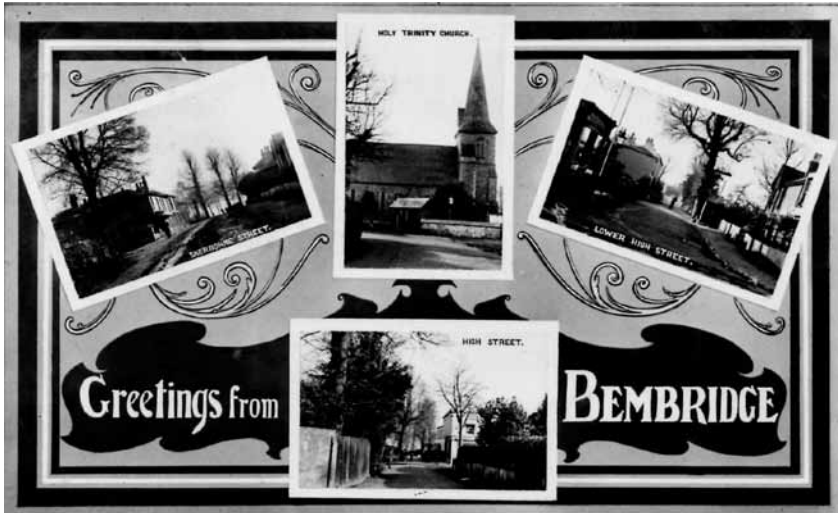


DECEMBER 2011

Bembridge Parish News



*'Greetings from Bembridge'
from 1909*

BEMBRIDGE PARISH NEWS

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Advent – are we ready?

Unpreparedness by bridesmaids at weddings is often tiresome! At the rehearsal it's fine, but on the day they can forget everything. Often I've had to catch their attention so that the bride's veil is lifted, her bouquet taken - and sometimes the bride's father has stepped in. The call is: be prepared. Look, she may need a handkerchief, her gown may catch when she kneels. Be watchful, ready!

Jesus' parable of the ten bridesmaids (five wise, with oil, and five foolish, without) has a powerful Advent message. Do we truly grasp that Christ the Bridegroom of his Church may arrive at any moment? As in the song, "Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning," we need the oil of faith and not simply in reserve, but faith rekindled, recognisable through good works.

It's all very well having emergency stocks – food, blankets, first-aid, torch and mobile - but they must be updated, use-by-dates unexpired, batteries charged. There is no room for a smug reserve of self-sufficiency. And this preparedness - the oil of faith and good works – can't be done by someone else for us. That's where the foolish bridesmaids went wrong. We all need that personal

encounter, whether of the Damascus Road type, or something more gradual.

Advent is far more than a simplistic countdown to Christmas, but a call for day-by-day constant re-ordering of our lives. The reserve stock of oil is not some insurance for peace of mind. Our Lord is not that fussed about stocks for the future – "Sufficient unto the day," is the watchword, or "You fool, tonight your soul is required of you," comes the warning in the parable of the stockpiler and barns.

How do we spend our time waiting? That's what the parable is urging us to do – to wait prudently, our lives ordered rightly. Do we waste time over trivia in glossy magazines in a waiting room? Or do we attend to our lives – works of charity, almsgiving, prayer, fasting, building ourselves and others up in the faith? God give us all grace, not only to be wise bridesmaids, but as part of the Bride, to be infused by the Holy Spirit, prepared for that heavenly wedding which is our destination and hope.

*Father Jonathan Redvers Harris
Ordinariate Pastor for the Isle of Wight*

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With the continuing co-operation of our printer, and the ongoing support of our advertisers, the price of the 'Parish News' can be held next year at 45p each, while for subscribers the annual rate will remain at £4.50.

However to reduce the burden on distributors, and to improve security, we would continue to ask for as many subscriptions as possible to be paid by cheque (made out to 'Bembridge Parish News'). If this is inconvenient, cash payments will still be accepted.

All subscriptions, cheque or cash, will be collected as usual with delivery of the January issue.

