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Bembridge Parish News



*A First World War field gun
on the beach at Bembridge during the 1920s & 1930s*

BEMBRIDGE PARISH NEWS

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The month of June is notable here on the Island, for the Isle of Wight Festival and, this year, the Island Games, which will bring athletes and sportsmen and women to our beautiful Island. The Festival weekend coincides, this year, with the Christian celebration of Pentecost. A late Easter (such as this year) means a late Pentecost and a late Trinity Sunday. This latter feast has a prominent place in the Bembridge Village calendar, being the dedication of the parish church, but it is the Feast of Pentecost, one week earlier, which is traditionally recognised as the birthday of the Church.

Coming exactly fifty days after Easter, Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. The Feast of Pentecost has also been known as Whitsunday, from "White Sunday," in reference to the white garments worn by those being baptized on the feast day.

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The bible tells us that the Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews, who were gathered there, spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day. That is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated

and the Church is made manifest to the world.

This growth in faith and confidence, as exemplified by the apostles, is certainly needed in the Christian Church today, as many who profess to follow Christ and the Gospel message, often show a reluctance to speak out when faced with anti-Christian bias from those wishing to discredit any form of religion.

Let Pentecost and the gifts of the Spirit both embolden us speak up for what is right and encourage us to use our talents and resources to promote the Christian message. One of the richest resources in any community is its people. Here in Bembridge the Christian churches (despite their theological differences) show unity of Christ's mystical body on earth by their communion with each other in Him. People use their talents to enhance the enthusiasm, vitality and creative fellowship of the Christian faith. One recent example of this is the recent Village Fayre and the Ecumenical Songs of Praise in the Parish Church. We remind ourselves that, despite our differences, true religion points us towards healing and wholeness, towards "*whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious*" [Philippians 4:8].

*Gill and Peter Clarke
Parish Managers of St. Mary's, Ryde
with St. Michael's, Bembridge*

Bembridge Singers Summer Concert
On the Lighter Side

Wednesday 1st June 2011, at 7.30pm
at Holy Trinity Church, Bembridge

Following the success of last year's *On the Lighter Side* concert the Bembridge Singers are again presenting a varied concert with arrangements of traditional songs, ballads and much more!

The Newchurch Male Voice Choir will once again be among our guests.

We look forward to seeing you there!

ASCENSION DAY – Thursday 2nd June

10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

Ascension Day marks the Biblical account of the return of the risen Jesus to heaven to be part of the Holy Trinity. This happened forty days after His resurrection and this year is celebrated on Thursday 2nd June with a service of Holy Communion.

Readings from the King James Bible – Sunday 19th June
at 4.00pm in Holy Trinity Church

If you enjoyed the readings from the King James's Bible during Holy Week you will be pleased to know that we shall listen to the last set of readings on the afternoon of Whitsunday.

During these readings we will hear from

'The Road to Emmaus',

'Pentecost',

'The Conversion of St Paul',

'1 Corinthians', and 'The Book of Revelation'.

Pet Service at Holy Trinity – Sunday 3rd July
at 10.30am. in the Cloisters Garden

By popular request we are having another Pet Service. So bring your pets to this informal out door service to be blessed and celebrated.

All creatures great and small will be most welcome. A relaxed occasion for all the family.

Andrew Menniss, Vicar

Bembridge Hosts a 'Royal Wedding'

Children helped us to re-enact the Royal Wedding at our 'Thank God it's Sunday!' service on Sunday 1st May. We sang the hymns and repeated the vows from William and Catherine's Marriage Service while we thought about the meaning of marriage and the love of God.

In the photograph we see our very own royal couple about to proceed down the aisle.



From right to left: Canon Andrew Menniss, Georgia Golding as Catherine, Marcus Hislop as William, Tx Finney as Harry, The Revd. Linda Bushell

The Friends of Holy Trinity Bembridge

invite you and your friends to a

Summer Soiree

on Friday 24th June 2011 from 6pm - 8pm

at The Bembridge Sailing Club, Embankment Road, Bembridge

RSVP Jo Truman, Darts, Bembridge PO35 5YH

01983 873822 joann_truman@btinternet.com

Tickets on the door £5

BEMBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB REPORT

A recent Bowls holiday to Armacao de Pera in Portugal included 14 members from the Bembridge Club. The consensus was that the Bowls matches, the sunshine and the company of fellow players was much appreciated by all participants.

