

BREMHILL, FOXHAM, THE TYTHERTONS AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

November 2013

The Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 1st Nov - Rural Arts in Bremhill Village Hall
- 4th Nov - Parish Council meeting
- 5th Nov - 2013 Fireworks - Bremhill
- 7th Nov - Bridge and Tea afternoon, Foxham
- 7th Nov - Bremhill History Society, Bremhill Village Hall
- 14th Nov - Bremhill Village Hall AGM
- 16th Nov - Family Christmas Bingo, Foxham
- 25th Nov - The Friends of St Martins AGM
- 4th - 6th Dec - Bobby Van Christmas Extravaganza
- 7th Dec - Church Bazaar St Martin's Church
- 8th Dec - Christingle, Foxham
- 15th Dec - Bremhill Village Hall Christmas draw.

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- Envelopes may be handed to either of the co-editors, David Stevens or Ewen Bird.

GUIDE-LINES FOR ARTICLES

Articles submitted to the Newsletter should be reasonably short, without, of course, affecting the sense, and normally be no longer than 500 words.

Cover - River Avon

EDITORIAL

My spies tell me that the lads at The Dumb Post are fed up with knowing where the editorials are written and think this editor is never at home. They could be right! So, bad luck, it's raining hard and I am at home, although I have just got back from.....

We are very fortunate to have many community organisations in our villages supporting all sorts of activities. Many have been active for years either providing a service or raising funds for worthy local causes. The editors are aware that some of these voluntary services have been run by the same people for lengthy periods of time and they find it difficult to get others interested in taking over the reins. A common fear is that the services and funds they provide will no longer exist in time, making our community all the poorer in a number of ways. What can be done?

I do not pretend to have the answers. However, if you agree with my sentiments and feel that you would like to get more involved, do contact one of the people listed in the community section of the Newsletter. We must not let our wonderful villages become just a collection of houses with no community.

We have been asked if we have a Newsletter Constitution. We have been working on one for the last few months and it is now complete. The Committee discussed it further last month and we will be signing the final document in November. At that stage we will put it on the Bremhill website so everyone can read it. One of its features is an AGM which we feel should be next May, a year after we launched the Newsletter for the whole parish. We will give you plenty of notice of the date. You will be welcome to come.

We asked for donations towards the cost of the Newsletter last month and many of you have been very generous. Thank you very much. If would like to give a donation, please put it in the envelope we sent you last month and either send it to Jessica Pillow whose address is on the envelope, drop into one of the pubs or give it to any of the Newsletter committee members.

Please do not forget to give us your items for the December edition by the 13th of November. Please contact your village coordinator in good time or editor@bremhill.com or phone either Ewen (01249 821879) or David (01249 815337). Thanks

David Stevens - Co-editor



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SPECIAL NOTICES.

BOBBY VAN LADIES LUNCH

November's speaker is Dinah Burns. Dinah is going to share with us the wonderful secrets of diamonds. Do come.

The Christmas Extravaganza will be held on the 4th - 6th December at Bowood House, it really is a great opportunity to purchase your special Christmas gifts. Lady Lansdowne is kindly extending a "ticket offer" to the Lunch Club members so do come to November's lunch to benefit fully.

Due to the Extravaganza we have decided not to hold a Ladies Lunch in December (something to do with being in two places at one time) and as usual we will not be holding a Lunch in January. 2014's calendar is being put together now so if you do have someone in mind you would like to hear do let me know.

Jennie Shaw

100 CLUB

At the time of writing, over 100 people have signed up to the 100 Club. This is a super response and I hope we will have over 110 by the time we hold our first prize giving on Sunday 3 November 7.30pm at the Dumb Post Inn. There will be a guaranteed first prize of over £25 and a second prize of at least £15.

The annual prize will be over £120. The winners will be announced in the Newsletter each month. If you want to join or increase your share after 3 November. Please be in touch with David Stevens on 815337 or pdosc@yahoo.co.uk Best of luck!

FOXHAM ANNUAL BRIDGE AND TEA AFTERNOON

Val Minty and Jenny Wilton are holding their annual bridge and tea afternoon on Thursday, November 7th at Foxham Reading Room from 1.30pm until 5.0pm. Cost £8 per person. Book early to avoid disappointment! We look forward to seeing you there.

Jenny Wilton.

BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL

If you want to book the Village Hall, please use the Bremhill website: www.bremhill.com or speak to any committee member.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library from Devizes calls at Naish House Farm, Spirithill every other Monday from 2-2.30pm. It will be 4 and 18 November this month.

