

BREMHILL, FOXHAM, THE TYTHERTONS AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

March 2017

The Newsletter



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3rd March Thisbe - Rural Arts - Bremhill Village Hall
- 9th March EGM - Bremhill Village Hall
- 12th March Breakfast - Tytherton
- 25th March Mothers' Day Tea, Bremhill
- 1st April Family Easter Bingo - Foxham
- 5th April Community Lunch - Tytherton
- 9th April Tytherton Fun Ride
- 28th April Quiz Night - Bremhill
- 1st May Afternoon Tea - Foxham
- 3rd May Community Lunch - Tytherton
- 17th May Miranda Sykes - Bremhill
- 7th June Community Lunch - Tytherton

EDITORIAL

March is the first month of Spring with the snowdrops already out and the daffodils about to come out. Everything is well rested and ready to burst. I hope that you have been following the Gardening Guru and are doing your pruning before it is too late!

Writing my editorial on St Valentine's Day made me think about who he was. We think of him as the Patron Saint of Love but there is little to suggest that this is justified in church history. In fact there are several St Valentines. However, in the Middle Ages, it was believed that birds mated in mid February. As St Valentine's Day fell on the 14th of February, his name has been, for evermore, associated with love. Of course, the day has become more commercialised during the 20th and 21st centuries and now I feel guilty if I do not give my wife a card!

As a rugby union fan, this is a great time of year to settle down in front of the television with a cup of tea (or something stronger) and watch 30 blokes bashing hell out of each other, only to shake hands and hug each other afterwards. We must not forget that the women's 6 Nations is also being played. The passion and good humour of the fans is always encouraging to see, acknowledging the winning sides' play afterwards, regardless of whom they support. All this makes the grey, cold days of February worthwhile somehow.

The Newsletter is full of ads for the events coming up in March and April. Do take the opportunity to enjoy the entertainment on offer in our very active villages.

David

Please send all articles to editor@bremhill.com by 13th of each month.

SPECIAL NOTICES

BREMHILL CAROL SINGING

The Carol Singing around the village and in the pub raised £220 for the Air Ambulance. Thank you all very much.

Christabel Searle

LOST PROPERTY

At a church or village event, I lost my blue insulated bag containing a large Pyrex bowl. It would be amazing to know where it went and even better to get it back. If it is lurking in a dark corner somewhere, it needs to come home. Many thanks

Sheila Laurence
01249 740687

TOWN MOVIOLA

The March film will be "The Light between Oceans" (12a) based on a best-selling book and starring Michael Fassbender and Alicia Vikander. A lighthouse keeper and his wife living off the coast of Western Australia, raise a baby they rescue from a drifting rowboat but there are consequences that they had not envisaged.

Showing in the Town Hall Weds 22 March at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm. Refreshments available. Tickets £6.00 available from the information office or on the door.

FAMILY EASTER BINGO

Saturday 1st April 5 pm
Foxham Reading Room/Village Hall

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FOXHAM AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

Monday 1st May 3pm - 5pm

The Foxham Reading Room Committee would like to invite all residents of
Foxham Village to an Afternoon Tea Party.

This will take place in the Reading Room on May Bank Holiday

As there is limited space in the hall we will need to issue tickets.

To avoid disappointment please contact either of the below
for your FREE admission tickets:

Janet Harvey on 740985 or janet@janetharvey.co.uk or
Jenny Johnson on 740950 or jennyj.johnson@btinternet.com

Full details of this event in next month's Newsletter.

TYTHERTON VILLAGE HALL NEW YEAR SUPPER

The latter half of January can be a bit of a low. The fun of Christmas and the New Year parties are distant memory, spring seems an age away. Tytherton Village Hall has held a New Year's Supper for a number of years, with the aim of giving the local community the chance to blow away the winter blues in the dog days of January. This year's event, on Saturday 28th Jan, was sold out. Over 60 people enjoyed a glass of Prosecco, a selection of mains, desserts cooked by members of the Village Hall committee and cheese and biscuits to round off the evening.

