

BREMHILL, FOXHAM, THE TYTHERTONS AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

March 2014

The Newsletter



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- 17th May Fundraising for Ollie

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EDITORIAL

“Spring is sprung, de grass is riz, I wonder where dem boidies is...?”
(from ‘Spring in the Bronx’)



I smile and always begin to feel better in March! The days are getting longer, the clocks go forward, the sun has a little more warmth in it and after the winter, we can now begin to look forward to the beginning of Spring. It seems, too, to be the time when we are programmed into clearing and cleaning! I need to clear my workroom of the collected papers of years and what a difficult job that will be! Worse is, that after filling several binbags with torn papers and books, there will probably not be any noticeable difference! I know I will find a folder about something I did many years ago and think ‘That’s part of my life! I can’t possibly throw that away!’ It is difficult to get rid of memories and so it goes back into the cupboard or onto the shelf. Such decisions are difficult!

I was reminded of difficult decisions when I read the Parish Council report about housing in last month’s Newsletter. While we live in a beautiful part of the country, we still need housing and, in particular, affordable housing if young people are to stay in the villages. So the problem remains about how we build sufficient houses to cater for our needs while still keeping intact the beauty of our countryside and preventing other possible unwanted outcomes of development such as flooding. It is easy for us to say we want more building, but just as easy also to admit that we don’t want it in our own backyard! We will all certainly have our views on the effect of local planning permission.

We should all care about the environment in which we live and in an effort to keep our parish spick and span we have the Parish Clean-up on March 1st when volunteers will pick up rubbish and tidy the verges. Our grateful thanks go to all of them for their efforts.

Last month’s editorial raised the problem of traffic on our narrow roads and invited readers to express their views in the Newsletter. It would be interesting to have a ‘letters to the editor’ section and so, again, we would be very pleased to receive any comments from you about these issues. We are, of course, happy to respect the convention ‘name and address withheld’. Please keep your articles, your items of information and your views coming in so that the Newsletter continues to flourish as a parish production. I hope you enjoy this month’s edition.

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Bremhill Village Hall, 21st March.

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We are currently constructing our fifth school in a very poor rural district and are booked to go to Sri Lanka in April to open the building. Every penny raised will go towards the building fund.

Colin and Rosemary Bray

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEES?

Fred Swift, the Wiltshire Beekeeper, will be giving an introductory talk on the art of beekeeping and its rich heritage on Tuesday 1st April 2014 from 18.00 to 19.30 at Sevington Victorian School, near Grittleton. The cost is £5 per person, to include refreshments, and all money raised goes to the Sevington Victorian School Project, which is a registered charity.

For further details and to reserve your place, please ring 01249 821879 or email vols4sevington@aol.com.

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A tercentennial celebration of the music of Carl Philip Emmanuel Bach (1714-88), St Martin's Church, Bremhill. St Nicholas Consort

Thursday 3rd April 7.30 PM. Admission by programme £10 including refreshments.

Heather Mowlem

ACORNS BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

The Acorns Baby and Toddler Group meet every Friday (term time) 9.30am-11.30am in the Christian Malford Village Hall. Charges are £2 for an adult and first child then 50p for each additional child.

A healthy snack is provided for the children and tea/coffee for the adults. We also have regular visits from the Health Visitor to have your child weighed or to discuss any concerns you may have. If you would like more information please call Laura Sidhu on 07808 081969 or visit www.acorns-preschool.org.uk

CHRISTIAN MALFORD SCARECROW TRAIL

This year's trail will take place over the weekend of 29th/30th March this year. The theme is 'heroes and villains'. For further information please see the Acorns website www.acorns-preschool.org.uk or contact Laura Sidhu on 01249 658704



FOXHAM EASTER BINGO

Saturday 22nd March 2014 at Foxham Reading Room/Village Hall.
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FOXHAM HORSE SHOW 2014

Save the date!

This year's Foxham Horse Show will take place on Saturday 20th September.
Enquiries to the Organiser - Mrs Jane Milligan 01249 740586.