The Greens opened at Mitten Road on Saturday 23rd April, with the first event being a Spoon Drive the following day. This attracted a good number of members and was followed by an American Tea.

Membership of the Club has increased over the winter months, with many new members now partaking in the League and other activities of the Club. Recent Tourist matches have seen teams from Wokingham, Halls Bowls Club and Balcombe visit Mitten Road. All the matches provided close games with Bembridge returning to winning form in the third match against Balcombe. Whatever the outcome of the match, none of the visiting teams will forget the Bembridge Anthem sung at the end of all Tourist matches by the Bembridge players!

The Men's 'A' and 'B' Teams both started their League programmes with convincing 12-0 wins over Cowes Medina 'A' and Westland 'B' respectively.

This month sees the Bembridge Festival event on Sunday 12th June which is open to all IW registered players who live in the Village. It's in a very good local cause, the Bembridge Friendship Circle, so let's hear from all you local bowlers.

Visit www.bembridgebowlingclub.co.uk for more information on the Club or contact Club Secretary, Colin Vines on 874163.

Steve Tutton



The Bembridge Horticultural Society June Members Show

*will take place on **Saturday 18th June** at the Village Hall,
the show will be open to the public from 2.30 pm
there will be a raffle and light refreshments will be available,
the prizes will be presented at approx 4.30pm, All are welcome;
for further information contact : Doreen Harris Show Secretary on 874562.*

Joan Corkish and Family – would like to thank everyone for their kind support and tributes on the loss of our dear Dad and husband Harold Corkish.



BEMBRIDGE RNLIFEBOAT GUILD NEWS

Six launches in four days – a busy Easter weekend for the Bembridge lifeboats:

The unseasonably warm weather encouraged many people onto the water over the Easter weekend, creating a busy time for both lifeboats, with a total of six launches over the four day weekend.

The first call came on Good Friday evening, 22nd April to the assistance of a dinghy that had capsized outside of Bembridge harbour. The D class inshore lifeboat, “Dorothy Beatrice May Gorman” was launched only to find that the occupant had made his way to shore, leaving the upturned boat floating away with the tide. The lifeboat recovered the dinghy and towed it back to the beach and it’s owner.

The next day, Saturday 23rd the inshore lifeboat was in action again, this time to a report of six people cut off by the tide at the base of Culver Cliff. When the lifeboat arrived, three had made their way to safety whilst the remaining three refused being taken off, preferring to make their own way to safety, despite being warned of their predicament by the lifeboat crew.

Later, the same day, the all-weather Tamar class lifeboat “Alfred Albert Williams” went to the assistance of the motor cruiser “Mrs Mouse” with a crew of three (and a dog), having experienced a breakdown with water

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filling the engine compartment, on its way from Langstone harbour to Whitecliff Bay. The crew transferred to the lifeboat and with a lifeboatman aboard the cruiser, it was taken in tow to Langstone entrance before being handed over the local harbourmaster.

Having returned to station and still on the slipway, another call for assistance was received, this time from the cruise ship "Balmoral" outward bound from Southampton. One of the passengers, a lady had suffered a suspected heart attack and required immediate evacuation to hospital. The "Alfred Albert Williams" launched and was alongside the "Balmoral" within five minutes. The casualty and her husband was quickly transferred to the lifeboat, which then made full speed for Portsmouth's Camber Dock and a waiting ambulance.

On Easter Sunday 24th April, the inshore lifeboat was called to the assistance of the 8m fishing boat "Moonstone" with 5 people on board and having suffered a gearbox failure off Whitecliff Bay. Initially taken under tow by another vessel, the lifeboat took over the operation and towed the casualty to a berth at Fisherman's Wharf inside the harbour where it was handed to the local Coastguard.

