and Terry's article made plain, it is the people that make it extra special.

We have entered our second year of publication and most of our advertisers have been generous enough to remain with us. Please think of them when you are buying local goods and services. Let them know that you have got their details from the Newsletter so they know it is worth advertising. Without them, we would struggle to exist. Our financial cupboard was bare in June so you can see there is little room for complacency. Special thanks goes to Sarah Jones and Ali Vines for all their hard work.

We have some interesting articles once again this month. Hilary Pearson's view of being the only woman in the male dominated Stock Exchange and Elizabeth and Michael Parlett's Japanese Experiences in the 1960s where no one spoke English and the culture was very different to our own.

These articles, and the ones we have featured over the last year, just show you the varied and fascinating people we have in the Parish. Does that encourage you to write something too?

David Stevens
Co Editor

SPECIAL NOTICES

BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL - RURAL ARTS

A Victorian Christmas - Friday 28th November 2014

I know Christmas seems a long way away but please put the date in your diary. The event will be a fun and festive celebration of the Yuletide our ancestors would have known.

It will be an evening of music, song and drama. There will be more details nearer the time.

Marilyn and Rosie

CHARITY BREAKFAST SUNDAY 3 AUGUST

Richard and Caroline Dutton will be hosting a charity breakfast in aid of Meningitis Research Foundation, at The Long Barn, Bremhill on Sunday 3 August, between 9.30am and 11.00am.

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

For catering purposes, please could you let us know if you are able to join us by Thursday 31 July preferably by email richardwdutton@gmail.com or tel 07734887065

We look forward to seeing you.

Richard and Caroline

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Glen Woodman of Foxham who, singlehanded, knitted chicks, adding a choc egg, and raised £400 for Motor Neurone Disease. Well done!

FRIDAY COFFEE & CAKE IN BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL

Coffee & Cake is set to return on Friday 12th September, as before it will run each week from 10.00am until 11.30. Coffee/Tea /Cake each £1.00. Good company & lively chat - totally free.

N.B. Friday 26th will be a Macmillan's coffee morning instead, there will be a raffle.



FOXHAM AUTUMN BRIDGE AFTERNOON WITH TEA

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Please contact Jane Milligan on 01249 740586.



PUMPKIN BALL

Saturday 1st November 2014

A Pumpkin Ball is to be held at The Reading Room, Foxham. Three course meal/Bar/Live music. More details available soon, so watch this space.



RIDE AND STRIDE.

Sponsorship forms for this event are now available. Please contact Elizabeth Hannah at Field House, Foxham. Tel: 740619, if you feel you are able to undertake the task.

Remember our church is there for all and undertaking the Ride and Stride and getting sponsorship monies helps to keep it there. Do think about having an attempt. It does not have to be very far and walking, bicycling and horse riding are all acceptable methods for partaking.

Elizabeth Hannah



BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL HOME PRODUCE AND GARDEN SHOW

Saturday 6th September 2014

I hope your onions are growing well! And now is the time to use your soft fruit to make jams and jellies. Do not forget to remind your children to take a holiday photograph – and also take your own photo of farming life around Bremhill.

Join in the fun of the village show by entering a few classes. And also come along in the afternoon for a cup of tea and admire the prize winning entries. Later on in the afternoon there is the prize giving (4.00pm approx.) and auction (5.00pm approx.). Come and put in a winning bid.

The recipe for the “War time cake” has been decided. It has parsnips and carrots in it and everyone will use the same basic recipe. Make it and enter it and you could win Nancy's plate this year. All the information can be found on the Bremhill Village website (www.bremhill.com) in the Village Hall section or just use the QR code below.

Paper copies of the information are in the porch of the village hall in a folder under the defibrillator or you can ask Rosie, Jennifer, Marilyn or any member of the committee for them.

