

BREMHILL, FOXHAM, THE TYTHERTONS AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

September 2014

# The Newsletter

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 4<sup>th</sup> September Ladies Lunch with Sophie Lanfear (film producer)
- 6<sup>th</sup> September Bremhill Village Show
- 12<sup>th</sup> September Coffee in Bremhill village hall
- 13<sup>th</sup> September Christian Malford Arts and Crafts Fayre
- 20<sup>th</sup> September Foxham Horse & Dog Show
- 1<sup>st</sup> November Pumpkin Ball - Foxham
- 13<sup>th</sup> November Foxham bridge afternoon
- 28<sup>th</sup> November A Victorian Christmas

## **MY PASSION FOR FLOWERS**

My love for flowers began many years ago when I became a freelance professional photographer. Wedding commissions were part of my work and I always enjoyed photographing the flowers which I felt played one of the most important themes of any wedding as well as making a photographic record of the happy event.



When I retired after 20 years behind the camera I spent my time doing voluntary work and then began arranging flowers for weddings, funerals and all kinds of events. I picked up some valuable tips from courses and working along side a London florist who I still provide with help on occasions with grand events.

I thoroughly enjoy flowers for the church and always look forward to special services in Foxham to apply my passion for flowers and their setting and arrangement.

*Mary Kelland*

Cover Image: Wedding flowers in Foxham Church by Mary

## **EDITORIAL**

Speed! Some of us have a soft spot for it, really, don't we? There's perhaps a bit of the Mr Toad in us as we go "poop, poop" along our country roads! The wind in our hair, the open road, the freedom! The only problem is that our country roads here are narrow and not built to hare along. Having been almost run off the road a couple of times recently towards Fisher's Brook and Ratford, I share the concern of many others locally. I try to think of ways I would use to reduce speeding traffic, but these, of course, are mere figments of my imagination and impractical! However, increasingly fast traffic on our local roads does present a growing problem for motorists, walkers, horse-riders and joggers alike. Statistics show that a 1mph reduction in speed leads generally to a 5% reduction in accidents and we need to make our country roads safer. How we might collectively solve this problem and get drivers to realise that another car might be coming just around that hedge, I'm not sure. Any ideas to share?

The Great War affected towns and villages across the country, with this Parish being no exception. The article in this edition highlights those from the Parish who gave their lives and introduces an interesting project. If you have any information, please do contact the Newsletter.

Another article deals with the more modern problem of an ageing population. There are 10 million elderly people in the country at present. This number is likely to double by 2050 and the consequences will be considerable for society. We are fortunate indeed that people in our Parish are very caring - I know this from personal experience - but many elderly people are often lonely and without help. The item from Age UK sets out what they do to help, but they always need volunteers, so if you feel you could help, please do contact them.

On a lighter note ... most of us will, by now, have enjoyed and have memories of our fast receding holidays. So, did you do anything special or interesting during them? Was there anything amusing that happened? Any catastrophies? If so, why not write us an article for the Newsletter - contributions from young people are especially welcome! In the meantime, enjoy this issue.

*Ewen  
Co-editor.*

## **SPECIAL NOTICES**

### **BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL - RURAL ARTS**

A Victorian Christmas - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014

I know Christmas seems a long way away but please put the date in your diary. The event will be a fun and festive celebration of the Yuletide our ancestors would have known.

It will be an evening of music, song and drama. There will be more details nearer the time.

*Marilyn and Rosie*

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### **CHARITY BREAKFAST SUNDAY 3 AUGUST**

#### **Meningitis Research**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our breakfast in aid of the Meningitis Research Foundation on Sunday, August 3. It was a fabulous morning and good to see so many friends. We thought you might like to know that together we raised in excess of £1,000 plus gift aid which is just amazing and will be very gratefully received by the charity.

*Richard and Caroline*

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### **FRIDAY COFFEE & CAKE IN BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL**

Coffee & Cake is set to return on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September. As before it will run each week from 10.00am until 11.30. Coffee/Tea /Cake each £1.00. Good company & lively chat - totally free.

NB Friday 26<sup>th</sup> will be a Macmillan's coffee morning.

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### **PUMPKIN BALL**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014. A Pumpkin Ball is to be held at The Reading Room, Foxham. Three course meal/Bar/Live music. More details available soon, so watch this space.

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

Foxham autumn Bridge Afternoon with Tea will be on Thursday, November 13th 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.



