

BREMILL, FOXHAM, THE TYTHERTONS AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

September 2013

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 1st September - Bremhill Tea Party
- 2nd September - Parish Council meeting
- 5th September - 'Bobby Van' ladies lunch
- 6th September - Regular coffee mornings in Bremhill
- 7th September - Bremhill Annual Produce Show
- 15th September - Chippenham half marathon
- 19th September - Christian Malford & Foxham WI
- 21st September - Foxham Horse Show and Dog Show
- 27th - 29th September - Foxham Metal Detecting Weekend
- 28th September - 'Bobby Van' concert at Malmesbury Abbey
- 3rd October - 'Bobby Van' ladies lunch
- 7th October - Parish Council meeting
- 13th October - Foxham Harvest Festival
- 14th October - Inaugural meeting of the History Society
- 1st November - Rural Arts in Bremhill
- 5th November - 2013 Fireworks - Bremhill
- 7th November - Bridge and Tea afternoon - Foxham

EDITORIAL

I write this editorial on a lovely sunny day while on holiday in Cornwall. The sky is cloudless, the sea is azure, the grass is beginning to become green again and the Cornish ice cream tastes wonderful. The summer holidays are in full swing, heralded by the shrill cries of excited children and the occasional exhausted look of parents' faces! The Ashes have been retained and the last 2 Tests are going to be exciting as England face possibly resurgent Aussies. The football season has not quite started, which is a relief to some.

It seems a shame that one's thoughts must turn to September; a new term for our younger readers and the start of autumn. You never know, we may have beautiful autumn with warm weather, as the leaves begin to turn.

One of the benefits of the Newsletter is to inform you of what is going on in other villages within the Parish. Please note the activities in September in the "Dates for the Diary" Section and the details will be elsewhere in the Newsletter. Please let us know what you have planned. You will need you to inform us by the 13th of each month. Email us or phone either Ewen (01249 821879) or David (01249 815337) to avoid disappointment. Thanks.

From time to time there is a potentially controversial issue which affects the Parish. One such issue is the proposed solar PV installation at Tucks Farm. The editorial team of the Newsletter want to be able to report the discussions concerning the solar farm as fairly as possible. If we are sent articles on such matters, it will be made clear that the Newsletter Committee do not necessarily agree with opinions expressed by contributors. We also reserve the right to edit out or rewrite comments which are likely to offend.

Each copy of the Newsletter costs about 55p a month to produce. We are grateful to all those who have agreed to advertise in the Newsletter or who have given us a donation. Without you, we cannot survive. As you might imagine, we would like more advertising, not only the help with our finances but also to inform our readers of local businesses, large and small. There is no doubt that villagers used the Way, and now the Newsletter, as a useful, if not vital, resource.

We hope you enjoy the September edition of the Newsletter.

David, Co-editor
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CHIPPENHAM TOWN BAND

I am the youngest member of Chippenham Town Band, a brass and wind band, which I joined 3 years ago when I was aged 12. I play in the flute section, (I have qualified to grade 5 flute), and other instruments in the band include the oboe, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, drums and trombone.

The band was originally formed in the 1890's as Chippenham Silver Band which continued up to the Second World War when it became the Wiltshire Home Guard Band. After the War, the band reverted to be a Silver Band and they did well in brass band concerts becoming a top band in the Wessex Band Association. Sadly the band disbanded in 1953. However, it reformed in 1992 under the current Band Master Alan Horner, who began playing the trumpet in 1947 and gained his Band Master certificate in 1974. He has played in various bands throughout the UK and Europe, both as a professional and an amateur.

We regularly perform at many local fetes, (this year I have performed at Kington St Michael, Biddestone and Lacock), and we perform carols at Christmas in shopping centres, and support charitable events. We have also performed at RAF dinners at Lyneham, and earlier this year, when one of our band members got married, we played after her wedding ceremony!

We often play at local park bandstands, and on 15th and 29th September, we are performing at John Coles Park, Chippenham at 3pm. We practice on Monday nights at The Cause, Chippenham from 7.15pm to 9.15pm, and we are always keen to welcome new members, so if you play an instrument and would like to join a band, please contact us. We are a friendly bunch! (visit our website www.chippenhamtownband.org.uk)

Nicola Cook - Tytherton Lucas





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BREMHILL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Bremhill Parish Council supports the redevelopment of the former RAF base at Lyneham to create a Defence College of Technical Training however, it has emerged that the planning consultation process hasn't been as robust as it should have been given that only one villager south of Lyneham had been contacted directly and several land owners adjacent to the Lyneham perimeter had not received any notification. The villages of Goatacre, Bradenstoke and Lyneham had all received notification alerting them to the planning application and timetable.

Included within the planning submission is a Noise Assessment produced in support of the application by AMEC Environment and Infrastructure UK Ltd in May 2013. This document alerted Parishioners and The Parish Council to frequent high noise levels from certain training activities conducted within the College perimeter. This is likely to have a detrimental impact upon the quality of life for Parishioners living in the surrounding Wards.

As a result several parishioners and Parish Council members objected to the closure date of the consultation and obtained an extension until August 13th. Following a public meeting at Foxham and a further meeting chaired by Parish Councillor Richard Tucker, where the Case Planning Officer, Simon Smith was present, a number of objections to noise levels, week-end and night time activities were given along with proposals for noise containment including deflecting bunds and HESCO fencing. These objections and recommendations, in order to protect the quality of life for Bremhill Parish, are being discussed with the Environmental Health Officer for Wiltshire Council and a meeting with AMEC, the MOD's sound assessment advisors is being requested.