CHARITY BREAKFAST

in Aid of Meningitis Research Foundation
Sunday 4 August

Apologies for not being able to speak to everyone in person, but we just wanted to say thank you so much for supporting our breakfast on Sunday 4 August. The weather was kind (well just about!) and hopefully everyone enjoyed catching up.

The total that you raised was £1,150!!! Completely amazing and we know will be very gratefully received by MRF.

Thanks again for you continued support.

Caroline and Richard Dutton

*The editors wish to apologise for not putting this item in either the September or October Newsletter.
This was an editorial oversight.*

FOXHAM FAMILY CHRISTMAS BINGO

Saturday 16th November 5pm for 5.30pm start in Foxham Reading Room / Village Hall.

*****FREE ENTRY***.**

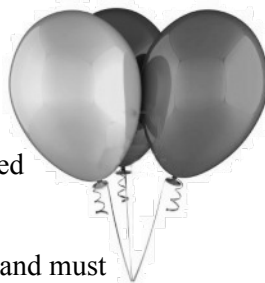
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FOXHAM CHILDREN'S PARTY

Saturday 14th December 3-5pm in Foxham Reading Room / VillageHall.

Party entertainer this year will be Dave Hickory, followed by afternoon Tea and a visit from Father Christmas.



Party price is £3.50 per child (birth to primary age only and must live in the village)

Bookings this year will be taken by phone or Email please ring Cathy on 740413 or Email cathylyn@btinternet.com for more information and to reserve your place and join the food donation list!

Raffle tickets will be on sale at The Foxham Inn & Foxham Post Office and also on the day... All proceeds to Foxham Childrens Party, any donations would be fantastic.

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Tablecloths for hire

The Foxham PCC has a set of floral tablecloths (approximately 44"/112cm sq.) for hire at a fee of £2 for the set part set. To book please contact Daphne Glass on 01249 740288.

Bookings for the Foxham Reading Room

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

RIDE AND STRIDE

In the September issue of the Newsletter, I explained what Ride and Stride was all about and asked if anyone was interested in taking up the challenge for our church. Well one family took to their bicycles and rode out. As the church benefits from the sponsorship money raised as well as the diocese we say a heartfelt "thank you" to David Glass and family.

David visited 35 churches on the day and raised a considerable amount in sponsorship. He found the whole experience very enjoyable as it was an opportunity to visit the interiors of churches not usually open. He visited the smallest church in England during his ride. This church is in Foxley and is well hidden, but it was open on that day.

Our church was not included on the list of open churches due to a printing error but past experience has shown that riders do call in on the 'off chance' and we had 11 visitors on the day, from many different parishes they were grateful for the drinks and biscuits provided in the porch and were glad to leave their names and the parishes they had come from. A

After such a successful and enjoyable day perhaps it will inspire someone else to take up the challenge in 2014.

*Elizabeth Hannah,
Church Warden*

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

On Thursday 24th Foxham's Macmillan Coffee Morning & Bring and Buy raised a fantastic **£441.08**.

Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed a piece of cake and a drink and also to everyone who couldn't make it but still donated.

Just a note to say we will be bagging up old horse manure at a donation of £1 if collected from Reading Room Cottage. Delivery can be arranged for an extra donation.

Cathy 07795595878 or Brian 07771757979 (with your order!)
All proceeds towards next year's Macmillan Coffee Morning

Foxham Free Library

We have books from cookery, classics, sci-fi, autobiographies, gardening, romance to crafts and children books. Something for everyone! So come to the Foxham Reading Room and borrow a book (all we ask from you is to return or replace it).

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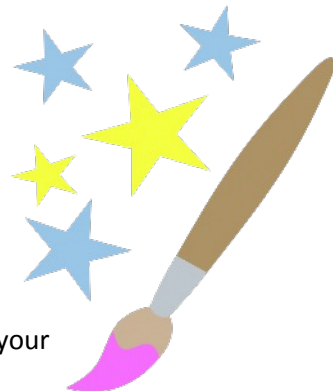
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CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS

Would you like your artwork on the cover of the Christmas issue of the Parish magazine? If you are still at primary school then please send us your Christmas or winter themed painting, drawing or photograph either digitally or on paper to:

bob@bremhill.com or post it through the letterbox at No 40 Bremhill (make sure to leave your contact details).



