



BREMHILL, FOXHAM, THE TYTHERTONS AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

January 2014

The Newsletter



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Happy New Year!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2014

- 3rd January Coffee morning and 100 club draw - Bremhill
- 26th January St Martin's Lunch
- 29th January St Mary's School Choir in Foxham
- 30th January Go Karting with the WI
- 21st /22nd February 50/50 Sale in Bremhill
- 1st March Parish clean-up
- 27th March Rural Arts in Bremhill



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EDITORIAL

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Here we are, once again, in the season of new resolutions! According to a survey done by Bristol University in 2007, 88% of resolutions fail. How many times have I decided to cut down on wine, to lose weight, to get up earlier? And how long have these resolutions lasted? About two weeks usually; sometimes, if the resolution is easy, I get to the end of January! It seems that everything conspires against making it easy. Take losing weight, for example. I mean, that half of the Christmas cake left uneaten - it would be wrong to throw it away. What a waste! And the trifle for New Year's Day - if it's not finished, the cream will go off, so we really do need to eat it. Those chocolates that we had as a present - well, it would be rude not to eat them, wouldn't it, otherwise we couldn't tell the giver how good they were! And so it goes on - the excuses pile up! But then, as I've got older, I've learnt to live with my failures.

The mere fact of making a resolution helps us to alleviate the guilty feeling following the excesses of the holiday season! Anyway, when you think of it, we do have until next December to achieve our goals! We need, of course, an incentive to make a resolution and the New Year gives us just that. It is the start of something new, an opportunity to take stock, to wipe the slate clean, to develop something different or to improve what we have.

One big incentive presented itself a year ago when the last edition of 'The Way' appeared, bringing the threat of no further means of communicating news across the Parish and the isolation of the villages. This incentive was taken up by a few concerned and far-sighted people who produced the first editions of the Newsletter. The first public meeting involving all the villages was a success and produced much positive support and from that, and a subsequent meeting, evolved the present Newsletter - a real community effort.

So one resolution that the editorial team will certainly endeavour to keep is to do all we can to maintain the standard of the Newsletter already set, and to ensure it continues to serve our community well.

With our best wishes to you all for a happy and fulfilling year ahead of us.

Ewen





COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

A list of local non-profit organisations

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There were handsome cocktail makers shaking their Raspberry Bellinis and Ginger Coolers at our Christmas event. Harmonious music from the Chippenham Male Voices just added to the super atmosphere, which made for a more than merry night! Thanks to all the men, both singers and 'shaker and stirrers', for our memorable evening's entertainment. Festive and fun!



Our New Year begins with Terry Howlett, who will be with us for the January 16th meeting in the Christian Malford Hall at 7.30. Being a local professional photographer, he will give us tips for basic photographic improvement and demonstrate how to use digital cameras effectively to create stunning pictures. You could be the envy of everyone you show your photos to!

Go - Karting. Have you always fancied having a go, but been 'put off' by those reckless men? Don't you want to do 'one new thing every year'? It will be us ladies only, being reckless! Get on that track for Thursday 30th January at Hullavington. My name is nervously down! Phone Helen on 721411 for details.

All our information and club activities can be found on the notice board outside the Christian Malford village shop.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

ST MARTIN'S 50-50 SALE - 21/22 FEBRUARY

There will be a silent 50-50 auction in Bremhill village hall on 21/22 February in aid of St Martin's Church. All goods accepted from 4pm to 8pm on Friday 21 February and from 9am to 11am on the Saturday. Viewing all day Saturday. Envelopes opened 7.30pm. Fork supper from 7pm - £5 per head.

For more information, please call Philippa Stevens (815337) or Rosslyn Jamey (817292).



WWW.BREMHILLPARISH.ORG

The parish council recently decided to sponsor a website for the parish: www.bremhillparish.org. The website has been created and it is now available. The aim of the website is to provide information about the parish so there are 5 main areas, one for the parish council (where agenda and minutes of meetings as well as documents of interest such as the neighbourhood plan consultation documents are published) and one for each of the 4 wards of the parish. Electronic versions of the newsletter are available on the website and there is also a calendar summarising the events taking place in the parish that the team knows about.