The consultation and exhibition at Bremhill Village Hall on August 5th by TGC Renewables for the proposed Solar site in the Foxham Valley on 40 acres of land North of Tucks Farm, Charlcutt was attended by over one hundred people with the majority raising many concerns. Letters or emails expressing your view should be made to the appropriate addresses on the opposite page.

The date of the next meeting will be 2nd September 2013 at The Moravian Room East Tytherton at 7.30pm.

Members of the Public are welcome to attend.

(NB There was no meeting in August)

USEFUL ADDRESSES

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RIDE AND STRIDE

Each year the Diocese runs a competition for church members and friends to visit as many churches as they can on a specific day and get sponsorship for each church visited. This year the date is Saturday 14th of September.

People taking part can cycle, walk, jog, or horse-ride, but no cars!! Money raised in sponsorship goes half to the church of your choice and half to The Historic Churches Trust. Here in Foxham we have benefited from money from the Trust, so it is good to give something back as well as supporting our own church. I have forms available and I hope at least some will be asked for - it is such a good cause.



Elizabeth Hannah, Field House, West End. Tel: 01249 740619



FOXHAM HORSE SHOW 2013

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

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www.foxhamhorseshow.com

NOTE FROM CHARLCUTT READING ROOM

Following Daphne Glass' interesting article on the Foxham Reading Room (August Newsletter), we can help with further information. Charlcutt Reading Room was built in 1888, added on to a much older cottage, which was probably used by the caretaker. Apparently there was a total of 168 reading rooms in Wiltshire. What an intellectual county!

Ivor Slocombe has written a definitive book on Wiltshire Reading Rooms. His book "Wiltshire Village Reading Rooms" is available from the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, Cocklebury Road, Chippenham SN15 3QN (past Chippenham station on the left). At going to press, it was £8 per copy. The centre also has a good selection of other specialist books on the buildings of Wiltshire.

While on the theme of books of local interest, may I suggest getting in touch with Barrie Giffard-Taylor of East Tytherton to obtain copies of "Dry Shod to Chippenham", a history of Maud Heath's ancient causeway by Kay S Taylor (£12.95). A great read and perhaps we can do a tutored walk along it in the near future!? Mr Giffard-Taylor is the Chairman of the Maud Heath Trust.

Francis Pearson



BENEATH LYNEHAM HILL

It's quiet now. The Heron's cry
The harshest sound beneath blue sky.

It's quiet now. No screaming jet
Disturbs the grazing horses yet

And in the field where sang the lark
No thunderflash to make dogs bark.

It's quiet yet, peaceful and still,
Beneath the threat on Lyneham Hill

Barney Williams

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

QUATRE QUARTS CAKE

The 'quatre quarts' is a simple, sponge-like cake with 4 ingredients in equal measures. Traditional in Brittany, it is a firm favourite of French children as it is quick and easy to make.

Serve it as you like it, "as is" with a cup of tea, with or without jam or decoration, whatever takes your fancy on the day!

Preparation: 10 minutes - Cooking time: 25 minutes

Ingredients:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| 150g of self-rising flour | 150g of butter |
| 150g of sugar | 4 eggs |

Method:

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180°C and grease a cake tin.
2. In a medium-sized bowl mix the eggs and the sugar until well combined.
3. Then add in the flour a little at a time, as this will help to make the cake lighter.
4. Then melt the butter in a saucepan and pour into the bowl, gently stirring to combine the mixture.
5. Pour the mixture into the cake tin and bake for 25 minutes until golden brown.

Anne-Cécile Semichon

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SPECIAL NOTICES

FOXHAM ANNUAL BRIDGE AND TEA AFTERNOON

Val Minty and Jenny Wilton are holding their annual Bridge and Tea afternoon on Thursday, November 7th at Foxham Reading Room from 1:30pm until 5:00pm. Cost £8 per person. Book early on 01249 740279 to avoid disappointment! We look forward to seeing you there.

Jenny Wilton.



LOCAL LIBRARY SERVICES

Mobile Library calls at Naish House Farm, Spirthill. Every other Monday afternoon 2-2.30 i.e. 9th and 23rd September.

St Martin's Church Library. Need a holiday read? There are 2 book cases opposite the door on the north side of St Martins church. Lots of good authors all in author order! Just put 20p in the Fabric Box for each book, please.



BOOKINGS FOR THE FOXHAM READING ROOM.

Cathy Hourihane is the caretaker of the Reading Room. She will take bookings on 01249 740413.



TEA & COFFEE IN BREMHILL VILLAGE Hall

Beginning on 6th September, tea & coffee will be available in the Bremhill Village Hall from 10.00am till 11.30 every Friday morning. A range of meat products from Monument Farm (suppliers to Waitrose) will also be on sale.

Do drop in for a cuppa.



FOXHAM FREE LIBRARY.

We have books from cookery, classics, sci-fi, autobiographies, gardening, romance to crafts and children books. Something for everyone! So come to the Foxham Reading Room and borrow a book (all we ask from you is to return or replace it).

Book donations can be left in the Free Library, which will now be open all day Thursday 9am to 5pm. Any questions, contact Cathy on 01249 740413.



MORNING & BRING & BUY - Macmillan Coffee

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning - in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Dig out those unwanted Christmas presents. Donations of cakes are very welcome but any donation would be great.