NB the image will need to be roughly square. Closes 1st Dec
(please acknowledge any digital sources used)

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

A list of local non-profit organisations

Contacts

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| ●Bremhill Village Hall | Marilyn Adcock | 661369 |
| ●Friends of St Martin | Heather Mowlem | |
| ●St Martins Church, Bremhill | Nancy Kyte | 815073 |
| ●St Martins Library | David Stevens | 815337 |
| ●Bremhill History Society | Jim Scott | 813114 |
| ●Bremhill Plant Stall | Philippa Stevens | 815337 |
| ●Bremhill Neighbourhood Watch | Bob Quayle | |
| ●St John the Baptist Church, Foxham | Elizabeth Hannah | 740619 |
| ●Foxham Reading Room | Cathy Hourihane | 740413 |
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BREMILL PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the latest meeting held on the 30th September are yet to be approved and will be put on the Bremhill Village website. Two main points were discussed in the meeting- firstly, that the application by the MOD for a Training College of Technical Training has been passed by Wiltshire Council. This is subject to many conditions, one of which is the Operational Noise Management Plan (ONMP) which aims to provide an "open, flexible and transparent mechanism for maintaining control of noise intrusion, with representation from local stakeholders". This must be approved prior to any external training areas becoming operational and then will be frequently monitored. The full document can be seen on the North Wilts Planning website.

A Neighbourhood Plan for the Bremhill Parish is being drafted which contains a vision of future development for the area and will be the subject of a public meeting for the purposes of feedback early in the new year. It will also be put on the new Bremhill Parish Council website which will be launched soon and link with the existing Bremhill village website.

OLD DOGS AND NEW TRICKS

I've always liked the flute and I had started to learn the instrument many years ago, but demands of work intervened and prevented any real progress from my early attempts to produce anything like an agreeable sound and I soon gave up my efforts. However, a few years ago, after my whingeing about wanting to start again and doing nothing about it, my wife bought me a course of lessons with an unsuspecting teacher. So I took the plunge, a deep breath and started again!

I still remember the resentment I felt at the age of eleven when my parents insisted that I gave up my Saturday mornings to visit a stern, rather unforgiving lady who gave me piano lessons. Surely they realised Saturday mornings were the time for seeing friends and playing football? I made relatively little progress, although that may have had more to do with insufficient practice than any lack of talent. However, she did teach me one thing which has proved important to me in my life - how to read music. So, once I got over the rather embarrassing moment, in front of my new teacher, of having to lift the instrument to my lips and make the first sounds on it for 25 years, we were able to move on reasonably quickly from the basics.

It is a truism that the teacher is all important and I have been very lucky in my wife's choice! Your teacher needs to be sympathetic, have infinite patience, the ability to smile and to be encouraging, even when he or she may simply wish to walk quietly away! Susan has a huge capacity for all of these even when, while playing, I can sense the gritting of teeth behind me and the whispered "C sharp!" when I played C natural. Or, in answer to my question "that suddenly an F sharp?" the intake of breath, the sigh and the answer "Because the key changes to E minor there." "Oh, I see." I don't, of course - and then the dreaded follow up "You need to do more theory, don't you!" Oh, the shame! Yes, I do and I'm back to being the eleven-year old, full of excuses for not doing his homework!

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Despite the fact that fingers no longer move quickly and messages from the brain to the fingers take longer to arrive, resulting in most pieces being played 'adagio' whatever their time-signature, we have persevered and made progress. There are some sticking points in getting the highest notes - and I still avoid the theory! But under Susan's guidance, we have played a large range of music, I have learned much about different styles and I listen to music now with far greater understanding.

Re-learning the flute has given me huge pleasure. It must be, I suppose, a bit like golf - one day you play well and the next day, irritation takes over because you just can't seem to do anything right and the club or flute gets thrown down in frustration! But there is real excitement in making a pleasing sound and playing through a new piece of music. You can teach an old dog new tricks and the result is worth the trying! Go on, try something!

Ewen Bird

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST MARTINS

At the last meeting the marquee was discussed at length and it was provisionally decided that as the canvas is getting beyond repair we should buy new canvases and continue to let it out.

The Friends of St Martins Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 25th November at 8.00 p.m. in Bremhill Village Hall. Come along and have a glass of wine with us. All welcome.

We will be deciding at the AGM to which organisations or good cause we will donate funds. Any organisation or good cause in Bremhill, Spirthill and Charlcutt, which would benefit from a donation should request in writing to:

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A few dog thefts have been reported locally. Pedigree dogs are especially at risk.

