



BREMILL, FOXHAM, THE TYTHERTONS AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

June 2015

# The Newsletter

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 6<sup>th</sup> June Clay Pigeon Shoot, Wroughton
- 8<sup>th</sup> June Art Exhibition, Foxham Inn, 6 - 9 pm.
- 19<sup>th</sup> June A Sangria and Tapas Evening - Tytherton Hall
- 21<sup>st</sup> June Bowood Dog Show
- 24<sup>th</sup> June Moviola, 'Elsa and Fred'.
- 12<sup>th</sup> July Carole's Big Breakfast, Bremhill Village Hall.
- 17<sup>th</sup> July Rural Arts (Bremhill), Crunchy 'n' Sweet
- 9<sup>th</sup> August Charity Breakfast for Meningitis Research, Bremhill
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sept Village Show, Bremhill Hall
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sept Foxham Horse and Dog Show



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## EDITORIAL

Midsummer! The month of June, named after Juno, goddess of youthful energy, rejuvenation and the waxing moon. I have to admit I have none of the first, would like some of the second, but often feel I am left with the third!! Still, we now have perfect young summer when we can perhaps sit in the sun and contemplate the exciting moments of the previous month.

The general election has delivered its verdict and we wait to see what the long-term outcomes will be, but whatever our convictions, the important democratic element was the participation of the electorate – and North Wilts had a turn-out above the national average. However, our participation in local matters is equally important and the Parish Council has been working hard to deliver the Neighbourhood Plan which will affect us over the next decade. The Plan paints an accurate picture of life in the Parish and will enable our Council to direct more efficiently its efforts to guide, improve and develop our area, not just with housing but also across all aspects of Parish life. You are urged, therefore, to take the opportunity to review the Plan when it is available in the village halls, pubs and online later this month and to make any further comments. This is our future and our opinions will be valued.

So, midsummer madness – defined as a temporary lapse into foolishness or folly. Fires were often lit on Midsummer's Eve and an early description of festivities in Germany stated there 'was winebibbing, dancing about a fire and leaping over the same'! I'm all for the winebibbing, not sure about the others, but June does conjure up a nostalgic view of balmy days in the country. Enjoy the month. Mind you, it's raining at the moment!

*Ewen Bird  
Co-editor*

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## **SPECIAL NOTICES**

### **HELP/INFORMATION WANTED**

The Bremhill and District Roll of Honour in our local churches contains the names of over 100 local parishioners who served in the armed forces in the European war (WW1). At some stage in the last 100 years since WW1, a handwritten paper name has been added to the bottom of the plaque in St Martin's. Unfortunately, despite many attempts, it is unreadable. Does anybody know whose name was added ? The information is required for a possible later article on those who served in the parish.

The second request is for photographs of any of these local people in WW1 uniform that could be borrowed and scanned. Possibly a good opportunity to sort out the loft !! If you have any information, please contact [editor@bremhill.com](mailto:editor@bremhill.com) . Many thanks for any help.



### **RICHARD AND CAROLINE'S CHARITY BREAKFAST**

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<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> July. Email: [carolinedutton@gmail.com](mailto:carolinedutton@gmail.com) or tel: 07734887065.

We look forward to seeing you.



### **FAMILY THANKS**

Elizabeth Kinch and all her family wish to thank all the people who attended Bob's Thanksgiving Service at St John the Baptist Church, Foxham, and who contributed to the collection in his memory. From this collection, the Cardiology unit at the RUH Bath, where Bob died, benefitted by over £500 and St John the Baptist Church, where he worshipped, by over £550. Elizabeth and her family are assured that the money will be used by both to good effect.





## **REMEMBER, REMEMBER! - BOWOOD DOG SHOW**

The 10<sup>th</sup> and final Show will take place at Bowood on 21<sup>st</sup> June, from 10.00 - 5.00, raising funds for charities serving the people of Wiltshire. So come and support the Bremhill Ladies' Tea-tent, visit the Bake it Big show with celebrity chefs and bakers, enjoy dance demonstrations and the many other attractions for young and old (racing pigs and terriers, falconry, dog display team) and, of course, participate in the Dog Show with family and fun classes as well as those for pedigree dogs.

Admission: £10 adults; children (2-6) £5, under two, free; reduced price advance tickets available on website - [www.bowooddogshow.org](http://www.bowooddogshow.org) (until June 8<sup>th</sup>); dogs - free!