### **CHRISTIAN MALFORD ARTS AND CRAFTS FAYRE**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
10.00am to 4.00pm in the church.

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Remember our church is there for all and undertaking the Ride and Stride and getting sponsorship monies helps to keep it there. Do think about having an attempt. It does not have to be very far and walking, bicycling and horse riding are all acceptable methods for partaking.



*Elizabeth Hannah*

## **HAZELAND MILL PLANT STALL**

Did you buy two red Geraniums and forget to take them home? They are being cared for at the Bremhill Plant Stall.

PS: So far this year we have raised £1500 for the Fabric fund of the St Martins Church.

*June Hughes 816756*

## **FRIENDS OF ST MARTIN HARVEST LUNCH**

A date for your diary - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

Come along and celebrate the harvest, whether you are farmer, gardener or interested observer. Soft drinks available but please bring the alcoholic beverage of your choice. Only £10 per person for an amazing lunch.

12.30.P.M FOR 1.00.P.M at the Village Hall in Bremhill. Phone Judy Scott on 01249 813114 to book a place.



## NEWS FLASH

Today it has been confirmed that Maud Heath on her statue does not, repeat not, have any eggs in her basket. More details and evidence at the produce show on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

## CALNE TOWN HALL MOVIOLA

After our summer break we shall be starting to show our films again and the next one will be: 'Labor Day' (12a) starring Kate Winslett and Josh Brolin. A single depressed mother and her son inadvertently pick up a wounded man on a shopping trip, only to find that he is an escaped convict and the local police are looking for him.

This will be showing in Calne Town Hall at 7.30 pm on Weds 24th September. Doors open at 7.00pm. Refreshments available. Tickets £6.00 from the information centre or on the door.

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Thanks to everyone who came to our latest public meeting about the future Tytherton Village Hall and for the many positive suggestions. For those who missed it, or who would like another look, the initial plans are now published on the 'New Hall Plans' page of our website, [tythertonhall.co.uk](http://tythertonhall.co.uk). Further comments are most welcome and can be sent to any committee member or to [nicpillow@tythertonhall.co.uk](mailto:nicpillow@tythertonhall.co.uk). Please do let us know what you think now, while it is still easy to make changes!

Next, we hope to get a more formal agreement on the sale of the land, and to start our main fundraising. Further updates will be published in the newsletter, on our website and on the 'Tytherton Village Hall' Facebook page.

*Nic Pillow*

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## **BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL PRODUCE AND GARDEN SHOW**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall - Schedules, entry forms and the recipe for the War time cake are all on the Bremhill Village website, or use the qr code on the notice board outside the hall. Paper copies are in the porch of the Hall and at the Dumb Post. If anyone is having problems getting a copy then please phone 01249 661369.

It would be great if everyone in the village and surrounding area entered something and joined in the fun. Entry forms and fee should be taken to 17a Bremhill by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Come along at 2.30pm to see the results and have some refreshments. There will be stalls around, prize giving at about 4pm and the auction of produce will be at about 5pm. Seems like a bumper year for plums, so there could be lots of entries in that class.

*Marilyn and the Produce show team.*

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## **DISNEY IN THE GARDEN - COMPETITION WINNER**

At 'Art in the Garden' the organisers said the winner of the Disney quiz would be announced in the Newsletter. The quiz comprised 20 questions about Disney characters posted around a trail in various positions in the garden at Hazeland Mill. So drum r-----o----- l-----l please.....

Congratulations to Zia and Sasha Hambro who answered all 20 questions correctly Well Done!



## THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING !

Come and join us for Coffee and Cake in Bremhill Village Hall on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> September - 10am til 12 noon! A fun morning for a wonderful cause - Macmillan Cancer Support. All proceeds to this marvellous organisation whose sole purpose is to provide people suffering with Cancer the support that they need to take back control of their lives.

Bring and buy : raffle: competitions : wonderful cakes ;  
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**Traders List:** Together with Wiltshire Trading Standards, we have set up a scheme up so that people can have the reassurance that basic checks have been carried out on traders who will undertake basic tasks around the home.

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## **DAUNTSEY VALE LINK SCHEME (DVLS)**

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June as part of the Chippenham Area Board Meeting, the DVLS won the Team/Group category award for activities which benefit the community. The awards are presented annually to those who, by volunteering, provide services calculated to reduce hardship, need or distress to any individual facing difficulties.

