

BREMHILL, FOXHAM, THE TYTHERTONS AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

November 2016

# The Newsletter



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. Bonfire Night - Bremhill
- 6<sup>th</sup> Nov Bonfire Breakfast - Tytherton
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov Family Bingo - Foxham
- 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. Bremhill Village Hall AGM
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. Christmas Craft Fair - East Tytherton
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas decoration making evening
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Fair - Bremhill
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Carol Concert - Moravian Church
- 17 Jan 2017 Newsletter AGM - Foxham
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jan Supper night - Tytherton

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Taken by Luke Terrill, a young photographer aged 11 yrs.*

### **AUCTION OF PROMISES**

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## EDITORIAL

This month you will find an envelope in your Newsletter. The Newsletter is delivered to every household in the civic parish of Bremhill free of charge. The cost of each edition is approximately 90p. The printing is almost our only expense. Everything else is done by wonderful volunteers for nothing. Our advertising covers about 60% of the overall cost but, I am afraid, the remainder has to be raised.

We would be very grateful if you would consider supporting us so that we can continue to provide the parish with this facility. Please note the individuals who have offered to receive your donations. There is someone close by to make it as convenient as possible. Thank you.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the various jobs associated with the production of the Newsletter. There is a breadth of tasks to suit most people so, if you would like to volunteer, do chat with anyone mentioned on the envelope, send us an email or give one of the editors a call.

Our AGM has been delayed until the New Year. Our Constitution states that we must advertise the AGM in the Newsletter in 2 consecutive editions prior to the event. The Chairman failed to get his act together so this did not happen in September as it should. Mea culpa! The AGM will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm at the Foxham Reading Room. More formal notices will be in the December and January Newsletters. Please put the date in your diary, do come and have your say. It is your Newsletter!

The shops are already phasing in Christmas much to my disappointment. However, I am aware there will be a number of events in the parish in December so do get your information about them to us as soon as possible but certainly by 13<sup>th</sup> November. Many thanks.

*David*

*All Newsletter items for the following month must be with the editors by the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month to ensure their publication.*

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## **SPECIAL NOTICES**

### **BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL AGM**

The Village Hall committee would like to invite all to attend our AGM on the evening of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. The meeting will start at 7.30 pm

This is a great opportunity to see what the community gets up to during the year and perhaps you would like to offer to help in some way....?

We will have refreshments available at the bar.

Date: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Time: 7.30 pm. Venue: Bremhill Village Hall

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### **CHRISTMAS DECORATION MAKING EVENING**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30 - 9.30 pm in Bremhill Village Hall. Refreshments will be provided. Come along and make your own door hanging, garland or table decoration etc. To book, call 813114 or 815337.

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### **BREMHILL CHURCH BELLS**

The bells will be ringing half muffled for Remembrance from 3-5 pm and 6.30 - 8:00 pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. when we host bell ringers from the Calne area.

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Do make contact & join our team! Regards. Ken Webb 01249 760682

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## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

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### **Bremhill**

A big, big thank you to everyone who helped, and everyone who came to Bremhill Village Hall on Saturday morning, 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. A big thank you, too, to those who brought cakes and items for the Bring and Buy stall. And of course to all of you who gave so generously and enabled us to raise a grand total of £477.30 (including later donations). Thank you, thank you.

*Judy Scott*

### **Thornbury**

We at Thornbury Surfacing would like to thank everyone that attended and or contributed to our Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. It was a great turn out and we managed to raise £542.50 for this truly great charity.



*Colin Westbrook*



## **CHRISTMAS GIFT AND CRAFT FAIR IN TYTHERTON VILLAGE HALL**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am - 4.00pm

In this new venture, we are looking for anyone who would be interested in having a table at the Fair, selling items such as jewellery; decorations and hand made items for the home; gifts; Christmas decorations, cards and paper; toiletries and cosmetics; cakes; seasonal produce; soft furnishings; toys; books (new); plants...

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Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 5.00 for 5.30 pm start!

Come along and have some family fun you may even be a winner!

Half the proceeds will be donated to a Charity to be drawn on the night so have their details ready! Your chosen Charity might be in for a Christmas surprise.

Refreshments and light snacks available, oh and a raffle too of course!!

Reserve your table now to avoid going home before it's even started!