## **FAMILY MATTERS**

The editors would like to offer to families in the Parish the opportunity of making an announcement in the Newsletter, if they so wish, of any birth, christening, marriage or death. The text should be sent to [editor@bremhill.com](mailto:editor@bremhill.com) by 13<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please don't hesitate to contact either of the editors should you have a query about this or would like help with text or lay-out.



## **CAROLE'S BIG BREAKFAST**

Carole is holding her Big Breakfast in aid of the North Wilts Holiday Club on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July in Bremhill Village Hall.



## **TOWN HALL MOVIOLA**

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## MIDSUMMER SANGRIA AND TAPAS

After a busy week, unwind on a midsummer Friday evening by coming to a 'Spanish Sangria and Tapas Evening' in Tytherton Village Hall on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm. Enjoy a wide range of delicious tapas accompanied by Spanish Sangria to drink (the bar will also be open). Tickets are £10 each - to book contact Sheila on 07719 176753 or email sheila.a.laurence@gmail.com



## BREMHILL COFFEE MORNINGS

Bremhill 'Coffee and Cake Friday' is closed now for the summer. We have raised £300 which will be donated to the doorway charity. We look forward to seeing you again in the autumn

*Hillary and June*



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## **TYTHERTON WI**

We have been very aware of the generations of members in our last 2 meetings. In March we balloted for a member to send to Buckingham Palace Garden Party in June and the name pulled out of the hat was



Lois Gulwell, our youngest member. Lois is the great grand-daughter of one of our founder-members, and the grand-daughter of life-long member Joan Archard of Tytherton, who sadly died three years ago. Lois' mother, Lynda Gulwell, is also a prominent member of our group. Lois is really looking forward to her outing in June to London !

At our April meeting, we celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Tytherton resident Margaret Smith, mother of Jane Green, our vice-president and grandmother of Rachel Green, who designed and made our banner for the centenary celebrations. Margaret made and brought along her birthday cake to the meeting, which was enjoyed by all! Following our speaker, who gave a demonstration on 'Planting up Pots for the Patio', Margaret was presented with a beautiful yellow rose in a large pot, which we hope she will enjoy for many years. At our next meeting we will have a talk on 'Volunteering in Ghana' by Sarah Gardner and in June we are looking forward to a visit to Sevington Victorian School.

## **Skittles Evening**

The skittles evening held on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, was a great success and raised £275 for St John the Baptist Church, Foxham. Twelve teams of 4 persons took part and after 2 rounds of skittles, the final was between two teams: the Caretakers and the Smiths. This was an exciting finish and was decided by the last ball, the Caretakers being the winners.

Thanks to all the people who made the evening possible: Jan and Dianne in the kitchen; Giselle, Mireille and Phoebe who worked hard at retrieving and positioning the skittles; Chris Minty who helped me and made sure I knew what was necessary for the evening; the people who donated raffle prizes and others who helped behind the scenes. I have been asked to do it again as it was such fun, so I hope to arrange another evening in October. Watch this space!

Elizabeth Hannah





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### **Rural Crime**

Further reports this month of crime committed in the Rural Area include an overnight burglary at Ratford on 6<sup>th</sup> May. During the afternoon of 6<sup>th</sup> May, a child's Nemesis bike was ridden off by a male who took it from a private garage. At Cherhill White Horse lay-by, a handbag and contents were stolen from a parked car during the afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> May. Please be mindful that the rural areas of Wiltshire are currently suffering a spate of thefts and burglaries, so try to put extra security on outer buildings, as the burglaries shown here have all occurred in outer buildings. Outside lights are always a good deterrent.

### **Fraud involving Fishmongers**

Please can I make you aware of Fishmongers who are travelling Wiltshire and the Calne area in an unmarked white van. They are fraudulent and there have been reports of them targeting the elderly by getting them to buy fish and pay by card. Then, instead of a person believing they are paying £3.50, they take £350! The banks are aware of the scam, but if you see anything suspicious, then please report it on either 101 or 999. We are increasing our patrols and working with intelligence from trading standards to target these individuals.

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*WPC 319 Sonya Stockhill  
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## THE FOXHAM INN NEWS

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Come along and support this local artist and who knows, you may even like them so much you might want to purchase one or two!!