Cllr Linda Packard presented the Chairman and members of the Board with a trophy, a signed certificate and a cheque for £50.

It is a fantastic achievement for the Link scheme to receive such an award and to know how much it is appreciated by the public.

I have been a driver for Link for several years and enjoy meeting different people, but Link is always looking for new members to join the team. If you think you could give a few hours a month helping others with Link, do get in touch with me and I will point you in the right direction.

*Elizabeth Hannah.*

## **ST MARTIN'S CHURCH FABRIC NEWS**

A lot of work needs to be done to the Church. Here are just some of the projects planned. The external stone and lead work are in poor condition. The pointing of the east wall requires patching, the metal window struts are splitting the stone, the bell tower has a long standing bramble growing out of it and there are two significant leaks affecting the roof. The ventilation of the inside of the Church needs significant improvement, requiring two opening windows and ventilation from the bell tower. The north wall is damp as a result of leaks and poor ventilation, leading to damage to the large painting on that wall. The gate at the west end of the Church has disintegrated and needs to be replaced. We need a new notice board to face the village square and the war memorial requires to be cleaned so the names can be read. It is likely that the cost of these works will be of the order of £12000.

All the above needs to be completed before we contemplate further improvements to the interior of the church. Future plans will allow the church to be used as a flexible community facility. We will give you updates over the next months.

*David Stevens*



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## **BREMHILL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

The response to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire was 47% which exceeded our expectations. Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. Richard Tucker designed a spreadsheet which has now been completed, and the results will be posted on the Bremhill website in September. This will be the start of the consultation process, so please view the results and pass any comments to the Chairman Ian James via email [ijamesconsulting@aol.com](mailto:ijamesconsulting@aol.com) or to your parish councillor. The steering group will arrange three meetings at each of the parish village halls in October where the Neighbourhood Plan will be presented, and discussions can take place on any additions you may wish to see entered into the document.

A business questionnaire was designed by the team, and has been distributed. We believe that businesses need to be sustainable, and where possible people should be able to live and work in the parish.

The Parish Council and the steering group have also completed a Landscape Report for the Council to allow them to assess each of the options for future development in and around Chippenham. The questionnaire responses have clearly made the statement that Bremhill should remain a rural parish which is unspoilt and that the rural buffer between Chippenham town and Tytherton Lucas should be preserved. If option C is approved by the Council then Chippenham 2020 will put in a planning application to build 2,700 homes at New Leaze Farm in the Parish of Bremhill.

The coming months are likely to be the most important for the Parish of Bremhill. A great deal rests on whether the parish loses good farmland, the rural buffer and the beauty of the Marden and Avon valleys to concrete. In addition the Council will adjust the settlement boundary to annexe New Leaze farm and other land to the east of Chippenham to be part of Chippenham town. This change of boundary should also be resisted.

Your support will be needed to oppose any such development when the Council moves to the consultation phase of the revised core strategy in the autumn if option C is adopted by the Council.

Thank you for supporting the Neighbourhood Plan.

*Ian James*  
*Chairman Neighbourhood Planning Group*

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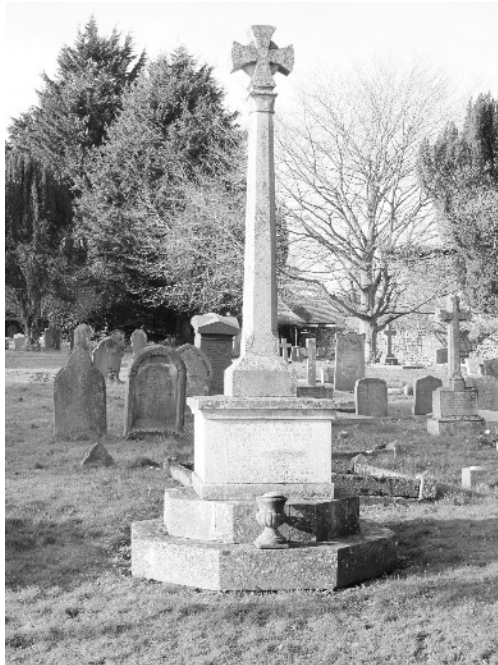


## **FIRST WORLD WAR COMMEMORATIONS**

The editors would like to commemorate those from the Bremhill Parish who died during the First World War. David Wood has done a lot of research about these individuals from a number of sources, including the War Graves Commission. The Newsletter would like to publish this research on the anniversary of their deaths over the next four years. However, we are aware that some families may not wish us to do this, certainly without consultation. If this applies to you, please get in touch with the editors as soon as possible. You may well be able to provide us with information or photographs which would personalise our entry. Alfred Tuck, who was born in Bremhill, but does not appear on any of the War Memorials in the Parish, died in November 1914. We propose to publish his biography in the November Edition.