Bremhill

Yes! In aid of the Macmillan Cancer Support

Saturday 28th September 2013 from 10am to 12 noon, in the Village Hall, Bremhill. A marvellous cause – who knows when any one of us might need these wonderful nurses and the support they give. Donations of cakes particularly welcome. For more information, phone Judy on 01249 815337 or email her on judy@bremhill.com

Foxham

Thursday 26th September 9.30am-12.30 at Foxham Reading Room/ Village Hall. If you have any unwanted plants or books or any donations please ring Cathy 07795595878 who will happily collect or please leave in the porch at Reading Room Cottage, Foxham.



LADIES LUNCH IN AID OF THE Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

On the first Thursday of each month at the beautiful Bowood Hotel and Spa, we hold a Ladies Lunch. The aim is to introduce lady guest speakers of influence. So far, they include Jane Scott OBE, Claire Perry MP, the Lord Lieutenant Sarah Troughton. On 5th September, Lady Seaford is our guest speaker. She is a most interesting lady who runs the rather wacky Bison Farm. She will talk about her two worlds and how they merge. On 3rd October, Christine Hamilton is our guest.



If you wish to book tickets, please call the Bowood Hotel and Spa on 01249 822228 . The ticket price is £22.50 which includes a £5 donation to the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust is holding a concert at Malmesbury Abbey on September 28th. The Police Band will be playing the best of British classics. Audience participation and flag flying a must! Get a group together and join the fun. The ticket is £20 which includes canapés and wine on arrival. Call Jennie Shaw on 01249 821998 or email jennie@hazelandmill.co.uk



RURAL ARTS TOURING IN WILTSHIRE

Friday 1st November 2013
Bremhill Village Hall
"Twelve Miles from Nowhere"

This drama production is a bit different from some of our recent events. "The show follows the story of a brother and sister, stuck on a farm with their father until a charming and exciting young stranger arrives on the scene. When the stranger's ulterior motives become clear, the pair have to work together to fight back."

Jo Bell - co ordinator of National Poetry Day has said "It is a moving, compelling and cleverly written drama. Brilliant, moving and accomplished."

Now, Bremhill is not 12 miles from nowhere but many residents are rooted in the farming community. Will they see any connection with family or community???. Come along if you enjoy a good drama.

Tickets - £7 adults, £6 concessions (students, state pensions, benefits) £4.50 children - available from Rosie (01249 813642) or Marilyn (01249 661369)



TABLECLOTHS FOR HIRE.

The Foxham PCC has a set of floral tablecloths (approximately 44"/112cm sq.) for hire at a fee of £2 for the set part set. To book please contact Daphne Glass on 01249 740288.

FOXHAM SUB-POST OFFICE

Foxham sub-post office is open each Thursday from 9am-12 noon. If you wish to contact the postmaster, tel 07973 251633.

CHRISTIAN MALFORD & FOXHAM WI



A large group of our ladies experienced some fun bowling on an early sunny August evening. What a great welcome we had from Chippenham Park Bowls Club. They showed us how to 'do it', some of us showed them how 'not to do it'! Many thanks for their extremely friendly welcome and warm hospitality.

We must thank our first aid demonstrator, paramedic Ian Chatterton, who came to our meeting this month. We all had the chance to save the dummy's life! but seriously Ian gave us so much memorable knowledge for that unexpected emergency.

Don't miss Ros Liddington with all her varied hats. An entertaining and extremely interesting talk with the chance to find out what hat suits you! Thursday 19th September in the Christian Malford Village Hall at 7.30.

Please remember that we welcome any new ladies. If you want to join us and make new friends, we have many clubs such as art, gardening, knit and natter, book clubs etc. Or maybe you will just want to come to our monthly meetings and fun outings. You can participate as little or as much as you like.



BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL GARDEN AND PRODUCE SHOW

This is your final reminder! The Show is on Saturday 7th September and your entry forms need to be in by Tuesday 3rd September to June Hughes (17a Bremhill) or to the Dumb Post Inn.

We have been having a wonderful summer and we are hoping for a bumper year of entries. Whether you plan to enter one class or twenty, we will welcome you. If you've never entered before, why not have a go?

Entry forms are available in June's porch.