FOXHAM READING ROOM AGM

The AGM for the Foxham Reading Room will be on Wednesday 9th April at
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*Avril Williams,
Secretary of the Reading Room Committee*

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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CONCERT - St. John The Baptist Church, Foxham

The concert held on 29th January in St. John the Baptist church, Foxham was very well attended. The music was excellent and the evening raised £455 which will go towards the upkeep of the church.

Thank you to all who helped to make the evening a success by selling tickets, helping in the church and afterwards in the Reading Room and to those who donated food for the evening. The good news is that the artists enjoyed singing in our church as much as we enjoyed listening to them. We hope that they will, come again and we look forward to that day.

Elizabeth Hannah.



TYTHERTON VILLAGE EVENTS

On 25th January we welcomed over 40 people to our first event of 2014 - The Annual New Year Supper, which was a great opportunity to catch-up with old friends and to meet new people. As usual we were treated to a delicious mix of home cooked food including venison stew and a very tasty pork casserole combined with some scrumptious puddings. Thank you to everyone who provided the food.

The evening concluded with the raffle which was expertly drawn by some of the youngest members of our community. The money will go towards the New Village Hall Fund.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event which is the Race Night on 8th March. It promises to be a fun evening with food, a licensed bar and entertainment. We have 8 races with some pretty nifty horses and expert jockeys, all determined to win! Will yours be the winner?

All in aid of the Tytherton Village Hall. Tickets £15 including a two course meal. Please contact Denise Cawley on 07900 581164 or Malcolm MacDonald 07904 109133 for more information



CHRISTIAN MALFORD AND FOXHAM WI

Daring and dangerous drivers screamed round the track at Hullavington late in January. Our competitiveness, aggression and flattering attire was a sight to see! Well done to Sally Bowyer who was the overall formula go-cart champion closely followed by twelve others!



In February, we had a sewing day in aid of 'Day for Girls'. Many thanks to all who contributed their time making the packs which will be sent out to girls in Africa. Ceri Cryer from the Brinkworth Dairy also gave us a stimulating talk in February on her handmade award-winning cheeses, produced from her family's pedigree Friesian herd. She has revived the old Wiltshire Loaf which was a popular cheese in the 17th century and for the 21st century she has produced a wedding cheese cake!

Do not miss March 3rd when Ros Liddington will be with us from 10.00 'til 3.00 in the Christian Malford Village Hall when we are making hats. All materials will be provided so there will be a charge. If you were at her wonderful 'Hat Talk' last September you will know that this will be a fun and stimulating day.

On March 20th at 7.30 in the Christian Malford Village Hall we have our lovely Des Palmer showing off his WI artists. We are 'The Loose Art Women' and our work will be displayed in all its raw talent, while Des will be enticing others to join our art club. It will also be the evening of our AGM when you will have the chance to win one of the three very generous bursaries to Denman WI College in Oxford. Anyone who has experienced this will tell you what a wonderful time they have had, and the varied and exciting day/weekend courses on offer.

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COMMENT

The editors asked for responses following the comment on local traffic in the last editorial and we have had some views on the illegal use of mobile phones while driving, danger of speed on our narrow country roads and the deteriorating state of verges. Mention was made of the difficulty in country areas of catching drivers using phones, the possibility, perhaps, of more 30-mile speed limits in the parish and the hazard to light vehicles of poorly maintained roads.

These views do not necessarily reflect those of the editorial team, but we would very much like readers to continue to send in their opinions on items which appear in the Newsletter, either on traffic already mentioned, housing in the area or any other item on which you might want to express an opinion. What are your views? This is one way in getting them across to a wider public! Any appropriate comments will be forwarded to the Parish Council for their consideration.

Editor

And now for something a little different ...

Following the extreme weather we've had throughout February a reader sent in this photograph (taken at Kellaways) that we wanted to share with you, we're sure you can think of your own caption.



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ACORNS PRE SCHOOL

This term we are following the children's interest in their love of animals with a topic on pets. We have had some wonderful role play in the vets play-house and we have also had a visit from veterinary surgeon Amy-Jane Blackmore who brought along 2 guinea pigs. The children were able to listen to their heart beats and also learnt how to put a bandage on an injured limb.