The website was created by volunteers from the parish and is still evolving with new content being added regularly. We would love to hear your feedback, especially if you would like to contribute content to add or, if you notice any errors, we would be grateful if you could let the team know. Email: info@bremhillparish.org or contact Jerome Semichon 01249 740469 or Richard Tucker 01249 740274.



PHILIPPINES DISASTER FUND FILM SHOWS

Despite a last minute decision and very little notice, we had a reasonable turn out for the disaster fund events held at the Bremhill village hall on 27th November. A huge thank you to everyone that helped and to everyone who contributed to the magnificent total of £1320 raised and donated to DEC (disasters emergency committee) Philippines typhoon.

Roger Griffin





BREMHILL WAR MEMORIAL

Bremhill PCC would like to repair the war memorial in the churchyard in time for remembrance day in November 2014. It will be 100 years since the start of the Great War in 1914.

Members of the history society have been researching the individuals who died in this most tragic of conflicts in order to create a living memory of their sacrifice. This could be given to the archives in Chippenham with a copy in the local churches for future generations.

If you have a relative on the memorial and feel able to help us further, we would be very pleased to hear from you. We would like to publish some details of these individuals in the newsletter but would wish to be sensitive to the views of their families.

Please contact editor@bremhill.com or David Stevens on 815337. Thank you.



ST MARTIN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar was held on Saturday 7th December at St Martin's Church. We raised £1342.53. The Raffle took £58 and the Bazaar made £584.53 on the day. Many thanks to all the stall holders and everyone else who made it such a success. Raffle Prize Winners were Alex Hambro, Mike Hudd, Nancy Kyte, Catherine Mealing-Jones, Francis Pearson, Brian Rawlings, Pauline Webb and "Sue from Lodowicks".



FOXHAM POPPY APPEAL 2013 - THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the people of Foxham who gave so to the British Legion Poppy appeal in November. You £166.73p. to help continue the work of The Legion with service personnel in trouble or need.



A special thank you to all those people who wait for me to arrive with my tray and collecting box each year. I do appreciate your loyalty and it makes my task more worthwhile. Thank you all again.

Elizabeth Hannah.





ROSIE'S THANKS

I wish to thank all members of the Bremhill village hall committee who very kindly and generously contributed to the beautiful flowers and fabulous earrings presented to me at the AGM. I wish Roger and all the new committee the very best of luck with the ongoing running of the hall and am confident that it will flourish.

Rosie Stevens



THANK YOU FROM DERRY HILL

Tom and Rosemary George from Derry hill would like to thank the lady from Foxham who rescued them after they had had a puncture in Pewsham on Thursday 7 November in the dark . "thank you for taking us to our home in Redhill Close. You were very kind indeed".



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The choir of St Mary's School, Calne, will be presenting choral music in St. John the Baptist church Foxham, on January 29th at 7.30 pm. The cost is £8 per person. Following the concert the choir and audience is asked back to the Reading Room for light refreshments.

Tickets will be available early in the New Year from Elizabeth Hannah, (Tel.740619) and Mary Kellond (Tel.740633). This promises to be an excellent evening of choral music and a good way to banish those post-festivities blues.



RIDE AND STRIDE

Thank you to all who sponsored me on my walk for the ride and stride for Bremhill church. £168 has come back to the church, so it was well worth it.

Nancy Kyte



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The police have had reports of 2 white males in a white van asking for work such as gardening and then charging exorbitantly for the work done. If you should be approached by these men, the police would like to know on tel. 101. If possible get the number of the van also.

Elizabeth Hannah





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JACK'S WINTER COAT

The moon is bright with a silvery glow
The air is sharp and keen
And what the morning light does show
is a mesmerizing scene.

Stark bare trees all veiled in white
Thin ice across the pond
Jack Frost has worked throughout the night
and waved his magic wand.

Drooping thistle heads attract our gaze
The soil is as hard as lead
And watery sun with feeble rays
cannot warm the flower bed.

A sparkling lawn like crystal lace
Glistening spiders webs appear
The beauty of the sights we face
tells us winter time is here.



Jackie Harris

Do you have something that might fit on a single page?