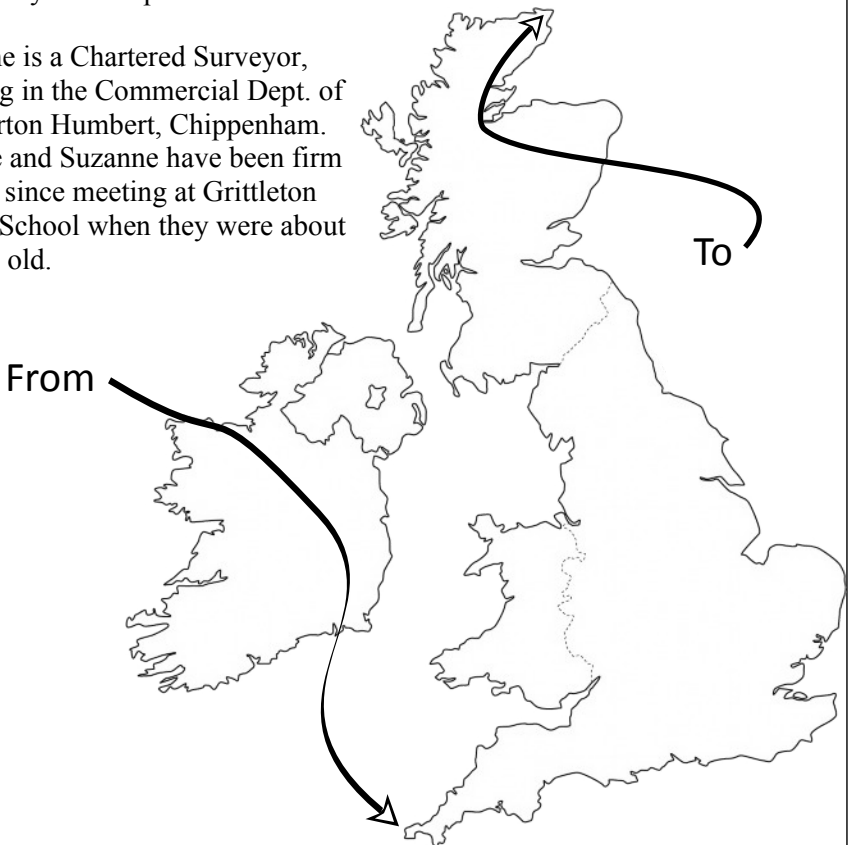
LANDS END TO JOHN O' GROATS Cycle

Congratulations to Charlie Spence of Foxham, and Suzanne Drewett of Avon, who cycled from Lands End to John O'Groats, in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance. They took just over 11 days to cycle 1,000 miles. There was no back up, just personal effort. They have raised to date £1400 - donations are still being made.

Many, many thanks to those who have already donated, and anyone still wishing to, can donate by going online to www.justgiving.com/charliespence.

Last year Charlie cycled in the "Moonriders" for Great Ormond St. Hospital, raising £400, and also was involved in massaging the legs of athletes at the London Marathon. This year she becomes a student at Kings College, London to begin a 3 year Physiotherapy course. She is shortly going to India to work voluntarily in a hospital for 6 weeks.

Suzanne is a Chartered Surveyor, working in the Commercial Dept. of Chesterton Humbert, Chippenham. Charlie and Suzanne have been firm friends since meeting at Grittleton House School when they were about 5 years old.



A HISTORY OF BREMHILL

It may surprise many to know that quite a lot of information about the history of this lovely parish has been compiled and written although it seems like there is always more to find. Many people are keen to share what they know and maybe decide what to do with the information. The first meeting of 'interested parties' will be in the Bremhill Village Hall on Monday 14th October at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

A few notes to spark your interest:

The name Bremhill seems to have its origins in the name 'bremel', meaning a collection of brambles, although it has previously been called Breomel (937), Bremleshill (1226), Bremhill, (1468), Bremyll (1540). 'Hill' is not original and is thought to have developed due to the village being situated on a hill.

Athelstan gave Bremhill to Malmesbury Abbey in 935. The Domesday Book included the manor of 'Breme' and at the time of Edward the Confessor assessed the parish at 38 hides¹. It was one of the donations of King Edgar.

Two miles south west of Bremhill village is Stanley Abbey, a Cistercian nunnery, founded 1154. The abbey was given by Empress Matilda in 1151 to monks from Quarr Abbey on the Isle of Wight. Originally at Loxwell, to the east of Chippenham, it moved to nearby Stanley in 1154. Its operation finally ceased as a result of the dissolution of the monasteries. The last abbot was Thomas Calne (also called Morley), and the abbey was dissolved in February 1536. Nothing now remains in situ except a green site on private property.

At the dissolution the land passed into the possession of Sir Edward Baynton, who used the materials to build his manor house at Bromham.

At various times since, remains such as burial places and a blacksmith's forge, as well as coins and tiles, have been found. Harold Brakspear's 1905 excavation discovered the layout of the monastery, including the church, infirmary and a dovecote. Its original entrance now forms the gateway to Spye Park, Wiltshire and is known locally as Spye Arch.

¹ *A hide was originally an amount of land sufficient to support a household, but later in Anglo-Saxon England became a unit used in assessing land for liability to "geld", or land tax. A hide was not a fixed area of land.*

THE COW WITH THE PENDULUM TAIL

Is it tiring requiring the double digesting, of all you intake
To repeat the eschewing
Of all that you're chewing ?

I said to the cow with the pendulum tail.

I'm used to my lifestyle of constant re-eating
My jaw's automatic
No gear-changing action
It's just rumination.

Said the cow with the pendulum tail.

Is it not better, to canter unfettered
On un-surveyed paths that lead just beyond
Your fenced-in enclosure ?

I said to the cow with the pendulum tail.

Stillness is easier, than endlessly moving
Like impatient humans
In search of pure pleasure.

Said the cow with the pendulum tail.

Are you adding to scenery, your Bewick-like presence
Among ancient oak trees
So burdened with leaves ?

I said to the cow with the pendulum tail.

My modus operandi, is not at all fancy
I chose to beat time, not bother my mind
With optimum flicking.

Said the cow with the pendulum tail.

Elizabeth Parlett



Foxham Autumn Supper

Saturday 19th October 2013

The Reading Room, Foxham



7.30pm for 8pm until 11.30pm

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TYTHERTON WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

Our Institute meets in East Tytherton village hall on the third Wednesday of every month at seven-thirty p.m. We have a varied programme of speakers, demonstrations, and visits to places of interest. Next month for instance, a chiropodist is coming to tell us "how to look after our feet", and in October we are visiting a boutique in Devizes. In September, we will be running our home-made Cakes and Produce stall at the Foxham Horse Show, which is always popular.