Once David has completed the biographies, they will be presented to the local communities and Churches in Bremhill Parish to compliment the local memorials.

The following inscription is found in St Martin's Church, Bremhill. Many of these names are also on a similar inscription in St John the Baptist Church, Foxham.

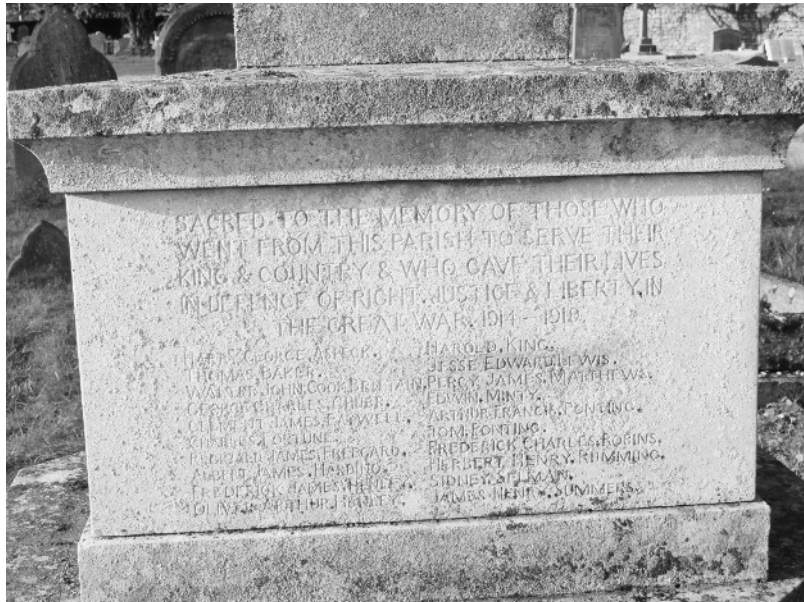


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## **PAINTING DAY.**

The annual painting day for amateur artists to enjoy a day painting at a venue in Foxham was this year on July 26th. The day was beautifully sunny and 14 painters, under the tuition of John Harris, had excellent facilities for the day, unlike last year when it rained. This year we again were able to paint at Paul and Mary Kellond's house and grounds, so a big thank you to them for allowing the facility. Some very pretty paintings were produced and all of the artists said they had had a very good day.

Thanks go to John Harris who gave his time and expertise willingly. Thanks also to Anne and Dianne, Mary and Jackie who helped all day with the refreshments and general administration and thank you all the artists, some of whom have attended for many years. It has been a very satisfying experience for me and for them.

I have said that this will be the last painting day that I will arrange. I feel it has been a good fund raiser, but now I must think of something else. This year we raised over £300 and a cheque for the amount raised will go to benefit St John the Baptist church, Foxham. Thank you again all who made the day possible.

*Elizabeth Hannah*





# FOXHAM HORSE SHOW

**SATURDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2014**

*From 9.00am onwards*

**Show Jumping**                      **Showing (with new classes)**

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**Gymkhana**                      **Fancy Dress**

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## **WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

Consultation starts into future of Fire & Rescue Service

A wide ranging consultation to consider options for the future of Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service started on Monday (21 July). Between now and 20<sup>th</sup> October, local people will be able to have their say on options including closer working with local authorities and the police through to a possible merger with Dorset Fire Authority.

Local residents will be able to access further information and complete an on-line questionnaire. In addition, a random selection of 12,000 households across Wiltshire and Dorset will receive the questionnaire directly. Information will also be placed in public buildings and libraries. Simon Routh-Jones, Chief Fire Officer of Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service, said: "We are keen to know what local people think about our options to strengthen our fire and rescue service. We have a number of potential ways forward, including a potential merger with Dorset Fire Authority... and we would encourage any views as no decisions have yet been made."

Cllr Christopher Devine, Chairman of Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authority, said: "We face difficult financial times ahead that result from cuts to our central Government grant. We need to find significant savings from our limited budget whilst protecting frontline services. It is vital that local people take this opportunity to find out more about the proposals and have their say."