Retiring Committee Chair John Hayter thanked everyone for their continued support, noting the sterling work done by all who contribute time and energy to make the events happen. He issued an open invitation to everyone to get involved. John hands over to New Chair Nic Pillow in March.

Upcoming events include "Race Night" and by popular request "Sunday Breakfast". Additional details & booking information can be found in the main Tytherton Village Hall advert and on our Facebook page.

Trevor Ford

TYTHERTON W.I.

At our January meeting we all thoroughly enjoyed trying out new skills shown to us by some very talented members. A popular evening that we hope to repeat in the future.



This month it is the A.G.M. with its Election of Officers for the coming year. This will be followed by a Social Evening, including 'Eyes down for Bingo'!

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, except August, at 7.30 pm in Tytherton Village Hall. If you would like to come for a 'taster' evening you are very welcome - we are a very friendly bunch, with members from several of the local villages as well as Chippenham.

Just come along or, if you would like further information then ring our Secretary Rose on 07514 538551

QUIZ NIGHT



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BRADENSTOKE SOLAR PARK COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

This is a new local grant fund that will be available to the following Parishes abutting the former RAF base at Lyneham and community groups inside MoD Lyneham. Relevant villages: Bradenstoke, Lyneham, Hilmarton, Christian Malford, Bremhill

Any community group within these Parishes is eligible to apply for a grant. The fund is renewed every year via an index linked payment of £50,000 that is secured via the lease between the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) and the private owners of the park for the lifetime of the solar park.

A website is being developed that will contain the grant criteria, expression of interest and full application forms. The expected "go live" date is 1st April 2017. The website address will be confirmed in the next few weeks but is likely to be: www.communityenergyfoundation.org.uk/bradenstokefund

The fund's grant criteria are as follows:

- Alleviating fuel poverty
- Developing community scale & micro renewable energy schemes
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Advancing efficiency in the use of natural resources
- Protecting or enhancing the natural environment
- Protecting or enhancing biodiversity
- Promoting environmental sustainability
- Other purpose in the interest of the community

In order to oversee the distribution of this significant fund fairly and independently, a Local Grant Committee has been established consisting of the following people representing their organisations:

- Allison Bucknell, Chair (Wiltshire Unitary Councillor)
- Stephen Depla (Christian Malford Parish Council)
- Marcia Glass (Lyneham Business Buddies)
- Geoffrey Jackson-Haines, Treasurer (Bradenstoke & Lyneham Parish Council)
- Major Ray McDonald (Quartermaster, MoD Lyneham)
- David Wilton or Richard Tucker (Bremhill Parish Council)
- Mel Wilkins (Hilmarton Parish Council)
- Sheila Watson (DIO)

Julian Brooks of the Community Energy Foundation, a not for profit organisation, has been appointed as the administrator by the DIO and is also the interim Secretary of the Local Grant Committee.

The Local Grant Committee will be governed as an Unincorporated Association with an AGM and the funds are held in a dedicated ethical bank account provided by Triodos Bank in Bristol. The LGC will meet at various times throughout the year to consider grant applications, the various cut off dates for grant applications will be published on the website.

Over the lifespan of the solar park the community benefit fund will constitute a very significant ongoing financial investment to local causes.

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*Geoff Jackson Haines, LGC Treasurer,
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POLICE REPORT

The Police parked adjacent to the A 3102 at Beversbrook Road as a deterrent as the local residents has complained about speeding in February. They are going to set up a speed trap there in the near future.

There have been numerous thefts recently from farms all over Wiltshire, mostly from unsecured barns. Poaching and hare coursing have also been reported.



Ed

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NATURE MATTERS

March is when spring really starts to get going; daffodils and primroses are in flower, blackthorn is in full white blossom, like a dusting of snow along the road verges and pussy willow catkins provide bursts of bright yellow to brighten up the day.

The unleashing of the coiled 'spring' is no better demonstrated than by watching one of my favourite British animals, the brown hare, which is best known for being the 'Mad March Hare' on account of its bouts of 'boxing' during courtship at this time of year. Hares will rear up on their hind legs and appear to be boxing one another. Although most think this is two males battling it out, it invariably involves an amorous male and a (not so amorous) female playing hard to get. The hare mating season actually lasts from January to September, with females having up to 4 litters in the year, but it is during the 'mad spring months' when the best views are to be had when hares congregate together and are not concealed by short vegetation.

