



# **THE BREMHILL NEWSLETTER**

## **FEBRUARY 2013 EDITION**

### ***A BIG THANK YOU***

Many thanks for all the feedback we have had over the last few weeks. Most of it has been verbal, but we have had some emails and several slips! Constant feedback always appreciated. We will endeavour to give you a flavour on the back page of the Newsletter.

Grateful thanks goes to all those who have delivered the Way and now this publication. Derek and Nancy Kyte and Nicol and Jane Jordan distribute it to our deliverers. Our deliverers are individuals who have gone out in all seasons so we can all benefit. They are: Yvonne Bailey, June Hughes, Jane and Nicol Jordan, Carole Lewis, Bob Lytton, Catherine Mealey-Jones, Pam Satchell, Celia Summers, Joan Townsend and Alison Vines. If we have left anyone out, my apologies!

We cannot give you the news about our various local organisations without contributors such as Jane Jordan, Elsbeth Norman, Terry Satchell, Heather Mowlem, Rev Jim Scott, Rev David Newman and Rosie Stevens. I know we will have more contributors as time goes by.

A special thanks goes to those, who have either offered, or given us spontaneous amounts of money. It is deeply appreciated.

Please may we have all the news, articles and events by 20th February for the February Newsletter. Thanks to Jennie Shaw for this month's article. We will be approaching you if you do not come forward! Many thanks.

David Stevens and Rosslyn Jarmey

## **VILLAGE MEETINGS**

**Bremhill Parish Council** meeting - Monday 4 February 7.30pm - The Moravian Room, East Tytherton. Members of the Public and the Press are welcome.

**Friends of St Martin** meeting – Tuesday 12 March at The Dumb Post at 8 pm.

**East Tytherton Village Hall** meeting – Tuesday 5 February 8pm.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

**FRIENDS OF ST MARTINS ANNUAL CHEESE & WINE AND AUCTION OF PROMISES** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February by kind invitation of Richard and Caroline Dutton of Long Barn, Bremhill. Price £8. Please send your “promises” to Sue Webb on 01249 740620 in good time for the printing of the catalogue.

**ST MARY’S SCHOOL CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT** in St Martin’s Church on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets £10 to include wine and excellent refreshments! Phone Jim Scott (813114) for tickets.

**St Martins Bremhill Church Bells** will be rung by visiting bell ringers on Monday 4th March from approximately 5.15 to 6.15 pm.

**“SOUP AND PUDS”** Come and indulge yourselves! Saturday 9 March at 12.30 Bremhill Village Hall. More details in next Newsletter!

**TYTHERTON RIDE** - Sunday 7th April 10am - 1:30pm at Bremhill Field Farm. Local charities, including the Churches and Village Halls of Bremhill, Foxham, Tytherton Lucas and East Tytherton will benefit. 6 and 12 mile rides with jumps. <http://www.tythertonfunride.org.uk/> for more details.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS** – Treasure Hunt end of April, Bluebell walk and picnic in May, series of “Teas in the Garden” throughout the Spring and Summer and many other exciting fund raising events throughout the year for the fabric of the Church – Watch this space!

## **THE DUMB POST**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8pm – Beat the cold & gloom with Roger and Pobs’ Gourmet Mexican Night

March 9<sup>th</sup> – Jon Clare & the Fabulous Dough Boys

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tres Hombes

## **BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April** – Rural Arts Touring in Wiltshire. Le Navet Bete, an internationally touring troupe of clowns whose energy, spectacular and hilarious shows have wowed audiences in over 20 countries will be coming to the Village Hall with their productions ‘Napoleon: A Defence’ and ‘Extravaganza’.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** – we will be holding a cocktail party to celebrate the purchase of the Hall 20 years ago.

## **TYTHERTON VILLAGE HALL**

Founded 1924 situated in the village of East Tytherton. It has a bar, Skittles alley and kitchen.

Tytherton Tigers (skittles), East Tytherton W.I and Calne Young Farmers all meet there on a regular base.

The Hall Committee run a variety of events throughout the year. These have included a fish and chip supper, beetle drive, Call my Bluff wine tasting, Cheese and Wine, St Georges Day Breakfast, New Year’s Supper to name but a few.

An earlier Hall Committee were the founders of what is now the Tytherton Ride.

