BREMHILL, FOXHAM, THE TYTHERTONS AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

October 2016

The Newsletter



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

• 1st Oct. **Foxham Harvest Supper** Tytherton Hall - Beer, Cider and Sausage 1st Oct. • 4th Oct Community Lunch. Moravian Church • 6th Oct Bird and Bear festival meeting - Bremhill • 13th Oct Eddie Cochran meeting - East Tytherton 16th Oct. The Churchfitters - Rural Arts, Bremhill 28th Oct. Halloween Meal. Bremhill • 28th Oct. Curry Night - East Tytherton • 5th Nov. Bonfire Night - Bremhill • 24th Nov. Bremhill Village Hall AGM 26th Nov. Christmas Craft Fair, East Tytherton 19th Dec. Christmas Carol Concert - Moravian Church • 28th Jan 2017 Supper night - Tytherton

> Front Cover: The Bridge at Lacock - 1st Prize winner at Bremhill show Marilyn Adcock





EDITORIAL

While enjoying the Bremhill Produce Show, the thought struck me, not for the first time, how much effort over a long period of time goes into organising such an event. A glance through this and earlier editions of the Newsletter will show just how many events are organised across our Parish and I feel that we should all gratefully recognize the dedication of the many people in our different villages who bring us so much enjoyment and without whose efforts our community would be so much the poorer.

I like to hope, also, that the Newsletter offers a worthwhile service to the community and that without it we might be also be the poorer. So for the last three years around this time we have asked for a little financial support. Our advertisers cover a large part of the cost of producing each magazine but we still fall short of the total required and yet bills still have to be paid! Last year we appreciated greatly the very generous donations from many in the Parish which have enabled us to meet our obligations. We would therefore like to ask you once again for your support. Next month we will include an envelope within the magazine for you to make a donation if you wish. The committee appreciates enormously the continued support of our local community.

There are several longer contributions this month from our readers which are a pleasure to read, so please keep them coming in. Stories of holidays, achievements, (even embarrassing events!) all add interest to the magazine. We would also be very interested in your feedback about articles written, so please send any comments to the editors.

Remember that we will all get an extra hour in bed on October 30th as the clocks then go back and British Summer Time officially ends!

Ewen

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SPECIAL NOTICES

AUCTION OF PROMISES

In Aid of St John the Baptist Church

Friday 25th November 7.30 pm at Foxham Reading Room.

Tickets £3 includes ploughman's supper: bring your own drink. Professional auctioneer - Mr Paul Viner.

If you have any lots, please phone Val Minty 740219 or Jenny Wilton 74027.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

MOVIOLA IN THE TOWN HALL

Our October film will be 'Love and Friendship' (U) starring Kate Beckinsale as Lady Susan Vernon, a legendary flirt, who, recently widowed and leaving a trail of scandal behind her, arrives to stay with her estranged in-laws in the country. Here she torments a young admirer and plots to marry off her very meek daughter to a wealthy fool. Excellent cast, witty dialogue and good fun.

Showing in Calne Town Hall on Weds 19th October at 7.30 pm. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Refreshments available.

Tickets £6 from the information centre or on the door.



East Tytherton Moravian Church Invites you to

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CHRISTMAS GIFT AND CRAFT FAIR IN TYTHERTON VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 26th 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...

If you are interested and would like more details then please contact:

Vivienne Sadler 07891 340311

or email vjsadler@outlook.com.

RURAL ARTS TOURING - THE CHURCHFITTERS'

Bremhill Village Hall, Sunday 16th October 2016

Doors open 7.00 pm Performance 7.30 pm. Tickets: Adults £8; Children £5. Bar and tasty morsels.

There will not just be music. It will be fun. Three virtuoso musicians from England and France strut their stuff on a stage that bristles with instruments - adding flute, banjo, whistle, guitar, ukulele, electric hub-cap bass-bouzouki and a sack full of percussion to their ensemble, not forgetting a unique bing-bong machine made out of hack-saw blades.



They are basically a folk band, but unite the rhythms of rock, pop and jazz. Tickets from Marilyn 01249 661369 or Rosie 01249 813642

EDDIE COCHRAN

Can any of you remember Eddie Cochran??

