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October 2014

# The Newsletter

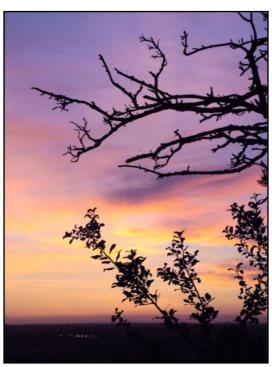
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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

• 4<sup>th</sup> October Church Yard Working Party, St Martins 6<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Sale at the Dumb Post Inn. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Oct Calne Music and Arts Festival 11<sup>th</sup> October Bremhill Hall 21st celebrations. 1<sup>st</sup> November Pumpkin Ball - Foxham • 5<sup>th</sup> November **Bremhill fireworks** • 6<sup>th</sup> November Ladies Lunch at Bowood • 10<sup>th</sup> November The Friends of St Martin AGM • 13<sup>th</sup> November Foxham bridge afternoon • 21<sup>st</sup> November St Martins - French Evening • 28<sup>th</sup> November A Victorian Christmas



A sunset taken from Maud Heath's monument looking out towards Chippenham - by *Linda Sankey* 

### **EDITORIAL**

### Les Communautés de Bremhill

Many of us will have spent our holidays in France this summer. We travel across La Manche for many different reasons. If you are like us, we especially enjoy going to the French villages in the middle of nowhere with the boulangerie, the boucherie, the café, the small farms and the floral decorations.

We have lost many of those facilities over the last forty years and, perhaps, some of the community cohesion that goes with that way of life. We cannot go back those "good old days" but we can both maintain and enhance our sense of community while we lead the more independent and busy lives of our era.

We have many precious assets in our villages which are in danger of disappearing if we do not all make an effort to support them. I believe that without them we, and our successors, would be the poorer. These assets include our village halls, our churches, our monuments, village committees, village shows, the coffee mornings, the lunches, the Parish Council and even the way in which we present ourselves to those visiting us. Perhaps we can think about adorning our villages with more communal summer annuals next year?

As we cycled through these French villages, we heard their stories of the "Libération" 70 years ago. There were photographs, flags, historical accounts and many war memorials. Some of the stories were harrowing as many villages were bombed heavily by the Allies, killing many inhabitants. Did you know that there were more civilian deaths than the military during the Battle of Normandy?

Vive la Communauté!

**David Stevens** 

All contributions for the November Newsletter by noon on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. to editor@bremhill.com. Many thanks.

### **SPECIAL NOTICES**

### THE FRIENDS OF ST MARTIN AGM

The Friends of St Martin AGM will take place in The Dumb Post Inn on 10<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30 pm. Any local organization wishing to be considered for a donation, please contact Heather Mowlem by letter before Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct.

### A Big Thank You

A big thank you to Carole, Mark and their helpers for our Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August. It was nice to see old friends and relations. The donations amounted to £595 (wonderful!), thank you all so very much. Donations will go to North Wilts Holiday Club for children and young people with special needs and The Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Many thanks from Nancy and Derek.

### ST MARTIN'S FRENCH EVENING

To commemorate 70 years after Le Libération de Normande culminating in the fall of Paris in August 1944, St Martin's Church will be holding a French Evening on Friday 21 November in Bremhill Village Hall. Bon Information and tickets from Philippa Stevens (815337) Bon Apetit, mes amis!

### ST MARTIN'S 100 CLUB WINNERS

June: 1st Prize - Brian Meadows, 2nd Prize - Brian Pocock
July: 1st Prize - Rosie Stevens, 2nd Prize - Mike Jones
August: 1st Prize - Peter Shaw, 2nd Prize - Alan Hutchings
September: 1st Prize - Chris Ellis, 2nd Prize - Heather Mowlem
The Super Prize will be drawn with a value of £184.80 will be drawn at the
Harvest Sale on Monday 6th October at the Dumb Post Inn. By that time,
£924 will have been won in one year. It will be time to buy you 100 Club
tickets for next year!

David Stevens

### **DEVIZES MOBILE LIBRARY**

Devizes Mobile Library calls at Naish House Farm, Spirthill, on every other Monday afternoon at 2 pm - 2.30 pm - 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October.

### **FOXHAM AUTUMN BRIDGE AFTERNOON WITH TEA**

Thursday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> from 1.30pm to 5pm at the Foxham Reading Room. Tickets £8 per person. Apply early to avoid disappointment to Val Minty, 01249 740219 or Jenny Wilton on 01249 740279.