We celebrated Chinese New Year by tasting Chinese food and had a go at using chop sticks. We looked at Chinese writing and made Chinese lanterns and fans. We are looking forward to the Christian Malford 'Heroes and Villains' themed Scarecrow Trail on 29th/30th March, there will be hot and cold refreshments available, a raffle and face painting. This is a fun activity for all the family to enjoy; more information can be found on our website.

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BREMHILL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Dates of forthcoming Parish Council meetings

3rd March, 2014

7th April, 2014

12th May, 2014 - Annual meeting and ordinary meeting - **venue tba**

2nd June, 2nd 2014

7th July, 2014

August - NO MEETING

1st September, 2014

6th October, 2014

3rd November, 2014

1st December, 2014

General meetings are held in **The Moravian Room, East Tytherton** at **7.30pm**.



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Hazeland Mill is a grade 2 listed building located between the village of Bremhill and Studley. It was recorded as a grist (corn and flour) and tucking (cloth) mill in 1534 and continued until 1969 when it was converted into solely residential accommodation.

The Mill was initially part of the estates of Malmesbury Abbey before passing onto two of the major landowners in the area , the Marquis of Lansdowne and Lord O'Neill. The Mill was tenanted by the Pavy family who worked the Mill for at least 3 generations.

Hazeland Mill was one of a series of working Mills on the river Marden, which runs into the river Avon, just before Chippenham . Each mill would store a head of water, mill and then release the water to the next, since there wasn't enough water to power all the mills all day. Hazeland Mill was known as a mid-day mill as it worked at mid-day once the head of water had been released by the morning mill and had arrived downstream at Hazeland.

Over the centuries it would have been located in a very busy transport area, with a branch line of the Wilts and Berks canal, initially built to service Stanley Abbey and the railway line in the wood below the Mill now a cycle path. A two storey building from the roadside, but three storeys from the front, it was built of local rubble stone from Nash Hill . The Mill clearly shows three different eras in building styles as it grew in significance. A photograph taken by William Fox Talbot in the 1800's shows the Mill with a fourth level, used probably to unload the corn from carts for milling

Restoration started in 1985 by its current owners but took nearly 20 years to complete. The 60 ft three-storey front wall had to be completely rebuilt as it was collapsing. The restoration kept many of the original features such as the Mill workings, the mill race and millstones. The old pig sty and stables became an office for the house and the old grain store a cottage

There is an O.S. bench mark on north east face. This was used to mark ordnance datum, a national height system marking heights above sea level .

The garden will be open over the weekend of the 11th and 12th July.

NOTHING TO WEAR?!

Friday 21st
March, 1-6pm



Preview on Thursday
20th March, 6-8pm

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Hazeland Mill - From a Watercolour by John Harris

PARISH COUNCIL

Bremhill Neighbourhood Plan Group

At a recent meeting on 13th February the group reviewed a draft of the Questionnaire which is being prepared for distribution to all Bremhill Parishioners in late April/early May. The Questionnaire will provide feedback for the Bremhill Neighbourhood Plan which will help shape the future of our area, including amenities and housing.

By the time this Newsletter reaches you, a separate housing needs survey from Wiltshire Council will have been delivered to you by your local parish councillor. This has a pre-paid envelope with it for the return of the survey by the requested date of 7th March 2014. Alternatively, it can be completed online at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/housingneedssurvey

If for any reason you have not received your copy, please contact your local parish councillor or view the survey online.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ian James

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BREMHILL PARISH COUNCIL

A synopsis of Bremhill Parish Council's recent meetings

In the December meeting Mr Harris gave thanks for the additional funding for the newsletter. If anyone has a poem, photographs of recent events or images of the local landscape, please let him know.

Mr James met with the Planning Officer regarding advice on Bremhill for housing relating to The Neighbourhood Plan. In 2014 a housing needs survey and a process of consultation will take place, though this could take up to two years to come to fruition.