The final 'shout' came on Bank Holiday Monday evening, when reports were received that a speed boat with three people aboard had broken down in Priory Bay. The inshore lifeboat was launched and towed the boat into Bembridge Harbour. After getting the engine running again, the lifeboat escorted the speedboat to No Man's Land Fort before leaving it to make its own way back to Portsmouth.

Because the lifeboat station is becoming increasingly busy with visitor numbers, the RNLI Visits Team are seeking extra volunteers to act as "boathouse visitor guides". If anyone would like to show people around the boathouse, and talk about the lifeboat and it's operation, please contact the Visits Team Officer – Vince Whelan on 01983 874055 or come along to the monthly meeting. All information and training will be provided.

Also, on the subject of appeals – If anyone has any jewellery they would be willing to donate to the Guild for raising funds, please contact Sylvia Harrison on 01983 873536.

Current opening times for the shop and boathouse are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 2 - 4 pm

The Guild will be meeting as usual on the 1st Monday of the month at Bembridge Methodist Church Hall at 2.30 pm. Everyone welcome, tea and coffee available.

A WIGHT ROYAL WEDDING

What a wonderful day! So many of us watched the Royal wedding, however, many Isle of Wight residents may be unaware of the part our Island played in the wedding.

It was marvellous to read in the County Press, that, Isle of Wight asparagus, – grown by Ben Brown (available locally from the Farm Shop, Bembridge) was served on the starter menu at William and Kate's wedding reception and served for 300 guests!

Asparagus has been around for a long time. It was cultivated by the ancient Egyptians, over 2000 years ago for medicinal reasons such as cleansing the kidneys. Greeks and Romans also grew it, and in the 16th century peasants began to call it 'sparrow grass' due to its small size, often found by the sea. Although, it first appeared in English print in 1000 AD.

Another Island link came from the myrtle flower in the wedding bouquet. The flower was planted by Queen Victoria at Osborne House in 1845 and carrying on the tradition, started by Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, Princess Victoria, at her wedding in 1858. It was also used in Katherine Middleton's (The Duchess of Cambridge) bouquet. The bouquet was then sent back to Westminster Abbey to rest on the grave of the Unknown Warrior.

Myrtle signifies the innocence of the bride, although it has other meanings too. In herbal folklore, myrtle has mystical powers of love, fertility, peace, money and youth. It is said if you plant myrtle either side of your front door then love and peace will always be within your home. Also, if grown in window boxes, especially if planted by women then the myrtle is said to bring wealth and luck to the household. It is also said to have medicinal properties being good for the digestive system and chest complaints and apart from that looks very pretty too!

So, as an Islander I am very proud of our Island's contribution to the Royal Wedding and we all wish the happy couple all the best for their future together.

Sarah Garnham

RNLI COFFEE MORNING
in the Village Hall on Saturday 11th June
10am to 12 noon

BEMBRIDGE WINDMILL WI

The members of Bembridge Windmill WI debated the issues of the closure of libraries and planning consents for mega farms at the April meeting. These are the topics that will be put to the National AGM with the aim to being the latest in a long line of campaigns lead by the National WI movement. Both subjects resulted in an interesting debate. However the discussion on mega farms was by far the longest and many members found it difficult to be completely 'for' or 'against'.

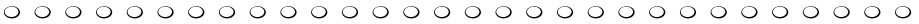
This was followed by a fascinating presentation by Isle of Wight Pearl. The different types and colours of pearls was explained with lots of information how pearls are formed. All this was accompanied with examples that could be examined closely, from freshwater pearls to Akoya and south sea island pearls. Everyone learnt so much about the way that pearls are produced and how the various shapes result.

Earlier members had been told about the various events coming up, including a walk (or drive) to Brading as part of the WI 90th Anniversary celebratory walk. The Book Club continues to meet on a monthly basis and we are planning to hold regular games meetings, with board and card games.

We will be supporting the NT Windmill with a stall at the community day on 19 June.

The next meeting will be held on 20 June when Tracey Dove from Isle of Wight Zoo will talk about "Tigers and other Conservation Projects". Just before this meeting members will enjoy a guided tour of the Zoo.

