

BREMHILL, FOXHAM, THE TYTHERTONS AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

July 2015

The Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 12th July Carole's Big Breakfast, Bremhill Village Hall.
- 17th July Rural Arts (Bremhill), Crunchy 'n' Sweet
- 9th August Charity Breakfast for Meningitis Research, Bremhill
- 5th Sept Village Show, Bremhill Hall
- 19th Sept Foxham Horse and Dog Show



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EDITORIAL - "TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE"

I spoke to a friend this morning who told me that he was just about to take some honey off his bees, probably 20 pounds in weight. As a very small apiarist myself with only one active hive and one rather dodgy one, this set me thinking about why I started keeping bees. Honey is one of the only foods that I do not like so it seems a rather odd retirement hobby to be chose. However, I do find them fascinating. They have been around longer than Homo Sapiens but the parallels are uncanny. The boss is the Queen who lays the eggs but gets booted out when she is worn out and is being superseded - the swarm. The "workers" are all female. They look after the Queen, make the comb, collect the nectar and protect the hive. The males (drones) have one function, to fertilise the Queen at the beginning of her reign. Thereafter, they lose interest and sit around doing very little. They have been described like adolescent males sitting in front of their game players!

On a more serious note, bees have a very ordered society which is efficient, cohesive and protective. They also are vital in the ecology of the world assisting in the fertilisation of plants. Without them the animal kingdom would struggle to survive and the world would not be the beautiful place it is. Like bees, we have our place in society whether it be in the world, our country or the Parish of Bremhill.

If I were to be so bold as to answer the Bard's question that Hamlet posed. Definitely to bee, not, not to bee!

Have a lovely summer and be sure to plant some bee friendly plants....if only, to boost my honey production!

David Stevens

Please send us news or an article on anything you like and send it to editor@bremhill.com by 13th of the month. If in doubt, feel free to contact the Editors either on this email or by telephone: David on 01249 815337 or Ewen on 01249 821879.

Do you have something to sell or wish to announce a birth, christening, engagement, marriage, anniversary or death do let us have the details.

SPECIAL NOTICES

A Summer Evening BBQ

Friday 17th July at East Tytherton Village Hall

From 6.00 pm onwards. Entry free: bar open – ‘pay as you go’

BREMHILL PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 5th September

I expect your plans are well underway for the show. The forms that you need to enter the show and the checklist for entering are being sent out by e mail. They will also be on the website nearer the date: www.bremhill.com/village-hall/village-show

There will be paper copies in the porch of the village hall. If you have problems getting either a schedule or entry form contact Marilyn 01249 661369 or Rosie 01249 813642.

CAROLE'S BIG BREAKFAST

Carole is holding her Big Breakfast on Sunday 12th July 8 am to 11.30 am in Bremhill Village Hall in aid of the North Wilts Holiday Club.

CALLING ALL SKITTLES PLAYERS

You are wanted on Friday nights from September to April. Home alley is Tytherton Village Hall

*Contact Mark Kyte
01249 822031*

TYTHERTON VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY DRINKS

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Chris Laurence

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH 100 CLUB WINNERS

Alec Deighton won the first prize of £40 and Alec Stevens (fix, did I hear you cry!) won the second prize of £24 in May.

Linda Sankey won the first prize of £40 and John Summers won the second prize of £24 in July. Well done to them.

David Stevens

CHARITY BBQ - FOXHAM

Dave, Debbie, Nick & Fay would like to thank everyone who attended the BBQ held at The Foxham Inn on Bank Holiday Monday. The weather was kind to us and with your help we managed to raise a total of £778.37 which has been donated to The Wiltshire Air Ambulance and 2 Upon a Star.

A special thanks also goes to Sarah & Neil at The Foxham Inn. We hope to see you all again next year!

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Richard and Caroline Dutton will be hosting a charity breakfast in aid of The Meningitis Research Foundation at the Long Barn, Bremhill on Sunday 9 August between 9.30 am and 11 am. We will provide bacon and sausage baps, tea, coffee and/or orange juice and would ask in return that you make a donation to the charity. For catering purposes, please could you let us know if you are able to join us by Sunday 26 July. Email: carolinedutton@gmail.com or tel: 07734887065.