Hares are scarcer in the west of England, compared to their strongholds of East Anglia, but we definitely have hares living in the farmland surrounding our villages where they can thrive in the mixture of crops, pasture, woodland and hedgerows. Seeing a hare, whether it be crouching low in its form, slowly lolloping across fields, 'boxing' or making a fast dash for cover always fills me with wonder. Hares are steeped in mystery and folklore that seems to be strongly linked to their association with witches, with the belief that a witch could turn herself into a hare. Back still further in time, hares played an important role in Pagan Britain, being linked to ceremonies heralding the return of spring. Our modern Easter is now dominated by images of the rabbit (in the guise of the Easter bunny); however, the modern word 'Easter' is derived from the pre-Christian 'Eostre', the Goddess of the Dawn, whose sacred animal was none other than the hare.

Stephen Dangerfield
Ecologist

CHRISTIAN MALFORD & FOXHAM WI

The Table Top Sale in February was a very successful. £250 was raised for the WI Denman College Appeal. Seventy of us filled the village hall for the 'Big Indian Takeaway'.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Christian Malford Village Litter Pick - Saturday 18th March - WI are 'fronting' this event, so it would be really good if we had a significant turn out. Pickers/grabbers will be provided. Meet at the village hall at 10.00am.

AGM and 'Have you got the Power' - Thursday 16 March- Our speaker will be Graham Fuller from Awdry, Bailey & Douglas Solicitors. He will be helping us to understand wills, power of attorney, probate and an estate planning guide. His talk will be followed by our AGM.

Val's Walk - Monday 20 March - These walks are usually four to five miles in length, with your packed lunch at the end of the walk. Contact Val on 740219.

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GRANNY'S MARMALADE RECIPE

This Scottish recipe was handed down to me by my mother, who was taught it by my grandmother. I suspect it was handed down over further generations too. It has won many a first prize at the Bremhill Produce Show.

The cat's out of the bag now!

- 3lbs Seville Oranges
- 1 Sweet Orange
- 2 Lemons
- 7lbs Sugar
- 4.5 pints of water

1. Wash the fruit.
2. Simmer the fruit in the water until soft. Takes about an hour. Retain the water.
3. Cool the fruit.
4. Cut in half and remove all the pips and retain them. Then cut up the peel into thinish, short (1cm approx) strips and remove the pith. Place all the cut fruit and pith into the retained water and put on heat.
5. Boil the pips in half a pint of water for 10 minutes. Drain the liquor into the fruit pan with a sieve.
6. Dissolve the sugar in 4 batches in the warm fruit mixture. Dissolve the sugar well before adding more.
7. Simmer the fruit until the fruit get to "Jam Temperature" and/or the liquid crinkles on a cool plate. Takes about an hour to an hour and a half.
8. Pour into warmed jars and cover. Approx 12 pots.

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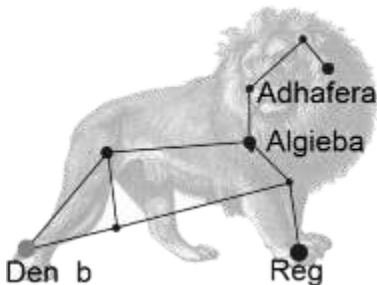
The last full moon of winter is on March 12th. This moon is also known as the Lenten moon, as it coincides the Christian period called Lent. The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated.

We celebrate the March Equinox on 20th March. When we have an Equinox, the Sun will shine directly on the equator and there will be nearly equal amounts of day and night throughout the world. This is also the first day of spring (vernal equinox) in the Northern Hemisphere and the first day of fall (autumnal equinox) in the Southern Hemisphere.

Summer time begins in Europe on 26th March - "Spring Forward". We can start to enjoy lighter evenings! Wonderful! We have a new moon on 28th March. The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky.