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## THE SKY AT NIGHT - NOVEMBER

This month's article is dedicated to "La Luna", the moon, the earth's lone satellite in space. The reason for this dedication is that on the 14<sup>th</sup> November we have the "Supermoon". This may be the second of three supermoons this year, but it will be the biggest and brightest. The skies around our villages will be illuminated by a magical light show. The last time the moon came this close to the earth was in 1948.

The moon is the largest and brightest object in the night sky and the only one whose features can be easily seen with the naked eye. Whilst the moon is a brilliant light source we can only see the moon because light from the sun bounces off it back to earth.

With a diameter of one quarter of the size of earth, the moon is an average of 238,900 miles away. Despite this distance, the moon dictates the rise and fall of our tides because of its gravitational forces. So when we have a Supermoon, we will experience substantial high and low tides.

As the moon is in a synchronised rotation with earth, it means the same side is always facing the earth. The far side of the moon is sometimes called the dark side, despite the fact that it is illuminated by the sun just as much as the side we can see.

Whilst before my time, I am sure many of you will remember the infamous black and white footage beamed to earth of Apollo 11 landing on the moon on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 1969. We heard Neil Armstrong saying "That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind". I think he was forgiven for fluffing his line a little!

So why don't you make a note in your diary for the 14<sup>th</sup>?

And finally, we have all heard of the man on the moon, but have you ever wondered how he cuts his hair? 'E clipses it' (sorry, I couldn't resist!).

*Angela Protheroe*

(How many moons does the Earth have? <http://qi.com/infocloud/the-moon>)

## **FOXHAM HORSE SHOW 2016**

What a lovely day we had!

The Foxham Horse, Dog, Craft and Produce Show was a great success this year with fine weather, good entries and a record number of trade stands for everyone to enjoy. A huge thank you to everyone who came to the show; competitors; all of our sponsors; all the companies and people who provided fantastic raffle prizes and everyone who volunteered to help us. Once again Waitrose, Malmesbury provided considerable support which was much appreciated by the show, contributing to lunches for judges' stewards and helpers with two Waitrose partners joining us for raffle ticket sales. In addition the Waitrose green token in store community support gave the show a real boost in fund raising. Thank you to everyone who voted for the show with their Waitrose green shopping token. It really helped.

More than 300 horses competed at the show, along with 105 dogs. There was a 65% increase in produce craft and photography entries which contributed toward a very busy show. We also enjoyed a demonstration, Shetland Pony Grand National race, which drew crowds three deep at the ring side!

The show would not be possible without the generous support of Cadenham Farm in allowing us use of the show field, and the huge number of people who help us on the day. We are delighted to report the show raised £6750, which will be distributed to our chosen charities. Half of the proceeds are shared between the Foxham village, Church and Reading room and the rest will be shared amongst Dorothy House Hospice, Julia's House, The Dogs Trust, Greatwood racehorse rehabilitation, RABI Royal agriculture benevolent institute, Wiltshire Air Ambulance, and the Parish Magazine.

Please book the date in your diary for next year, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and if you think you could help us in any way, we would love to hear from you, please contact us [hello@foxhamhorseshow.com](mailto:hello@foxhamhorseshow.com), or call 07831100440

*Michelle Hanson  
Show Organiser*



*Foxham Horseshow  
Taken by Luke Terrill*

## TYTHERTON W.I.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Mrs Christina Stapley will be speaking on "Herbs in Cookery, Remedies and Pot-pourri" at our meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. The talk will give an introduction to herb use from enhancing the flavours and nutritious goodness of recipes to simple home remedies in teas, footbaths, and the use of some essential oils.

In December we are out for our Christmas Meal at The Langley Tap. The menu choice will be circulated at November's meeting.

Our meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Just come along or for further information ring our Secretary Rose on 07514 538551



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## Bonfire Night – Saturday 5 November

*“Remember, remember The fifth of November  
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There is no reason Why the Gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot!”*

Excitingly this year the Bremhill annual bonfire and firework display night will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. After the success of last year's evening we have asked Sky Rascal, a professional display company, to provide more spectacular sparkle in our skies.

And, of course, we will be providing our specialities of homemade mulled wine and soup, along with quality burgers and sausages.

This is always a fun-filled evening, providing an excellent community celebration. Gates open from 6.30 pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Plus if you have the time, do come along on a Sunday morning to help build the bonfire - again another great community get together.