- Schedule - classes for entry
- Entry form instructions -On the day - Show afternoon
- War time cake recipe - parsnip and carrot cake
- Entry form



Marilyn



TYTHERTON VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

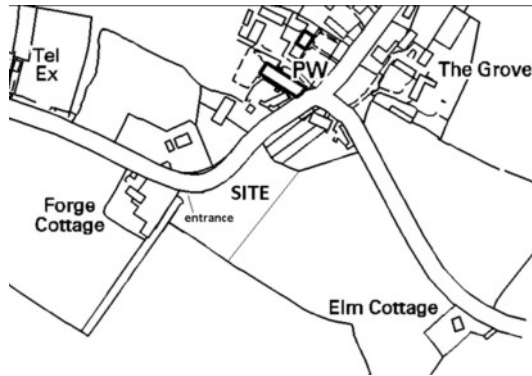
By now it's hopefully well known that the lease for the Tytherton Village Hall is going to expire and that we need to build a new one elsewhere. The first challenge was to find a site, and at the end of last year we were delighted to get confirmation that the Baker Trust is provisionally willing to make some land available for us, shown as 'SITE' on the map.

It's a central site with many neighbours and we have investigated whether it's possible to have the choice of an alternative. However, none is available to us. Instead, we wish to ensure that any hall built on the offered site is a benefit to the nearby residents and that its impact is minimised. In particular, it means we intend to add formal conditions about the use of the new hall: it would not be let out for outside weddings and parties, but reserved for community use by residents of our villages and of the wider parish. Of course, avoiding commercial hire means we need to raise more money ourselves, and fund-raising is the next big challenge. The total cost may exceed £300,000.

In order of decreasing significance, we expect to get funds from donations, grants, and events. Donations could be one-off sums, or a regular payment of a much smaller amount every month over a period of time. Grants are not as generous as they were a few years ago, but some money is still available from companies (such as Hills), trusts, and government schemes. Fund-raising events will be targeted at attracting people – and money – from outside the area, not those locally who are already donating. Of course, we will also still run the usual social events within the Tythertons, but they will be priced just to cover their costs.

The main fund-raising will start when we have a concept design to show what we intend to build. Those who came to our AGM in May, or to the Spring Ball, were able to comment on the initial ideas from three possible architects. We have just interviewed them and by the time this newsletter is published one should have been appointed. As well as providing an outline concept, one of the architect's first tasks will be to create a preliminary site plan for consultation; we would like everyone – especially the immediate neighbours – to be able to help shape the design of our new hall and its setting.

Further information will be available on our website (tythertonhall.co.uk), in future newsletters, and from the 'Tytherton Village Hall' page on Facebook. Or come and talk to a committee member – the village hall bar is open every Friday 8–10pm.



FOXHAM NOTICE BOARD

Foxham sub-post office

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

Foxham Reading Room bookings

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

Foxham Free Library

We have a wide variety of 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.

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CHRISTIAN MALFORD & FOXHAM WI

Thank you to Miss Squires who was the strict Victorian teacher showing us Sevington School during our July visit. The school room was built to hold twenty-five pupils, but by the time she retired in 1913 there were only three pupils on roll. When the school closed, everything was left untouched. We saw how the schoolroom looked in Miss Squire's time along with her desk, pointer and blackboard.

Some of us visited the Abbey Gardens, with the many scented roses and a balcony lunch above the wooded gardens. We also visited Lesley's garden at 'The Vicarage' in Hilmarton. She has created many gardens within her garden with a wonderful array of plant species. So many thanks for giving the gardening club such a special visit.

Our popular walk this month is 15th September so contact Val (740219)

For some excitement we also have canoeing in August. If this interests you then contact Helen (721411) for date and information.

On 18th September we have Jill Cockerton telling us how to have beauty and health without the poisons. She researched the daily bombardment of synthetic (and often untested) chemicals in our daily lives, particularly in cosmetics.

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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A LONE WOMAN IN THE STOCK EXCHANGE

In 1969, I joined Sheppards and Chase, stockbrokers of 140 years' standing - possibly not a logical progression after reading Spanish and French at university, and a leap of faith also for the partnership as they had never employed a woman at executive level before.