Some thoughts we've had include:

- *a 'photo-shopped' local image*
- *a short story (around 350 words)*
- *the score of a short melody you've written*
- *a sketch or painting*
- *a short item about your hobby*

Thank you to Jackie for getting the ball rolling



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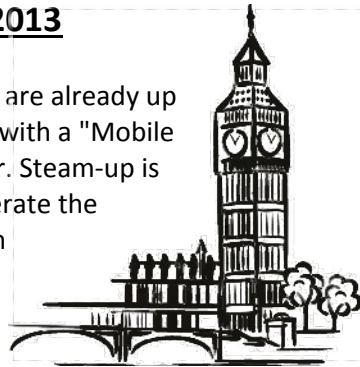
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London to Brighton Veteran Car Rally 2013

3am Sunday 3rd November. Colin, Terry and John are already up and making a cuppa before setting off for London with a "Mobile Steam Car" (year 1900) safely loaded on the trailer. Steam-up is achieved by lighting a petrol-fuelled boiler to generate the required propulsion. We are to meet up with John Blackford, the owner of said steam car, in Hyde Park. The M4 is quiet at that time on a Sunday and we make good time.

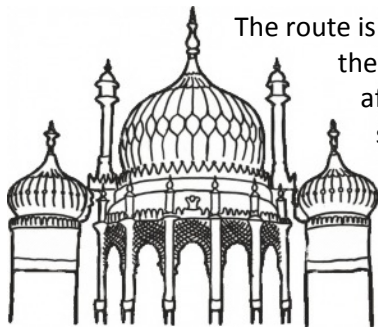


The rally is for cars built prior to 1905. Considering the first were built in 1896, there is a huge array of manufacturers and designs still running the 86 miles or so today. It is the World's Longest Running Motoring Event, 2013 being the 117th anniversary run.

Terry Satchell rides shotgun for the first section from Hyde Park Serpentine to Croydon, usually a reliable run out past the houses of Parliament and down the A23. However, this morning proves to be a little problematical with the main pin holding the engine into place coming loose and fracturing a copper pipe. John Blackford is a very capable engineer and between the two of them, an effective repair is made.

In Croydon Kinghams, a small garage, opens up early Sunday morning to supply water to fill the on-board tank for our steamer. The proprietors also supply much needed bacon rolls and coffee to the participants. John Summers jumps into the passenger seat for the next leg to Crawley.

Each time, we dress up in warm clothing, as it is very cold on the car. Thankfully this year it remains dry all day.



The route is lined with spectators for mile upon mile. Over the M25 and onwards towards Redhill where, after a long uphill section, our steamer requires some more attention to keep the flame burning strongly to generate enough steam.





At Crawley we take some petrol to top up the burner tank so that we can make Brighton without running out. In total we will burn 20 litres of petrol and use 80 litres of water between London and Brighton.

Colin Pearson jumps up on the bench seat to accompany John for the final leg into Brighton. We travel via Cuckfield, where we take on some more water and then it's over the South Downs where the local 4x4 club turn out to tow some of the competitors up the long Hammer and Clayton hills.

Down the hill through Pyecombe and into Brighton for the final control in the park. Cars then travel through the town centre and onto the seafront at Madeira Drive where hundreds of people turn out to see the spectacle. Each competitor is interviewed and given a finisher's medal.

We decide to move on and meet up with Terry, John and Viv Blackford who have the trailer ready to load in a Car Park on the Seafront. Once the boiler is de-pressurised we strap the car safely in the trailer, grab an "All Day Breakfast" and return to Bremhill for a welcome scotch and retire after a very long but rewarding day.



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Ingredients

- 400g ready-made puff pastry
- 2 rounded tbsp apricot jam
- 100g softened butter
- 100g caster sugar
- 1 lightly beaten egg + 1 yolk
- 150g ground almonds
- 2 - 3 tbsp cognac (optional)



Method

1. Heat the oven to 200C/fanC180/gas 6.
2. Divide the ready-made puff pastry in half, roll out each piece and cut into a 25cm round. Put one round on a baking sheet and spread with the apricot jam to within 2cm of the edges.
3. Beat together the softened butter and caster sugar until light and fluffy, then beat in the egg. Stir in the ground almonds and cognac.
4. Spoon the mixture over the jam, spreading it evenly. Brush the edges of the pastry with water, then cover with the second piece, pressing the edges to seal. Mark the top of the pastry from the centre to the edges like the spokes of a wheel or in a zig zag pattern, then brush with beaten egg.
5. Bake for 25-30 mins until crisp and golden. Serve warm or cold.