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You will recall the party that was held in May to celebrate Nancy and Derek's contribution to the life of the Parish. She decided to spend the money raised to go to Jersey with her niece. This is the story of her holiday.

"I wanted to let you all know about the special holiday I had in August, using the generous gift you gave me. I went to Jersey, somewhere I had always wanted to go. This was my first ever flight and the weather was perfect. During the week I visited the wonderful wildlife Park and the amazing Glass Church. This really is a fabulous building and quite an incredible place to see. The glass font is stunning.



A more moving visit was to the War Tunnels, also known as the Underground Hospital. It was so interesting learning about the occupation, the difficulties of building the tunnels and the consequences for those who collaborated with the enemy. I did shake the hand of a "German Soldier" who stood on duty.

Two coach tours took me around the beautiful coastline and country lanes. I loved seeing the Jersey cows and the pink Jersey lilies. Our drivers had so much information to share. It was really wonderful.

It was a marvelous holiday and something I will always remember. I have a lovely album of photos. If you'd like to come and see me and the photos, I will happily tell you all about it.

Once again, thanks you all.

*Nancy Kyte*

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# TYTHERTON VILLAGE HALL

Tytherton Hall AGM, 15<sup>th</sup> September

At the AGM the Annual Report and Accounts were accepted by the meeting and can be seen on the village hall website at

<https://sites.google.com/site/tythertonhall/agsm-sept-16> The Treasurer, Chris

Laurence, said the charity was in a good financial state. The committee had invested a considerable sum to decorate and refurbish the hall and it looked much more welcoming. In the current year the loss of the Ride due to its cancellation would be compensated for by the profit from the Queen's Birthday weekend which would show a profit in excess of £900.

Nic Pillow and Chris Laurence were re-elected as Trustees and Gareth Milner was elected as a new Trustee. Following a suggestion from the meeting a list of Trustees and committee members would be posted on the notice board in the hall. A second question raised was regarding membership. It was clarified that membership was free giving members and their guests the use of the bar and the hire of the hall for private functions. For information on becoming a member see contact details below.

Full minutes of the meeting will be posted on the website in the near future.

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**Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>: 9.00am - 11.00am: "Bonfire Breakfast"** with a bang(er), egg, bacon, tomatoes, mushrooms, hash browns, beans, black pudding - the choice is yours. Toast etc, o.j., tea, coffee. £5 a head.

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**Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>: The Christmas Gift and Craft Fair.**

A great opportunity for local Christmas shopping.

See the full page for details

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**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Village Carol Celebration, The Moravian Church 6.30pm**  
*East Tytherton's unique Christmas sing-along, followed by mulled wine & mince pies in the village hall*

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017: The January Supper.** Details to follow

**The Bar** is open each Friday at 8.00pm, for all members to come and enjoy a drink and chat. **Please note no bar on Nov 25<sup>th</sup> (Auction of Promises evening at Foxham), or on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December**

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## BOOK REVIEW

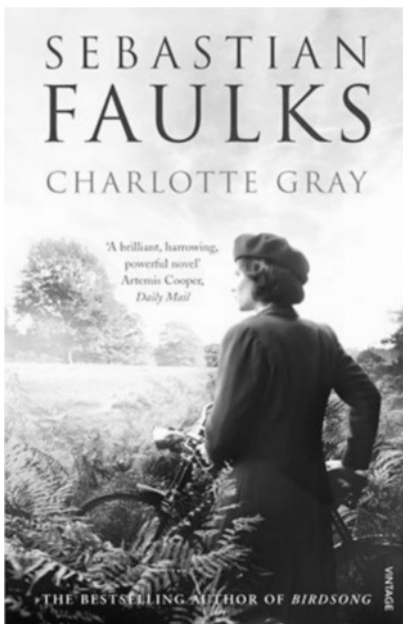
### Charlotte Gray by Sebastian Faulks

You may be familiar with the books of Sebastian Faulks, including *Birdsong*, perhaps his best known work about WWI. *Charlotte Gray* is a book about Vichy France during WW2.

*Charlotte Gray* is a young Scottish woman who has an affair with a pilot. She is also courted by an organization that sounds like SOE because of her fluent French. However, her lover is lost over France, so her determination to go on an operation to France increases with an almost primary desire to find him.