Venus will be brilliantly bright in the evening twilight as it moves round to Earth's side of the sun. Towards the end of the month, Venus disappears into the sunset. The early evening sky at this time of year is particularly rich in stars. The constellation of Leo can be seen in the southern night sky with its distinctive 'backward question mark' with the brightest of stars forming the head. Whilst in the Northern sky, the truly gigantic star called Cephei can be seen. This is often referred to as the Garnet star, due to its deep red glow. It is about 2400 times the diameter of the sun.

The dark skies around our villages make for perfect star gazing. So if you have not taken the time before, March is a great month to stop, take a few minutes for your eyes to adjust, and then just look up - you will not be disappointed.



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Sunday 12th March 9.00am - 11.00am

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Keep the date: On Saturday 24th June, 'A Midsummer's Evening'
Full details next month

Tytherton Hall 100 Club. Prizes of £25, £15 and £5 every month from April to January. If you'd like a place in the draw for this coming year please let us have your name, contact details and £10 for each number. There are a very few unallocated numbers if you haven't been in the draw before. Contact details as below.

Would you like to join the Committee?

Three of our Committee members have recently moved from the area and so resigned from the Committee. Therefore we would welcome enquiries from anyone interested in joining us. If you would like more information please call 07719 176753 or email: events@tythertonhall.co.uk

Look on the Tytherton Hall Facebook page for news and photos of recent events

HELP WANTED

"H" Company home guard

We would like to write a newsletter article in the future on the H Company of the home guard (1940 - 1945) and, in particular, on the local platoons and members. These were in Foxham, Christian Malford, Tythertons and Spirthill, Bremhill and Sutton Benger and totalled over 200 people. If any of our readers have any information on the membership of the local platoons, memories, medals, photographs or indeed an old greatcoat, please contact us (email below).

Foxham Churchyard - Philip Morgan

We would also like to write an article on those buried in Foxham churchyard. As you go into the churchyard there is a headstone on the left to Philip Morgan, his daughter, son in law (Frederick Preedy) and granddaughter but who exactly is he? In his will he describes himself as a Tax Surveyor but where did he live in Foxham and where was he in the 1851 census. The likely work of a Tax Surveyor at this time was surveying properties for the window tax which was only abolished in 1850. Any help gratefully received at history@bremhill.com.

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Jan was born in London and then moved to Hertfordshire where she received her education. Moving to Devon she went to Dartington College of Arts to train as an art teacher and subsequently taught Art at senior level in London and Coventry. Another move located her in Wiltshire, firstly in Corsham and then in Charlcutt, where she has lived for more than thirty years in a thatched cottage with her husband Steve, daughter Chloe and son Morgan. The family has assorted livestock, namely a German Shepherd, a horse, two cats and ten ducks. Jan started doing animal portraits over twenty years ago. At first it was a small part of her life as she had children to care for, but as they grew up she began to devote more and more of her time to it.

She started taking stands at three day shows and a few local events like the Tytherton Ride and this generated more commissions and got her name known to a wider circle. Jan still goes to about four or five events a year, but a lot of her work now comes through previous commissions.

Her animal portraits are usually done in pastel as she loves the way it allows her to portray fur. Jan says it is quite a tactile way of working and really lends itself to the soft nuances of coat colours.



It is very important to Jan that the portraits are a true representation of each individual animal. Colour, markings etc. must all be absolutely accurate, but it needs to be more than that, She wants the portrait to come alive on the page and to be the very essence of the animal's character in question.

Apart from the portraits she also works on other projects, usually horse related, Jan is fascinated by their elegance and beauty. An image catalogue of previous animal portraiture is available to view and Jan is contactable on 07790045211.

GARDEN NOTES FOR MARCH

Pruning. Buddleias must be pruned to keep flowering lower on the shrub. Roses need their final prune to get the best shape and promote flowers. Shrub roses need light thinning, cutting back the weak young shoots to promote stronger growth. Late flowering Clematis may be cut back to about 30cm ready to grow this spring. Repeat flowering hybrids should be lightly tidied up, cutting back spindly shoots and tying in the stronger growth. Lavender, Rosemary and Cistus may be pruned now that the cold winter is over. If congested perennials have not been divided, there is still time.