We have been approached by the organizers of The Eddie Cochran revival weekend to host it on our land.

We would like to do this with the support of the community, so if anyone has any concerns, please come to a Meeting in Tytherton Village Hall
On Thursday 13th October at 8 pm.

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BIRD & BEAR FESTIVAL

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There is a proposal to have a small music festival on some of the farmland of Mount Farm (Bremhill) at the end of the summer in 2017.

Before the plans are advanced, the organisers would like to present the concept to the village to make sure it is something that the village will both support and, more importantly, have pride in. They have booked the village hall on **6th October at 7 pm** to make a full presentation followed by questions and answers. All are welcome.

The simple premise would be to create a micro village on the site with a pub and bandstand. Attendees would arrive on a Friday evening for a 'shindig' in the 'pop up' pub, to be named the 'Bird & Bear'. They would stay overnight in luxury tents, a process called Glamping. They would then participate in some village games etc. before commencing a concert at the 'bandstand'. They will leave on Sunday morning.

The organisers have a wealth of experience in organising events both small and large, including the huge V Festival. They assessed the site for the key issues and are comfortable that they will be able to execute a plan that will work for all stakeholders. Key areas to address will include noise, security, traffic, target market and gaining input/feedback from residents as to how they would like to see the event to proceed. So far the team are very comfortable that all these points will be covered in a manner suiting all.

Mr and Mrs Jay Hambro of Mount Farm have agreed to provide the land to the organisers in return for a charitable payment. All funds will be divided between (1) the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and (2) the funding required to restore the wooden shield in Bremhill Church. They have also requested that there will be a ticket allowance for residents of Bremhill village (at cost) and 100% of the proceeds of these ticket sales will go to the charitable causes.

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BREMHILL HALLOWE'EN MEAL

Friday 28th October 7.30pm

Bremhill Village Hall. £15 per person.



Dressing up is optional!

Book with Jennifer on 819003 or Philippa 815337.

THE SKY AT NIGHT - OCTOBER

We kick off October with a New Moon on the 1st. The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. We also end October with another New Moon on the 30th October. The second occurrence of a new moon in a calendar month is also known as a Black Moon. You may recall I told you about the Blue Moon in May, and the term 'once in a blue moon'. Well it is the same when we have 2 new moons in a month (as oppose to two full moons), but not as exciting because you can't see it!

However, what is exciting is that on the 16th October, we don't just have a Full Moon, but the first of this years "Supermoons". The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be will be fully illuminated. This is the first of three Supermoons for 2016. The Moon will be at one of its closest approaches to the Earth and will look larger and brighter than usual. However the biggest of the Supermoons this year will take place in November when we will witness the moon's closest encounter with Earth in over 68 years – but more about that next month!

We also have 2 meteor showers to look out for. The first meteor shower occurs on the 7th October and is called the Draconids Meteor Shower and is an unusual shower in that the best viewing is in the early evening instead of early morning like most other showers. Best viewing will be when it first gets dark in a location far away from any light pollution. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Draco which lies in the Northern sky, but as with all meteors, can appear anywhere in the sky. On the $20^{th} - 21^{st}$ October we will be able to see the Orionids Meteor Shower. The shower runs annually, and whilst the second quarter moon will block some of the fainter meteors this year, the Orionids tend to be fairly bright so it could still be a good show. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Orion, which can be found in the south-west sky.

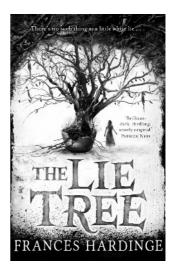
Angela Protheroe

BOOK REVIEW

The Lie Tree - Frances Hardinge

The Lie Tree, the winner of the 2015 Costa Book Award for children's writing, is 'Young Adult Fiction'. However it is a work that addresses issues of interest to adults and is probably too complex for most children under 14 years.

The novel is set in the mid-19th Century. The Sunderly family were on their way to their home on a remote Channel Island, called Vane. The teenage daughter, Faith, is aware of her father's recently published findings and is full of questions.