The story tells of the characters she meets and the experiences she has supporting the fledgling resistance. As you can imagine, not everything goes to plan and she also has to face the reality of life in Vichy France at the time. The transportation of Jews, the collaboration of some of the French and the increasing German occupation.

This book gives a good insight into life in 1943 when the tide was beginning to turn towards the Allies, Faulks has this ability to describe his characters so clearly and make you believe that they could have really existed. It is very readable and something that teenagers could easily find absorbing.



Although I enjoyed it, the film of the book, starring Cate Blanchett and Rupert Perry-Jones, did not get good reviews and the storyline in the film did not remain true to the book either. Whether you have seen the film or not, please read the book. You will enjoy it.

*Charlotte Gray* is currently in the library at St Martin's Church, Bremhill. Just 20p in the Fabric book as a donation would be great!

*David Stevens*

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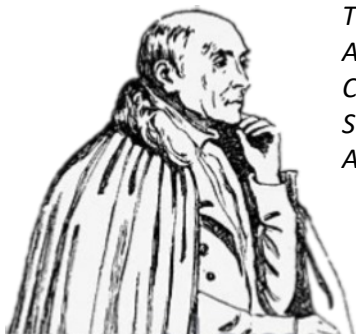
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## **A TRIBUTE BY CANON BOWLES' to the heroes of the Battle of Waterloo.**

Just as the the Earl Haig Fund was established in 1921 initially to assist ex-servicemen in the aftermath of The Great War, a century earlier, after the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, benefit services were held nationwide during August with special collections for the dependants of the fallen. This was observed in Bremhill church and reported thus in The Salisbury and Winchester Journal:

*'On Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> instant a sermon was preached at the parish church of Bremhill....by the Rev. W.L.Bowles, and a collection made for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the brave men who fell at the battle of Waterloo. In the course of the service, which was conducted in a most devout and impressive manner, two pieces of beautiful music, with appropriate words from the pen of the Rev. Mr. Bowles, were sung under the direction of Mr. Coombs, [organist and composer ] of Chippenham, by several ladies and gentlemen present. One of these compositions, adapted to Dr. [Benjamin] Cooke's well-known glee. "How sleep the brave," containing the following eloquent stanza: -*

*"How sleep the brave, who sink to rest"  
"By all their country's wishes blest!"  
When cold upon the distant plain  
The soldier lies mid heaps of slain,  
We call on thee, O God, to bless  
The Widowed and the fatherless.  
Behold - behold the orphan's tear  
The sighs of mourning mothers hear;  
And while, to soothe their bitter woe,  
Compassion shall here write bestow,  
Still let them kneel before thy throne,  
And seek -- seek peace from Thee alone.*



*The church was overflowing; and the powerful arguments and truly pathetic eloquence of the preacher deeply affected the hearts of all present. A very liberal subscription followed on the occasion.....'*

The London composer and organist of Westminster Abbey, Benjamin Cooke (1734-1793) originally composed this Dirge as a Glee in 1771 to words by William Collins (1721-1793) which won the Prize Medal of The Glee Club. It was published in 1775 from which Bowles retained Collins's first two lines followed by his own. For the above performance, Bowles, or Coombs (presumably at the latter's request) substituted this text to Cooke's music.

*Christopher Kent*

## **Calne Young Farmers**

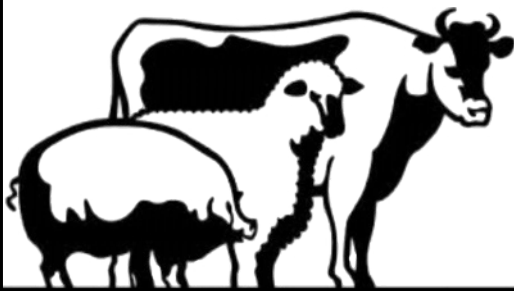
Calne Young Farmers is a local club within the heart of Wiltshire.

The members range from age 10 to 26.

We hold our meetings fortnightly in East Tytherton Village Hall, with a range of activities from public speaking to auctioneering, as well as nights out for the seniors and junior activities, eg rounder's, skittles, meal out at Christmas.

We are holding our annual General meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at East Tytherton Village Hall at 7:30 pm for an 8 pm start. It would be nice to see old members come back and also new ones join.

If you require any more information then please call 07586 793 583.