Keep the veg patch clear of weeds. Wait to plant seeds until the soil has warmed up. Potatoes may be planted out by the end of March providing it is warm enough. Sow seeds in modules in a greenhouse or on a windowsill for early planting. Sow broad beans beetroot, carrots, lettuce, parsnips and peas if conditions are favourable. Check the seed packets for planting dates.

Feed the birds regularly as they will be looking to nest before long. Ensure there is fresh water available at all times. Hedgehogs will soon emerge from hibernation. Watch out for signs of them and feed them regularly so you can enjoy a slug and snail free garden this year!

Any unwanted divisions of perennials would be gratefully received at the Bremhill Plant Stall. Thank you!

The Garden Guru

BREMHILL PRODUCE SHOW

The Nicol Jordan Challenge Cup

Awarded to the person with most points in the flower section.

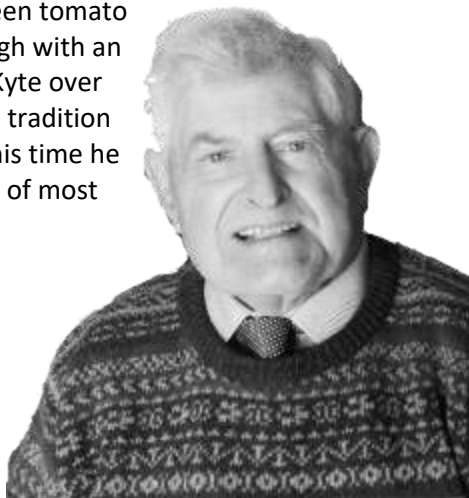
Nicol Jordan has lived with his wife Jane at Thimble Hall, near the Dumb Post Inn since building their new home in 1961. Nicol was born in 1930 at Prestwick in south Ayrshire, where his father was a vet and where he had an interest in the eradication of bovine TB. Nicol followed in his father's footsteps and studied veterinary practice at London and qualified as a vet in 1953. He was called up for National Service completing basic training with the Sherwood Foresters. Then posted to the Royal Army Veterinary Corps (RAVC) at Melton Mowbray where he was soon commissioned and sent to Kenya as an army vet looking after the pack ponies and war dogs of the British army. Rising to the rank of Captain, Nicol was demobbed after 2 years and started looking for a job.

At the time Hale and Brown were expanding their veterinary practice in Chippenham and offered a job to Nicol, he worked with them for the rest of his career. He fell in love with and married the boss's daughter, Jane Hale at St Paul's Church in Chippenham in 1957. After initially living in a rented cottage at Wadswick, Corsham, they moved to Bremhill.

At Thimble Hall they brought up 3 children, Diccon, Meg and Angus. They started growing a range of vegetables and flowers and entering them into the Bremhill village produce show. He already had earlier experience of vegetable growing from Grandpa, Harry Jordan who was a keen tomato grower. Competition at the show was tough with an ongoing battle between Nicol and Derek Kyte over who could grow the perfect large onion, a tradition passed on to Mark Kyte today. It was at this time he decided to present the cup for the winner of most points in the flower section.

Note:

Bremhill show - Saturday 2nd Sept. 2017



TYTHERTON RIDE
Sunday 9th April - Save The Date

After the disappointment of the 2016 Tytherton Ride being cancelled due to the atrocious ground conditions, we are hoping for a drier later winter and good going for the 2017 Ride. The date for your diaries is Sunday, 9th April, starting a 12 mile or 6 mile ride from 10 am at Bremhill Field Farm.

As before, all profits from the ride are distributed amongst the Churches and Village Halls in the Parish, plus the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal. If you would like to help out at the ride, in stewarding or car parks, contact Camilla Glass via email at camilla.glass@hotmail.co.uk.

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OPEN STUDIOS 2017

Preview exhibition at the Mount House, Marlborough

Open studios is a rare, annual opportunity for the public to visit the hidden world of local artists and craftsmen in their studios, workshops or pop-up galleries in the area of the North Wessex Chalk Downs, encompassing Calne, Devizes, Avebury, Marlborough, Pewsey and Hungerford. It is free of charge to visit and is held over the first four week-ends in July.