Three years later, her father's sudden and suspicious death prompts her determination to discover both the cause of his demise and the nature of his scientific research. So strong is the local animosity towards the family, and the perception that she is a "mere girl" that Faith proceeds in a clandestine way. What follows is a mixture of detective work and fantasy. The "Lie Tree" feeds off lies and dispenses secrets in its fruits, and Faith delights in the opportunities to spread mischief throughout the island community.

The plot reaches a satisfying conclusion, despite the reader's credulity being stretched from time to time.

There are many themes of 19th century social attitudes that add to the mix of intrigue. The role of women in society, the treatment of domestic staff, corsets, left handed children to name but a few.

David Stevens

TYTHERTON VILLAGE HALL



You are invited to a

Beer & Cider Tasting Evening with Sausage Supper



In the Hall on Saturday 1^{st} October at 7.30 pm. Tickets £7.50 each to include beer/cider tastings, and supper of British pork sausages, jacket potatoes, beans, coleslaw. Other drinks available from the bar. Tickets from contact details below.

and then on Friday 28th October at 7.30 pm the supper evening is a



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Future Events:

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

Saturday November 26th: The Christmas Gift and Craft Fair.

Looking further ahead:

Monday 19th Dec: The Village Carol Celebration in The Moravian Church 6.30pm Saturday 28th Jan 2017: The January Supper. Details to follow

The Bar is open each Friday at $8.00 \mathrm{pm}$, for all members to come and enjoy a drink and chat. Please note no bar on Nov 25th (Auction of Promises evening at Foxham), or on 23^{rd} and 30^{th} December

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

Bonfire Night – Saturday 5 November

"Remember, remember
The fifth of November
The gunpowder treason and plot,
There is no reason
Why the Gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot!"

Chambers' The Book of Days, 1869

Excitingly this year the Bremhill annual bonfire and firework display night will be on Saturday 5th Nov. After the success of last year's evening we have asked Sky Rascal, a professional display company, to provide the 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.

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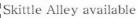
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BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL PRODUCE SHOW 2016

Despite the rabbits and slugs trying to scupper the children's entries, (they ate all the children's radishes!) the Produce Show was a great success.

There were 317 entries, submitted by 61 different people, several of whom had not entered before. It was delightful to have children entering all sorts of open classes (cakes, paintings, table decoration, bee hotel) - and winning or getting placed.

It began to rain in the afternoon, which was more challenging for the outside events, but everyone stayed cheerful. Many people found their way into the hall to examine the display and read the judges' comments - and I hope to decide that they would enter next year. We are very grateful for the care and time that the judges all take in doing the task, as well as for the time, enthusiasm and expertise of our auctioneer, Tim Church.

The beautiful fruit cake made by Gwen Woods was won by Tom King who correctly guessed its weight (4 lb 7 oz). The giant onion had been planted by Terry Brown and cultivated by him and Jan Watts. Ruby and Isabella went around asking people to guess its weight and the correct weight came from Janet Knight (2 lb 15 oz). The onion was eventually auctioned off.

The total contribution was around £780 which will go towards the upkeep and running of the village hall.

The full results, cup winners and some photos are on www.bremhill.com/show and follow links to Produce Show 2016.

Winners (1st place) in each class Garden vegetables

Mark Kyte; Jennifer Lamacraft; Dominic Corrywright; Nicol Jordan; Sophie Butcher; Nancy Kyte; Caroline Campbell; Vanessa Knight

Fresh flowers

Julie Blackburn; Hannah Redman; Linda Sankey/June Hughes; Jane Blewitt: Jennifer Lamacraft

Cookery

Judy Scott; Jennifer Lamacraft; David Stevens (marmalade); Rosie Stevens; Marilyn Adcock; Marion Bedford (salted caramel dessert); Zia & Iris Hambro; Roger Griffin; Neil Viner; Colin Pearson

Handicrafts

Marilyn Adcock; Rosie Stevens

Arts and crafts

Shirley Harrigan; Ginette Hughes; Christine Bowyer; Marilyn Adcock; Philippa Stevens; Linda Sankey

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Rosie Stevens

Children

5 years and under - Rosie Stevens

6 - 12 years - Isabella Knight; James Lamacraft; Bella Redman



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AUTUMN RAMBLINGS

from Luddite Towers (residential home)

Just to keep you all up to date with the latest news from Luddite Towers.