## **CHRISTIAN MALFORD & FOXHAM WI**



At our November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Joe Hoare will be coaching us in 'Laughter' His own personal wake-up call changed his life forever. Taking the fundamentals from Yoga, Joe will be getting us to do deep Yogic breathing and reacquaint ourselves with our inner laughter, leaving us with a sense of well-being.

He believes our tolerance threshold for physical pain increases as a result of laughter. This benefit spills over to emotional and psychological pain. Do not miss this, we will all have fun...it will be a wonderful medicine! This will be at 7.30 in Christian Malford Village Hall.

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

*Contact Tina: 01249 720956*

## **ST MARTIN'S CHURCH GRAVESTONES**

The Church insurance insist that we do an annual assessment of the gravestones. We gently, but firmly, push and pull the stones to see if they are likely to topple over, particularly if children knock them.

We have had to flatten 17 gravestones. More than half from the 1970s and 1980s. They include:

Elizabeth and Vincent Eatwell (1978), William and Maron Vines (1983), William and Florence Hazell (1988), George and Alfred Chubb (1941), Sarah and Isaac Chubb (1941), William Weeks (1916), Florence Ing (1911), Henry and Fanny Freegard (1907), Alfred and Brenda Salter (2006), Brenda Ayres (1971), Henry and Ethel Kane (1978), Roland and Emily Toensend (1976), Albert and Anne Milsom (1983), Ella and Francis Salter (1976), Gertrude Ellis (1974), Elizabeth Edrupp and family.

If you are a descendant or know the family of a descendant, please be in touch with one of the Church Wardens (William Wyldbore-Smith 814969 or David Stevens 815337). We need to know the families' wishes.

*David Stevens*



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## GARDENING TIPS FOR OCTOBER

Cover brassicas with netting to guard against pigeon damage. Protect carrots by removing foliage and covering with a layer of straw weighed down by some netting. Prune currant bushes. Sow broad beans and garlic.

Trees and shrubs can be moved now as the soil is still warm. Ensure alpenes have grit around them to prevent rot. Plant up winter tubs using a free draining compost. Raise pots off the ground to aid drainage.

Clear out compost bins and use the dark crumbly compost. Gather leaves to make leaf mould. They will rot down well in plastic sacks. Make a few holes in the full sacks to let air in. Store for about 12 to 18 months.

Tidy up beds and borders removing annual plants that have died back. Clear out dead stems and leaves which might cause the plant crowns to rot. Leave some seed heads which will provide valuable food for birds and hollow stems will give insects shelter. Apply mulch to borders to insulate the roots of plants and enrich the soil.

Feed birds regularly as winter arrives, also fresh water for them to drink and bath in. Hedgehogs are still around and need extra nutrition and water. Be aware that they are out and about much earlier as the days shorten and may be crossing roads. There are a number in the Bremhill area so please drive carefully.



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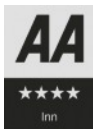
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## RURAL POLICING MATTERS

Wiltshire Police were part of a multi-agency team that stopped and checked 46 vehicles and 9 people during a rural crime operation to disrupt criminal activity recently in South Wiltshire.



Approximately 50 staff from Wiltshire Police, the Rural Crime Team, Dorset Police, Hampshire Police, Tri-force specialist officers, the Special Constabulary, the Office of the PCC and volunteers from the National Gamekeepers Association and the National Farmers Union came together as one team.

South Wiltshire Sector Inspector Peter Sparrow said: "Now the harvest has been gathered in it has opened up vast areas of agricultural land for potential poaching offences, acquisitive crime and damage. One of the misconceptions I am keen to correct is that the police have withdrawn from the rural communities. Wiltshire is a rural county and I want to reassure the rural communities that their needs are not being ignored. Operation Engage, a series of countywide operations targeting rural crime, was designed to directly address these concerns. I am determined operations like this are repeated on a regular basis."

Police and Crime Commissioner Angus Macpherson said: "Wiltshire is a rural county and it is important that the Force police rural crime as part of its overall policing."

*Ed comment: Let us hope they do this in North Wiltshire too!*

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## **SMALL THOUGHTS OF A LARGE CLERGYMAN**

He must have been around five years old, but he had never experienced the joys of childhood. He is the boy who was pulled out from the rubble caused by an air strike in Aleppo in strife-torn Syria. There are countless boys and girls like him in various countries whose childhood has been stolen from them by war.