Refreshments and Canapés will be served on the evening and we hope to see you then. If anyone else would be interested in displaying their Art or Crafts or fancies holding an exhibition in our light and airy restaurant, then talk to Neil or Sarah at The Foxham Inn

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## ACORNS NEWS

We were delighted to start the summer term with our newest member of the team, Laura Sidhu. We are now the proud owners of a stage! It has been build under the covered area outside, so useful in all weathers and, using the children's interest in dressing up and acting, we very much look forward to seeing their confidence and talents develop. In early May, we held a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' themed open morning, the perfect opportunity to show off what a fabulous setting Acorns has and to talk to prospective parents about what we can offer pre-school children. Once again we will be supporting Barnardo's in their annual charity fundraiser, The Big Toddle, the biggest fundraising event for vulnerable under-5s in the UK. The Acorns 'Big Toddle' will take place on the last day of this half-term and has the added excitement of having a Pirate theme, ooo arrrrrh! Many thanks to everyone who helped out at the Scarecrow Trail in March, our most successful to date, with the weekend raising in excess of £4,000.00 which has been split between the school and Acorns. The toddler group continues to run on a Friday morning In Christian Malford Village Hall, from 9.45am to 11.45am, all welcome.



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## **CHRISTIAN MALFORD & FOXHAM WI**

Andrew Manning from Wessex Archaeology is coming to our meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June in Christian Malford Village hall at 7.30 pm. An Iron Age settlement has very recently been unearthed at a Swindon building site. He is the senior project manager, and has first-hand knowledge about the discoveries found on this Ridgeway farm land. We will be handling some of the discovered finds.

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

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## **TYTHERTON FUN RIDE - A RIDER'S PERSPECTIVE**

We set out as a group of seven from the Pewsey Vale Riding Centre, proclaimed as the 'Magnificent Seven', at the 'starting blocks' at Bremhill Field Farm! We regularly ride on the Marlborough Downs, an area of outstanding natural beauty, and it was very pleasing to hear how much our group were enjoying riding in Bremhill Parish with all it had to offer; a warm welcome, beautiful views and rolling fields with the village of Bremhill set on the hillside in the distance. All in all a wonderful and enjoyable day out.

So thank you to those who made their land available for the ride, and to the volunteers who marked the path, set up the marquee, provided a friendly welcome and much needed biscuits and refreshments and to the Monument Farm Shop for lunch. Thanks also to the many others involved behind the scenes in making the day possible and to those who set up the course and jumps for the day. We look forward to next year and hope that the weather will be kind to us again.

*Siobhan & Marc Thompson*







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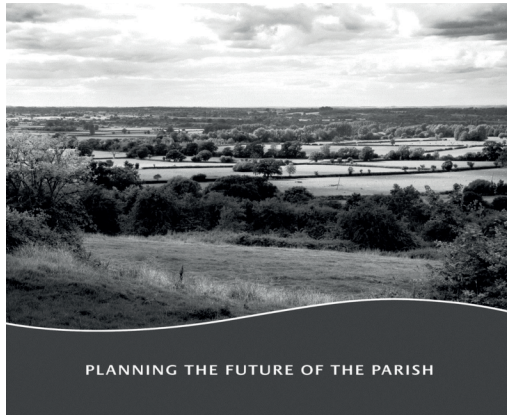
The Neighbourhood Plan, developed from the original questionnaire sent to all households in the Parish, sets out development within our area over the next fifteen years and has considered a wide range of important aspects affecting local life. There has been good feedback from the presentations, and the Steering Group continues to add to the plan.

During the past two years, the Steering Group of the Bremhill Parish Council has been investigating mobility and public transport within the area, but with a concern, too, about increasing traffic and speeds on our narrow roads. In addition, they have investigated flooding, access to open spaces, employment opportunities within the Parish and plans for renewable energy. How best to protect the historical environment and the range of possible leisure activities have also been examined.

Good work continues by the group looking at the high-speed fibre broadband, or lack of it, according to many of your comments. Your help in forwarding details of performance across the parish will provide a benchmark to move into the future, with hopefully some improvements, once BT gets all the connectivity.

Parishioners expressed most concern about the conservation of green spaces and wild life, and worried about the two local towns encroaching on our area from both west and east with new housing developments. The Steering Group has met with the directors of Chippenham 2020 to discuss their intention to build executive homes along the bank of the river Marden, and then back towards Chippenham. A relatively high bridge will be put across the River Avon, spanning some 500 metres from the north side to the south side. The parish has delivered a clear mandate, as 90% of you responded to the exit survey at the presentations that you want to see green space between our villages and towns. The parish council discussed invitations to meet further with Chippenham 2020 at the May meeting.