So much has been happening this summer in our relentless quest for better uses for new technology that it has left me no time to do a write up. Siri and Cortana have been a great help in this as they master the transfer to working with Nougat rather than Marshmallow.

We had a great Windows 101st Anniversary update party last November, memorable because afterwards I was kept busy mending all of the essential gadgets which had stopped working here at Luddite towers. I suppose it is all a part of merging the real world with the virtual one. Luckily I had already made my virtual reality headset out of cardboard which allowed me to interact with the virtual elements around me.

I have been appointed head of the home's autonomous driving program and we have now programmed 3 of the home's buggies to return safely from the Dumb Post with their passengers intact although rather inebriated and with an odour of musk. The other buggy, which we named Elton, is still lost after being last seen outside the Foxham Inn.

The matron has stopped weekly bingo as all the residents are now online with Pokeman Go, because they are being very smart with the new iPhone 7. Since we have had the new iPhones we are talking normally to each other again as the headphones we all had last Christmas have stopped working. So that's ... great.

Many of us are hoping for Bluetooth enabled toothbrushes this Christmas at the suggestion of my granddaughter. She and the matron will be able to install an app and monitor how well we are brushing our dentures. Enjoy the autumn, got to go now as Rasberry pi3 in the oven is beeping at me. I wonder if the Bluetooth 4 on the Rasberry pi3 will talk to my toothbrush?

ANON

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE:

Part 2

At 9.30 am on the 4th September, Bonnie positioned herself in the centre of our driveway, ready for the start of the Chippenham Half Marathon. She was looking forward to pursuing one of her favourite occupations, that of barking furiously at

runners as they sprint or stagger past our gate. From her chosen vantage point, she waited expectantly for the first of the competitors to speed past.

With just over 1500 participants this year, she would have her work cut out if she was to give each runner the attention she felt they deserved. Whilst waiting for the far-off sounds of action to come closer, Bonnie experimented with a few low growls interspersed with an occasional soft 'woof'. As the first fast footsteps were heard approaching, she sprang to attention, and with tail and ears rigid in anticipation, she prepared to face the enemy.

Our garden runs parallel to the lane, giving an energetic dog on a mission the chance to rush madly to and fro in a frenzy of righteous indignation, letting all who pass by know that they are coming perilously close to impinging on her territory.

Realising that the half-marathon would present a very demanding morning's work for a small dog, I made sure her water bowls were strategically positioned at each end of the garden. Just as the runners would need liquid refreshment, so would Bonnie, and just as the runners drank almost without breaking step, so did our dedicated and determined little Scottie. At this point I should reassure anxious readers that our garden is completely enclosed, with no chance of the dog ever being able to escape. Bonnie presents no physical danger to the runners, on the contrary, I like to think that each runner is spurred on to even greater efforts by Bonnie's loud and energetic greeting.

After a couple of hours of strenuous remonstrating, Bonnie was starting to flag, as were the valiant stragglers bringing up the rear in the race.

The gap between competitors passing the gate became longer, and Bonnie began to lose concentration, her interest shifting to other things such as the possibility of lunch.

Thus the very last of the runners, bravely struggling to complete the course, missed out on any extra encouragement as Bonnie retired early to see what was going on in the kitchen before seeking the peace and quiet of her comfortable bed.

Sweet dreams Bonnie!!

Rosalind Robinson

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 4th 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.



STEPS IN THE SEARCH FOR INFORMATION ON A SOLDIER

In many editions of the Newsletter there have been accounts of soldiers from our Parish who gave their lives in the 1st World War. It was felt that readers would be interested to know the detailed and complicated steps which need to be undertaken to produce such historic records.