We love to see new people if only to see what we are all about. Come and visit us at our next meeting. Contact Ginny 874246 or Sarah 873873 for more information.



Holy Trinity Mothers' Union



Wed 1 June	10.00am	Corporate Communion at St. Luke's
Fri 3 June	2.30pm	Garden Party at The Cloisters
Tue 21 June	7.00pm	Wave of Prayer at Holy Trinity Linda will lead us

Please keep your copy of the Spring edition of your Contact magazine as this contains the Service for the Wave of Prayer.

Sheila Wheeler - Branch Leader: (874065)



St. MICHAEL'S RC CALENDAR

WALLS ROAD, BEMBRIDGE

(Combined Parish of Bembridge and Ryde)

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WEEKEND SERVICES ALL YEAR

<i>6.00 p.m.</i>	<i>Saturday Vigil Mass at Ryde</i>
<i>7.45 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday (said) Mass at Ryde</i>
<i>9.15 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday (sung) Mass at Bembridge</i>
<i>11.00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday (sung) Mass at Ryde</i>

<i>All Tuesdays</i>	<i>10.00 a.m.</i>	<i>Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	<i>10.30 a.m.</i>	<i>Mass at Bembridge (said)</i>

NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S

As mentioned briefly in the May magazine, there will be a three day Flower Festival at St. Michael's at the end of July and on August 1st there will be a special reception, to be held in a marquee in the grounds of the church. This will be attended by Julian Fellowes, the well known actor, novelist and producer. Drinks and canapés will be served and tickets, costing £25 each, can be obtained by 'phoning Rosamond Poncia on 872849. Profits will be equally divided between the Earl Mountbatten Hospice and St. Michael's Church fund.

On the 2nd August at 6 p.m. there will be a closing Mass, which will be followed by refreshments, to which all are invited. More detailed information on this event will be in the July edition of the News.

The Taize Group move on from the Methodist Church to the Holy Trinity for the months of June, July, August and September. This is always held on the second Tuesday of each month, from 7- 8 p.m. but just for the month of June it will be on the first Tuesday, which is the 7th. All are welcome to an hour of song, prayer and meditation.

Angela Haydon



HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

Vicar: Canon Andrew Menniss (01983) 872175

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Assistant Curate: The Reverend Linda Bushell (400261)

E-Mail: curate@bembridge.com

website: www.bembridgeholymtrinity.org.uk

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am

Holy Communion at St Luke's (BCP)

10.30am

Parish Communion with STEPPING STONES for children at Holy Trinity (Common Worship)

1st SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

10.30am

Thank God it's Sunday! Worship for all ages

WEDNESDAY

1st

9.30am

Matins at St Luke's

10.00am

Holy Communion at St Luke's

M.U. Corporate Communion

7.30pm

Bembridge Singers Concert –
'On the lighter side'

THURSDAY

2nd

ASCENSION DAY

10.00am

Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

SATURDAY

4th

10.30am

Wedding

SUNDAY

5th

THE 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am

Holy Communion at St Luke's

10.30am

Thank God It's Sunday worship for all ages

MONDAY

6th

9.00am

Monday Meditation

WEDNESDAY

8th

9.30am

Matins at St Luke's

10.00am

Holy Communion at St Luke's

FRIDAY

10th

6.00pm

24 hours of prayer in The Cloisters

SUNDAY

12th

DAY OF PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP) at St Luke's

10.30am

Parish Communion

MONDAY

13th

9.00am

Monday Meditation

WEDNESDAY

15th

9.30am

Matins at St Luke's

10.00am

Holy Communion at St Luke's

THURSDAY

16th

7.30pm

P.C.C. Meeting

SUNDAY	19th	TRINITY SUNDAY	
		8.00am	Holy Communion (B.C.P.) at St Luke's
		10.30am	Parish Communion
		4.00pm	Readings from the King James Bible
MONDAY	20th	9.00am	Monday Meditation
WEDNESDAY	22nd	9.30am	Matins at St Luke's
		10.00am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
FRIDAY	24th	6.00pm	Friends of Holy Trinity Soiree in Bembridge Sailing Club
SATURDAY	25th	3.00pm	Wedding
SUNDAY	26th	THE 1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
		8.00am	Holy Communion (B.C.P.) at St Luke's
		10.30am	Parish Communion
MONDAY	27th	9.00am	Monday Meditation
WEDNESDAY	29th	PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES	
		9.30am	Matins at St. Luke's
		10.00am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
SUNDAY JULY	3rd	THE 2nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
		8.00am	Holy Communion (B.C.P.) at St Luke's
		10.30am	Pet Service in The Cloisters Garden