Becoming a member of the W.I opens the door to the many events run by the Wiltshire Federation of Woman's Institutes throughout the County, as well as being able to attend and study at Denman college in Oxfordshire.

Our members in Tytherton are a mixture of working and retired professional people. We are all friendly and would welcome new members at any time. Come along to a meeting as a guest to see what it's all about !

Shelah Franklin,
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FOXHAM HORSE SHOW -21ST SEPTEMBER



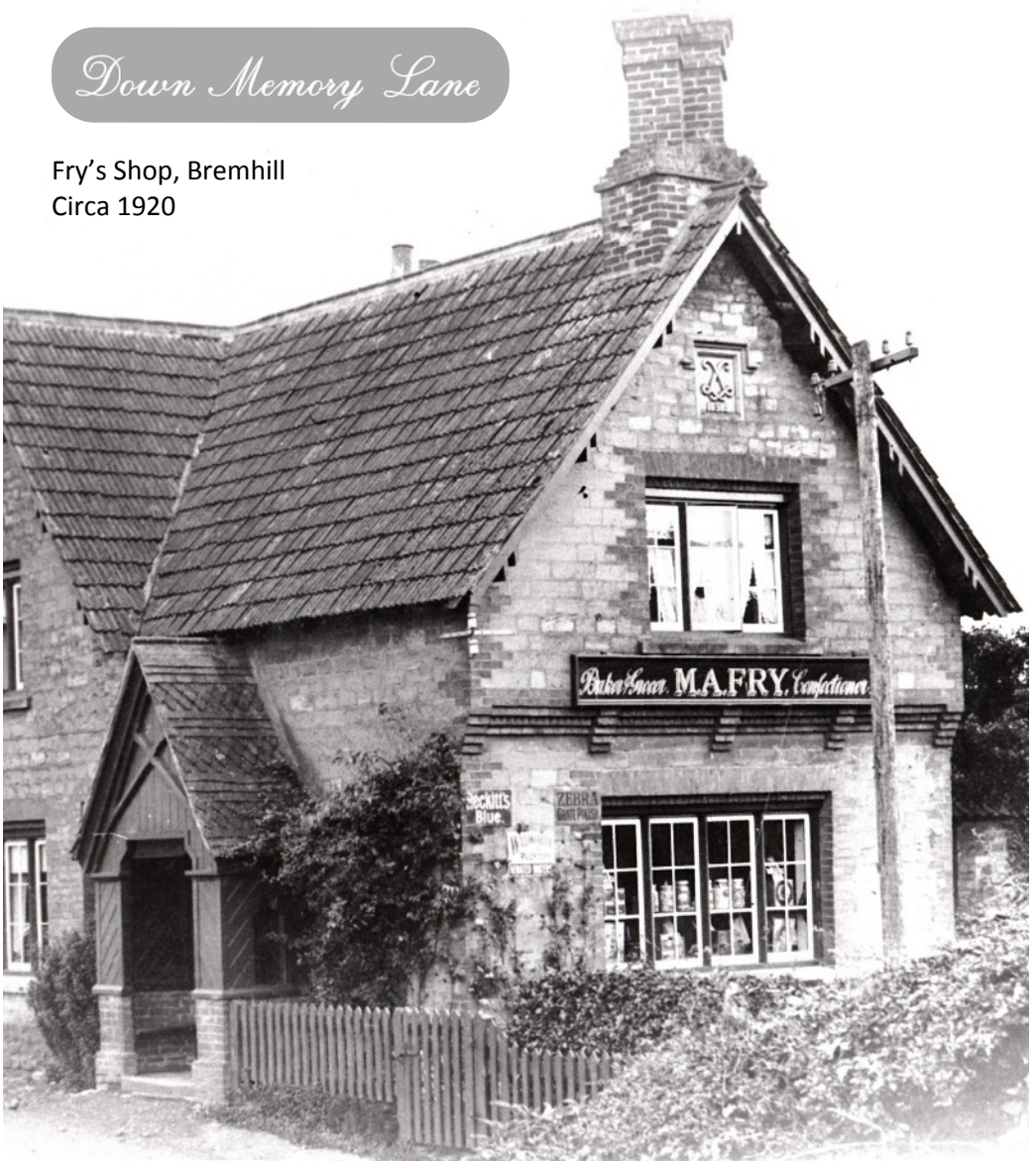
The schedules and entry forms for this year's show are now available on our website www.foxhamhorseshow.com and from many local outlets including Christian Malford shop, pet shops, vets and equestrian centres.

At the Show, Canine Capers Fun Dog Show makes a second appearance, (enquiries: Denise Quayle, 817218) and for the first time we welcome a display by the The Shetland Pony Performance Awards Team, who will be racing over a miniature steeplechase course.

With a Trade Stand area, Barbecue and the Horse Show café, there is plenty for all to enjoy. Proceeds to Foxham Church, Reading Room and local charities. Further details please ring Jane Milligan (740586) or for Trade Stand enquiries Anna Layton (720259).

Down Memory Lane

Fry's Shop, Bremhill
Circa 1920



Please let the editor know if you have old photographs of village buildings or activities

FARMING AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

I have offered to write a regular column about farming and the local community and something I read in the national papers has prompted me to write a special piece for this month.

The Health and Safety Executive has often been quoted as saying that farming is the most dangerous of industries with more injuries and fatalities than any other industry. With this in mind, I read with interest the case of a couple with a riding establishment who were being prosecuted over the unfortunate death of someone killed by a large falling bale of hay. They were being prosecuted on three counts: firstly, of having an unsafe stack of bales; secondly, of having no notices warning of the danger; and thirdly, of not having carried out and recorded a risk assessment on the stack of bales.