NO! WHAT I MEANT WAS

The British are generally not well known for their ability to speak foreign languages, so most countries feel it necessary to help us by translating notices into English. Being a linguist, I am always intrigued by the mistranslations I come across whenever I go abroad, sometimes with hilarious results. Here are a few examples

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- In a Prague tourist agency:* Take one of our horse-driven city tours - we guarantee no miscarriages.
- In a Danish airline ticket office:* We take your bags and send them in all directions.
- In a Norwegian bar:* Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar.
- In a South American hotel:* The manager has personally passed all the water served here.
- In a Greek tailor's shop:* Order your summers suit. Because is big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation.
- In a Bangkok dry cleaner's:* Drop your trousers here for best results.
- On a Swiss menu:* Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.
- In the office of a Rome doctor:* Specialist in women and other diseases.
- In a Hong Kong advert:* Teeth extracted by the latest methodists.
- In a Paris lift:* Please leave your values at the front desk.
- In a Dubrovnik hotel:* The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid.

However, before we get to feel too smug, we are not above making a few errors ourselves when we use our own language loosely, giving rise to such headline statements as 'At half-time the game was balanced in Arsenal's favour' and 'Home Secretary to act on porn websites'. The mind boggles!

Ewen Bird

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Hello and a very warm welcome from Matt, Jo, Mia Rose, Eleanor Daisy, Oscar (Dog), Oscar (Parrot) & Mango Chutney (cat) at your local, The Dumb Post Inn! We have finally managed to move in and have settled well - we have 2 daughters age 11 & 5 who would love to make some friends in the village! We have made a few welcome changes & the feedback has been wonderful. We were hosting venue to a very successful Harvest Auction on Monday 7th; it was great to meet so many new people and to recognise those who have supported us over the last few weeks - thank you. The biggest change for The Dumb Post was the introduction of a full pub menu - We pride ourselves on offering locally sourced, freshly prepared food at excellent value - our menus are seasonal offering a great choice for all and many specials that change on a daily/weekly basis.

Every Thursday night we offer either a selection of homemade curries or homemade burgers - these alternate so do give us a ring to find out which is coming next!

Our first Dumb Post Inn Quiz Night will be held on the 3rd Wednesday in November (20th). Cost is £1 per head & half the pot is winnings/half to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Sunday Roast served every Sunday 12 - 4pm - smaller portions available for children & those with a lighter appetite!

If you have not had a chance please visit us soon we would love to meet our new neighbours & if you have already then we look forward to seeing you again soon - We are your local pub & we love to welcome dog walkers, families, diners & those popping in for quiet drink with the same open door & friendly smile.

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CHRISTIAN MALFORD AND FOXHAM WI

We all now know what we should be wearing to complement our shapely bodies! Thanks go to Jill Wilson, who educated us on our dress sense at our October meeting.



The WI are having our usual superb stall on fireworks night, November 2nd with toffee apples, mulled wine, gingerbread men, flapjacks and soup. Your cooking contributions and help show what a great community we have.

In November we will be 'in chocolate heaven'. We will watch the artisan, Dennis Offer, mix and make fancy flavoured chocolates. He will tell us how chocolate first started, and of course we will be tasting! Do not miss this on Thursday November 21st at the usual time of 7.30. New ladies come and join our friendly group.

All our information and activities can be found on the notice board outside the Christian Malford village shop. *Contact Jenny 01249 740950*



FOXHAM HORSE SHOW UPDATE

This year's Foxham Horse Show & Fun Dog Show took place on Saturday 21st September and was a great success due to a few important factors. The weather was dry thankfully and there were plenty of entries for both the Horse and Dog Show classes.

As always, the residents of Foxham and surrounding villages responded to my cries for help and assistance with fantastic enthusiasm and everyone's contribution is hugely appreciated, so thank you.

The equine & canine stars were all on their best behaviour and rosettes were handed out by the dozen.

Most importantly we are now in the process of making donations to Foxham Church & Reading Room, RDA, Wilts Air Ambulance, Dorothy House, Youth Action Wilts, Macmillan Cancer Support and RABI (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution).

Next year's Show date is Saturday 20th September 2014 - look forward to seeing you then!

Jane Milligan (Organiser)

BLACKBERRY AND ALMOND MADEIRA CAKE

I made this for Nic's 30th birthday when I wasn't even going out with him and then look what happened!!