Mr Tucker attended the Operational Flood Working Group North. He commented that there are new laws going through, some with legal backing. Mr Bailey mentioned that Mr Bradshaw of The Environment Agency was not happy with the state of the Cade Burna, particularly under the bridge at Hare Street and is now in contact with James Gray MP. Mr Tucker responded by saying that this operation will take specific issues and will take this particular item to the January meeting.

With the inclement weather we have been having the state of the roads was reported on and discussed at length.

The minutes of the latest meeting held on the 3rd February are yet to be approved. At the meeting, much of the discussion related to the recent flooding in the Parish, in particular Westend, Foxham, Haddrells and Chestermans Cottages, East Tytherton and Ratford. A sub-committee has been set up under the leadership of Mr Tucker, with representatives from each ward, to investigate the cause of the flooding and to look at ways to alleviate the problem.

The date of the next meeting will be March 3rd 2014 at The Moravian Room East Tytherton at 7.30 pm. Members of the Public and Press are welcome.

*David Wilton, Chairman
Elsbeth Norman, Clerk*



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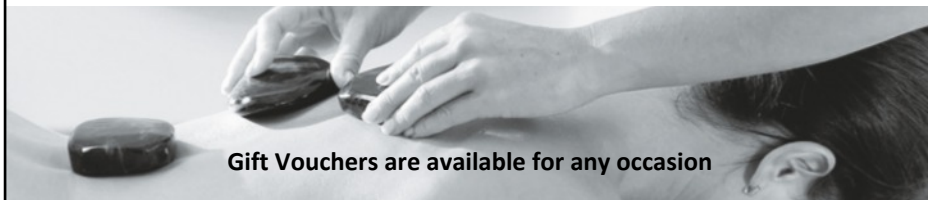


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If you do not want to miss this event, you need to hurry up and get your tickets! Several people know Miranda from the group "Show of Hands" and are enthusiastic followers of her and her music.

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MAKING TRACKS IN BREMHILL

The photograph of the tank in the January issue has generated a deal of interest and several people have contacted us about possible identities of the ladies as reported last month. We have had conflicting information about the two ladies in the foreground and the gentleman in the background, so watch this space for further clarification!

In addition, we have had this interesting comment about the houses in the background. Bob and Dawn Straker-Cook write:-

We saw this photo some years ago, so were delighted to see it again on page 27 of both the January and February issues of The Newsletter. Judging from the picture, the tank seems to be a relatively small lightweight machine, which could have been based at Yatesbury Camp for training. Anything heavier would presumably have required the training to be done on Salisbury Plain

We know a lot more about the house in the picture. Referring to the larger photo in the January issue, the tank is climbing up the High Street in front of the cottages at 22-23 Bremhill, which are now unified into one residence, "Brambleside".

The photo shows open countryside beyond number 23, because Leslie and Rita Fry only built the bungalow [now Bramble Cottage] on the adjoining field after the Second World War.

Several years ago we met a lady residing in Calne [unfortunately we don't know her name] who said she was born in number 22. We already knew that Italian prisoners of war had been billeted in number 23 and had been set to work on the land. She remembers that her mother was paid to produce meals for the prisoners and took breakfast and supper round to them every day.

We hope that someone with a long memory can build on what we know: in particular, someone with greater knowledge of military hardware may be able to supply more details about the tank.

Editor

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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. 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.
3. I am available for house and animal sitting, including looking after horses. Previous experience and reliable references. I live in Calne, have a clean driving licence and my own car. I am retired and in my mid fifties. Female, fit and a non-smoker. Contact Paula Godwin on: 01249-815145 or 07753-353493.

If you want to place a small-ad, please contact Ewen Bird at editor@bremhill.com

SPLITZ

I am writing this as I thought the article may be of interest to readers. What prompted pen to paper was the fact that SPLITZ is celebrating it's 25th year this year - and so something to shout about.

SPLITZ is a charity which provides a number of services. I became involved as a trustee many years ago due to the specialised work and support provided to families who had suffered from domestic violence.



As a family solicitor, I can advise clients about the legal position, but SPLITZ provides that emotional shoulder to lean on and help clients understand the dynamic of the relationship and how to change behaviour.