We look forward to seeing you.

A REQUEST FROM THE BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL

We may have used your e mail to send you information about Rural Arts events and the Bremhill Produce Show in the past. Sometimes the Bremhill Village Hall committee would like to contact you by email about other events in the village. If you do not want to be contacted in this way, please do let me know. And if there are other people whom you know that would like to be included please also let me know.

Marilyn

BREMFFEST

30th August at the Dumb Post

Come to the Dumb Post Bremffest for this family event in aid of the Bobby Van Trust and Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Bands playing will be Limited Edition, Strictly Dan, The Stableyard Jazz Band, The Blues Breakout, McMahon, Benji & Hibbz, Terry Franks and Nathan Jones & his All Stars Jazz Band.

Starts at 12.00 with a BBQ and a hog roast and continues throughout the day. Tickets: Adults £10, Children £5 - available at the Dumb Post bar or from terryfranks.com

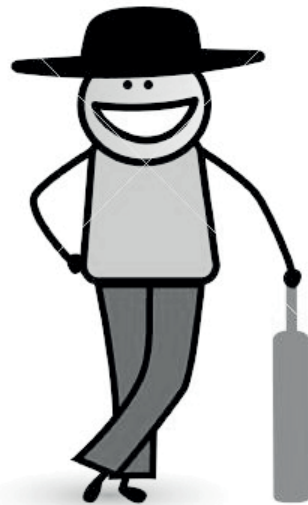
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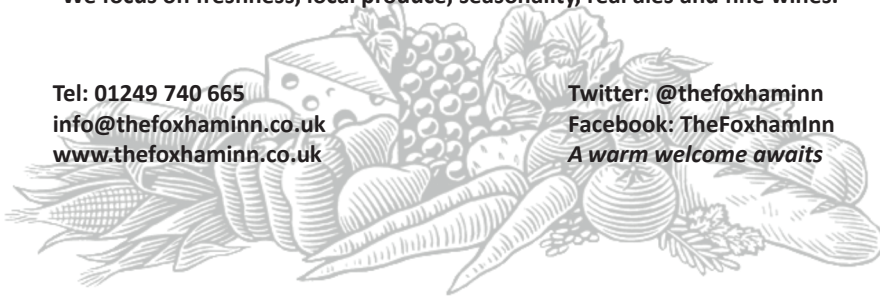
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Rural Crime

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Speed Enforcement

Once again we try to keep the speeds down in our rural areas and on 12th June a day's speed checks were completed at the following locations. East Tytherton: 1 endorsable ticket issued along with 3 penalty points to a driver who ignored the 30mph limit, in driving at 42 mph. 5 drivers were stopped and offered words of advice for driving slightly over the limit. Cherhill: 9 endorsable tickets were issued to drivers for excess speed ranging from 52 to 65 mph and each carry the obligatory 3 penalty points. Words of Advice were given to 7 other drivers.

Hazeland Mill

Concerns have been raised regarding the use of the car park at Hazeland, Bremhill. An enormous amount of litter is being left and there are reports of drug use. The jointly funded CCTV van has been deployed at this site as one of the initiatives being used to combat this problem. If you see anything suspicious at this location please call 101.



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*WPC 319 Sonya Stockhill
Community Beat Manager - Rural Calne NPT*

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CHRISTIAN MALFORD AND FOXHAM WI



Well, what a month June was.... two of our ladies, Glenna Chamberlain and Susie Barrington, were among the thousands who went to the Buckingham Palace Gardens for the WI Centenary Celebrations. It was a very memorable experience, especially as Susie had a 'chat' and a hand shake with the Duchess of Cornwall. A couple of days later, a smiling Jenny Johnson was filmed on national lunchtime TV news at the Royal Albert Hall WI AGM which was attended by Her Majesty the Queen and other royalty!