The questionnaire showed that there was support for a degree of mixed housing development across the Parish. This section has now been completed, and all the proposed sites have been visited and assessed. It appears that the Hatts site at Foxham has been sold and may remain as a commercial site.

The Steering Group continues to work on our behalf producing the first draft for review by the parish which will be a sizeable document, based on the evidence of the questionnaire. **It will be delivered later in June for review, and will be available in the two public houses, village halls and on line at [bremhillparish.org](http://bremhillparish.org).** The exact date of its appearance will be published on the web-site and Parish noticeboards. Anyone who does not have a computer, or is unable to get out to review the plan, please contact your ward parish councillor. The consultation will be for 6 weeks. The Plan will then go to Chippenham Council for review for 6 weeks. This 6-week period will be very important, and we welcome any feedback so that we can fine-tune the draft before it goes to the County Council. Preliminary talks have already been held with Wiltshire Council and developers.

Your views have informed the Parish Council on how many in the parish work, how many of you appreciate the countryside, the village halls, and the two public houses. The Plan will be a true representative document of the way of life in Bremhill parish in the 21st century. Please consider it carefully as it is your future.

*Ian James  
Chairman Bremhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.*





# BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL PRODUCE SHOW

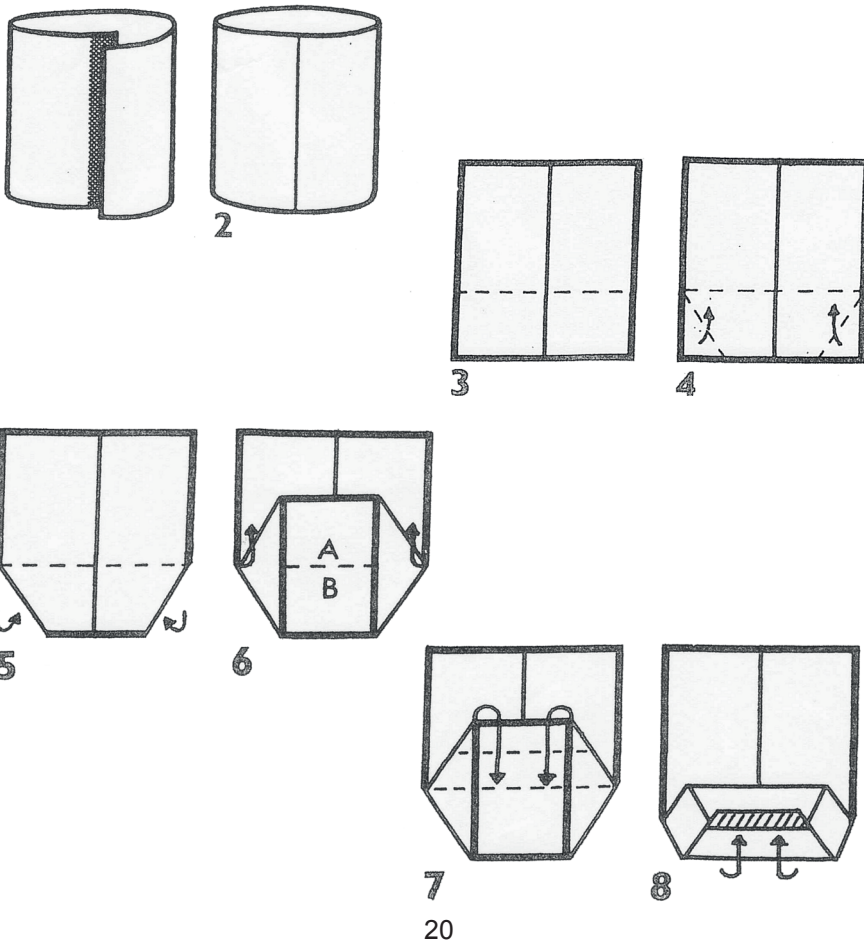
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015

A Carrier bag made from paper .... Have you tried to make yours yet?

The diagrams below show one way to make a bag but there are many other ways to do it. Add a handle to the bag maybe?