The Moravian Church is our neighbour so we do have some joint events. The most popular being the Carol Concert/ Christingle evening we have before Christmas.

During the Queens Jubilee members of both the Church and Hall joined together to provide a memorable day, which included a cream tea, flower festival in the Church tug of war, races and a bar-b-que.

The Hall is run by a committee and there is a membership scheme.

The Hall can be booked privately. Our bookings secretary is Carol Lewis on 01249 740411

## **FRIENDS OF ST MARTINS REPORT**

**Friends of St Martins Committee Meeting** held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January at The Dumb Post. 10 members present.

**Cheese and Wine Promises Auction** was discussed. This will take place at The long Barn , Bremhill on February 8<sup>th</sup> by kind invitation of Richard and Caroline Dutton. Tickets £8 to include buffet. Lots of promises needed, big or small, serious or silly. All welcome. Don’t forget all the money raised benefits the community. Contributions towards the buffet are very welcome.

Jennie Shaw raised the possibility of a **fishing competition** on Robin’s lake in the summer. All welcome. Date and price to be announced later.

**Marquee.** Unfortunately we are losing our storage facility for the marquee and other equipment. Unless a home can be found for the village fete equipment i.e. signs, stocks, slippery horse, mats etc then these will be disposed of. If anyone feels they can help or wants half a dozen second hand fridges contact Terry or Colin. The booking list for the marquee is closed for this year.

Dennis Jarney said that the village newsletter needs a printer if it is to continue in its present form or to grow. Various cost were discussed for a second hand one. Dennis is searching ebay etc. Our committee considered assisting with the purchase on condition all the other organisations were equally committed.

Date of next meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at The Dumb Post at 8 pm

## **BREMILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Parish Clean up** - Annual Parish “clean up” will take place on the weekend of 2 March 2013. Any one interested in helping, please contact your Parish Councillor representative for your Ward.

## **GARDEN NOTES FOR FEBRUARY**

**RASPBERRIES** - Prune Autumn Raspberries and mulch with well-rotted manure.

**CLEMATIS** - Prune the summer flowering clematis varieties hard for the best flowering in the summer. Feed with Fish, Blood and Bone Fertilizer and mulch well with manure or good garden compost.

**WISTERIA** – Shorten current season’s growth to two or three buds. This ensures flowers are not obscured by foliage. Check ties and supports and remove dead or diseased material.

Clean out the greenhouse and wash the glass ready for the coming season.

For early flowering, sow in heated trays – Aster, Cosmos, Lobelia, Nicotiana, Petunia, Verbena, and lots more!

These seeds can also be sown in March.

Sweet Pea seeds can also be planted now and do not necessarily need heat to germinate. PMS

## **GARDENING OBSERVATIONS FROM THIMBLE HALL**

The dry Spring and cold wet Summer season made vegetable growing difficult. The lack of bees meant pollination was erratic for broad beans, runner beans, outdoor and indoor tomatoes, apple and pears. Then the potatoes got ‘blight’ ... finally the parsnips were affected by canker. The one bright side was sowing “fly-away” carrot seed from Thomson & Morgan, which really did appear to be resistant to carrot root fly. My New Year Resolution is to order seeds early and sow onion seed in the greenhouse in the hope I can get them planted with plenty of growing time for this year’s Produce Show. Happy Gardening... ANJ

**WILTSHIRE GOOD NEIGHBOURS** – for older residents. A one stop shop for information that can enable and empower you to access the services and support to live a fulfilling, comfortable, safe independent life. WGN is a free service provided through the partnership of Wiltshire Council, Age UK and Community First. Ring Emma Dowie on 07557 922029 or [wgn@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:wgn@communityfirst.org.uk)

**DEVIZES MOBILE LIBRARY** calls at Naish House Farm, Sprithill, on Monday afternoons fortnightly 2-2.30pm – 11 & 25 February.

## **SMALL ADS**

It has been floated that a Small Ads section might be available for small items to sell or young people wishing to babysit etc. A small donation might be appropriate. What do you think?



## THE BOBBY VAN TRUST

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust is a registered charity established in 1998, its aims are simply to ensure the elderly and vulnerable folk living in our communities are safe at home.