They have grown as an organisation over the years and provide domestic abuse support, outreach work, housing support and projects for young people. They offer a buddy scheme whereby volunteers will mentor and befriend people who need help at difficult times in their lives. They also provide an intensive programme for people who are abusive and want to change their behaviour.

It is an amazing organisation and continues to evolve and grow. On 14th February, SPLITZ took part in 1 Billion Rising for Justice in The Big Noise at Trowbridge. This involved dancing and shouting but the point being to raise awareness of domestic violence. The thinking behind the annual event is that the world population is 7 billion and 1 in 3 women have experienced violence (hence 1 billion rising). The global event is to enable people to rise up and say enough!

SPLITZ will be holding a number of events throughout the year to celebrate its 25th year and if anyone wants any information, please contact me (cindy.ervine@awdry.co.uk).

Cindy Ervine

FOXHAM INN NEWS

May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May, Bill and Elsbeth Norman are holding a BBQ at The Foxham Inn, in aid of " Step by Step Ollie" which is a charity trying to raise £40,000 for Oliver Baker (see item 'Help Ollie Walk'). We will also be raffling a Basket of Easter Eggs on Easter Sunday evening, tickets are available from the bar. We do hope that you are able support both of these events.

Let's hope that by the time this is published that the rain has stopped and we start getting some seasonal produce coming through. March (depending on the weather!!!!) should see Wild Garlic, Wild Leeks, Morel Mushrooms, Wet Purple and White Garlic, Jersey Royals, Spring Cabbage, Wye Valley Asparagus, Purple Sprouting Broccoli and Forced Yorkshire Rhubarb to name but a few. This is always an exciting time to put some new dishes on the menu.

Look forward to seeing you soon

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THE DUMB POST INN

Greetings from the top of the hill!

We continue to feel the force of the wet and windy weather, but we are smiling through it! The odd dry sunshine day brings welcome relief and a sneak peak at what the spring/summer holds in store as walkers arrive in their droves!

Coming up in March we have our usual feature on Thursdays, alternating homemade curries and gourmet burgers for £6.95. We are holding a quiz night on 26th March. Look out for our information boards, as we have some live music events coming up in March and April - dates tbc. 30th March is Mothering Sunday and already we are getting booked up as we offer a free dessert to all mum's! yummy!

See you soon, Matt, Jo & team

HELP 3-YEAR OLD OLLIE WALK

Contributions needed to help fund an operation

A charity Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy event is being held in aid of "Step by Step Ollie" which is a local charity trying to raise £40,000 for Oliver Baker, a 3 year old boy who lives in Lyneham and who was born with cerebral palsy. He needs an operation and physiotherapy to enable him to walk (but the NHS will not fund it).



Our fundraising event will be held on Saturday 17th May, 10am - 2.00pm in the Foxham Reading Room. Any unwanted items such as books, toys, plants, clothes, unwanted gifts, cakes would be gratefully accepted.

If you have any suitable items, please contact:

Dianne Burrows, Pine lodge, West End, Foxham 01249 74094 or
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GREAT SOMERFORD GUIDES

The highlight of last term was our Girls in Action project, when we learnt how important it is to educate girls. Our 'Mother and daughters' evening was great and by adding 560 signatures to the Plan UK petition, which was seeking to ensure girls in poverty can complete their education and have more choices in life, we really did make an impact.

This term we are going to work on a new project to help girls around the world have dignity. The charity 'Dress A Girl Around the World' dreams of a world in which every girl has the dignity of owning at least one dress. Although based in America, this charity has supporters around the world including the UK. <http://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com/> We are embarking on a project that will encourage the Guides to think about how they can help others have dignity and be respected, to learn some sewing skills, and, by working with members of the local community in making the dresses, to see that as Guides we are part of a wider community.

I am grateful for Tricia Morris who has enlisted residents of Great Somerford to come along and help the Guides to make the simple dresses and over three weeks at the end of this term, we will host an event to make them. In preparation for this we need to start collecting the necessary materials. We will also need any volunteers who are able to sew, are willing to bring their sewing machine, ironing board, or just willing to help generally.