We hope both children and adults will enter. It is very easy. Choose any sort of paper - wallpaper, wrapping paper, newspaper etc. Make it creative. It can be any size.

You might not want to make a carrier bag this way but this is to show just one way of how it might be done.





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## COCONUT, CHERRY AND CHOC WHEAT-FREE TRAY BAKE

There are lots of recipes for wheat-free tray bakes, so this is just to give an idea. Prep time: 10 minutes Cooking time 20 minutes. Makes 16 slices.

### Ingredients:

- 200 g desiccated coconut
- 85 g castor sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 200 g white chocolate, chopped up
- 85g glace cherries, cut in half

### Method:

- Heat oven to 180 C /160C fan/gas 4
- Line 20x30 cm baking tray with baking parchment.
- Mix until well combined the desiccated coconut, sugar, eggs, white chocolate and glace cherries in a large bowl.
- Put in the baking tray.
- Cook for 20 minutes until golden brown and set.
- Cool in the tin before slicing into bars.



## SCHEDULES FOR THE BREMHILL SHOW

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. You can also use this QR code.



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In Memory of

**PRIVATE OLIVER ARTHUR HENLY**

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Wiltshire Regiment 18210

Born 1892 at East Tytherton

Died 15<sup>th</sup> June 1915 at Givenchy, France. 23 years of age.

Oliver was born in 1892 to 19 year-old Fanny Henly at East Tytherton. Prior to this in 1891 Fanny had for a short time been working in a guest house at Weston Super Mare, as a servant. Oliver grew up and went to school in Tytherton. In 1901 Fanny married Walter Chivers, a bricklayer's labourer from Stanley, just down the road from Cat Brook Cottages, East Tytherton where they lived. After getting married, Walter took on Oliver and in 1911 he was mentioned in the census as his stepson, working as a farm labourer and living along with the four other children of Walter and Fanny, Oscar, Osborne, Frances and Olive.

Before the First World War local farming was suffering from a rise in imports of basic foodstuff and at some time after 1911 Oliver moved, along with several other local lads, to better themselves working in the growing coal mines and associated industry of South Wales. It was from Pontygwaith in the Rhondda that Oliver signed up as a volunteer in Devizes and joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Wiltshire regiment.

Oliver went over the top at Givenchy, France, into a barrage of machine gun fire on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> June 1915. He was killed in that action along with many of his Wiltshire chums. Oliver has no known grave but is remembered locally and on Le Touret memorial.





In Memory of

**PRIVATE HAROLD JOHN KING**

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Wiltshire Regiment 13969

Born 9<sup>th</sup> June 1897 at Charlcutt

Died 15<sup>th</sup> June 1915 at Givenchy, France. 18 years of age.

Harold was the son of George King and Florence (nee Wilkins) who lived at No10 Charlcutt. George, who was born in Bremhill, spent all his life working in Bremhill farms as a carter. Married to Florence Wilkins in 1893, the family grew rapidly and by 1911 they had 6 children, 4 girls and 2 boys. Harold joined the April 1897 class intake at Bremhill school with school number 146. In 1911 he was living with his siblings and parents, still at No 10 Charlcutt and by now working as a farm labourer.

Both boys served in the army in WW1, Harold died but elder brother Herbert Charles King survived and his name is on the Bremhill and District roll of honour in St Martins. Harold died one week after his 18th birthday, 51 weeks under the age to serve overseas and was only 17 years old when his Battalion sailed to France in March 1915. Until 1916 all recruits were volunteers and, although official government policy was that you had to be 18 years old or older to sign up and 19 years old or older to serve overseas, many people did not have birth certificates, so it was very easy to lie about your age. It is estimated that in 1915 as many as 250,000 under-age men joined the services. There was a lot of pressure both from peer groups and from recruiting officers who were paid two shillings and sixpence (about £6 now) for each recruit signed up.

Early June 1915 saw mining operations (mines under the enemy trenches) in the Givenchy sector in preparation for a big offensive scheduled for the middle of the month. The Wiltshires, who were to take part in the first wave, moved up to the front on the night of the 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> June and relieved sections of the Scots Guards in order to be ready in their jumping-off positions.