Parish News Committee

Advent and Christmas Services at Holy Trinity 2011

There is a whole range of different services and activities taking place in Holy Trinity during Advent and Christmas to help us prepare for and celebrate the birth of Jesus. You will receive a warm and friendly welcome, so why not come along, whether or not you are a regular churchgoer? Christmas is a time to get in touch with the spiritual side of life. These services can help provide us with fresh insight into the age-old mystery of Christmas.

Service of Darkness and Light for Advent 4th December at 6.30pm

The service will begin with the church in darkness. A light will be brought in to symbolize the Light of Christ coming into the world. A series of readings, choral music and hymns will help us prepare for Christmas

Bembridge Singers Christmas Concert Wednesday December 7th 7.30pm

The programme includes Vivaldi's setting the Magnificat, music from the Messe de Minuit by Charpentier and Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols. Please join us for what promises to be an enjoyable evening of seasonal music. There will be a retiring collection for a local charity.

Christingle Service – Sunday December 11th at 4.30pm

An informal service for children and adults. The children will be given a Christingle and a collection will be taken for the Children's Society. We shall sing a variety of carols, old and new, and our singing will be led by the children from our Primary School.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Thursday 22nd December at 7.00pm

During this service we will sing some of our favourite carols and listen to a range of beautiful Christmas music. The traditional readings will tell the story of God's salvation of human kind, from Adam to the birth of Jesus. A superb preparation for our Christmas celebrations.

The Blessing of the Crib – Christmas Eve at 4.30pm

A short informal service suitable for children and adults. During a simple re-telling of the Christmas story, children will help to place figures in the Crib. We shall sing popular carols and children will be invited to offer gifts at the Crib. These gifts will be sent to children in Romania, so we ask for good quality, non-perishable gifts marked with the age and sex of the child for whom they are intended. An ideal service for excited children on Christmas Eve!

Midnight Communion – Christmas Eve at 11. 30pm

At this first Communion of Christmas we shall sing carols and share bread and wine in memory of a baby born centuries ago in a far off land. On this most holy night come and worship in a Church packed with people of all sorts and ages united in their faith that 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth'.

Holy Communion – Christmas Day at 8.00am

For this early morning service at Holy Trinity we shall use the Book of Common Prayer. At this reflective said service the traditional words of Cranmer's liturgy will quietly lead us into communion with Christ, the only begotten Son of God.

Parish Communion – Christmas Day at 10.30am

Here we sing carols and share Communion. Because families and children come to this service the talk will be suitable for all ages. Christmas Day without Christ is an empty celebration. Come along to thank God for your best Christmas present; thank God for Jesus.

I look forward to meeting you over this time of joyful Christmas celebration.

Andrew Menniss



BEMBRIDGE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Special Christmas Coffee Morning
Village Hall

Saturday 3 December 2011

9.30am to 11.30am

Carols and entertainment
Mince pies, cakes, stalls, raffle, etc...
Minibus lottery draw
(in support of your community bus)

ALL WELCOME



NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop **FULL STOP.**

**Join us for a
Festive Coffee Morning
at
Foreland House
Lane End, Bembridge**

**Thurs 8th December
10:00 12:30**

**£3:50 entrance to include coffee
and homemade cake**
**There will be a raffle and various
Christmas stalls**



Reg. Charity No. 216401

Bembridge RNLI Lifeboat Guild News:

It was a night for celebration as around 130 guests including lifeboat crew and launchers, Lifeboat Guild members, former colleagues and friends gathered at the Windmill Hotel, Bembridge, to mark the retirement of Captain Graham Hall MBE as Lifeboat Operations Manager, a post he had held for over 24 years.

A former P&O officer and Trinity House master mariner, Graham took the position of Bembridge Harbourmaster for a period before joining the RNLI as Admin Officer and Deputy Launching Authority at Bembridge in October 1987. Shortly afterwards, he became the Lifeboat Secretary, a position later known as Lifeboat Operations Manager.

During this period, Graham was responsible for 1061 service launches with 1242 persons rescued and 232 lives saved.