The consultation portal is accessible via:  
[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/strengtheningourfrs](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/strengtheningourfrs)

*Michael Franklin*  
*Partnership & Community Engagement Manager (Wiltshire Council Area)*



## **CHRISTIAN MALFORD & FOXHAM WI**

Our WI pirates paddled madly down the River Avon in July at the Dragon Boat Races. We certainly made a splash, winning first prize for the wonderful outfits! We raised over £700 and this will be given to Naomi House, our nearest children's hospice

Our upcoming activities and events include a magnificent array of art on display in the Christian Malford Church on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10am until 4pm; the last walk of the year on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 with lunch in the Langley Tap (contact Val 740219); the Scrabble Day on 17<sup>th</sup> September, from 10.30am until 3.00pm in Christian Malford Hall (contact Ann 720573); and we have arranged a fun day at the Cotswold Water Park on September 23<sup>rd</sup>! An hour's canoeing tuition starting at 10.30 (contact Helen 721411). Our September meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 will be with Jill Cockerton, showing us how to have beauty and health without the poisons.

All information and club activities can be found on the notice board outside the Christian Malford village shop, and you can contact Jenny 01249 740950.

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Our AGM is on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm prompt start. So if you're interested come along. We also have a guest speaker from the R.A.B.I.

Contacts:- Rachel Bailey - Club Chairman: 01249 460 881 or 07586 793 583  
Sally Rogers - Junior Leader: 07810 423 760.



## **Foxham Horse Show - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

The schedule and entry form for this year's show is now available on our website [www.foxhamhorseshow.com](http://www.foxhamhorseshow.com). Copies are available from many local outlets including Christian Malford shop, pet shops, vets and equestrian centres.

With three Show Jumping rings, and three Showing rings (a variety of classes including 'Best Hairy Pony'), Dressage and Carriage Driving there is something for all! In the morning The Shetland Pony Performance Awards Team, will be racing twice over a miniature steeplechase course.

We are delighted that Michelle Hanson has offered to run the popular Family Fun Dog Show. This starts at 12 noon, with 8 Showing classes plus overall Champion, and a Have-a-go Agility ring. Enquiries 07831 100440

With a full Trade Stand area, Elsbeth & Bill's BBQ and Jan & Cherry's Horse Show Café, there is plenty for all to enjoy. Proceeds to Foxham Church, Reading Room and local and national charities. Trade Stand enquiries Adrian Whitbread (740367).

*Jane Milligan (740586)*

## **OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES .....**

On a visit to a school (a good number of years ago) I was sitting in a French lesson watching a group of eleven year-olds learning how to say and ask how old a person is. "Quel âge as-tu? J'ai onze ans." The teacher practised it with them and then asked the group to work in pairs. This meant I could walk around the room and listen in. One pair of boys had stopped practising, so I bent down to one of them and asked "Quel âge as-tu?" to which he replied - correctly - "J'ai onze ans." Then, looking me in the eye, " Quel âge as-tu?" Impressed by his boldness, I replied, trying to be clever, "J'ai cent (100) ans!" He looked hard at me, nodded and turned back to his book.

About 10 minutes later, near the end of the lesson, I found myself again standing behind him. He considered me with large eyes and asked "Sir, are you really a hundred years old?!!"

Oh dear! How the cleverclogs get their come-uppance! Certainly time for a make-over, I thought!

*Ewen.*

## **BLIND SAILING WEEK**

In Late June, 28 sailing yachts started making their way to Falmouth, some from as far away as Southampton and Lymington, taking them down the coast of Hampshire, Dorset and Cornwall to the Royal Cornish Yacht club, hosts to Blind Sailing Week. Four of the sighted sailors who hosted blind crew for the week on two of the boats were from the land locked Bremhill area!

George and Jophy Powell on their 33ft boat 'Wishwell ', accompanied by John Harris from Spirhill, hosted two blind crew. Rosie Stevens, her first time with the fleet as a crew member on a charter boat, guided a man who was not only blind but deaf as well. How do you communicate with someone who can't hear or see you might ask? - well Rosie speedily writes by touch on the palm of his hand and he understands every word - something which earned the admiration of everyone who came to the event.

The attending yachts are split into several fleets who visit local yacht havens within daily sailing distance eg. Salcombe, Newton Ferrers, Plymouth, and the upper reaches of the River Fal. This is after each blind crew member has had a 'touch and feel' tour of the boat and its equipment and a full safety briefing, including man over board drill.