- 175g Butter, softened
- 175g caster sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- Grated zest of 1 orange
- 50g flaked almonds
- 100g plain flour
- 100g self-raising flour
- 2 tbsp milk
- 8 oz blackberries - fresh or frozen
- Icing sugar

1. Preheat the oven to 160 C. Line a deep 20cm cake tin. Cream the butter and sugar. Beat in the vanilla, then gradually beat in the eggs.
2. Stir in the zest and all but a few almonds crumbling them. Fold in the sifted flours and milk, then fold in all but eight of the blackberries.
3. Put the mixture in the tin and level, then arrange the remaining blackberries on top. Sprinkle over the remaining almonds and bake for 1 hour and 15 mins.
4. Cool in the tin for 10 mins, then cool on a rack. Dust with icing sugar.



Jessica Pillow

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The services will follow the usual monthly pattern in November:

Weeks 1 & 3 Morning Service at 10.00am

Weeks 2 & 4 Holy Communion at 8.30am

MORAVIAN CHURCH SERVICES, EAST TYTHERTON

Morning worship is every Sunday at 10.30am with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month. ALL WELCOME

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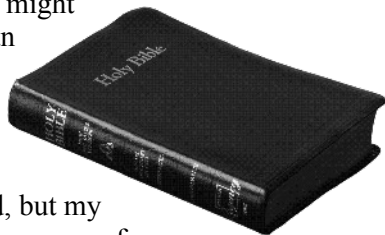
Saturdays 6pm and Sundays 10am
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Father Michael d'Arcy Walsh
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Small Thoughts of a Large Clergyman

“How time flies” – bit of a cliché I know, but it does seem that the older we get the faster the years seem to pass! And the great events in our lives - first day at school, first job, marriage, first house, first child, and so on—we look back and say “Was it really that long ago. It seems like only yesterday!” Just the other day I passed such a milestone, twenty five years in ordained ministry! And I really am amazed at the speed at which those years have passed! But perhaps I shouldn’t be too surprised, because they have been years full of joy, full of satisfaction, in many ways the best and most fulfilling part of my life so far. And (another cliché!) “time flies when you are having fun!”

Twenty-five years in which my life has changed in ways that I could never have envisaged when I was younger. In fact if you had suggested even a few years before I began my training, that one day I might appear in public sporting a dog collar (other than at a fancy dress party of course) I would have laughed at you and my laughter would have been augmented by the laughter of my friends!

“Jim Scott a clergyman? You have got to be joking!” Not that I was ever particularly wicked, but my attitude to church going and organised religion was one of great scepticism. Brought up as a churchgoer, I had developed the cynicism common to many young people in the fifties and sixties, and it remained part of my nature well into early middle age – even though I was married to the sweetest Christian girl that you were ever likely to meet. I had rejected the divinity of Christ at a very early age, but strangely I had never wavered in my belief that the teaching of Jesus, particularly that dealing with our relations with others, was the way to live our lives. But – all this Resurrection stuff, Virgin birth stories – leave it out! I don’t want to know!



SO – WHAT HAPPENED? What miracle took this happy agnostic from joyful disbelief to a contented and convinced follower of the Man whom he had rejected for so many years. From someone who mocked the faith of others to one whose own faith grew (illogically, some would say) to the extent that he knew that only ordination would satisfy this ever growing sense of vocation. It’s difficult, looking back, to point to any one event or person that triggered off this complete change of attitude toward religion, and Christianity in particular. One major event does spring to mind. My family moving back to Bremhill, the parish where I was born and brought up, with all the association with the Church that this pre-cynical boy was exposed to. But perhaps the

major influence was a saintly clergyman, a retired Archdeacon of Wiltshire The Reverend Canon Cecil Plaxton, who looked after St Martin's church during a very long reorganisation. He was long retired, even then.

I had began to attend church – with Judy- more out of a duty really, and this coincided with Cecil's spell as our minister. I began talking to this very saintly, but very humorous and kindly man, after Sunday services. Over the weeks the subject of ministry cropped up more and more. He asked me if I had ever considered ordination. I had to point out to him that it was but a few weeks previously that I had considered going to church at all! But the weeks passed and the talks continued. Cecil obviously saw in me something spiritual that had never been given an outlet.....It's a long story (already) and you all know the end!.Several months and a Selection Conference later I found myself beginning a three year training course at Salisbury Theological College! This most unlikely convert began something in October 1984 that was going to lead to the most joyous period in my life. I am so grateful (particularly the late Cecil Plaxton) to all those whose love and encouragement helped me through this great change in my life – and Judy has to take the crown for this – what an inspiration she continues to be.