BAPTISMS:

May 8th Amelia Dutch
May 15th Annabel Brown

WEDDINGS:

May 7th Neil Payne and Janet Young
May 7th Daren O'Leary and Sophie Pigot

FUNERALS:

April 16th Terence Taylor
May 4th Maria Clarke
May 12th Joseph Davis
May 16th Joyce Sothcott



The Methodist Church

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus

Pastor Bob Boyce. (01983) 873785
E-mail: bobboyce@btinternet.com

JUNE CALENDAR

MIDWEEK EVENTS AND SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sun 5	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Local Preacher, Mrs Mary White Grapevine Family Service, Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sun 12	10.30 am 2.30 - 4.30 pm	Pastor Bob Boyce, Sacrament of Holy Communion Vine Arts, (Children 8 and over)
Sun 19	10.30 am 3.30 - 5.30 pm	Local Preacher, Mrs Gwen Brailsford Pebbles Plus (A relaxed family event)
Sun 22	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Grapevine Family Service Inspire Youth Group, 13 + years of age
Sun 26	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Grapevine Family Service Inspire Youth Group 13+ years of age

ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS IN THE CHURCH

Alternative Tuesday in month	10.00 am	Church Friendship Walk Contact 873393
Every Wednesday in month	10.00 am 2.45 pm 6.30 pm 8.00 pm	Seekers Together Wednesday Welcome (see Noticeboard) Rock Solid Night Lite
Alternative Thursday in month	7.30 pm	Manse Bible Study at 45 Crossway
First Thursday in month	3.30 - 5.30 pm	Pebbles
First Friday in month	10.00 am 7.45 pm	Coffee morning Grapevine Prayer Meeting

Our church is situated in Foreland Road

The Methodist Noticeboard

INSPIRE

Inspire is a monthly event for young people aged 13 upwards. The church is re-organised to create a welcoming and relaxed space for teenagers to have the opportunity to worship, discuss Christianity & relevant issues that they are experiencing. We are usually joined by groups from Brading, Shanklin and Sandown. The teenagers prepare their own worship time, topics for discussion and ways in which they can talk about issues that concern them. It has been a great encouragement to us as leaders to see how well the youngsters have benefited from these meetings, and as the different groups come together over tea and plenty of cake, it is very evident that God has a heart for these young people. Please pray that they will continue to meet and grow in their faith in this challenging world.

If you are interested,
please consult the BMC calendar for dates and times or
contact Helen Malabar on 612272

BMC Church Summer Outing

This year's coach trip is to Highclere Castle (also known as DOWNTON ABBEY on the television series,) Highclere castle was designed by Charles Barry, he also built the Houses of Parliament. The castle is owned by the Carnarvon family. The 5th Earl of Carnarvon discovered the tomb of Tutankhamen and the castle holds some of his unique discoveries.

Capability Brown designed the grounds. There are the usual amenities for lunches etc. We will be going on Thursday 25th August and cost will be £37 per person inclusive of all coach ferry and entrance fees for all exhibitions.

If you want any more information please contact Jane Chubb 873725

1961 – 2011
Celebrating 50 years of care
by the National Trust
Bembridge Windmill Community Day
Sunday 19th June 2011



By a Deed of Gift dated 21 December 1961, Bembridge Windmill was given to the National Trust at the request of its owner, Mrs Edward Smith of Mill Farm. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of this gift the Trust will be holding a Community Day at the mill, on Sunday 19 June, between 11am and 4pm. Entry on this day will be free and the Trust hopes as many people as possible will come along to see inside the island's only surviving windmill, to discover the part it played in the community and to enjoy the displays and countryside activities in the adjoining field.