On the penultimate day the yachts sail back to Falmouth for a dinner and presentation at which skippers are presented with a plaque for participation and an elected blind member of each fleet gives a speech (usually hilarious) reporting on their experiences for the week. As they are quick to tell you they like to be challenged, many learning to sail by the feel of wind direction on their face, having been set a course then steering by hearing compass.

The Blind Week charity has been running for nearly 30 years, hosted in Falmouth one year and then Southampton the next. One of the founding members is George Powell who along with like minded sighted sailors provide a valuable holiday and escape to less fortunate people who are visually impaired but love the sea and are prepared to take on the team challenge of sailing a yacht.

*John Harris*



Rosie Stevens with XXXXXX pictured outside the Royal Cornish Yacht Club, hosts of the 2014 Blind Sailing Week.



One of the fleet of yachts moored in Newton Ferrers can you spot George, Jophy and John?

## **BOWOOD LADIES LUNCH**

### **4TH SEPTEMBER BOWOOD HOTEL RESTAURANT**

The speaker this month is Sophie Lanfear, an Assistant Producer of nature documentaries for television and cinema. She has spent most of her career working for the BBC's Natural History Unit on a wide range of television series and has filmed wildlife all over the world. Sophie studied psychology/zoology at Bristol University, before heading out to the Kalahari to spend a year studying meerkats. It was this work that led to her first taste of wildlife filming as it was the location for the TV hit "Meerkat Manor".

Sophie has just finished working on "Life Story" a 6-part Attenborough series for BBC1 due to be broadcast this Autumn. She will talk about what it takes to be part of such a series, how these big landmarks are made and share what it is like to spend weeks on end in the field trying to acquire the calibre of footage required for these multi-million pound projects. She will also talk about her latest adventure to the arctic to film arctic foxes and the realities of being stuck with summer starved polar bears. Sophie will use photographs and short video clips to illustrate her stories from the field.



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Christian Malford Village Hall - Wed 9:30am  
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## ACORNS

The children had a very busy term before breaking up for the holidays. We took delivery of some caterpillars and watched them grow and change into butterflies as part of our 'mini beast' topic and in the woods we cooked something nice to eat each week. For the last Forest School day of the term the children cooked their lunch of burgers and sausages in the woods.

The children took part in the Barnardo's Big Toddle where they walked half a mile dressed as their favourite space cadet and raised nearly £500! The weather was perfect for our sports day this year. The children, staff and parents enjoyed a day out at Westonbirt Arboretum. At the end of the term we said goodbye to some of our children as they start their new school in September and we wish them all the best on their new and exciting journey.

Acorns are now looking forward to the start of the new term and we are excited to be welcoming 12 new children to our pre-school this September. Please note Little Acorns Toddler Group has a new start time from September of 9.45am till 11.45am, but the group will still be held on Friday in Christian Malford Village Hall.



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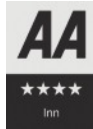
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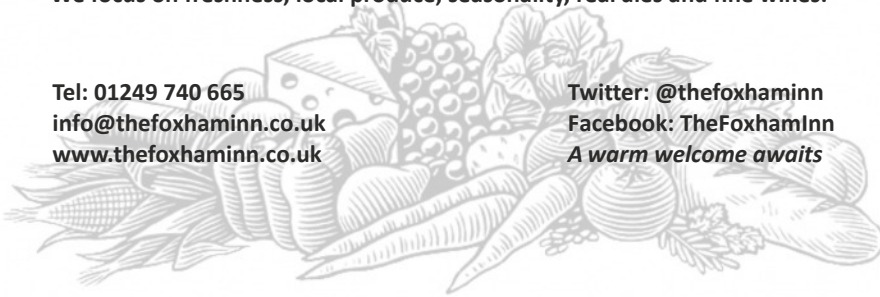
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## THE FOXHAM INN NEWS

We would like to thank Bill and Elsbeth (The King and Queen of Foxham BBQs) for yet another successful August Bank Holiday Monday BBQ.

We are holding a Japanese Dinner on September 25th, a Seven-course Vegetarian Dinner on October 16th and our Annual Wild Food and Game Dinner on November 26th - advanced bookings only.