Our core work is to secure the homes of older, vulnerable and disadvantaged people who have become, or are at risk of becoming, victims of house crime. This is achieved by our Bobby Operators. The Operators are trained Crime Reduction Officers and Fire Brigade trained Fire Security Advisors, equipped with modified vans, they visit clients at home where they carry out a security and fire risk assessment. After which they will fit the correct locks, chains, viewers and other security devices, as well as appropriate fire safety equipment, to make the home secure. The service and equipment is provided free to the client.

According to statistics Wiltshire is one of the safest counties in England. We believe that this is down, in no small part, to the great communities we have in the County. Effective Parish Councils, Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and charities, such as the Bobby Van, all play their part in helping prevent crime.

Our target is to prevent any elderly or vulnerable person from going through the traumatic experience of house crime. It is impossible to place an amount on the psychological cost of being a victim, but reducing the level of house crime makes an important contribution to reducing the feelings of isolation and exclusion that such experiences bring about..

A report sent to us by Wiltshire Police last month was testament to our work:

*“An elderly woman reported that someone had attempted to gain access to her house but, due to the security devices installed by the Bobby Van, they were unable to. She was a little shook up but otherwise fine. Due to the advice she was given by the Bobby operators, she remained calm and the call she made to us enabled us to pick up the offenders trying to break in two doors further down.”*  
Success indeed.

The Trust is committed to ensuring our elderly and vulnerable folk receive the support they need. If you know of someone over 60 or disabled living in Wiltshire who could benefit from a visit please call 01225 79465, it may well be the most important call you will ever make.

We will continue to work to raise the necessary funds to make sure we can continue this vital service and any support you may be able to offer by attending or volunteering at events will be greatly appreciated. If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to call Jennie Shaw on 01249 821998

## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, BREMHILL

Vicar	Reverend Ann Massey <a href="mailto:ea.massey@btinternet.com">ea.massey@btinternet.com</a>	01249 817926
Retired Priest	Reverend Jim Scott	01249 813114
Church Wardens	Mr William Wyldbore-Smith	01249 814969
	Mrs Nancy Kyte	01249 815073
Treasurer	Dr David Stevens	01249 815337
Secretary	Mrs Jane Jordan	01249 812083
Verger	Mr Derek Kyte	01249 815073

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### SMALL THOUGHTS FROM A LARGE CLERGYMAN

As I looked out of the window this morning, I could see sleet or snow falling on the garden and even now a cutting North East wind blows outside. Strange to think that, in a few weeks time, we can expect the arrival of Spring! But arrive it will, a little early or a little late with all its beautiful freshness. We can look forward to it with joy. However, we Christians look forward to an even greater joy – the joy of Easter Day, to the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am getting ahead of myself as Easter Day is not until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Before then we have forty days of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday on February 13<sup>th</sup>. A period meant for fasting and abstinence in former times meant fish and eggs were strictly forbidden! This on Shrove Tuesday (the last day of Lent) all remaining eggs were used in making pancakes. Eggs would not reappear until Easter Day when they were laid out for breakfast.... EASTER EGGS! To non-Christians this strange practice of giving something up for Lent may seem a little bizarre (especially if we are not known for our abstinence during the rest of the year). They may even mock. One of the most perilous challenges to a Christian discipleship, any time, anywhere, and not just during our attempts at Lenten fasting, is the bewilderment that the world's scepticism and hostility creates. We suddenly suspect that WE are out of touch with reality and there is no sense or point in faith. Jesus told his disciples what they would have to face. He foresaw their coming tests, as He foresees ours. We know that He bore them and bears them now. He only intends to reassure us and unite us with Himself. Giving up chocolate for a few weeks is surely a very easy sacrifice to show how we prize that unity.

Peace be with you

Jim Scott, Associate Priest

**Library in the Church.** It is on the back few pews on the north side of the Church. Just put 20p in the Fabric Box for each book. Please give David Stevens your paperbacks and children's books so others can share them. Thanks.

**100 Club.** We will be asking if you wish to join the 100 Club in May so the first prizes can be announced in June. More information in the next few months.

Many thanks to June and Philippa for the splendid new Vacuum Cleaner for the Church. – from Nancy and Derek Kyte.