Stockbroking in those days bore little relation to "fund management" now. The firm's computer took up a whole room and produced vast quantities of the basic paperwork - contract notes, transfer forms, statements. Every contract note had to be signed by a partner - it was several years before we had a facsimile signature. There were no desk top terminals nor electronic calculators. I shared a cylindrical mechanical calculator called a Curta which was only one step removed from a slide rule!

I arrived in the City towards the end of the Australian mining boom and four years later, in February 1973, the London Stock Exchange admitted women members for the first time. I regret to say this happened at the start of the bear market which lasted until December 1974 and which saw the Stock Market lose 73% of its value. No wonder the members had tried to keep women out! I well remember the three day week working by candlelight.

The advance of technology in stockbroking as elsewhere had its advantages and disadvantages. In the early days, every deal was agreed on the Stock Exchange floor between a jobber and a broker, between whom "My word is my bond". At the time of the next "crash" in 1987, deals were taking place by telephone based on prices on computer screens which could change every second and were highlighted in red and blue. This was not conducive to calm conditions and was liable to cause panic, particularly among those who had never seen a bear market before.

I was offered a partnership in 1976 - a lone woman amongst 38 charming men! I was the only woman partner in the firm's history as it was taken over at the time of Big Bang in 1986.

Hilary Pearson

And now for something a little different ...

The Certainty of Childhood

A teacher is watching her children while they are drawing.

She walks around to see each child's work. As she gets to one little girl who is working diligently, she asks what the drawing is. The girl replies "I'm drawing God".

The teacher pauses and says
"But no one knows what God looks like".

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"They will in a minute".

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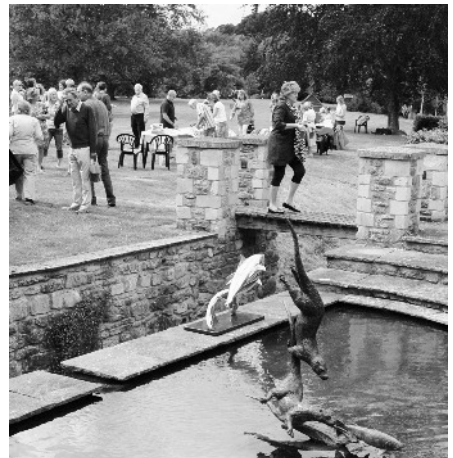
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ART IN THE GARDEN - SUNDAY 13TH JULY

Peter and Jennie Shaw had a very busy weekend hosting three charities over as many days. The Bobby Van Trust on Friday, the Conservatives on Saturday and St Martins Church on Sunday.

On Sunday we had a threat of rain early on in the afternoon but it turned out to be a lovely day. Thank you to all the stall holders, the cake makers, the tea providers, the plant ladies and the artists for making this such a lovely productive afternoon. Very special thanks goes to Peter and Jenny who allowed us to invade their beautiful garden to raise £1,350 for the Church and substantial sums for the other charities.





Hamish Mackie's beautiful sculptures, plants, cake stalls, a 'Disney' quiz trail in the garden, plus paintings, ceramics and jewelry in the house made for a memorable day at Hazeland Mill, not forgetting Tea and Pimms!

CORNISH PASTIES

Ancient chant to remind cooks not to burn the pasty!

*A pasty sat high in a tree chuckling with fiendish glee
Although he knew upon the ground the hungry clan were gathered round
For he were baked in such a heat he were unfit for they to eat
And so he sat there cracking jokes and shouting "time for dinner folks!"*



There are more arguments about how to make a pasty than the number of people who do. This is the way my granny taught me. One particular point, should they be crimped on the top or on the side? Traditionally miners' pasties were done on the side as, having no means to wash their hands, and given the tin, arsenic and other elements handled, meant that if one held them by the crimped side, this bit could be discarded, thus avoiding some nasty side effects.

As we lived in an agricultural region, ours were closed at the top. Short crust or rough puff pastry? Personally I buy puff pastry in blocks from the supermarket as it saves time. Do not buy rump steak as skirting is cheaper and tastes better.