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The musicians and actors invite you to join them for some of your favourite carols (with songsheets provided) as well as introducing you to some more obscure, but no less beautiful, festive songs from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. They also perform a festive play based upon a traditional English folk tale.

Finally, there's a Christmas tale of the court of King Arthur - a figure revived in the Victorian era by authors and poets such as Scott and Tennyson - featuring damsels in distress, deeds of chivalry, an epic quest and of course a happy ending. The tale is told in two parts across the two halves of the show. And now for the really fun information!

Come along in Victorian costume - join in the spirit of the occasion. Even if you cannot do the whole outfit some of you gentlemen must have a top hat and ladies find your long skirts.

......And if you do not want to dress up - just come along and enjoy yourself.

Marilyn Adcock

### **FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

November 5<sup>th</sup> will herald another Bremhill Fireworks Display. Gates open at 6.30pm.

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### **BONFIRE BUILDING**

On Sundays 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Oct and 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 10.30am we will be building the Bonfire, please come along and help in Lodowicks, Bremhill.

### **DEVIZES MOBILE LIBRARY**

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### **CHURCH YARD WORKING PARTY**

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am we will have a working party to carry out our annual tidy up of St Martin's churchyard in Bremhill - everybody welcome.

### HALL HAS A 21ST

Bremhill Village Hall was purchased from the Lansdown Estate in 1993. To raise the funds and complete the deal required huge generosity and a fantastic effort from many, many people. This makes the hall 21 years 'old' this year and we thought it was time to celebrate.

On October 11<sup>th</sup> there will be afternoon tea in the hall between 3:00 and 5:00pm, this will be accompanied by a display of memories of the Old School, the fundraising events and some of the changes that have been made since the purchase.

If you are in any way associated with the old school, the fund raising or the current hall – or if you are just interested – we'd be delighted if you could join us. We would also love to hear from you if you have any interesting pictures, stories or memorabilia about the hall that we could include in the display.

In the evening there will be a live band, food and a bar from 7.30 – midnight. Tickets will be available from Roger Griffin so please look out for the flyers that will be posted around the parish.

### **QUIZ LEAGUE AT THE RISING SUN**

The Quiz league is back! Starts on September 29<sup>th</sup> and runs each Tuesday until 4<sup>th</sup> November.

The league is for fun but there will be a small prize each week with the main prize being awarded on the last night to the team that gathers the most league points. Teams get one point for turning up and one point for winning. A meal will be available from 6:30 at a very affordable price and the quiz will start at 7:00. More details are available from the Rising Sun. Teams will be a maximum of 5 and a fee of £5.00 per person will cover your entry for the entire series.

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On 16<sup>th</sup> July our W I celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday year with an evening garden party. Jen and Dave's beautiful garden made a fitting venue for a very happy occasion, and we thank them for their hospitality. Thanks too to Dave as 'butler and photographer extraordinaire"! The evening was very well attended by over thirty members past and present, with lots of Pimms to drink, wonderful food supplied by all, and a beautiful celebration cake made by Rhona.

Together with the above paragraph, notices for our September meeting and stall at the Horse Show were sent for inclusion in the September magazine, but sadly did not appear. A report on both these events will be in the November issue.

At our October meeting Rita Pearce will be demonstrating Christmas crafts using many natural materials and we will have a 'hands-on' go at creating! If you would like to know more about us or come for a 'taster evening', we should love to see you. To know more contact Shelah (President) on 01249 659237.



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### BREMHILL VILLAGE GARDEN AND PRODUCE SHOW

Our annual show took place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September. We enjoyed glorious weather, as we have done for most of the summer. Outside stalls included skittles, the human fruit machine, guess the weight of the cake, teas and a raffle and our thanks go to Bob and Hillary Harding for allowing us to use their garden.

The show opened at 2.30 - coinciding with the arrival of a coachload of wedding guests, who were able to enjoy a glass of beer or a cup of tea before going into church - their presence added to the atmosphere and I believe the show demonstrated the joys of village life to those who were experiencing it for the first time!

A total of 55 people produced 390 entries in 69 categories.

We wish to thank the following judges: Richard Curtis, Drinks; Lysa Fairhurst and Kat Redman, Cookery; Elizabeth Hannah and Mary Kelland, Flowers; John Harris, Arts and Crafts and Photography; Pat Holtham, Handicrafts (Textiles); David Kee, Vegetables and Rev. Ann Massey, Children's.

We were delighted to see new faces - several of whom won prizes.