We are now taking bookings for Christmas Parties, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve, Check out the Menus on our Website [www.thefoxhaminn.co.uk](http://www.thefoxhaminn.co.uk)

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## **END OF AN ERA IN FOXHAM.**

Whatever the reason for the demise of Hatts coaches, it is sad to see the end of a business which has operated in Foxham for approaching a hundred years. We all feel sorry for both Michael and Adrian Hillier, grandson and great grandson of Bill Hatt who started the business as a cattle haulier in 1928. We feel for those employees who found themselves without a job and for those who were looking forward to going on holiday with Hatts this summer.

As I mentioned above, Hatts started as a livestock haulier not long after my father moved to farm at Stockham Marsh and I am sure his lorry would have carried livestock for my father to and from local markets. I can remember when, during the war, Bill Hatt had a Buick car for hire. Very few families had their own cars, so we would use him if we needed to visit relations who lived further away than our trusted pony and trap could take us.

During the war my father used to hire a bus from Hatts to run a regular service to Chippenham on Friday market day so that other farmers and wives of farm workers could go to town for their weekly shop. He would collect the fares and pay for the hire of the bus.

Hatts coaches have also taken many generations of children from the village to both the local primary school and to the senior schools in Chippenham. Daphne often talks of the time when Jane started at primary school. On the first day it was all new and she was happy to go to school on the bus. However, the second day it was different; she had done that once and that was enough! She screamed and refused to walk onto the bus but Nelson, who was driving, said in his quiet manner "Put her on someone's lap and she will be alright. We get one every term!"

Over the years Hatts have generously supported many events in the village, most recently the Tytherton ride and the Foxham horse show. We now wait to see what becomes of the site, which we hope will be sympathetically developed. Whatever happens, I hope that the name of Hatts can be retained.

*Alec Glass.*

## **THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM**

You may have seen us out and about again this month doing speed checks at a variety of locations in our rural areas. Ratford, Stockley Lane, Stockley Road and Derry Hill have all had regular checks, with many warnings given to drivers for driving in excess of the limit. Several Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued, with excess speeds ranging from 37 to 45 mph in 30mph limits. Sadly, the offending drivers have all been local parishioners. Speed checks continue in the area in the weeks ahead.

Reported crimes of note this month on our rural areas: a burglary took place at Marsh Farm Hilmarton where power tools were taken and a vast amount of damage committed on site. Quemerford Gate saw an electric fence and 150 plastic posts stolen from a secluded field overnight. Godsell Farm at Foxham suffered an oil theft overnight from their tank, in late July.

In Goatacre, cold callers laid a quantity of tarmac, charging £2500. Trading standards offences were committed, as all callers must give a 14 day cooling off period prior to work commencing. Please beware of such callers. It is always best to use a reputable company.

Please take registration numbers of unfamiliar vehicles and send them through to me. Anything you see that is suspicious, please call us .

We are still hungry for Community Speed Watch volunteers. It is extremely worthwhile and helps to make drivers aware of the speed that they are travelling through our villages, as well as offending drivers receiving letters from the Police. Please contact me if you think you may be able to assist. It is a simple process. Full training is given and you get to use the same type of speed gun that we use in the Police. If you would like to chat to any of our current volunteers first, please email me.

Parish boards all have our details in them to let you know how to contact us if you wish. You can also follow us on [www.facebook.com/calnepolice](http://www.facebook.com/calnepolice) and see what we are up to.

*WPC 319 Sonya Stockhill  
Community Beat Manager  
Rural Calne NPT*

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

It occurred to me, after reading through my last entry under the "Small Thoughts....." slot, that having talked (written) at length about the "Charles Dickens" connection with Bremhill, in particular his "Hymn of the Wiltshire Labourers" because of limitations of space, I hadn't included the words of the hymn. I am now rectifying that omission. I can assure our good church folk that I shan't be asking them to sing it in any church service (unless they really want to of course!)

God! Who by thy prophets hand  
Didst smite the rocky brake.  
Whence water came, at thy command.  
Thy people's thirst to slake;  
Strike, now, upon this granite wall.  
Stem, obdurate, and high;  
And let some drops of pity fall  
For us who starve and die!

O God! Teach them to feel how we,  
When our poor infants droop,  
Are weakened in our trust in thee,  
And how our spirits stoop;  
For, in thy rest, so bright and fair,  
All tears and sorrows sleep  
And their young looks, so full of care,  
Would make thine angels weep!

O God, remind them! In the bread  
They break upon the knee,  
These sacred words may yet be read,  
"In memory of me"  
O God remind them of his sweet  
Compassion for the poor,  
And how he gave them bread to eat  
And went from door to door!