We will never know their names, but of course, there is a label for them - "collateral damage"!

He reminds me of the massacre in Bethlehem ordered by King Herod as he tried to kill the infant Jesus. He reminds me of my own grandchildren!

How shall we respond to the boy from Aleppo and others like him? We could, like the Levite in the story of the Good Samaritan, walk over, look at him and pass by on the other side of the road.

We certainly should pray for our own leaders - to ask God to give wisdom to our governments so that they can try to formulate and execute policies towards a just peace in the world. However, I propose that in a democratic society how we live can influence government. How we live matters.

Living our faith through kindness, fairness, generosity and compassion affects our family, our neighbourhood, our workplace. How we talk to each other in the street sets the mood in the community. Caring enough to help others in need keeps hope alive in society. What we teach our children shapes the future. Perhaps Aleppo has a message for all of us. Maybe it is to remind us that we have received the tender love of Jesus. Maybe it is to raise our sensitivity to His voice so that we may hear his call, respond and make a difference in the life of others.

God Bless all of you.

*Jim Scott*

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For any information (Weddings, Funerals, Christenings etc) contact:  
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## **ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, TYTHERTON LUCAS**

Sunday 6 Nov	Morning Service	10 am	Peter Tremelling
Sunday 13 Nov	Remembrance Day at Moravian Church	10.30 am	
Sunday 20 Nov	Mattins	10 am	Derek Copeland
Sunday 27 Nov	Eucharist	8.30 am	Rod Key
Sunday 4 Dec	St Nicholas Patronal Festival	10 am	Peter Tremelling

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## **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH. FOXHAM**

6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am	M. Kellond
3 before Advent	Holy Communion	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am	D. Milligan
	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	Micah 4: 1-5
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am	R. Pegler
Christ the King	Holy Communion	Colossians 1: 11-20
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6 pm	TBA

Special Service for all 3 churches

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## CHURCH NEWS

### ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, BREMHILL

	Service	Sidesmen	Readers
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 3 before Advent Red	8 Holy Communion 4 Evensong	N Jordan Jane Jordan June Hughes S Tumber	2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5,13-17 W Wyldbore-Smith Job 19: 23-27a J Lamacraft Luke 20: 27-38 A Woods
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov Red	10.50am Remembrance Service	J Scott E Parlett	Micah 4:1-5 Brigadier George Powell 1 Corinthians 15:50 – end Guy Briselden MC
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov Christ the King White	4 pm Evensong	Mark Kyte David Stevens	Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Marilyn Adcock Luke 23: 33-43 Jane Jordan
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov Advent 1	9.30 Family Service Baptism	N Jordan Jane Jordan Judy Scott	Matthew 24: 36-44 June Hughes
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 2	8 Holy Communion 4 Evensong	D Stevens Tamsin Castle Anne Jones S Tumber	Romans 15: 4-13 David Stevens Isaiah 11: 1-10 Nicol Jordan Matthew 3: 1-12 Jophy Powell

## ST MARTIN'S NOTICES

By the time you read this, Nick Pocock will have replaced the heaters in the Church that are no longer working. The faculties for the windows and the hatchment are with the DAC.



A gravestone assessment has been carried out to make sure they are all safe. It is most important that you inform us of the relatives involved you know of any relatives of the gravestones that have been laid flat, please tell the Church Wardens. We need to know what to do with them - see article elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Carol singing around the Village. Meet at 7 pm at the Village Hall on Thursday 15 December. In Aid of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Please come along!

Auction of Promises. At the Cheese & Wine Party in February this year, somebody bought a joint of Beef. As we seem to have lost your name, would you please contact Jean Pocock on 01249 740202 who is keen to honour her promise.

Cleaning Rota. In Church you will see a Church Cleaning Rota. If you can find an hour or two to help clean the Church or polish the Brass, please put your name down as a volunteer. It will be much appreciated. Please bring your own cleaning materials, but there is a fine vacuum cleaner at the back of the Church

Devizes Mobile Library calls at Naish House Farm, Spirthill. This month on Monday 7 November at 9.30 - 10.00 am. Please note the time - we are only get one visit each month. Don't forget the church library. Paperbacks only by well-known authors!

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

If you have any items of local Church or Village News for the December 2016 edition of this Newsletter, please give them to Jane Jordan (812083) in time for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 deadline. Thank you.