Congratulations to all. The following cups were presented: George Wall Cup - James Lamacraft; Children's Cup - James Lamacraft; Open Shield - Marilyn Adcock; Crafts Shield - Nancy Kyte; Barbara Taylor Cup - Robbie Toomey; Photography Cup - Linda Sankey; Nancy's Plate - Linda Sankey; Cookery Sheild - Marilyn Adcock; Vegetable Sheild - Terry Brown; Harold Ford Cup - Terry Brown; Eric Hiscock Cup - Andrea Viner; Nicol Jordan Challenge - Judy Scott; Dumb Post Challenge Cup - Marilyn Adcock.

The event closed with the traditional auction of produce, and our thanks go to Tim Church for running this - even asking for bids in pounds, shillings and pence (plus various bids including florins and guineas) for our Wartime Cakes - and helping us to raise a further £418 for our funds. The Show raised approximately £1000 for Village Hall funds.

Trinity Buckley has kindly shared her first prize winning recipe for her Italian Apple Cake - why not have a go whilst apples are in such bountiful supply:

### **ITALIAN APPLE CAKE**

125g unsalted butter 150g caster sugar

1tsp vanilla extract Zest 1 lemon

3 medium eggs 200g plain flour

1 rounded tsp baking powder 1 level tsp salt

3 tbsp milk 3 dessert apples

50g caster sugar Cinnamon to dust

23cm/9in springform cake tin, greased & lightly dusted with flour. Preheat oven to \*180 C/350F/Gas 4. Beat butter & 150 sugar, vanilla extract & lemon zest until light. Beat in eggs one at a time. In separate bowl, sift flour, baking powder & salt together. Fold into batter then add milk. Mix until blended. Put aside for 10 minutes.

Peel & core apples and cut into 16 slices each. Toss in the 50g sugar. Spoon batter into tin, then arrange apple slices close together and overlapping on top. Dust with cinnamon.

Cook on middle shelf in preheated oven, until firm to touch, 50-60 minutes. Allow to cool slightly before removing from tin.

I then made up a honey/jam glaze to paint on top to make the cake look pretty. Personally, I think this cake is best eaten warm or at least on the same day.

\*I found the temperature to be a little hot and the first time I baked it slightly caught on the top and was cooked through after 40 minutes. I did use the fan oven but that doesn't usually make that much difference. So the second time I baked it I set the temp at 160 C and checked it at 45 minutes, it was perfectly cooked and nicely brown.



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In addition to the Poppies, every evening up until the 11th November, names of 180 serving military killed during the First World War will be read out in a roll of honour, followed by the 'Last Post'. Members of the public can nominate a name for the roll of honour using a weekly 'first come, first served' nomination system, details of which can be found on www.poppies.hrp.org.uk

The ceramic poppies are being 'planted' by a team of over 8,000 fantastic volunteers from across the UK with the last one being planted on Armistice Day. Each poppy is available to buy for £25 (+p&p) with all net proceeds being shared equally amongst six service charities.

One of these charities is Coming Home, the fundraising campaign for the charity Haig Housing Trust and where I have been working for the past few months. The Trust's aim is to raise money to provide specially adapted and appropriate housing for the hundreds of Service personnel in need of rebuilding their lives following traumatic life changing injuries. For more information on how you can buy a poppy, volunteer or nominate someone for the roll of honour, please visit www.coming-home.org.uk or contact me.

Amy Rodwell amy.rodwell@haighousing.org.uk Coming Home Campaign How to buy a Poppy from the Tower of London



### **BREMHILL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been meeting during the summer and, together with the Parish Council, a Landscape report of the land to the east of Chippenham was sent to the Council. A request had been made to provide the Council with information to help in the decision-making process for the new proposed Core Strategy Land. This is in Bremhill Parish, but is adjacent to Chippenham and has been proposed by the Council as option "C" for development.

This Landscape report will be available to view on the Bremhill Parish website together with a summary of the results of the Parish Questionnaire. A total of 180 questionnaires were returned, (a return of 47%). This large response means that much of the evidence gathered will hold a great deal of weight in making decisions about the future of our parish.

To summarise here are some of the important results from the questionnaire:

- 89% of you rated the importance of living in an unspoilt and rural area.
- 89% of respondents rated that towns and villages separated by fields and countryside as highly important or important.
- 33% stated that the number of extra homes to be built in the Parish between now and 2026 should be between 11-20 houses. And 66% considered that bungalows and semi- detached were the preferred option.
- The following facilities were found to be very important and important to the Parish: footpaths, bridleways, and cycle paths 78%; local public houses 89%, and village halls 77%
- With respect to high-speed broadband 90% of those responding considered the performance to be poor, and if you take into account that 53% of the respondents stated that they worked from home this is a serious concern.