At 6 pm on June 15<sup>th</sup> the men went over the top, the mine was exploded and back-up artillery was fired. The moment the men went over the top, the enemy machine-guns swept them with a blaze of gunfire. Harold's body was







never found but he is remembered on panel 33 / 34 on the Le Touret memorial as well as our local war memorials. At a later date it was discovered from prisoners that the enemy was aware and well prepared for that evening's attack after tapping the telephone lines.



C and D companies of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Wiltshire regiment were decimated on this evening. At this stage of the war, regiments recruited volunteers locally. It was a bad day for Wiltshire.

In Memory of  
Private  
**Harold John King**  
13969, 2nd Bn., Wiltshire Regiment who died on 15 June 1915 Age 18  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. George King, of 10, Charicutt, Calne, Wilts.  
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Le Touret Memorial



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In Memory of  
Private  
**Oliver Arthur Henly**  
18210, 2nd Bn., Wiltshire Regiment who died on 15 June 1915 Age 23  
Son of Mrs. Fanny Elizabeth Chivers, of East Tytherton, Chippenham, Wilts.  
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## **THE (CONTINUED) RAMBLINGS OF A RETIRED POTENTIAL NEO-LUDDITE**

Following on from my last ramblings in April, on the subject of noise, have you heard the noise the local Natterjack Toads living along the damp areas of the old railway track are making this spring? You must be able to hear them for miles around.

Whilst waiting for more details of the county council budget on canals, I had a bit of time to spare and quickly realised, from the excellent writings in the magazine on high speed internet by the young wiz kids on the parish council, that it was all down to green boxes and lots of digging. I was mystified why they need to be green rather than blue, but can only assume it must be something to do with us all being eco-friendly in the Bremhill area or the Government is giving out an incentive to paint things green in line with an EU directive of saving the bats, the newts or the bees. It is only recently that it started to become clearer to me when I overheard in the pub at Foxham that the local great crested newts to the west of Tytherton Lucas prefer the green boxes to any other colours as it apparently gives them more protection from the low flying aerobatic hungry grey long-eared bats which we see flying around us so often. Perhaps we should start a fund for a new Belfry at St Martin's to give them (the bats) a warm dry home! There they would have some protection from the roaming Swindon wildcats that I hear about now and again from people in the pub, but I guess we could house them at St John the Baptist at Foxham as an alternative. After all, it can be very noisy at Bremhill!

Now where was I? Oh yes, green environmentally friendly boxes to house local newts. A trip to the library soon had the answer. The people in there are so helpful. A sight of my grey hair and the amazingly foresighted assistant said "Ah, silver surfer". How she knew that, I will never know... the education system has moved ahead so much in the last 40 years. I explained that it happened only once over 45 years ago when I was just 23 years old and trying to impress my new girlfriend on a weekend away to Newquay in Cornwall in the VW Campervan I had hired especially for the occasion. I hate to admit it even now, but I fell off the surf board with the first big wave because it was a cheap hired silver painted wooden board, as I explained to my soon to be ex-girlfriend. They are probably plastic now and much easier to surf on than in





my day and certainly, with power assisted steering, the VW vans are easier to drive. We men needed real muscles in those days.

However, the wonderful person in the library soon had all the right answers for me. The Library assistant asked me to listen carefully (she somehow knew I was back on the beach at Newquay) and that the green BT Infinity boxes are similar to existing street side cabinets but are taller and wider than existing units, with some models being 1.6 metres (5.2ft) tall. That sounds pretty big to me. After thanking the entire staff in the library for all of this outstanding service, I promised them a pint in the Dumb Post when they are our way, it is after all a library not an information centre

*(to be continued .....*)



### **Gonna Be a Bear**



In this life I'm a woman.  
In my next life, I'd like to come back as a **bear**.

When you're a bear, you get to hibernate. You do nothing but sleep for six months. I could deal with that.



Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat yourself stupid. I could deal with that, too. When you're a girl bear, you birth your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you're sleeping and wake to partially grown, cute, cuddly cubs. I could definitely deal with that.

If you're a mama bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of line, you swat them too. I could deal with that. If you're a bear, your mate EXPECTS you to wake up growling. He EXPECTS that you will have hairy legs and excess body fat.

Yup, gonna be a bear!!

*Judy Scott*





Dear All,

I have been on a Quiet Morning in Braydon Methodist Chapel today. We were fortunate in that the sun came out and warmed us through with its powerful rays, the birds sang, the leaves rustled and the buttercups danced. They were all a powerful reminder of the tranquillity of the countryside in our busy world. It was easy to meditate on Psalm 23 and our individual journeys with God and what he may be calling us to next in such a setting!