Fine chop one large onion, dice three potatoes and eight ounces (no metric) of beef skirt. Add a little diced swede if to your taste. Season liberally especially with the pepper. Roll out the pastry so that you can cut two dinner plate sized circles and use the offcuts to make a third. Place one third of the vegetable mix in the centre of each and one third of the meat spread over the top of this. This allows the meat flavours to run down on the vegetables.

Brush half the outer with milk, draw the half circles together and crimp to seal. Beat one egg and brush the tops. Place on tray greased with butter and cook at 180 for 50 minutes.

Allow to cool for 10 minutes and do not serve with chips, peas or anything else!

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Sometimes jam was put at one end separated by a pastry barrier but this has never really worked for me!

GOOD LUCK! Any complaints should be sent to the editor - A Cornishman

(Not too sure about that last comment! Ed.)



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JAPANESE EXPERIENCES

We had a week's honeymoon and then did the first year of Sheffield University's Japanese course in one week before joining the second year. We were then sent out to Japan in 1967 and Michael was the only foreigner in the Osaka branch office. For the two and half years he was there, no one spoke a word of English to him.

We lived in a Japanese house. The room dividers were paper screens and the wooden bath tub was sunk into the floor. You had to fill it with cold water, put the lid on and go outside to light the heater. It took an hour to heat up so the whole family uses the same bath water which is why you wash before you get into the bath. There is a drain in the bathroom floor so you pour clean water over yourself before you get in. You take your shoes off before you enter a Japanese house so there is a rack of slippers in the porch.

The first day Michael went off to the office the doorbell rang. A man gave me his business card. As the Chinese symbols used have no alphabet, it takes a long time to find them in a dictionary. On eventually discovering that he was the honourable cesspit emptier I had no idea where the cesspit was or whether it was full or empty.

Japanese gardeners pluck the leaves on their trees. One day when I was breastfeeding our baby, I found a man on a branch staring right at me. The trees used to sway during earthquakes.

When our children were 8 months and two years old, we went skiing and stayed in a Japanese-style hotel. We all slept on the floor in the same room and the children clambered over us all night. There was one large communal bath for women and one for men. We washed before we entered and I clasped the children firmly to me as all the Japanese women stared at us. We had cold rice and seaweed for breakfast.

Michael was transferred to Tokyo and we lived in Yokohama, about 25 miles away, overlooking the port where all the Japanese cars were being exported to the UK and oil pipe lines to Siberia. It was the start of the great economic boom in Japan. Sometimes on the News it announced that the air was too polluted for children to play outside - the price of progress.

Japan does not have street names (with a few exceptions, mostly in the middle of big cities) and houses are numbered by the order in which they were built - so 119 might be next to 44. Each area has its own policeman who directs people to the right place. It is important to befriend him. Luckily he liked my coffee which made that much easier. One time when we were away we were burgled and I had a long lecture from him because I had not told him we were going away, so he could have looked after the house. I bowed deeply and apologized.

Living in Japan made us look at our own country from the outside. The language is not based on Graeco-Roman logic - this again makes one think differently.

Elizabeth and Michael Parlett



GREAT SOMERFORD GUIDES

The summer has continued with outdoor activities. We attended a weekend camp with Guides from around the county at the County campsite near Wroughton. Apart from a thunderstorm on the first night, we had good weather. One evening when we shared activities with Guides from around the county on a Glasgow Commonwealth games theme.

This year Brownies celebrate their centenary and we joined 6000 girls from all sections (including 160 from this area) to celebrate at a big region event at Wincanton. Closer to home, one of our older Guides, Emily, organised a great 'Bring a friend to Guides' party as part of her Baden Powell Challenge. We have had fun building dens in Peter's Wood, courtesy of Sid Jevons. Summer camps at Shipston on Stour and Foxlease loom ahead.

Before the end of term we are having a night of celebrations for Daisy, Alice and Emily for completing their Baden Powell Awards and Louise for completing her Commonwealth Award. Congratulations to them all for hard work and commitment. Gaining these awards is a significant achievement and we are all proud of them.