- Find and verify family in appropriate census for 1881, 1891, 1901 and 1911
- Registration of birth
- Baptism record
- Marriage record (If appropriate)
- Registration of death
- Commonwealth War Grave Commission
- Grave location
- Grave inscription
- War pensions
- UK probate records
- UK and commonwealth military records
- Enrolment cards. Rank, service no. and regiment
- Hospital records
- Military archives and Wiltshire regiment museum
- Private family contacts info requests
- Emigration records
- Passenger list for ships
- Criminal records
- School records
- Red cross records
- Regimental war diary
- Burial records for parents
- Medals index for WW1
- Any published data, newspapers, books or magazine

To prepare a record for the newsletter takes 40 to 50 hours of research and occasionally mistakes occur with all of the information to be reviewed. Thank you to the eagle-eyed relatives of the Fortune family living in East Tytherton for spotting that the Commonwealth War graves certificate for Charles Fortune was incorrect; it was in fact for another C. Fortune. Apologies for an unfortunate slip of the mouse key.

NORTH WILTSHIRE BROADBAND

In last month's Newsletter there was an overview of how, although there have been improvements in the access to superfast broadband in Bremhill parish, there are still locations which are slow-spots and not-spots. A reminder that, according to government figures, when the BDUK scheme ends and Wiltshire Council have run out of money to provide further updates, the North Wiltshire constituency will be in the bottom 10% of all UK constituencies.

The local view is even worse. A broadband speed of 10Mb/s is considered by many to be the minimum acceptable speed that is required for small business and residential purposes. Using government figures again, the percentage of properties unable to obtain the 10Mb/s acceptable speed in each Wiltshire constituency is as follows.

Chippenham 0.5% (242 properties)
Devizes 0.7% (299 properties)
Salisbury 5.3% (2310 properties)
South West Wiltshire 9.3% (4440 properties)
North Wiltshire 15.5% (6324 properties)

You can see North Wiltshire again has, by a very good margin, the most properties with broadband speeds of less than 10Mb/s. Wiltshire Council has no further official plans for any superfast broadband updates in any part of Bremhill Parish. So if your property is a slow-spot or not-spot now, it is going to stay that way for the foreseeable future putting your property into the final 5% of the country which does not have superfast broadband.

Any future updates to broadband will have to be through an organised Community, showing there is a demand for better broadband. BT have a scheme for this known as the Community Fibre Partnership. To apply for this, some basic information needs to be collected, so an online form has been created to collect the required information. If this is done promptly, a plan for providing broadband updates should be known by the end of the year. Please enter the information by going to this link http://tinyurl.com/h4ulyax

This is the start of the process, further updates will be published in this newsletter. If you would like to volunteer as a Broadband Champion for your village or hamlet, please let me know. No technical knowledge is required, but local knowledge in each location is very useful to have.

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TYTHERTON W.I.

At our October 19th meeting, Dan Allen of The Victorian Military Society will give a talk entitled "Women and the Victorian Army", a look at the lives of women married to 19th century soldiers.



In November we have an illustrated talk by Christina Stapley on "Herbs in Cookery, Remedies and Pot-pourri"

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.

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GARDENING TIPS FOR OCTOBER

Clear spent annuals and cut back perennials when they have died down and add material to the compost heap.

Prune climbing roses but leave the pruning of shrubs with berries so the birds can enjoy the fruits. Next, plant wallflowers where they are to flower next spring and evergreen shrubs so they can establish before the winter sets in.

Allow dahlia and canna plants to be frosted before lifting the tubers and rhizomes.

Harvest pumpkins but leave a good stem on them to prevent the crown rotting. Also harvest apples and pears for storing and divide established rhubarb to create new plants. Now's the time, too, to plant out spring cabbages. Enjoy the autumn colours in your garden.

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Two years ago, after completing a half marathon in London, I thought my running days were over, but earlier this year I got itchy feet and, having moved to Ratford, I thought what better than to participate in a local run. In June I began training, running round the local lanes, gradually increasing both my distance and stamina.

Finally, race day arrived and I was taken to Chippenham Sports Club, the start of the race. With 2000 competitors, plus all their supporters and the wonderful volunteers who make events like this possible, there were lengthy queues to park so I walked the last 200 yds. The atmosphere was buzzing; music playing, runners warming up and awaiting instructions to move to the start where we were grouped in pens depending on our anticipated finish times. At 9.30 prompt the horn blew and we were off, heading out of Chippenham up the London Road and towards Abbeyfield School.