A preview show is held at the Mount House Gallery, Bath Road, Marlborough SN8 1PA (just past the college road bridge on the A4) which showcases the talent of all the artists on the art trail. This exhibition is open April 21st-28th, 9.30am -5pm and is the ideal way to choose which artists to visit in July and of course purchase any works that you fall in love with!

Two of our local artists in the parish, Charles Rodwell and John Harris, will be taking part and details of their open studios and opening times will be shown in the free brochure which will be available soon from the artists or Calne library and full details will be shown on the website:

www.marlboroughopenstudios.co.uk

No appointment is necessary to see the artists' work on the trail which ranges from jewellery, glass or ceramics to sculptures, photography, paintings and prints. You can meet the artist, discuss techniques, equipment and discover their inspiration. Many artists are available to commission.

If you have never visited an open studio it can be an exhilarating experience to step into someone's garden or house to look into the world of an artist but be sure not to miss the preview exhibition at the Mounthouse Gallery for a taste of what is to come.

A cleaning lady required to help 5-6 hours every week
with cleaning and ironing at a home in Tytherton.

Please call Mrs Merrett for information on 07941383618

BREMHILL PARISH REPORT

Meeting of 6th Feb 2017

Bus service - Bradies Connect. A presentation was given regarding the bus service which will operate from various parts of the Parish to Chippenham and other destinations. For details please see your local notice board.

Local Council Election - This will take place on the 4th May 2017. Please see local notice boards.

Highways - Mr Pearson has had significant discussion with Wiltshire Highways and have identified many pothole culverts that need to be jetted and ditches that need to be improved. It is hoped that these improvements will get underway in the future.

Calne Heritage Week - This will take place from the 4th to 10th September and the Parish Council has been asked if anyone in Bremhill Parish wishes to contribute to the event. If anyone is interested in contributing historical information, please contact Calne Heritage Centre New Road Calne or telephone Sue Boddington on 01380 828851.

Parish Clean-up - Just a reminder that this will take place 10th/11th March 2017. Contact your local Parish Councillor if you can support.

Bradenstoke Community Benefit Fund - The Parish Council has been advised that as a result of the solar panel farm at Lyneham up to £50,000 per annum will be available for Community Projects in the Parishes adjacent to MOD Lyneham. The grants will be available from the 1st April 2017 for further details contact your local Parish Councillor (or see page [10](#))

Fly Tipping - Sadly there have been incidents of fly tipping in the Parish recently. The Clerk will arrange with Wiltshire Council to clear.

The next meeting will be 6th March 2017 at The Moravian Church Hall at 7.30 pm






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WELLBEING FOR EVERY BODY

Spring is bringing another call for new beginnings. Today I would like to share a magic formula which will help you trick your body and mind in keeping up with your goals. I call it Motivation-Discipline-Habit.

Everyone needs Motivation. It is a little engine that that can help you move mountains. Unfortunately, Motivation has a tiny shelf life. Chasing it on a regular basis is a hard task. If you don't feel like doing it, then you're off the hook. You don't have to do it - because you don't feel like it! But then you don't do it and you just feel worse...

What you need now is Discipline. When you discipline yourself, it's like programming as a robot. Remove your brain from your equation. It will tell you all that you are "too busy", "too tired", "in the wrong mood" or simply not capable of losing weight or running an extra mile. Why? Because the brain instinctively wants to be comfortable. Meanwhile, your body will sit there and say nothing - even though it knows it can do anything if you just give it the chance. Do a manual override - turn your brain off and just do it. Regularly and consistently.

And then one day better lifestyle choices will become a Habit. You don't even think about what you're doing. You just do it - you have introduced healthier choices into your life and now you can't live without them.

Challenge of the month: Last month I suggested you think of something in your life that you wanted to change. Experiment: move this goal through all the three stages - Motivation, Discipline, Habit!

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BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL

The new committee has been very active in the first month of 2017. On the last Friday on the month (27th Jan) we opened the hall for anyone who wanted to pop in and share an 'end of the week wind down'. This was a well supported family occasion and was enjoyed by all who attended, certainly something we will repeat later in the year.