This pie could also be filled with apple compote, if desired, with (optional) calvados added.

Ewen





EVEREST MARATHON 2013: THE AFTERMATH

It is fair to say that, despite our research, this proved to be a challenge we both felt at times was beyond us. Outside the shelter of our hotel in Kathmandu we experienced a complete culture shock, both in the city and then in the mountains.

The streets of Kathmandu were choked in the thick smog of vehicle fumes, despite which, a teeming mass of humanity went about its business in a chaotic, yet calm, ambivalence.



Free of the city, and after touching down on the short steep mountain runway at Lukla, we began our trek. This is the start point for most expeditions into the Everest range and is a mix of lodges and stalls selling every type of provisioning, the narrow cobbled streets bustling with activity. The only form of transport from here is by foot, so we set off with porters, yaks and sirdars in the direction of Namche Bazaar.

The dust, yak dung, poor hygiene and very basic sanitation result in a constant battle to stay healthy during our two week acclimatisation trek up to Gorak Shep. Getting to the start line is a major challenge; most entrants, myself included, suffer from diarrhoea and vomiting (D&V) at some point. Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS) is also fairly common and Trin suffered with the condition which meant that we had to stay behind while the group ascended to the next camp. We were able to follow on the next day.

During the trek, two of our party are air lifted down and several are unable to continue up to the start at 5184m, due to the effects of AMS. Under canvass for most of the trek, with temperatures dropping to -15 C at night, sleep does not come easily. Catering is provided by our enthusiastic travelling kitchen team - food prepared al fresco amongst the dirt and debris of a trekking camp site.





As a result, when we finally line up for the start both Trin and I are mostly just relieved to be there and not too broken by the experience.

Thursday 28th November, 6.30am start, barely daylight, freezing cold, we shuffle across the icy tundra and up onto the rocky moraine, the field quickly spreading out with the twenty or so Nepali runners flying into the distance. We continue through bleak, yet stunning scenery, the rocky trail and thin air making progress slow and hesitant. With 6 miles completed we are back on more familiar trekking trails and plod on through mountain villages, doing our best to negotiate the rough and rocky trail underfoot and the yak traffic in our way. After ascending the long climb up to the mile 17 check point we are exhausted, but continue to overtake runners as we begin the Thamo loop and then return to Namche to cross the finish line together in 9hrs 43mins!

We are too tired to celebrate; with relief and satisfaction we dare contemplate our first beer for weeks and a proper bed!

Nepal remains one of the poorest countries in the world and we are hoping to raise money for the Fund, so we would welcome any donations, which can be made directly with Trin or myself, or bat the websites below.

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BREMHILL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A synopsis of Bremhill Parish Council's recent meeting

TGC Renewables have withdrawn the proposal for Solar Panels at Foxham.

A letter has been received from Simon Jacobs (Chairman of Operational Flood Working Group North) regarding the substantial increase in flooding incidents in recent years, the Parish Council are keen to help. The Parish Council could liaise with local landowners towards clearing ditches and watercourses. Mr Tucker attended a meeting at Royal Wootton Bassett where flooding was discussed. He will liaise with Mr Jacobs on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Parish web-site has now been set up after a great deal of work so a BIG thank you to all involved.

Mr Harris reported a positive response to the donation towards the funding of our wonderful newsletter.

The Parish clean-up will take place on the 1st March 2014 - any volunteers that can help please contact your Parish Councillor.

There will not be a meeting in January so the date of the next meeting will be 3rd Feb 2014 at 7.30pm at The Moravian Room East Tytherton.



50-50 SALE

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What does this mean?

You can still receive Child Benefit payments but if you're a higher-income family, you'll have to pay extra tax which will cancel out some, or all, of your payments.