Although currently, no longer in working order, the Trust plans to turn the sails of the windmill several times during the day so that visitors can see some of the intricate mechanics of the windmill as they move. And as recently reported in the IW County Press the 'miller's damsel' has been restored, the work being paid for by the IW Association of National Trust members to mark this anniversary year. Volunteers will be on hand throughout the day to give talks about the mill and its 300 year history and visitors will be able to get 'hands on' with a hand quern, also paid for by the Association, to discover how hard it was to grind the grain before mills were built.

The Trust will also be showcasing some of its countryside skills and activities including hurdle-making, sheep shearing and pole lathing and it is hoped that a small number of local organisations will have stands at the event. Drinks and ice creams will be available in the kiosk and a cake stall will be provided by the Needles Old Battery tea room.

There will be a memory book for recording people's recollections of the windmill over the years which will be available on the day and after the event. As the mill last operated in 1913 it is unlikely that anyone with first hand knowledge will be on hand but the Trust is interested to hear of people's anecdotes and family stories handed down over the years as well as more recent ones of the mill's use as a war time Guard Post. These can either be written down in advance and pasted into the book, written on the day or entered during the remainder of the season. Alternatively they can be emailed to isleofwight@nationaltrust.org.uk

Bembridge Windmill is one of the National Trust's and the island's 'little gems' and as such has no car park – just a few spaces on the nearby layby. Wherever possible visitors are encouraged to 'Walk to the Windmill' either from the village itself or by making a day out of it with one of the Trust's two website walks which take in the mill and can be downloaded at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/walks The Culver Trail also passes by so there are plenty of ways to get out and about.

50th Anniversary Art Challenge

In the week leading up to the Community Day the National Trust is holding an art challenge at the mill each day from Sunday 12 – Friday 17 June between 12.30pm and 4.30pm. Participants, who should provide their own materials, are invited to create, at the mill, a piece of art in any media. The only proviso is that the work must be inspired by the mill and be completed in a maximum of four hours. Why an art challenge? Well the view of and from the mill has inspired a number of great artists over the centuries including JMW Turner who began a watercolour, alas unfinished, on his sketching tour of the island in 1795 (a copy of which can be seen in the kiosk) and Philip Brannon who published an engraving in 1840. So follow in the footsteps of these great men and take up the challenge. Participants will receive free entry and there will be small prizes for the winning artwork which will be judged on Saturday 18 June so it can be displayed at the Community Day. Further details available by emailing: isleofwight@nationaltrust.org.uk

Bembridge Windmill is open daily until 30 October

11am – 5pm (last entry 4.30pm)

Admission charges normally apply

National Trust members free.

Heather Bradshaw

National Trust Estate Office – 01983 741020

Become a prison volunteer?

Prison Fellowship is seeking to recruit volunteers to assist in its important work with prisoners.

Can you help? We hope so, for details

Please phone 01621 843232 or visit www.prisonfellowship.org.uk

Prison Fellowship is supporting the National Volunteers Week 2011



THE PRAYER ROOM

Something for everyone. All ages, all religious backgrounds or none
All are very welcome. Come and investigate

ACTIVITIES

Quiet meditation areas, creative activities .
Prayer suggestions for ourselves , our families and the world

FOOD

Unlimited Living Water for everyone.
Also tea/coffee/hot chocolate/squash and biscuits.

DATE AND TIME

18.00HRS. FRI. JUNE 10TH -18.00HRS. SAT. JUNE 11TH

Sign up for an hour in any one of the Churches

Or JUST DROP IN

(night time,22.00-07.00 by appointment)

PLACE

The Cloisters.
(behind Holy Trinity)

Methodist Church Tea Party for the Royal Wedding

What a wonderful day we all had. Our television screens allowed us to take part in the Royal wedding of Prince William and Kate, they both looked magnificent and we could share in the atmosphere of patriotism. We all agree the British do pageantry best of all.