There is a large amount of data to look at on the Bremhill Parish website, so please look at all the responses. It makes very interesting reading. The availability of this information to the Parish means that our consultative process has started and will progress for 6 weeks, culminating in three workshop meetings in each of the village halls in November.

The Steering Group has also issued 100 questionnaires to businesses in the Parish and the results will also be included on the website and in the Plan.

We are now entering the final stages of this process and your continued support is important. Please check for the forthcoming dates of the workshop meetings in November when the Steering Group will present a draft of the Neighbourhood Plan for your comment. This will help influence the development of Bremhill Parish for the next 12+ years so it is important and helpful that you attend.

Ian James.

Chairman Bremhill Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.



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Penny was born into journalism as her Father was John Junor the newspaper editor. Penny is best known for her books on the British Royal Family. Her other books include works on Margaret Thatcher, actor Richard Burton, John Major and Wonderful Tonight: George Harrison, Eric Clapton, and Me the coauthored memoir of Pattie Boyd, a former wife of both musicians. Junor assisted Sir Cliff Richard in writing the number one best selling My Life, My Way which sold over 250,000 copies and Shaun Ellis with his book The Man Who Lives with Wolves. Penny is married to James Leith, the brother of Prue, and has 4 children.

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The Game Season is in full swing now with Grouse, Partridge and Wild Duck appearing on our Menus. We have now started doing a Five Course Tasting Dinner Menu for all those people that find it hard to make a decision from our menu.

We will be closed for Maintenance work for 10 days from October 23<sup>rd</sup> - November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are holding a Seven Course Vegetarian Dinner on October 16<sup>th</sup> and our Annual Wild Food and Game Dinner November 26th, advanced bookings only.

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# CALNE MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2ND - 12TH OCT

This 40th year, is going to be rather special. The BBC's 'Any Questions' team with Jonathan Dimbleby is coming to Calne for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Festival.

The festival has also been successful in gaining funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a project to commemorate World War One. Poems in this year's poetry competition will commemorate World War One, and poems will be on display at the Heritage Centre throughout October.

Over the past 40 years the Festival has grown and evolved under the various Presidents and Committees, but it still maintains its core principles, remaining very much a local event and drawing the community together for a great week of celebration of music and art, in all their forms. Judith Weir, one of the UK's most prestigious composers, and who was very much involved in the 1977 Festival, is returning to Calne to officially open this year's Festival. This is particularly special as Judith Weir was also appointed 'Master of the Queen's Music' in June this year, the 'Poet Laureate' equivalent of music. Other people who were involved in the 1975 Festival, such as Salisbury Cathedral Choir and Super Nova, are also making a return visit.

Marden House remains the 'hub' of the Festival, with lunchtime and evening concerts and 'Codas' most days. Coffee is available during the day for people visiting the Art Exhibition, featuring many artists from our Parish. Lunches are served after the midday concerts and a bar and refreshments are available most evenings.

Apart from the Art Exhibition and concerts in Marden House, local artists are opening their studios to visitors at weekends, the library is hosting an exhibition of children's art, the Heritage Centre a photographic exhibition by the Calne Camera Club, and there are many other events scheduled at different venues throughout the town. There will certainly be something for people of all age groups and tastes to enjoy. A complimentary brochure available from key retailers and the library in Calne or you could visit the website at http://www.calnemusicandartsfestival.co.uk/2014/

Dear All,

I have been growing more and more concerned about the number and extent of religious wars that are cropping up. There seems to be no answer to the conflicts that will create a lasting peace. All the old ones continue to rumble and new ones just join in. Each Sunday as we pray for peace the list continues to grow and the horrors that some will go through for their faith just get worse!

I am praying that God will give us a lead as to how we can affect a change in this situation. It is not good enough to think that it is out of our hands and that we must leave it to the politicians to sort out. If they could, wouldn't they have done it by now?!

During the summer, I met a friend that I hadn't seen for a couple of years. It was lovely to see her and talk to her. I asked her how the mainstream prison was that she did voluntary work in. She is a devout Christian and she was active in the prison leading Bible Study groups, Alpha courses, and participated in Victim Awareness courses. I visited the prison myself eight years ago and was amazed at the interest shown by the prisoners in Christianity, and the effect it was having on changing their lives around. I recently found out that in the same prison now there is very little Christian leadership available to the inmates. There is no Chaplain, and no regular priest to lead services. There are, however, representatives from other faiths and denominations.