This is the time of year when the harvest is complete or near to completion and most farm barns are full and some have stacks outside. I feel that the point needs to be made that a farmer's land and buildings are his workshop, and as public rights of way can pass very close to farm buildings, there can be safety issues, just as there are when groups visit factories.

The above hay bale case highlights one particular danger on farms, but the danger that has caused considerable local concern recently is the danger from grazing livestock, particularly where public footpaths cross grassland. Farmers understand that livestock can be unpredictable in behaviour especially if they have calves or where dogs are involved.



As farmers, we do all we can to make our farms as safe as possible and display notices if appropriate, but we do request that those members of the public who visit farms and use public footpaths and other rights of way, take all precautions to ensure their visits are safe, pleasant and enjoyable experiences.

Alec Glass

The Health and Safety Executive have an informative website at:
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/myth/>

CHIPPENHAM HALF MARATHON

The Chippenham Half Marathon will take place on Sunday 15th September, and will pass through some of our Parish, namely Tytherton Lucas, East Tytherton, and Foxham/Avon.

The race starts at 9.30am at Chippenham Sports Ground, Bristol Road and comes through the town centre before heading down Stanley Lane from the A4, going through Tytherton Lucas, East Tytherton and then Hare Street and along Avon to Peckingell and then back to Chippenham via Langley Burrell.

The race was first run in 2008 and has continued every year until last year, when due to organisational difficulties, it was postponed, but it is back this year due to popular demand, as it has been voted one of the top half marathons in the UK. Entries are limited to 2,200, but many will be local residents and we know that some of those will be from within this Parish. The Chippenham Harriers are always represented by a strong field.

The official charity of the race is Wiltshire Air Ambulance, but other charities that will be represented by running groups will be the Motor Neurone Disease Society, Children with Cancer Fund, Transplant Sport, Great Ormond Street Hospital, Alzheimers Support, and the Willow Foundation, as well as runners competing to raise money for their own individual charities.

This is both an exciting and fun event to watch, and a bit of prestige for our Parish, so I urge you to come out and line the route where possible to support the runners and their charities and cheer them on. We normally see the first runners entering Tytherton Lucas at about 10am, so other local residents can gauge the best time to be in position from this.

Good luck to all the runners competing in the 2013 Chippenham Half Marathon.



*Stephen Cook
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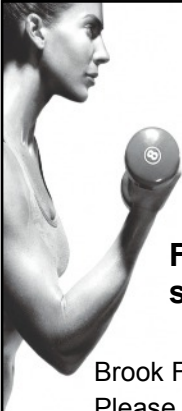
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POLICE MATTERS

There have been a number of Village Hall break-ins locally, please pay special attention to buildings that are not constantly inhabited.

There are many incidents of people trying to obtain money on false pretences (scamming). Some well known ones include:

- Someone phones up and pretends to be an engineer from Microsoft offering to 'fix' your computer.
- You get a call asking you to answer a short questionnaire, "don't worry we're not selling anything". Often this is to gather information for a later call.
- You find out you've won a competition that you either can't recall entering or possibly you've been selected at random.

ActionFraud is the Police response to this, the hotline is: 0300 123 2040, the website is <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk> - the A-Z of fraud is a long read but the site is a really worth a visit.

The police have an excellent website at www.askthe.police.uk where a wide range of frequently asked questions are answered on all topics

Remember: Where life is in danger or a crime is in progress call 999. Otherwise call the non-emergency number 101. Calls to 101 cost 15 pence from a landline or a mobile regardless of the duration of the call.

THE FOXHAM INN NEWS

Hopefully you will be reading this after having enjoyed our Charity Barbecue and Raffle! I would like to thank our suppliers for donating such great prizes for the Raffle. To name a few: Butcombe Brewery, Ramsbury Brewery, Aubrey Allen Butchers, Elanthy Olive Oil, Brian Wogan Coffee, Heritage Wines and Crumps of Royal Wootton Bassett. A Big Big thank you also goes to Bill and Elsbeth for cooking the wonderful BBQ. Bill and Elsbeth put a lot of their time and effort into helping with most of the events that are held in Foxham and we don't think they are appreciated enough, so THANK YOU again, Bill and Elsbeth !!!

With autumn nearly upon us, now is the time for us to be making our Pickles, Tomato Ketchup, Jams and Chutneys. Hopefully our polytunnel will have provided us with lots of cucumbers, tomatoes, chillies, peppers and herbs to do this!

We are holding our Pudding Night on the 19th of September. Pudding Night consists of seven (yes 7) puddings made by our Pastry Chef, Ben. You can eat as much as you can fit in (which from past pudding nights is a lot!!!) and all the puddings will be sweet ones. I can reveal that one of the puddings will be a Baked Alaska, but the other six are still a secret!

On October 17th, we are holding another of our popular Seven Course Vegetarian Tasting Menus, which has been enjoyed by Meat Eaters as well as Vegetarians in the past. 21st November is the date for our annual Game and Wild Food Dinner. This consists of a Five Course Dinner with wine to match each course.

Sometime during the Autumn/Winter period we are thinking of doing a night where someone local takes over the Kitchen and produces a two course dinner. (We will source the ingredients and provide a helping hand). The Cook can invite friends, locals etc to the evening for a cost of approx £10 per person. If anybody would be interested in cooking, please pop in and see Neil to discuss menu ideas, etc.