Individual incomes are assessed not your combined household. Therefore if one partner earns over £50,000 and the other partner earns less (or even no income) you will be liable. However if both you and your partner have an income just below the £50,000 limit; you will not be affected. Where both partners earn over £50,000; whoever has the higher income will have to pay the extra tax.

What are your options if you are affected?

You can still continue to receive Child Benefit payments but you will need to declare the payments annually on a self assessment tax return (the first of which must be filed online with HMRC by 31 January 2014). It may in fact still be beneficial for you to continue your payments if you or your partner's income is between £50,000 and £60,000, as the tax charge will be less than the Child Benefit.

OR

You can choose to stop receiving the Child Benefit payments to avoid paying the additional tax and potentially completing a self assessment tax return. If you or your partner earn over £60,000, the tax charge will be the same as the Child Benefit payments anyway. You can always restart the payments if your circumstances change and only the person who is entitled to Child Benefit can stop the payments.





Find out more

If you have questions about the High Income Child Benefit Charge and how it may affect you and your family; or you've just realised that you need to complete a self assessment tax return by the end of this month; then do contact the team at Pillow May Chartered Accountants and Tax Advisers for some assistance on 01249 864001 or email jessica@pillowmay.co.uk.



RURAL ARTS TOURING

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Well known for the last 8 years as a central component of Show of Hands, Miranda has an exquisite and spine-tingling voice, whilst Rex, with his exuberant and flamboyant playing style, has built a reputation as one of the finest mandolin players in the U.K. With Show of Hands off the road for a year, the duo are embarking on an extensive tour of the British Isles in support of their arresting new CD "Sing A Full Song."

More details will follow later but online booking will be available from The Pound Arts Centre in Corsham - www.poundarts.org.uk, or call Pound Arts on 01249 701428 (the email address is: box.office@poundarts.org.uk)

You can sample their music on www.sykespreston.com/#music





CAN YOU HELP?

1ST WILTSHIRE REGIMENT DURING WORLD WAR I

After the success of their participation in the Nov 11th commemorations in Ypres in 2012, 10th Chippenham Air Scouts troop and Endeavour Explorer Scouts will be walking from Mons (Belgium) to Le Cateau (France) in August 2014 retracing the steps walked by the 1st Wiltshire Regiment exactly 100 years earlier. The scouts will also be visiting the area where Wilfred Owen fought his last battle in 1918. They will be joined on the 55km walk by scouts from Belgium, France and Germany.

Before they leave, the scouts are keen to research the stories of the men of the 1st Wiltshire (Duke of Edinburgh) regiment and to understand where they came from, what their lives were before the war and what they faced in Belgium and France on the first days of battle for the British Expeditionary Forces in 1914.

We have found a few historical documents based on the war diaries in our research to prepare the trip but most of it is rather vague and patchy. We have also looked at the records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and there are several members of the 1st Wiltshire Regiment buried around Le Cateau (from the 1914 and 1918 battles) but we cannot find much information about these men.



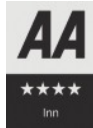
Many families have lived in the Parish for many generations and we would like your help. Do you have any records of that period? Do you know of family members who fought with the Regiment in France or Belgium during World War I? Do you have information that could help us put the events in a local context? If you do, please get in touch, we would be very grateful for your help.

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FOXHAM INN NEWS

What a year we had in 2013! We had visits from several Michelin Star Chefs, we raised money for several local groups and charities and of course we continued our ever so popular themed food events. Both the new Restaurant and the Open Kitchen have been very well received by our Customers, who love to watch Neil and his team of chefs working away. It seems to have created a great buzz.

We have now, after seven years of hard work, made it into The Good Pub Guide, The Good Food Guide and received a Certificate of Excellence from Tripadvisor. The icing on the cake came in November with confirmation that we had also made it into The Michelin Guide for the UK and Ireland, which is a fantastic compliment.

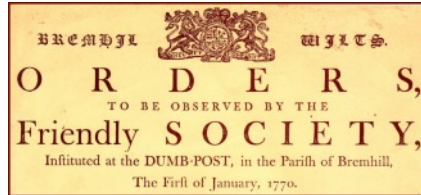
Thanks to all our staff, both past and present, who have got us to this point and a big thank you to all our customers for all the support you have so kindly given to us over the last 7 years. Here's looking forward to the next 7 !!