Gillian Hinton and Tina May 'manned a stall for the Toby Buckland Garden Festival at Bowood for two days. Many thanks to all those of you who baked cakes for the event. We also need so much help on July 4th on our stall for the Christian Malford village fete. We need cakes please. Partners are welcome to help too!

We had a very interesting meeting with Andrew Manning, who enlightened us about the Ridgeway Iron Age settlement that has been unearthed near us. Zoe Foreman will be joining us for our 16th July meeting starting at 7.30 in the Christian Malford village hall. Zoe was a Games Maker at the Royal Artillery Barracks for shooting, helping to make the 2012 Olympic Games happen. She will talk to us about the Olympics from behind the scenes, and after that, how her experience led her to do volunteer work with a local neighbourhood policing team. She is now a special constable for the county and community.

Please remember that we welcome any new ladies. Come and join us, and make new friends. All our information and club activities can be found on the notice board outside the Christian Malford village shop.

Contact Jenny 01249 740950

FOXHAM HORSE SHOW

September 19th 2015

Preparations for this year's event are well under way. Competition includes: nine rings of equestrian classes, show jumping, dressage, showing, gymkhana, combined training and carriage driving. Last year over 300 horses entered the show. We hope to see everyone back this year and hopefully some new ones.

The dog show has ten events and, back by popular demand, the dog agility. Inspired by a recent television programme we have added a new class, 'Foxham's got talent'. Does your dog dance? This class will be judged and a prize for the Spectators Choice! Also, encouraged by the success of the flower and produce events in Bremhill and Christian Malford, there will be a Flower, Vegetable, photography and Arts and Crafts competition.

Mindful of our farming community, we are delighted that our local Young Farmers are joining us at the show. There will be an inter Young Farmers Club Tug of War and weather permitting, an opportunity to have a go at archery.

The Foxham Horse Show Café has a range of sandwiches, snacks and delicious cakes to enjoy with hot or cold drinks, and the popular BBQ will be available all day. Next door are Trade Stands, with tack, accessories for your dog, jewellery, plants, art and local business stands. Our raffle has tremendous prizes available, including four tickets to the Olympia horse show, a four ball at Bowood, jump wings, beauty treatments and more great prizes.

The proceeds from the show will benefit Foxham Church, the Foxham Reading Room, Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Dorothy House Hospice, RABI (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, The Dogs Trust, Greatwood (caring for retired race horses) and Practical Action (an International development charity).

The show would not be possible without the huge support of all of our volunteers, sponsors and helpers. We always need more help, so please let us know if you are able to assist. Visit our web site www.foxhamhorshow.com and follow us on Facebook. We very much look forward to seeing you at the show.

Michelle Hanson 07831100440

RIDE AND STRIDE

"Ride and Stride" takes place in early September. This is a way of fund raising for your church. As the name suggests you are asked to "Ride" (a bicycle or a horse) or "Stride" (walk) and while doing this, visit as many churches as you can on your route.

To raise the funds, you need sponsor forms to encourage your friends and acquaintances to sponsor you for the number of churches that you visit. Obviously those on bicycles or horses have an advantage over those on foot, but no one says you have to start from your own church. If walking, then you can start from a place where there are more churches in fairly close proximity.

We have had one person from the village taking part in the Ride and Stride. He used his bicycle and raised a lot of money as he visited over 30 churches on the day. This year I am hoping that someone else will take on the challenge.

It seems that churches always need money. To see what the money is used for is shown on a document in the back of the Foxham Church. Currently we are hoping to get a water supply to the church. This would enable us to think about having a toilet installed outside, and inside the church to have water available so we could make drinks, thus opening the church to a wider range of uses. At the moment, this is just a project as a lot of money will be needed but in this day and age such things are necessary for those people travelling long distances to weddings, funerals, and baptisms, and to enable more use to be made of the church and our lovely organ for concerts and other musical events.

I have the sponsor forms and information about the churches taking part. If you think you, or a member of your family, could take part, then please contact me on 01249 740619 or email efehannah@hotmail.co.uk.