That's all for now. We look forward to welcoming you at the Foxham Inn in the near future.

Neil and Sarah



GRAPE EXPECTATIONS

Maud Heath Vineyard was inaugurated in 2006, and consists of around 5 acres of vines undulating beneath the Maud Heath monument. The soil structure is reminiscent of the varieties found in the French regions of Bordeaux and Champagne, imbibing both sandy and clay loam components.

As most people within the locality would be aware, Maud Heath was an infamous widow who bestowed a gift to the populous in the form of a causeway, to allow travellers a comfortable, dry passage, from Wick Hill to Chippenham in the event of flooding.

The debut rosé was released in 2010, and named ‘Bramble Hill’ which was the initial term for Bremhill, historically renowned for an abundance of vibrant bramble bushes, delicately enriching the exquisite landscape.

In addition to being well received by consumers, both the still rosé wine and classic sparkling were awarded ‘English Quality Wine’ status, indicating they had passed an independent, analytical, and organoleptic assessment, by at least eight masters of wine.

All of these grapes were evidently grown in the defined region of Wiltshire, in order to be acclaimed. There is however, confusion about the recent emergence of products described or labelled as ‘British wine’ rather than ‘Welsh wine’ or ‘English wine’. In actuality, ‘British wine’ is made from poor quality imported grape juice, whereas ‘English wine’ and ‘Welsh wine’ must be grown and created within the stated locations.

It has been refuted that Champagne was an English, or to be more specific West Country invention, to begin with. Christopher Merret, was a notable scientist who was born in Winchcombe, Gloucestershire. He illustrated in a paper to the Royal Society, that winemakers could create brisk, sparkling wines, with the insertion of sugar and molasses now referred to as ‘*méthode champenoise*’.

Sir Robert Mansell, who was influential in glass manufacturing in England throughout the early 17th century, fashioned bottles of far greater strength, than those available in France. As a result the English became capable of methodically inducing a secondary fermentation in their wines, without the risk of bottles exploding, long before Dom Pérignon is customarily attributed

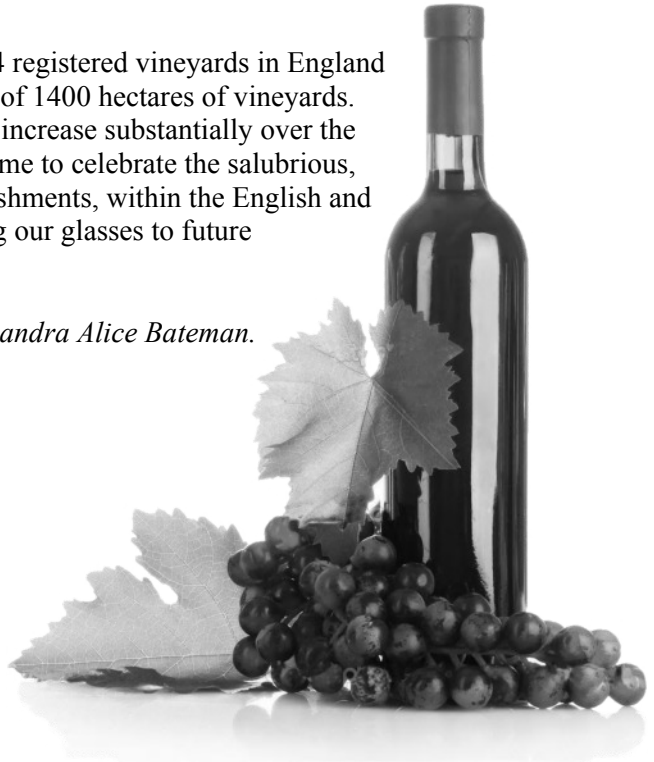
to having invented sparkling wine in Champagne, in the midst of 1697.

On the international stage, English wines have surpassed their competitors by acquiring more medals than any other country. This is an exceptional feat, for an industry that produces such a small quantity of wines, in contrast to other nations. In response to the rising notoriety of English wine, and frequent comparisons with regions such as Champagne, many French houses have expressed an interest in expanding their planting to the UK. Louis Roederer, known as the manufacturer of Cristal, and Duval-LeRoy are both considering buying vineyards in England. Even Tattinger and Veuve Clicquot have made exploratory inquiries.

The culmination of an extraordinary number of international awards, and investment interests has propelled the credibility of English viticulture onto an unbridled platform. As a consequence of this rapid expansion, the next international cool climate symposium is to be held here, in the UK at Plumpton College in 2016. This will be instrumental in raising the knowledge and capacity of expertise regarding English wine, within this country and across the globe.

There are currently over 614 registered vineyards in England and Wales, spanning a total of 1400 hectares of vineyards. This planting is expected to increase substantially over the next ten years. Now is the time to celebrate the salubrious, long withstanding accomplishments, within the English and Welsh wine industry, raising our glasses to future advancements.

Jessica Alexandra Alice Bateman.



SMALL THOUGHTS OF A LARGE CLERGYMAN

"Charity begins at home!" I was most forcibly told in the course of a rather heated discussion during which it had been suggested that in spite of the difficult economic times that we are living in we should not forget those who, in so many parts of the world, live in conditions of permanent hardship. Sadly, but perhaps not surprisingly, the majority view seemed to be that "we should look after our own before worrying about the rest of the world!"