*David Stevens*

	<b>Foxham</b>	<b>Bremhill</b>
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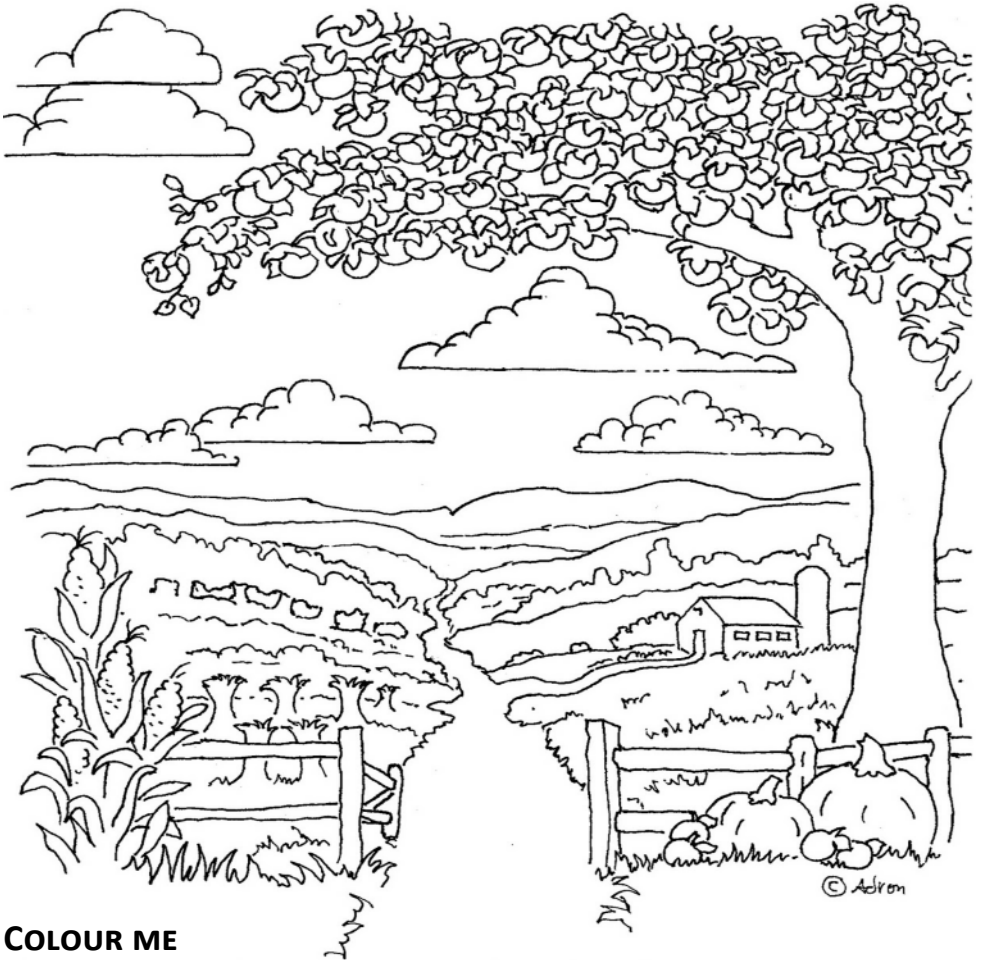
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An Autumn doodle



**John Clare** (1793-1864) was an English poet, the son of a farm labourer from Northumberland, who was known for his evocative pictures of the countryside. He is considered to be among the most important 19th-century poets and has been described as the greatest labouring-class poet that England has ever produced, writing powerfully about nature and his rural childhood. In our Parish, we are fortunate

to have so many birds around us, serenading us with their song and I felt this poem captures beautifully something of this autumnal season.

### **'Autumn Birds' by John Clare**

The wild duck startles like a sudden thought,  
And heron slow as if it might be caught.  
The flopping crows on weary wings go by  
And grey beard jackdaws noising as they fly.  
The crowds of starnels whizz and hurry by,  
And darken like a clod the evening sky.  
The larks like thunder rise and suthy round,  
Then drop and nestle in the stubble ground.  
The wild swan hurries height and noises loud  
With white neck peering to the evening cloud.  
The weary rooks to distant woods are gone.  
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To neighbouring tree, and leaves the distant crow  
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*Ewen*

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