We then held a community tea party at the Methodist Church, with the Methodists and Grapevine members providing the food. It looked amazing in the Church with all the Union Flags and the tables set with everything Red White & Blue. Everyone who came also wore Red White & Blue. We had guessed the numbers to cater for as 200 people; we had set 200 places and didn't have a chair left.

The talented Malabar family entertained us before we ate, mixing and matching all the different instruments they play and Katy singing beautifully. The atmosphere was one of joy and friendship, with Babies to the older generation interacting with each other. The Children were entertained with face painting, games and activities.

Tea was a splendid occasion with sandwiches, savouries, cream and jam scones, lots of cakes and of course jelly and ice cream. What a superb day with everyone enjoying themselves. We look forward to a future event where the community can come together to have lots of fun.

Thank you all who came and all who contributed in any way.

Jane Chubb

Bembridge Vectis Townswomen's Guild

Members of Bembridge Vectis T.G. were delighted to hear that Pam Paternoster, a much valued member had been awarded the Achievement Award shield at the recent Federation A.G.M. The award is given to the person nominated by their guild who has contributed much to the well being of the guild. The nominees were judged by the National Vice Chairman for the south region. Pam was away on a Bowls Holiday when the awards were presented, so Dot Harrison who is our Federation member presented Pam with the shield at our April meeting.

The speaker at this meeting was Joyce Love. She spoke to us on Vintage Handkerchiefs or rather she passed around a wonderful display of handkerchiefs of all different shapes sizes and colours, for many occasions, including, marriage, births, mourning, valentine, Christmas, and many more. Most of them had been bought on EBay in America. We were struck by the fine quality of the handkerchiefs. The competition was a piece of lace: this was won by Judith first with a lace collar and Joan second with a lace pin cushion.

The recently held Charity Coffee Morning was a great success, and we will be able to send a good cheque to the I.O.W. Society for the Blind. On May 3rd we enjoyed a Birthday Lunch at Fox's and the May Meeting will be our Birthday Meeting. At our June Meeting on June 16th the speaker will be a return visit of Val Walsh, this time telling us about her Holiday Hiccups. The competition will be an unusual holiday postcard.

We will be taking part in the Arts and Craft Competition at St George's Centre Ryde on May 21st. In June, Tea at Three will be in Pam Paternosters garden weather permitting. Several members will be attending the Federation Lunch at Channel View Hotel on June 10th.



Coach Trip to Highclere Castle

Coach trip from "Bembridge Methodist Church to Highclere Castle"

Thursday 25th August, 2011 – Cost is £37 per person
inclusive of all coach, ferry and entrance fees for all exhibitions

www.highclerecastle.co.uk

For more information please ring Jane Chubb on 873725

Bembridge Horticultural Society

Website: www.bembridgeblooms.org.uk

Meetings: 18th June *Members Show*

By the time you read this the June show will be over I hope you exhibited and won or, if not, it inspired you to have a go in the August Show - give the plants and veg destined to be shown some tender loving care.

Watering is key during this month, if its dry don't let pots dry out and watch out for bugs that like to feed on lovely juicy plants.

Lift and store bulbs in an airy shed or garage until the autumn.

Harvest vegetables and salad crops and sow more if required.

Protect fruit with netting to keep birds at bay, pick regularly as the fruit ripen.

If you like herbs try growing a selection in pots or a spare piece of ground, they don't need to be watered so much once they are growing.

Outdoor tomatoes can go out tying and staking them to protect from the wind.

Take cuttings of winter flowering heather, pinks and carnations or shrubs that have finished flowering.

Looking back in my trusty book I am noticing that everything is a good two weeks in advance at the moment, is it set to last or just a blip!?

The weeding still needs to be kept at bay whatever the weather and the little birds still need a helping hand with water bowls dotted around the garden for them.

Enjoy the garden and gardening, not too little, not too much.

The Lady's Smock Fairy

Where the grass is damp and green
Where the shallow streams are flowing
Where the cowslip buds are showing
I am seen - Dainty as a fairy's frock
of white or mauve, of elfin sewing.
Tis the meadow-maiden growing Lady's Smock

Cicely Mary Barker

Happy Gardening