Neil and Sarah Cooper



REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST MARTINS AGM

25th November - Bremhill Village Hall.



There were 8 committee members and 4 members of the public present.

Terry Satchell was re-elected as Chairman, Heather Mowlem as Secretary and Sue Webb as treasurer. John Summers was elected to the committee.

Last year, we raised approx £5000 at the Cheese and Wine promises auction.

It was decided to donate £2000 to the PCC towards the church insurance and £600 to Carol Kyte for North Wiltshire Children's Holiday fund. These will be presented at the Cheese and Wine promises auction next year.



Colin Pearson told the meeting that new canvases have been ordered for the marquee. This would cost in the region of £7000. This was decided as worthwhile as the old canvas was well past its best and had started to tear in places and mould was appearing on it.

It was decided to hold the Cheese and Wine promises auction on the 14th February at 8.00 p.m. at the Long Barn, Bremhill by kind invitation of Richard and Caroline Dutton.

Finally, it was felt that generally people were not really aware that the Friends of St Martins is not solely an organisation to support and raise money for the Church but is there to benefit the parish as a whole.

Any organisation/club that we might be able to help should feel that they can approach us.

Terry Satchell





Do you know anything about this image?

We know that it was taken in Bremhill but we'd welcome any thoughts about who the women might be, who the soldiers are or even what sort of tank it is.



SMALL ADS

1. Baby Sitting. Olivia King (16yrs) has experience with children at local school. Available during holidays & weekends. 07890 002 043 or 01249 740 200
2. Cleaner Required. Pillow May needs a cleaner for their offices at Bremhill Grove Farm, East Tytherton – 2 hours every other week in the evening or at week-ends. Pay is £8 per hour. It would suit school children too. Contact Pillow May Office on 86400
3. HAND CAR WASHING SERVICE – EAST TYTHERTON (and area): Drop your car in to me and an excellent service is assured! Please contact Nick Brazier on 07772 075275 for all details.

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SMALL THOUGHTS OF A LARGE CLERGYMAN

As a doting father of a daughter (dads always spoil their daughters, I'm told) and along with every other father, I awaited with trepidation the day that the apple of my eye brought home her first boyfriend! Would he meet my exacting standards? Show respect to his elders, be well mannered, with good career prospects...? Or, horror of horrors, would her first love be none of these things, boorish, vain, inconsiderate and make loud jokes about her father's "fuddy-duddy" approach to life? And if this did turn out to be the case - could he be changed?

History tells us of such a man, a man called Francis Bernadone, and all of the latter comments applied to him. His one saving grace, to a prospective father-in-law at least, was the fact that he was incredibly rich! You could use all sorts of very different words to describe St Francis of Assisi, of course - gentle, humble, kind, fearless. What a man he was! However, I'm sure you've already guessed, Francis Bernadone and St Francis of Assisi were one and the same man. AND because of Jesus he became a changed man. He was transformed!

There are so many stories in the Bible of the power of Jesus to transform material things too. Think of that wonderful story of the day that he changed water into wine at that village wedding when the wine was running out. By the very act of changing, transforming the water into wine, Jesus saved a good father from shame and transformed his life.

Francis Bernadone offered himself to Jesus, and He transformed him, to such an extent, that he became so much like the Lord, that in the end he bore on his body the same marks that Jesus bore. In the story of the Christian Church there have been many who were changed as Francis was changed. Still it goes on. It is the present day story of the Church too. Someone who, when they look at their own lives, reaches out and commits it to Jesus, He transforms their lives, from something rather dull into one that is effectual and exciting.

People can be changed, even the most unlikely - read the story of St Francis as an example. Perhaps it could be your story!

God bless you and keep you and make his light to shine upon you throughout the coming year.

Jim Scott





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If you would like a copy, please let the PCC know and we will deliver it with your Newsletter.

All C of E Services are available on www.mardenvale.org.uk



DEVIZES MOBILE LIBRARY

The library calls at Naish Farm, Spirthill on Mondays 13th and 27th January between 2 and 2.30pm.