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Tickets £6.00 from the Information Office or on the door.

Also showing in the same week... CINDERELLA (U).

This is not an animated version, but directed by Kenneth Branagh and uses actors as in all other films. It is very good and can be enjoyed by all ages with Cate Blanchett as the stepmother and Helena Bonham-Carter as the Fairy Godmother.

Showing in the Town Hall on Sun 26th July at 4.00 pm. Doors open at 3.30 pm. Refreshments available.

Tickets £6.00 adult. £3.00 Children (15 or under) from the Information Office or on the door. All children under 12 to be accompanied by an adult.

CALNE CHORAL

Come and support those of your parishioners singing in the summer concert 'Maidens, Majors and Mayhem'. The concert features the music of Gilbert and Sullivan and will be a relaxed and fun evening. There will be a complete concert version of 'Trial by Jury' plus extracts from many other favourite operas.

11th July at 7.30 at St. Mary's School, Calne.

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COURGETTE LOAF CAKE

- Butter (for tin)
- 2 large eggs
- 125ml vegetable oil
- 85g soft brown sugar
- 350g courgettes, coarsely grated
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 300g plain flour
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 85g walnuts, roughly chopped
- 140g sultanas

METHOD

1. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4.
2. Butter and line a 2lb tin with baking parchment.
3. In a large bowl whisk the eggs, oil and sugar.
4. Add the courgettes and vanilla.
5. In another bowl combine the rest of the ingredients with a pinch of salt.
6. Stir the dry ingredients into the wet mixture and then pour into the tin.
7. Bake for one hour. A skewer inserted into the centre should come out clean.
8. Leave to cool.

If needed this cake can be frozen for one month.

THE FOXHAM FLOWER, VEGETABLE, ARTS AND CRAFTS COMPETITION

At the Foxham Horse and Dog Show on 19th September

It is astonishing that so many people in our Parish have great talent that few others know about. There are gardens with flowers in abundance and produce that would grace any table. But who has seen any flower, fruit or vegetable so carefully grown? We have amateur photographers, cooks and creators of arts and crafts who also deserve recognition. It became clear to us last year that the Foxham Horse and Dog Show should include a Flower, Vegetable, Cookery, and Arts and Crafts Competition open to all Parishioners, family, friends and anyone else. So what's in it for you?

Fun for you and your family, friends and others with a demonstration of hobbies, experience and skill and the opportunity to make new friends who have similar interests. Come and show your commitment to our community. Win prizes - children's classes for those under 10 years free. Most importantly – help to raise funds for Charity.

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The Croutons will be performing Crunchy 'n' Sweet on Friday, 17th July, 2015.

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Doors and bar open 7 pm, performance 7-30 pm

Tickets adults £7 Children £4.50

Please, please could you let Rosie or myself know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you would like to have tickets. We are both a bit "here and there" over the next five weeks. Please email or phone either of us to reserve your tickets.

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SMALL THOUGHTS FROM A LARGE CLERGYMAN

A few days ago I came across a folder containing some of the course work, mostly essays, from my time at Theological College. It made interesting reading - not particularly good theology - but interesting. Thirty years on it gave me an insight into my thinking at the time, not just about religion or church but about life itself. And perhaps the most revealing, most surprising thing about it was that I come over as super confident and quite blasé about my ambition to be a priest. This confidence has to be set against the fear, almost panic, that I had felt when those first tentative thoughts of ministry came into my mind - thoughts that I, for much of my adult life a declared atheist, had a vocation for religious training and all that that entailed - particularly the upheaval in the lives not just of me but my whole family. Not to mention some very surprised friends! But should I have been surprised?

God makes us what we are, as we are and therefore He knows our weaknesses and He knows our possibilities. He knows the farthest limits of the range of human spirit; therefore God expects great things from us. This disturbs us sometimes when intimations of it come to us. We do not feel ourselves to be great. We are not very strong. We are not very wise - and God knows we are not very good. And when in life we encounter the choices that demand great response from us, our first answer is likely to be one of fear!