A lot of work has gone on this month to improve the fabric of the building. Nick Pocock has replaced some emergency lighting and smoke/heat alarms. We have improved the storage in the hall (adding new cupboards, shelves and clearing 'clutter'). Currently we are trying to find the best way to provide hanging space for coats, there isn't an easy answer to this but we are working on it.

One of the big event in March is, of course, our Rural Arts event 'Thisbe' will be on March 3rd – these have always been fantastic evenings.

DON'T FORGET – EGM on the 9th March 8:00

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SMALL THOUGHTS OF A LARGE CLERGYMAN

Somewhat shamefacedly, I have to admit that several years ago I allowed my membership of The National Trust to lapse! We were reminded of this a few days ago when looking at a copy of the National Trust magazine belonging to a neighbour. A timely reminder. We shall, of course, rejoin. This reminder to rejoin such a worthy organisation triggered off some thoughts about the word "trust" itself. "Hold for safekeeping" is one of my dictionary's definition of the word "trust". It would seem to be a most accurate description of the work of the National Trust.

Trust is an essential part of our everyday lives. Without trust, little can be achieved in human relationships, nationally or personally. Without trust on both sides, no peace process between nations can hope to succeed. Without trust, businesses fail, marriages fail and we fail. Trust has to be earned, but how often in our lives do we have to take people "on trust" and how hurtful it is when we are let down. How difficult it is not to become bitter and mistrustful of others. It can sour all our relationships if we allow it to.

Jesus had to trust others, right throughout his ministry, and as with all of us, his trust was often misplaced and He was let down. Judas betrayed him and Peter denied him, yet, He always forgave, and above all, in spite of what happened to him, He never lost his trust in God his Father.

We will often feel let down by others. Human nature is not perfect, but we must take the example of Jesus and forgiveand never forgetting to "Trust in God - always"!

God Bless You

Jim Scott

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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH. FOXHAM

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| Sunday 5 th March 1 st Sunday of Lent | 9.30 am Holy Communion | D. Wilton Romans 5: 12-19 |
| Sunday 12 th March 2 nd Sunday of Lent | 9.30 am Family Service | E. Hannah John 3: 1-17 |
| Sunday 19 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent | 9.30 am Holy Communion | M. Kellond Romans 5: 1-11 |
| Sunday 26 th March 4 th Sunday of Lent | 9.30 am MOTHERING SUNDAY Family Service | R. Pegler Luke 2:33-35 |
| Sunday 2 nd April 5 th Sunday of Lent | 9.30 am Holy Communion | D. Scott Romans 8: 6-11 |

March sees the start of a busy period for the church ending in one of the major festivals of Easter. Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on the 1st March and a service for this day will be held at Derry Hill church. Lent gives a time for thought, during this time the churches are not decorated with flowers so they seem rather bare. On March 26th we celebrate Mothering Sunday and the 9.30 am Family Service will have the usual flowers for children to give to their mothers.

April 9th is Palm Sunday and the service again at 9.30 am will give the opportunity for the congregation to take away a palm cross reminding them of the palms that were spread before Christ as he rode on a donkey. April 9th is also the start of Holy Week and this year the church will be open each day from 9 am to 7.0 pm to allow anyone to go inside for quiet reflection, prayer, and to light a candle if wished. The Week ends with Easter Day, when the church is full of flowers and the family communion service, again at 9.30 am, is full of gladness. Children are welcome to all the services but especially on Easter Sunday and following the service they will be able to look for Easter Eggs hidden in the churchyard.

*Elizabeth Hannah & Mary Kellond
Church Wardens*

Dear All

Dave and I have decided to go home to North Newnton!!

I am retiring from stipendiary ministry and hoping to spend at least the next four years enjoying life with Dave. You may know that his prognosis is not good after his cardiac scare last summer and that a few months ago he was told that he may have 5 years before his renal problems may become very life-style limiting. As you know ministry is very time consuming and it is difficult to balance family time with that required in the parishes.

I have, after quite some deliberation, decided the time has come to put family first. They have sacrificed a great deal for me over the last six and a half years.