In the coming weeks I would be grateful to receive:

- 2cm wide elastic
- Thread
- Bias binding (Folded - finished width 1cm)
- Material: cotton or polyester (not too thin - girls need dignity)
e.g.pillowcases or duvet covers are ideal, but any pieces larger than that of a pillowcase.

Material should be good quality and not shabby. Offers of help for March 17th, 24th and possibly 31st (6.30-8.30pm).

This is an exciting opportunity for Great Somerford Guides and I hope you feel able to support us. Many thanks.

*Gill Shaw Tel 01666 825647
sgshaw@orchardshaws.co.uk*



LIMERICK CHALLENGE

The limerick challenge did result in a few bold attempts, illustrating the fact that a limerick is a short, humorous, often ribald or nonsense poem. Here are a some examples sent in:

*Fifty frisky young tadpoles from Foxham
(and there's many a pond there that stocks 'em)
Said the thing they dislike
Is the sharp teeth of a pike
So now they wear armour that blocks 'em,.*

And, if less legitimate rhymes are permitted:

*A Vixen named Nixon from Foxham
Has my grandfather's smelly old socks on
I'll bet you five pounds
That next time she meets hounds
Nixon having those socks on will fox 'em.*

Bremhill is rather harder

*There once dwelt in Bemhill a
Curious girl called Priscilla
The rest of this rhyme
Gave me such a hard time
That I thought my best plan was to kill her!*

And a slightly risqué one

*Once said an old farmer from Foxham
"When me cows dun behave oi jes clocks'em
If em rolls in th'mud
'Stead o' chewin' the cud
Oi be out wi' me shears an oi docks'em."*

SMALL THOUGHTS

The beautiful mediaeval church in Bremhill is dedicated to St Martin of Tours. Like many Saints, there is a day set aside to commemorate St Martin, but as St Martin's day is the 11th November he rarely gets a look in. That is the day when, quite rightly, we remember and pay tribute to all those who gave their lives for their country in the wars of the 20th century. However, it did occur to me that as Martin began his adult life as a soldier, he might remain in our thoughts during this year when we celebrate the courage of all those who made the supreme sacrifice in the war that began a hundred years ago -The Great War as it is referred to. Martin, an officer in the pagan Roman Army became weary of battle and convinced of the folly of war. He was converted to Christianity, eventually becoming a Bishop.

Of all human follies, Martin became convinced that war must surely be the greatest - and yet we seem unable to find a way of ending it. Jesus was quite sure that war was not his way and yet the church has engaged in crusades and has even defined what constitutes a just war ! There was great suffering for millions during and after the course of the First World War. There was great relief when the fighting ended and a determination that it would never happen again - but history, sadly, tells a different story and we are well aware that horrors of war continue.

Yet there is a way to bring lasting peace to the world - it is the way of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and many, such as St Martin of Tours, have followed that way. Jesus urged people to love their enemies and do good to them and we ask ourselves "Is this just stupid idealism or is it possible for us to follow the way of Jesus?"

This year, the hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the First World War, we shall join with others around the United Kingdom in remembering British serving men and women who gave their lives. They deserve our respect and gratitude. As we honour them, we should, to ensure their sacrifice was not in vain, dedicate ourselves to work with commitment and dedication in the cause of everlasting peace. Christ calls, as he called St Martin, to follow him, the way, the truth and the life; the man who gave his life for others as he proclaimed God's Kingdom of justice and peace. Only by following the way that he trod will we find true and everlasting peace.

GOD BLESS YOU

Jim Scott

ST NICHOLAS, TYTHERTON LUCAS

2 nd March	Morning Service (MG)	10am
9 th March	Holy Communion (JS)	8.30am
16 th March	Mattins (D)	10am
30 th March	Evensong (JB)	3pm
6 th April	Morning Service (SG)	10am

A family service for all church backgrounds or none! Emmanuel at St Nicholas now meets on the 4th Sunday of each month (excluding August and December) at St Nicholas Church, Tytherton Lucas at 10 am for a friendly service lasting about 45 minutes.