The God who took a little child  
And set him in the midst,  
And promised him His mercy mild,  
As, by thy Son, Thou didst;  
Look down upon our children dear.  
So gaunt, so cold, so spare,  
And let their images appear  
Where Lords and gentry are!

The God who with his finger drew  
The judgement coming on,  
Write, for these men, what must  
ensue,  
Ere many years be gone  
O God! Whose bow is in the sky,  
Let them not brave and dare,  
Until they look (too late) on high,  
And see an arrow there!

*Jim Scott*

## LOCAL CHURCH INFORMATION

### ST NICHOLAS, TYTHERTON LUCAS

Sunday 7 September	Morning Service 10am (SG)
Sunday 14 September	Eucharist 8.30am (JS)
Sunday 21 September	Mattins 10am (ES)
Sunday 28 September	Eucharist (DC)

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



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## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH. Foxham

7 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	D. Wilton
12 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	Holy Communion	Romans 13: 8-end
14 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	A. Glass
13 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	Family Service	Exodus 14: 19-31
21 <sup>st</sup> September	9.30am	E. Hannah
14 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	Holy Communion	2 Corinthians 4: 1-6
28 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	M. Kellond
15 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	HARVEST SERVICE Family Communion	2 Corinthians 9: 6-end
5 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	R. Pegler
16 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	Holy Communion	Phillippians 3: 4b-14

For any information (Weddings, Funerals, Christenings and Special services)  
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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, BREMHILL

	Service	Sidesmen	Readers
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept Trinity 12	8am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong	M.Kyte A.Jones & P.Rawlings	Exodus 12: 1-14 Judy Scott Matthew 18: 15-20 Keith Blackmore
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept Trinity 13	11am Holy Communion	M.Wells & B.Rawlings	Philippians 2: 6-11 Prisca Wyldbore-Smith
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept Trinity 14	6pm Evensong	K.Blackmore & L.Jones	Proverbs 3: 13-18 Arnold Woods Matthew 9:9-13 Anne Kirkbride
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept Trinity 15	9.30 am Family Service	Children	Matthew 21:28-32 A Young Person
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct Trinity 16 Harvest	8 am Holy Communion 6 pm HARVEST FESTIVAL	N.Kyte A.Woods & D.Kyte	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 Michael Parlett Luke 12: 16-30 William Bailey

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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.

If you have any items of local Church or Village News for the October 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> September 2014 deadline. Thank you.

## OH, I WISH I'D LOOKED AFTER MY TEETH

by

Pam Ayres



Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth,  
And spotted the perils beneath,  
All the toffees I chewed,  
And the sweet sticky food,  
Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth.

I wish I'd been that much more willin'  
When I had more tooth there than fillin'  
To pass up gobstoppers,  
From respect to me choppers  
And to buy something else with me shillin'.

When I think of the lollies I licked,  
And the liquorice allsorts I picked,  
Sherbet dabs, big and little,  
All that hard peanut brittle,  
My conscience gets horribly pricked.

My Mother, she told me no end,  
"If you got a tooth, you got a friend"  
I was young then, and careless,  
My toothbrush was hairless,  
I never had much time to spend.

Oh I showed them the toothpaste all right,  
I flashed it about late at night,  
But up-and-down brushin'  
And pokin' and fussin'  
Didn't seem worth the time... I could bite!

If I'd known I was paving the way,  
To cavities, caps and decay,  
The murder of fillin's  
Injections and drillin's  
I'd have thrown all me sherbet away.

So I lay in the old dentist's chair,  
And I gaze up his nose in despair,  
And his drill it do whine,  
In these molars of mine,  
"Two amalgum," he'll say, "for in there."

How I laughed at my Mother's false teeth,  
As they foamed in the waters beneath,  
But now comes the reckonin'  
It's me they are beckonin'  
Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth.

This poem has been voted one of the Nation's favourite comic poems. Pam Ayres is an English poet, comedian and song-writer, born in Oxfordshire in 1947. She had a one-woman touring stage show and has published several books of poems. She has a deceptively simple style, dealing with everyday subject matter, but often making a serious point.

*Ewen.*

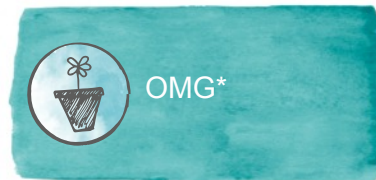
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