Someone who certainly didn't share that view was the late Diana, Princess of Wales, the anniversary of whose tragic death occurs this month. And not just charity, but love as well, love that she showed to the victims of various diseases and atrocities. This impressed us every bit as much as the money raised by the charities that she supported to alleviate suffering. Love and charity, two words that often go together, and thank God for that, because charity without love is very cruel indeed.

The Book of Common Prayer Communion Service exhorts us to be "in love and charity with our neighbours". Shakespeare speaks of "love, friendship and charity" in his *Troilus and Cressida*. St Paul in his first letter to the people of Corinth writes of "faith, hope and charity", but in modern translations of the bible love is substituted for the word charity, an indication perhaps that these two words are not just similar, but interchangeable !

"As cold as charity" my grandmother used to say, with a shudder, reflecting, if not her own experience, her knowledge of the age of the workhouse and the orphanage, where charity appeared very cold indeed. The playwright Sheridan has a word about charity too. His character Rowley, says of another, "I know there is no sentiment he has such faith in as that "charity begins at home ". And the reply comes from his friend Sir Oliver, "And his, I presume, is of that domestic sort which never stirs abroad at all!"

Perhaps we learn from Diana, Princess of Wales, to be mindful that charity without love is a very poor thing indeed and to adopt the attitude that "Charity begins at home" can often mean that it stays at home, and we ignore the needs and suffering of those in the world outside. And we recall the words of Jesus Christ himself, "What you do for the least of my brethren, you also do for me

Rev Jim Scott

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

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Weeks 2 & 4 Holy Communion at 8.30am

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| Sept. 1st Trinity 14 | 9.30 am Holy Communion. | A. Glass Hebrews 13 1-8, 15-16 |
| Sept. 15th Trinity 16 | 9.30am Holy Communion (Said). | M. Kellond 1 Timothy 1 12-17 |
| Sept. 22nd Trinity 17 | 6pm Evensong. | C. Minty Jeremiah 8 18-9 1 |
| Sept. 29th. Trinity 18 | NO SERVICE 11 am. United Benefice Holy Communion at Bremhill (All welcome at this service) | |
| Oct. 6th Trinity 19 | 9.30am Holy Communion | A. Whitbread 2 Timothy 1 1-14 |

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| 1st Sept Trinity 14 | 8am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong | N Jordan. P Rawlings & A Jones | Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Mrs June Hughes Luke 14:1 & 7-14 Mr Mark Kyte |
| 8 th Sept Trinity 15 | 11am Holy Communion | D Stevens & D Kyte | Philemon 1:1-12 Mr William Wyldbore- Smith Luke 14:25-33 To be advised |
| 22 nd Sept Trinity 17 | 9.30am Family Service | The Children | Luke 16 1-13 a Young Person |
| 29 th Sept Trinity 18 | 11am United Benefice Service at Bremhill – Holy Communion | L Jones & A Woods | Readers and Readings to be advised |
| 6 th Oct Trinity 19 | 8am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong HARVEST FESTIVAL | N Kyte, L Jones & K Blackmore | Readers and Readings to be advised |

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The next PCC Meeting is on 12 September at 7.30pm at Thimble Hall.

CHURCH NEWS

Wanted. Wool of any colour, any ply ie 3 ply, 4 ply or double knitting, to knit into squares for Avonmead Nursing Home, Devizes. The wool is to make blankets. My sister Joan is at Avonmead, which is very nice. *Nancy Kyte.*

Mobile Library calls at Naish House Farm, Spirthill. Every other Monday afternoon 2-2.30 i.e. 12th and 26th of August and 9th September.

100 Club. Over the next few months, you may be approached by a member of the PCC to ask if you wish to join. There will be prizes every month with a bumper prize once a year. Half of all receipts will be given away in prizes. All proceeds to the Fabric Fund.

Bremhill Plant Stall in the Village Square. Great plants, both annuals and perennials. All in aid of the St Martin's Church Fabric Fund.

If you have any items of Bremhill Church news for the October issue of the Newsletter please give them to Derek Kyte (815073) or Jane Jordan (812083) by the 7th September please.



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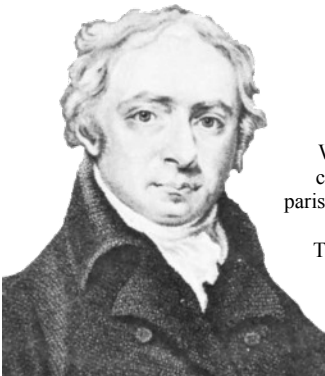
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Bremhill Garden, Sept. 1808

by William Lisle Bowles

Come, and where these runnels fall,
 Listen to my madrigal!
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That murmur through the walks of life;
 From grief, inquietude, and fears,
 From scenes of riot, or of tears;
From passions, cankering day by day,
 That wear the inmost heart away;
From pale Detraction's envious spite,
 That worries where it fears to bite;
From mad Ambition's worldly chase,
 Come, and in this shady place,
Be thine Contentment's humble joys,
 And a life that makes no noise,
 Save when fancy, musing long,
 Turns to desultory song;
 And wakes some lonely melody,
 Like the water dripping by.
Come, and where these runnels fall,
 Listen to my madrigal!



William Lisle Bowles (1762 - 1850) was a clergyman, poet, and literary critic. In 1804 he was appointed Vicar of Bremhill, where he served the parish diligently for well over 40 years. He is buried in Salisbury Cathedral.

This poem speaks of the peace and contentment to be found in Bremhill, away from the strife and ambition of public life.

Isobel Moore

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