What should we do? I believe we should stop hiding our faith and have courage to open our hearts and minds to God together and ask for his will to be known to us and have the confidence to publicly fulfil his purpose. It is only by placing ourselves at God's feet, intent on listening and being open to be used for his purposes, that a way of peace will be found to unite us all. Remember that all that is done in love will one day overcome all that is done through hatred.

Please join with me in praying for enlightenment, peace and courage in your daily prayer.

With love *Ann* 

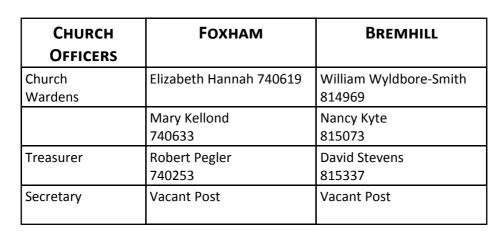
### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH. Foxham

5<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am R. Pegler 16<sup>th</sup> after Trinity **Holy Communion** Phillippians 3:4b-14 12<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am D. Scott 17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity Family Service Matthew 22: 1-14 19th October 9.30am D. Wilton 18<sup>th</sup> after Trinity 1 Thessalonians Holy Communion Ch. 1: 1-10 26th October 6pm A. Glass Bible Sunday **Evensong** Nehemiah 8: 1-12 Matthew 24: 30-35 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9.30am E. Hannah 1 John 3: 1-3 All Saints Day Holy Communion

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### ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, BREMHILL

	Service	Sidesmen	Readers
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct Trinity 16 Harvest	8 am Holy Communion 6 pm HARVEST FESTIVAL	M Kyte A Jones & J Hughes	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 Michael Parlett Luke 12: 16-30 William Bailey
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct Trinity 17	11 am Holy Communion	A Woods & D Kyte	Philippians 4: 1-9 ~ Tamsi Castle
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct Trinity 18	6 pm Evensong	K Blackmore & B Rawlings	Exodus 33: 12-end ~ Jane Jordan Matthew 22: 15-22 ~ Mark Kyte
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct Last Sunday in Trinity	9.30 am Family Service	Children	Matthew 22:34-40 ~ A Young Person
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	8 am Holy Communion 4 pm Evensong	N Jordan A Jones & J Hughes	Revelation 7: 9-end Nicol Jordan Matthew 5: 1-12 ~ Nancy Kyte

### ST MARTIN'S NOTICES

In Church you will see a Church Cleaning Rota. If you can find an hour of 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.



There is a Library in Church, of course - just put 20p in the Fabric Collection Box and the book is yours.



Churchyard Clear-up will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October starting 10 am. Please come and help – bring your own tools.

### Notices continued

Harvest Festival is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6 pm. Please bring flowers and produce etc to the Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct or Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> if preferred. The Harvest Auction will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30 in the Dumb Post Inn, by special arrangement. It was a great success last year.

The next PCC Meeting - TBA - at The Manor, Bremhill

If you have any items of local Church or Village News for the November 2014 edition of this Newsletter, please give them to either Derek Kyte (815073) or to me Jane Jordan (812083) in time for the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014 deadline.

### ST NICHOLAS, TYTHERTON LUCAS

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October Morning Service 10am (SG)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October Eucharist 8.30am (JS)
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October Mattins 10am (MG)
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October Eucharist 8.30am

New Vicar (Rev Rod Key) arrives on Monday 29 September. Services thereafter will be announced in due course.

### **MORAVIAN CHURCH, EAST TYTHERTON**

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

### ST MARY'S, CHIPPENHAM

Saturdays 6pm Sundays 9.30am and 6.30pm Station Hill, Chippenham Canon Desmond Millett www.stmaryschippenham.co.uk

### ST EDMUND'S, CALNE

Saturdays 6pm Sundays 10am Oxford Road, Calne Father Michael d'Arcy Walsh www.saintedmundsparish.org.uk

### It Couldn't Be Done - Edgar A Guest

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
But he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one has done it";
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle it in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing
That "couldn't be done," and you'll do it.

Edgar Albert Guest (20/8/1881 – 5/8/1959) was born in Britain but grew up and spent most of his life in the U.S.A. He was a product of "small town" America and the values and lifestyle he had as a boy permeates his writing both prose and poetry. He was popular in the first half of the 20th century and became known as the People's Poet. He worked most of his adult life as a newspaperman, whose work was syndicated country-wide and is reputed to have had a new poem published in a newspaper every day for over 30 years.

Ewen

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