Why me? This very reluctant Pilgrim. Why me? And the answer comes from our Lord himself. We don't chose him, he chooses us!

God Bless – and if your very fortunate it could happen to you!

Jim Scott

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10 th Nov 3 rd before Advent	9.30 Family Service	C. Minty Micah 4. 1-5
17 th Nov 2 nd before Advent	9.30 Holy Communion	R. Pegler 2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13
24 th Nov Sunday before Advent	9.30 Holy Communion	A. Whitbread Jeremiah 23 1-6 Luke 23. 33-43
1 st Dec 1 st Sunday of Advent	9.30 Holy Communion	D. Wilton

Christmas will be with us soon so

Dates for your Diary:

Christingle 8th Dec. will be joined with Family Service at 9.30am

Christmas Carol Service. Wed. 18th Dec. 7pm

Carol Singing around Foxham. Mon. 23rd. Dec. (meet at Foxham Inn at 6.45pm) EVERYONE WELCOME

Details of the Church Services for Derry Hill and Foxham are displayed on the notice board in the Church Porch.

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

BREMHILL CHURCH SERVICES - NOVEMBER 2013

	SERVICE	SIDESMEN	READERS
3 rd Nov 4 th before Advent	8am Holy Communion 4pm Evensong	N Jordan K Webb & A Jones	Evensong: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 Mr Nicol Jordan Luke 6:20 Mrs Jane Jordan
10 th Nov 3 rd before Advent	10.50 am Remembrance Sunday	D Stevens & L Jones	Micah 4: 1-5 Dr David Stevens I Corinathians 15: 50 to end - Brig George Powell
17 th Nov 2 nd before Advent	4pm Evensong	J Hughes & P Rawlings	Malachi 4: 1-2 Mrs Judith Scott Luke 21: 5-19 Mrs June Hughes
24 th Nov Sunday before Advent	9.30am Family Service Christ the King	M Kyte & A Woods	Luke 23: 33-34 A Young Person
1 st Dec 1 st Sunday of Advent	8am - Holy Communion 4pm Evensong	M Kyte A Woods & K Blackmore	Readings and Readers to be advised next month

Please note that Evensongs will be at 4pm, not at 6pm during the winter.

CHURCH NEWS

“God be in my head and in my understanding” From a hymn by Walford David 1869-1941

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

in aid of St Martins Church, Bremhill –50:50 Silent Auction is now in February and a wine tasting in the New Year too. Many other exciting fund raising events throughout the year to come for the fabric of the Church – Watch this space!

CHURCH BAZAAR

Saturday 7 December 10am to 1pm at St Martin's Church

Tea and coffee until 12 and Soup from 12. Bottle Stall, Christmas produce, Christmas decorations, Bulbs, Decorating Cushions, Book Stall, Children's Tombola, Mulled Wine and more.



HARVEST FESTIVAL AT BREMHILL

We held the Harvest Festival at St Martin's Church on 6 October. Once again the Church looked wonderful at Harvest time with the gifts donated and skilfully arranged who do this every year. There was a large congregation and lots of children. Many thanks to all who came.

On the following Monday evening, the Dumb Post Inn opened especially for the Harvest Auction. We thank them for opening for us and giving us a great welcome! Tom the Chef made a fantastic cake which sold very well. There was a good crowd and £505 was raised which will go to famine relief charities. Thank you all for coming and helping in every way.



CHURCH LIBRARY

Don't forget we have many paperbacks waiting for you in St Martin's Church. Put 20p in the Fabric Box and it is yours! They are all in author order. Pop in and have a look. The church is open every day during the day.



ST MARTIN'S CHURCH CLEANING

Can you spare an hour or two to help with cleaning the church or polishing the brass? If you can, a cleaning rota can be found in the church porch. Thanks.



If you have any items of Church or Village news for the December issue of the Newsletter, please give them to Derek Kyte (815073) or Jane Jordan (812083) by 8th November. Thank you.

POEM OF THE MONTH

Autumn Fires
In the other gardens
And all up the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!

Robert Louis Stevenson

As a child, I didn't particularly enjoy reading Robert Louis Stevenson's adventure stories, *Treasure Island* and *Kidnapped*, but from an early age I loved the poems in *A Child's Garden of Verses*.

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