I set off at my normal steady pace and soon got into a rhythm. The weather was perfect, not too hot with no wind or rain. From Abbeyfield we went over the hump back bridge at Stanley and there I was boosted by friends cheering me on. We then passed through Tytherton Lucas and on to East Tytherton, where again I was cheered on by a line of supporters handing out jelly babies. After going round Avon Lanes we headed back towards Chippenham through Langley Burrell.

The slow climb past the Langley Tap was, for me, the most challenging part of the race but I knew the end was in sight. I kept myself going for the last 2 miles and finally reached the finish where the crowds were waiting and cheering in the runners. I completed in 1 hr 57 mins, the second fastest time for the Senior Female Veterans! I think this will be my last run, but I thoroughly enjoyed it and thanks to my friends and family for all their support.

Beth Goodenough also ran in the Half Marathon. See Beth and Sandy running through East Tytherton in the photographs on the next page.

Sandy Chase





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REV ANN WRITES ...

Dear All

Gosh! Autumn is upon us and the harvesting of fruit and vegetables is well underway. I am about to start pressing apples and pears together; no sweetener required when I combine the two. Wonderful!

Harvest celebrations are well advanced in their planning too. But what is harvest really about these days? Somehow, we appear to have become divorced from God's provision; we have become more dependent upon science and routine and lost that edge of gratitude that was so evident in Biblical times. There was, then, a total dependence felt on God the Father for the provision of food and water to survive and be healthy. It was a simple formula: food and drink in the right combination were essential to well-being. They were a true gift that could not be explained except as a gift from God.

Today though I think we are so adapted to expecting to receive what we need through the shops, and receive the liquid we need to sustain life in so many different forms that we forget the basic ingredients that come from the earth. We don't acknowledge that without rainfall, water does not come from our taps. Without sunshine the crops do not ripen. With too much sunshine and not enough rain the harvest is poor. Despite all the science and gadgets at our finger tips if the rain does not fall, or the sun does not shine, or the right combination is not received according to its season then the crops will fail! And the consequence of smaller crops is less seed for the following year! God seems far removed when we receive all we need in abundance. In fact, God seems removed from everything until we find a situation or occasion when we need something but can't find what we need to restore the equilibrium that we have taken for granted – a serious medical condition without a cure; loss of income or employment without understanding why....it is then we look beyond science and seek for answers elsewhere.

Harvest is a time to remember. It is time to remember that God is the source of all good things. Traditionally, we look at the basics of fruit and vegetables needed for life at harvest time but we should I believe be thankful for so much more. Without God's continuing provision we would indeed suffer. So, this harvest let us remember to give thanks and also to value and care for God's environment so that the harvest may meet our needs and those of future generations across the world. After all, we do not live in isolation!

CHURCH NEWS

For any information (Weddings, Funerals, Christenings etc) contact:

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, BREMHILL

Sunday 2 Oct. Trinity 19 Green	8 Holy Communion 6 Harvest Thanksgiving	Nicol Jordan & Jane Jordan William Wyldbore- Smith Prisca Wyldbore- Smith-	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 W Bailey John 6:25-35 Jean Pocock
Sunday 9 Oct Trinity 20 Green	11 am Holy Communion	Judy Scott Prisca Wyldbore- Smith	2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Julia King
Sunday 16 Oct. Trinity 21 Green	6 pm Evensong	Elisabeth Parlett David Stevens	Jeremiah 31: 27-34 N Jordan Luke 18: 1-8 Susan Tumber
Sunday 23 Oct. Trinity 22 Green	9.30 Family Service	Keith Blackmore	Luke 4: 16-24 Catherine Goulding
Sunday 30 Oct. All Saints White	11am Benefice Holy Communion Bremhill	David Stevens Judy Scott	Ephesians 1: 11-23 Philippa Stevens Intercessions: David Stevens
Sunday 6 Nov. 3 before Advent Red	8 Holy Communion 4 Evensong	Nicol Jordan Jane Jordan June Hughes Susan Tumber	Job 19: 23-27a Keith Blackmore Luke 20: 27-38 A Woods

ST MARTIN'S NOTICES

There was a PCC Meeting on 21st September 2016 at The Manor. Details of this meeting will be in the November edition of the Newsletter.