The service was started in 2010 so that residents of Tytherton Lucas who attend at least 4 different churches on a Sunday could meet together to look to God in worship and prayer once a month as a village community. The service is simple and straightforward with a mixture of old and new hymns. We have a 15 minute talk explaining a Bible passage so that our lives can be challenged, encouraged and guided. After the service we chat over a cup of coffee and biscuits.

Do please join us on 30th March. If you have any questions please contact, Richard Hames on 01249 740775.



MORAVIAN CHURCH SERVICES, EAST TYTHERTON

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



OTHER C OF E CHURCH SERVICES

Details of the C of E Church Services for Derry Hill and Foxham are displayed on the notice board in the St Martin's Church Porch, Bremhill.

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



Please note: Ash Wednesday – 5th Mar 7.30 Combined service at Derry Hill.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH Foxham

2 nd March Sunday before Lent	9.30am Holy Communion	2 Peter 1: 16-end M Kellond
9 th March Lent 1	9.30am Family Service	Romans 5: 12-19 R Pegler
16 th March Lent 2	9.30am Holy Communion	Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 D Scott
23 rd March Lent 3	6pm Evensong	Exodus 17: 1-7 John 4: 5-12 D Wilton
30 th March Lent 4	9.30am Mothering Sunday	Colossians 3: 12-17 A Glass
6 th April Lent 5	9.30am Holy Communion	Romans 8: 6-11 E Hannah



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

1. The Lent Course will begin on Tuesday 4th March by kind invitation of Elizabeth Hannah, Field House, Foxham at 7.30pm. For further information contact: Rev. Ann Massey 01249 817 926
2. Foxham PCC AGM - Thursday 3rd April in the Reading Rooms at 7.30pm.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA In Church you will find 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 on every other Monday afternoon at 2 – 2.30 pm, i.e. 10th and 24th March. There is also a **LIBRARY** in Church, of course – just put 20p in the Fabric Collection Box and the book is yours. The books are all in alphabetical order!

If you have any items of local Church or Village news for the April 2014 edition of this Newsletter, please give them to either Derek Kyte (815073) or to me Jane Jordan (812083) in time for the 8th March deadline. Thank you.

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, BREMHILL

	Service	Sidesmen	Readers
2 nd March Sunday before Lent	8am Holy Communion 4pm Evensong	M Kyte K Webb & K Blackmore	Exodus 24: 12 – end. Mr Mark Kyte Matthew 17: 1-9 Mr Nicol Jordan
9 th March Lent 1	11am Holy Communion	A Woods & D Kyte	Romans 5: 12-19 Mrs Tamsi Castle
16 th March Lent 2	4pm Evensong	L Jones & B Rawlings	Genesis 12: 1-4 Mr Arnold Woods John 3: 1-17 Mrs Judy Scott
23 rd March Lent 3	9.30am Family Service	Children	John 4: 5-42 A young person
30 th March Lent 4	11 am Mothering Sunday	M Parlett & D Stevens	Readers and Readings to be advised
6 th April Lent 5	8 am Holy Communion 6 pm Evensong	N Jordan C Tumber & A Heath	TBA



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PETE SEEGER (MAY 3, 1919 – JANUARY 27, 2014)

Where have all the flowers gone, long time passing?
Where have all the flowers gone, long time ago?
Where have all the flowers gone?
Young girls have picked them everyone.
Oh, when will they ever learn?
Oh, when will they ever learn?

Where have all the young girls gone, long time passing?
Where have all
Gone for husbands everyone.
Oh, when

Where have all the husbands gone, long time passing?
Where have all
Gone for soldiers everyone
Oh, when

Where have all the soldiers gone, long time passing?
Where have all
Gone to graveyards, everyone.
Oh, when

Where have all the graveyards gone, long time passing?
Where have all
Gone to flowers, everyone.
Oh, when

Where have all the flowers gone, long time passing?
.....
Young girls have picked them everyone.
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Pete Seeger was a prominent American singer of protest music in support of international disarmament, civil rights and environmental causes. He believed in humanity, the futility of war and in the power of music to make a difference.

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