I thank all of you who have supported my ministry here and for your love and support in doing the Lord's work across all three parishes.

So that you know that there is an end date, I have agreed Sunday the 25th June as my last day for taking services and will move from the village on 10th July.

Until the 25th June I expect life to continue much as it has done so far in this part of Wiltshire!

With love to all

Ann

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, TYTHERTON LUCAS

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| Sunday 5 th March | Morning Service | 10 am | Peter Tremelling |
| Sunday 12 th March | Eucharist | 8.30 am | Jim Scott |
| Sunday 19 th March | Mattins | 10 am | Derek Copeland |
| Sunday 26 th March | Eucharist | 8.30 am | Rod Key |
| Sunday 2 nd April | Morning Service | 10 am | Peter Tremelling |

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 12th March at 12 noon at my home, The Warren, Kellaways. SN15 4LR. Nomination forms are in the church and need to be returned to me by Sunday 5th March.

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| Sunday 5 March 1 Lent Purple | 8 Holy Communion 4 Evensong | D Stevens Tamsin Castle Nicol Jordan June Hughes | Romans 5: 12-19 D Stevens Genesis 2: 15-17, 3:1-7 G Powell Matthew 4:1-11 Mark Kyte |
| Sunday 12 March Lent 2 Purple | 11 Holy Communion | Judy Scott Anne Jones | Romans 4: 1-5 Jay Hambro |
| Sunday 19 March Lent 3 Purple | 4 Evensong | Arnold Woods Gwen Woods | Exodus 17: 1-7 W Bailey John 4: 5-42 Catherine Goulding |
| Sunday 26 March Lent 4 Purple | 9.30 Family Communion Mothering Sunday | William & Prisca Wyldbore-Smith Jennifer & James Lamacraft | Colossians 3:12-17 Jennifer Lamacraft |
| Sunday 2 April Lent 5 Purple | 8 Holy Communion 6 Evensong | D Stevens Mark Kite Nicol Jordan Jane Jordan | Romans 8: 6-11 Philippa Stevens Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Jean Pocock John 11:1-45 Sue Tumber |

ST MARTIN'S NOTICES

Devizes Mobile Library calls at Naish House Farm, Spirthill. This month on Monday 20th February at 9.30 – 10.00 am. It is on the third Monday of each month.

Afternoon tea china for hire. Very reasonable rates. Contact Philippa on 815337.

This poem by Pam Ayres reminds me a bit of how I felt when recently I went into an up-market men's retailers in Bath and was told in somewhat disdainful tones by a snappily-dressed young man in answer to an enquiry about a shirt 'Oh no, sir, we don't do that nowadays, it is rather unfashionable!' Ever felt past it? I did!

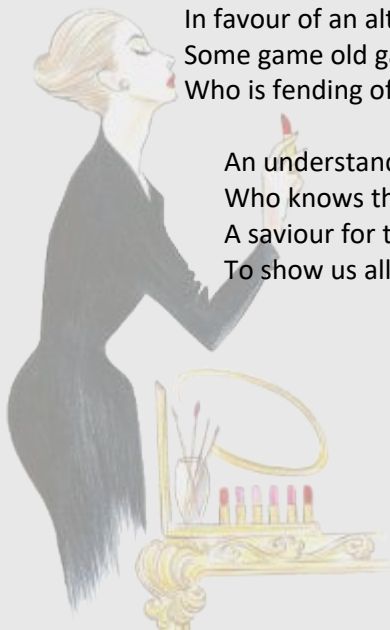
THE MAKE-UP LADY

I went to buy a lipstick, and I hoped for some advice,
On choosing an attractive shade, to make my face look nice,
I stepped up to the counter in my trainers and my mack,
But the sales assistant saw me and she vanished out the back.

She was absolutely flawless and an advertiser's dream,
She was icy as a glacier and chic in the extreme,
I was clearly not the customer that she desired to meet,
I could have been some reptile that had crawled in off the street.

And I thought I'd find the manager and have a little word,
In favour of an altogether craggier old bird,
Some game old gal who's been around the block a time or three,
Who is fending off the years and has a waist as thick as me.

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