Don't forget the library in St Martin's Church!





ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH Foxham

5 th Jan 2014 Epiphany	9:30 am Holy Communion	A.Glass Ephesians 3 1-12
12 th Jan Epiphany 1	9:30 am Family Service	E.Hannah Acts 10 34-43
19 th Jan Epiphany 2	9:30 am Holy Communion	M.Kellond 1 Corinthians 1 1-9
26 th Jan Epiphany 3	9:30 am Evensong	R.Pegler Isaiah 9 1-4 Matthew 4 12-23
2 nd Feb Candlemas	9:30 am Holy Communion	D.Scott Hebrews 2 14-end

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT EVENSONGS WILL BE AT 4PM,
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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, BREMHILL

2014	SERVICE	SIDESMEN	READERS
5 th Jan Epiphany	8am Holy Communion (AM) 4pm Evensong (JS)	N.Jordan S.Tumber & P.Rawlings	Evensong: Isaiah 60:1-6; Mr Mark Kyte Matthew 2:1-12 Mrs Nancy Kyte
12 th Jan Epiphany 1	11am Holy Communion (JS) Baptism of Christ	A.Woods & D.Kyte	Acts 10:34-43 Mr Francis Pearson
19 th Jan Epiphany 2	4pm Evensong (AM)	A.Jones & A.Heath	Isaiah 49:1-7; Mr Nicol Jordan John 1:29-42 Mrs Judy Scott
26 th Jan Epiphany 3	9.30am Family Service (AM)	Children	Matthew 5:13-20 A Young Person
2 nd Feb Candlemas	8am - Holy Communion 4pm Evensong	M.Kyte K Webb & K Blackmore	Readers to be advised next month

"May the words of my lips and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer"

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Jim Scott jim@bremhill.com 01249 813114

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

You will find a Church Cleaning Rota in the Church. If you can find an hour or two to help clean the Church or the brass, please put your name down on the list. Please bring your own cleaning materials, but there is a new vacuum cleaner at the back of the church.





ST MARTIN'S 100 CLUB

We had the first draw for the 100 Club on Sunday 3 November and the second draw at the Christmas Bazaar on 7 December.

November Prize Winners:

- The first prize - Sue Pearson with £33.75.
- Second prize - Graeme McDonald with £20.25.

December Prize Winners:

- The first prize - Grahame McDonald with £36.25.
- Second prize - Robin Pocock with £21.75.

The annual super prize currently stands at £174 at present. This will be drawn in October 2014. The next draw will be on Friday 3 January 10.30am at the Coffee Morning at Bremhill Village Hall.

We have had a wonderful response to the 100 Club with 145 current members. We have currently raised £870 for the fabric of the Church. It is likely that this money will go towards repairing the outside stonework around the windows and the east wall. I will tell you more in due course. Many thanks to all those who have become members.

It is not too late to join so please contact me or any member of the PCC if you would like to be able to win a prize and help restore the Church to full health at the same time.

David Stevens



ST MARTIN'S JANUARY LUNCH

The St Martin's Lunch will be held on Sunday 26th January 12.30 for 1pm. There will be all the favourite fare including Game and Chicken and delicious puddings. So do come along and catch up with friends and neighbours. Tickets £12 from any PCC Member. Please book early. It helps with the catering!





THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.



Robert Frost

Robert Frost (1874 -1963) is one of America's best known poets. He farmed for nine years in New Hampshire before coming to England with his family in 1912, and his first two volumes of poetry were published in England. He returned to America in 1915 where *The Road Not Taken* was published in 1916. In 1961, at the age of 86, Frost read one of his poems at the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy.

This poem talks of the dilemma we all have when faced with choices, the outcome of which we cannot know, and the regret that we will probably never have the opportunity to experience the path we did not choose.

Isobel Moore



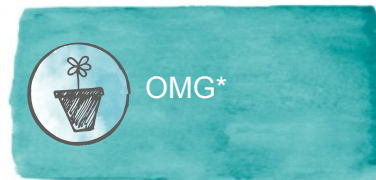
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