## BREMHILL CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY 2013

SERVICES                      SIDESMEN                      READERS

3 <sup>rd</sup> Candlemas 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent	8am Holy Communion 4pm Evensong	M Kyte  K Webb K Blackmore	Genesis 2: 4-9 & 15-end ~ Mrs Judy Scott Luke 8: 22-25 Mrs Nancy Kyte
10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent	11am Holy Communion	D Kyte A Woods	2 Corinthians 3: 12 to 4: v2 ~ Mrs Tamsi Castle
17 <sup>th</sup> First Sunday in Lent	4pm Evensong	S Tumber & P Rawlings	Deuteronomy 25: 12 v2 ~ Mr Nicol Jordan Luke 4: 1-13 ~ Mrs Jane Jordan
24 <sup>th</sup> Lent 2	9.30am Family Service	The Children	Luke 13: 31-end A Young Person
3 <sup>rd</sup> March Lent 3	8am Holy Communion 4pm Evensong	M Kyte  B Rawlings & A Heath	Isaiah 55: 1-9 ~ Mr Mark Kyte Luke 13: 1-9 ~ Mrs June Hughes

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - 13 February at 7.30pm - a special UNITED SERVICE at Christchurch, Derry Hill.

**EASTER DAY SERVICE** – Sunday 31 March 11am – followed by a children's Easter Egg Hunt.

**Details of the Church Services for Derry Hill and Foxham** are displayed on the Church notice board in Bremhill village square. If you want your own copy, please let us know and it will be delivered to you. Also on [www.mardenvale.org.uk](http://www.mardenvale.org.uk) website, where you can find all other relevant local Church events and courses.

**A Lent Course** will begin the week beginning **11<sup>th</sup> February 2013**. For more information or to register for one of the venues please call Reverend Ann on **01249 817926** or email [ea.massey@btinternet.com](mailto:ea.massey@btinternet.com)

### MORAVIAN CHURCH SERVICES, EAST TYTHERTON - FEBRUARY

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

## **CORRECTIONS**

There were a few inaccuracies in the January Newsletter.

Bremhill PCC did lose money but the figure of £1047 in 2012 was misleading. I have calculated the income and expenditure over the last 5 years and it is approximately a loss of £300 a year.

The Tythertons, particularly East Tytherton, received the Way. There was an implication that this was not the case.

We apologise for these errors.

## **THE FUTURE OF A BREMHILL COMMUNITY PUBLICATION**

Thank you for the feedback so far. Most people are pleased that we have managed to produce a publication with the sort of local news that they want. However, it would be great if more readers could air their views.

### **Future finance**

Most of the feedback indicates that both advertisers and readers appreciated the adverts in The Way. Others would not mind subs. Advertisers want to reach as wide an audience as possible and readers want to be able to use local services. We have been reflecting on this desire. It means that the Newsletter has to be run as a business with an individual(s) in charge of the advertising. A printer will have to be man enough for the job too.

### **Name of publication**

We have had almost as many ideas as replies, including “Bremhill Newsletter”, “Bullfinch”, “The Way Forward” or “Maud Heath’s Newsletter”.

### **Offers of help**

A number of people have expressed an interest. We feel that we need individuals who have the time but also willing to take on various tasks – editorial, adverts, treasurer, representatives of various areas (Bremhill, Charlcutt, Spirthill, East Tytherton, Tytherton Lucas).

### **Distribution**

Some have expressed the wish to have a copy emailed to them monthly. Others wish to have a paper copy delivered whereas some wish to have both. Many have applauded the fact it is and will be on the Bremhill website. Bob Harding has been very helpful in this regard.

### **Joining other villages**

Most wish to join with Foxham as we have strong geographical, historical and social links. The Tythertons definitely want to be involved! Some advertisers would like to link with Derry Hill so their audience is widened.

### **Content**

Many would like to see the content of the last Newsletter continue. They would like articles of various kinds – we have one this month, others planned for March and more have been promised. Other matters: planning and other local issues, small ads, Marden Vale Parish news, memories, local walks, “Desert Island Discs”, letters section, small ads, other Church services and so on. Rosslyn and I are not going to make substantial editorial decisions until a representative committee is in place.



**COME TO A MEETING ON THURSDAY 7 MARCH AT  
7.30PM AT BREMHILL VILLAGE HALL.**

**COME WITH YOUR IDEAS!** This is later than planned because of some unforeseen circumstances.

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