It was lovely to be hosted in this small green tin hut, which had a modern kitchen and loo. The worship area seated about 30 people and there was a small table in the corner for the altar, a small organ and lectern. There were curtains at windows which were not dissimilar to those in a normal household. There was space behind the comfortable chairs for worship where it would be easy to have coffee and tea together after the service or even have lunch together (as we did). There was no grandeur, no display of precious artefacts. The place was tranquil, and the feeling was one of a happy yet humble family setting. The simplicity of it, along with the distinct slant on hospitality, was so welcoming.

In such an environment it was easy to forget about the financial demands that go with maintaining an Anglican Church with all its majesty and grandeur. The Methodist Church in which we discerned God's presence would have been relatively cheap to keep in good repair, and I imagine would not be subject to the lengthy process for permission to redecorate or change in any way. The place could be loved and cared for in the present and through, most of the time I believe, the support of its members. It really was a home in which God dwelt.

I cannot help but wonder, as lovely as our church buildings are, how much closer we could come to God, and being God's labourers in the field, if we did not have our ancient beautiful churches to maintain and we led a much simpler way of life in worshipping God! How much easier it may be to discern what God requires of us when all the opulence is swept away!

With love and best wishes always

*Ann*





## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH. Foxham

7 June 1 <sup>st</sup> after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion	E Hannah 2 Corinthians 4:13-5: 1
14 June 2 <sup>nd</sup> after Trinity	9.30 am Family Service	M Kellond 1 Samuel 8: 4-11 16-20
21 June 3 <sup>rd</sup> after Trinity Birth of St John the Baptist	9.30 am Holy Communion	D Milligan Galatians 3: 23-end
28 June 4 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	6 pm Evensong	R Pegler Samuel 1: 1,17-end Mark 5: 21-end
5 July 5 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion	D Scott 2 Corinthians 12:2-10



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## ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, TYTHERTON LUCAS

7 June	Morning Service.	10 am	Margaret Gubbins
14 June	Eucharist	8.30 am	Jim Scott
21 June	Mattins	10 am	Derek Copeland
28 June	Eucharist	8.30 am	Jeremy Bray



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“Let the Word of the Lord dwell in you” - Colossians 3: 16





## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, BREMHILL

7 June Trinity 1	8 Holy Communion 6 Evensong	N Jordan K Webb & K Blackmore	I Samuel 8: 4-20 Mrs Jane Jordan Mark 3: 20-end ~ Mr Nicol Jordan
14 June Trinity 2	11 Holy Communion	A Woods & D Kyte	2 Corinthians 5: 6-17 Mrs Tamsi Castle
21 June Trinity 3	6 pm Evensong	P Rawlings & B Rawlings	Job 38: 1-11 Mr Arnold Woods Mark 4: 36 -41 Mrs Nancy Kyte
28 June Trinity 4	9.30 Family Service	The Children	Mark 5: 21-43 A young Person
5 July Trinity 5	8 Holy Communion 6 Evensong	W Wydlbore-Smith A Jones & L Jones	Ezekiel 2: 1-5 Mrs Beryl Wells Mark 6: 1-13 Mr Mervyn Wells

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!

**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 in the church. 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 June - the 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 July 2015 edition of this Newsletter, please give them to either Derek Kyte (815073) or to me Jane Jordan (812083) in time for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 deadline.

Thank you.



Packed with wild flowers and love trysts, the poetry of June sees many a writer overcome by the exuberance of nature. For others, it's the perfect opportunity to seek the shade. An American writer once said "Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June."!

Here is a poem celebrating the lushness of early summer by the American poet, novelist and social activist Marge Piercy (b. 1936)

## **MORE THAN ENOUGH**

The first lily of June opens its red mouth.  
All over the sand road where we walk  
multiflora rose climbs trees cascading  
white or pink blossoms, simple, intense  
the scene drifting like colored mist.

The arrowhead is spreading its creamy  
clumps of flower and the blackberries  
are blooming in the thickets. Season of  
joy for the bee. The green will never  
again be so green, so purely and lushly

new, grass lifting its wheaty seedheads  
into the wind. Rich fresh wine  
of June, we stagger into you smeared  
with pollen, overcome as the turtle  
laying her eggs in roadside sand.



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