The Standing Committee discussions: Nick Pocock is replacing the heaters in the Church that are no longer working. This should be completed by the time you read this. 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. If 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.

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 3rd Oct. at 9.30 - 10.00 am. Please note the time - we are only get one visit each month.

The church library is being reduced to one bookcase. Paperbacks only with 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 November 2016 edition of this Newsletter, please give them to Jane Jordan (812083) in time for the 8th October deadline. Thank you.

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 NICHOLAS CHURCH, TYTHERTON LUCAS

Sunday 2 Oct.	Morning Service	10 am	Jeremy Bray
Sunday 9 Oct.	Eucharist	8.30 am	Jim Scott
Sunday 16 Oct.	Mattins	10 am	Eryl Spencer
Sunday 23 Oct.	Eucharist	8.30 am	Rod Key
Sunday 30 Oct.	Evening Service	3 pm	Derek Copeland

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH. FOXHAM

Sunday 2 Oct. Trinity 19	9.30 am Holy Communion	R. Pegler 2 Timothy 1:1-14	
Sunday 9 Oct. Trinity 20 Sunday 9 Oct.	9.30 am Family Service Also 4 pm - We welcome	D. Scott 2 Timothy 2:8-15 you all for our PET SERVICE	
Sunday 16 Oct. Trinity 21	9.30 am Holy Communion	D. Wilton 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	
Sunday 23 Oct. Trinity 22	6 pm Evensong	TBA Joel 2:23-32 Luke 18:9-14	
Sunday 30 Oct. All Saints	NO SERVICE United Service at Bro	emhill, 11 am	
Sunday 30 Oct.	4 pm - ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE At Derry Hill for Bremhill, Foxham, and DH Anyone who would like a loved one named at the service, please contact Rev. Ann Massey		

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St Giles' Church - Kellaways

I wrote this poem after having moved to Bremhill. Hopefully you will recognise some of the things that have been my inspiration from Bremhill, Wiltshire and further afield.

A MOMENT IN TIME

Occasionally dispersed, a hint to our past From urban scene to village, long may they last A nod to our heritage but firmly positioned In this day and age, where life oft feels quickened.

Symbolic no doubt, and open to interpretation Landmark and monument, represent a nation From Chedworth mosaics to the understated and humble The many marks of history amongst which we stumble.

Where fervour is lacking or exists no more A quiet feeling of awe still on our very shores Is held in the stones and the graft of the past Standing tall as a lighthouse, its purpose steadfast

Warning us all, do not move hastily Take time to admire our heritage knowingly Research it now, lest it be lost A moment in time, as a sunlit village cross.

Siobhan Thompson

BRYAN PITT

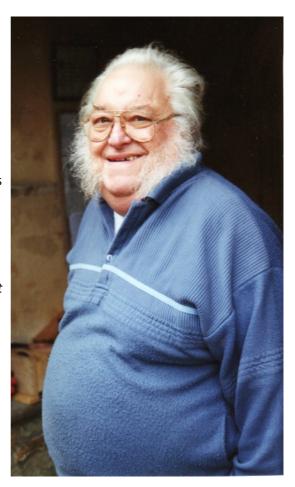
Just before going to press we were saddened to hear of the death of Bryan Pitt, for many years the landlord of the Dumb Post Inn. Time in a future edition perhaps for a more detailed résumé of his life, and in particular the thirty or so years as "mine host" of the pub.

A great character, he and his late wife Hilda (Dill) contributed a great deal to the life of this community, well beyond his role as the landlord of "the local". A friendly, generous man he was always willing to play his part in the life of the village, and created a happy, welcoming atmosphere in the old "Dummy", enjoyed by so many of us over so many years. He also had a great sense of

humour, an opinion about most things and part of the pleasure of visiting the pub was to engage in conversation with Bryan. There are many stories and no doubt his regulars will have been repeating them ever since they heard the sad news of his passing!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Tim and family at this time as they come to terms with the loss of someone who had been such an important part of their lives - and ours!

Jim Scott



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