Gill Shaw

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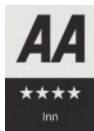
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We open the doors on August Bank Holiday Monday for Bill and Elsbeth to do their annual BBQ for a local charity. It's a great way to catch up with friends and neighbours while raising some money for great causes, so stick the date in your diary and we shall see from noon on Monday August 25th.

We are holding a Japanese Dinner on September 25th. A Seven Course Vegetarian Dinner on October 16th and our Annual Wild Food and Game Dinner November 26th, advanced bookings only.

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REVEREND ANNE WRITES

Dear All

I am writing this on the small island of Madeira. The weather is cloudy and fine - an interesting mix; the people generous and kind. There are micro-climates which mean it can be overcast in one place but just down the road it is sunny and hot. Different climates bring arid land alongside lush, green and tropical hillsides. There is a strip of yellow sanded beach (man-made) alongside the natural black and rocky beach for the locals as well as the visitors to enjoy.

We have journeyed in the cable car to the top of the mountain. We looked down upon mixed housing, whether large or small it was either well maintained or poorly maintained. All mixed together on the hillside in close proximity to one another.

The poor and the wealthy live alongside one another and the crime rate is virtually non-existent. The outboard motors left hooked to the tiny boats they propel are testament to the community of trust that prevails.

The restaurants are relaxed and friendly - service is with a generous smile. Nothing is too much trouble and yet quiet, relaxed and efficient.

There is little animal life on the island - it takes time to spot a cow, a goat, a cat, a dog! There are no acres of cereal or plants growing commercially. Most food appears to be being grown for personal use; much is imported. Much effort is concentrated on the practical creation of road infrastructure through and around the mountainous island.

Work is undertaken quietly and efficiently. Yes, modern gadgets exist, phones and tablets included - but they are tools, not life-givers.

I cannot help but wonder how this fine marriage between modern living and traditional God given values could be reintroduced into our own beloved country, bringing peace, life and refreshment to all!

With love
Ann

LOCAL CHURCH INFORMATION

ST NICHOLAS, TYTHERTON LUCAS

3 rd August	Morning Service	10am	(MG)
10 th August	Eucharist	8.30am	(JS)
17 th August	Mattins	10am	(ES)
24 ^h August	Eucharist	8.30am	(BP)
31 st August	Evensong	6.30pm	(MG)
7 th September	Morning Service	10am	(SG)



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3 rd August	9.30am	A Glass
7 th after Trinity	Holy Communion	Romans 9: 1-5
10 th August	9.30am	E Hannah
8 th after Trinity	Family Service	Matthew 14: 22-33
17 th August	9.30am	M Kellond
9 th after Trinity	Holy Communion	Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32
24 th August	6pm	R Pegler
10 th after Trinity	Evensong	Exodus 1: 8-2:10 Matthew 16: 13-20
31 st August	11am	D Scott
11 th after Trinity	Holy Communion	Romans 12: 9-end
UNITED BENEFICE		
ALL WELCOME with refreshments to follow		
7th September	9.30am	D Wilton
12 th after Trinity	Holy Communion	Romans 13: 8-end



For any information (Weddings, Funerals, Christenings and Special services)

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	Service	Sidesmen	Readers
3 rd August Trinity 7	8am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong	J Scott L Jones & K Webb	Genesis 32: 22-31 Tamsi Castle Matthew 14: 13-21 Mark Kyte
10 th August Trinity 8	11am Holy Communion	D Kyte & A Woods	Romans 10: 13-21 Francis Pearson
17 th August Trinity 9	6pm Evensong	B Rawlings & P Rawlings	Genesis 45: 1-15 Arnold Woods Matthew 15: 21-28 Keith Blackmore
24 th August Trinity 10	9.30am Family Service	Children	Matthew 16: 13-20 A Young Person
31 st August Trinity 11	United Service at St John the Baptist, Foxham at 11 am		
7 th September Trinity 12	8am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong		Exodus 12: 1-14 Nicol Jordan Matthew 18: 15-20 Nancy Kyte

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

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