We were not meant to be strong like this. We want to retreat into comfortable mediocrity, where there is safety in numbers! But God isn't content with this, because He knows what it's like to be human. He made us - indeed in Christ He came inside our humanity and knows it...the texture of it....the sweetness of it.... the ache of it....the pain of it.....from inside. Therefore He continues to expect as well as to understand.

I still don't understand why it happened to me - but I thank God that it did!
God Bless You

God Bless you.

Jim Scott

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Sunday 5 July 5 th after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion	D. Scott 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
Sunday 12 July 6 th after Trinity	9.30am Family Service	D. Wilton Mark 6: 14-29
Sunday 19 July 7 th after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion	A. Glass Ephesians 2: 11-end
Sunday 26 July 8 th after Trinity	6pm Evensong	E. Hannah Samuel 11: 1-15, John 6: 1-21
Sunday 2 August 9 th after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion	M. Kellond Ephesians 4: 1-16



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Sunday 5 th July	Morning Service	10 am	Bryan Pettifer
Sunday 12 th July	Eucharist	8.30 am	Jim Scott
Sunday 19 th July	Mattins	10 am	Derek Copeland
Sunday 26 th July	Eucharist	8.30 am	Rod Key
Sunday 2 nd August	Morning Service	10 am	Margaret Gubbins

We would like to say a big thank you to all the Ride Committee for another successful Fun Ride. As recipients of the share of the profits we are once again very grateful indeed for the cheque we received.

We held a most enjoyable Sunday lunch in Bosmere Barn with thirty seven people present. The food was prepared and donated by Elizabeth Sexton, Petrina Drewett, Robbie Toomey, Pat Holtham and myself. The event raised £303. We are grateful to Ian and Jane James for the use of their lovely barn which is very conducive to such events.

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Sunday 12 th July Trinity 6	11 Holy Communion	P Rawlings & B Rawlings	Ephesians 1: 3-14 William Wyldbore Smith
Sunday 19 th July Trinity 7	6 pm Evensong	A Woods & K Blackmore	2 Samuel 7: 1-14 Jane Jordan Mark 6: 30-34 & 53-end Beryl Wells
Sunday 26 th July Trinity 8	9.30 Family Service	Children	John 6: 1-21 & Ephesians 3: 14-21 A young person
Sunday 2 nd August Trinity 9	8 Holy Communion 6 Evensong	Mark Kyte K Webb & June Hughes	2 Samuel 11:26-end, &Chap 12: 1-13a Mark Kyte John 5: 24-35 June Hughes

The next PCC Meeting is on Tuesday 22nd July at 7.30 pm at Thimble Hall, Hazeland, Bremhill.

Many thanks to those who mow the Churchyard. It looks really lovely in this beautiful spring weather. It is hard work and we all appreciate your efforts. Volunteers still wanted to trim and share the work!

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, 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

DEVIZES MOBILE LIBRARY calls at Naish House Farm, Spirthill, on every other Monday afternoon at 2 pm - 2.30 pm -- three days in July - 13th and 27th.

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

Born in Dublin, Ireland, on June 13, 1865, William Butler Yeats was the son of a well-known Irish painter, John Butler Yeats. He spent his childhood in County Sligo and in London, but returned to Dublin at the age of fifteen.

When walking in the bustle of the big city, Yeats often longed for the peace on this uninhabited Island and for us today it has a resonance as the noise and speed of our present modern life can lead us to look for a similar peace. I think this is a beautiful poem which evokes the stillness and calm of the countryside.

THE LAKE ISLE OF INNISFREE (PUBL.1890)

W. B. Yeats, 1865 - 1939

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made:
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee;
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.
And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,
And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

Ewen

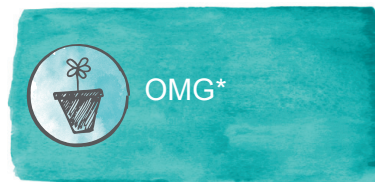
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