His service with the RNLI was recognised by the presentation of a vellum certificate by Andrew Ashton, the RNLI eastern divisional inspector. The crew and Guild also made a presentation of a painting, specially commissioned by lifeboat coxswain Steve Simmonds, of the lifeboats *Max Aitken III* and *Alfred Albert Williams*, together with the inshore lifeboat in front of the new station.

Solent search for 28 foot yacht.

On 1st October the ALB "*Alfred Albert Williams*" was tasked by Solent Coastguard, following a mayday call, to assist the 28 foot yacht "*Tarantella*", drifting without power near the Horse Elbow buoy in the Solent. A later communication from Solent Coastguard gave the position of the casualty as being close to Dean Elbow buoy, which was at odds with the "*Tarantella*"s original mayday call, so some searching of the area had to be made and the casualty was found drifting in the main shipping lane south west of Horsesands Fort. A tow was established and the vessel taken to its home port of Chichester Harbour, where it was passed to the Chichester Harbour Patrol to take it back to its mooring.

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Inshore Lifeboat Station.

After much speculation about the building works to the new inshore lifeboat station, it is understood that the RNLI have now approved revised plans for the refurbishment of the station and these are to be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval. It is believed that the proposals will include public toilet facilities and the scheme will hopefully result in a slightly larger area for the souvenir shop.

The planned opening times for the shop and boathouse through December are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 2 – 4pm.

The shop will be closed over the Christmas period from Thursday, 22nd Dec. to Tuesday, 2nd Jan. 2012.

The Guild will meet as usual on the first Monday of the month at the Methodist Church Hall, Foreland Road, at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

*Ken Orchard
Bembridge RNLI Lifeboat Guild Press Officer.
01983 873139*



BEMBRIDGE AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMENS GUILD

Twenty members came to our November meeting. Mo welcomed us all and also two members from the Federation. She thanked Eve for the flowers and Josie who was hostess. All the groups were meeting this month.

After tea Melvyn Dennett showed his very informative film about PLUTO (Pipeline under the ocean). The production of the 24 pipelines and pumps was a secretive and major event of WWII, taking fuel across the channel. One of the bricklayers interviewed was building the pump house in Sandown but had been told nothing of the reason for such a building near the Grand Hotel. He was told not to make a regular walk across the green to avoid a trampled path being seen from the air. Anne Springer talked about the layout of the pipes in Shanklin Chine and the 600,000 gallon TOTO petrol store.

Surprisingly the people of Quequeville in France knew nothing of how the allies transported petrol until some years after the war. One of the pumps has permanent residence at the Bembridge Heritage Centre, at the rear of the library, and the centre will be open again next Spring.

Best Bloom: Josie Mursell won first place with a Rose. Eve Dyer was second with a Dahlia. Jenny Roberts produced a Fuchsia and was joint third with Mo Sansom with a Rose.

Christmas meeting 6th December at 2.15p.m. Christmas cards for members only.

BEMBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB REPORT

The Mitten Road Clubhouse was crowded for the Club's Annual General Meeting on 12th October. After his two busy years, retiring Club President, Jack Lid-diard thanked all members who have supported him and worked hard for the Club in so many ways. Handing over the Presidency to Gay Allen he wished her every success as the Club's first Lady President. Lewis Marshall was elected Club Vice President at the meeting.

Later that week, the Club's Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening was held at the Conservative Club in Shanklin. In addition to presentation of the trophies for the season's Club Competitions, the awards for the most improved Lady and Gentleman Player were made to Ruth Emms and Mike Davidson. Congratulations to two worthy recipients.

It has been a good season for the Ladies of the Club, winning the County's Top Club Trophy, two members Jenni Allen and Sue Green qualifying for the Ladies National Finals in Leamington Spa in August, and the 'A' Team winning promotion to the First Division next season. Next year it should be the turn of the Men to put Bembridge Bowling Club on the map!

Activities at the Club continue through the winter with a full programme of events and anyone interested in learning more about the Club and its activities should come along to one of the Club's coffee mornings held through the winter on the last in the Saturday of each month, starting at 10.00am or contact Club Secretary, Colin Vines on 874163

Steve Tutton



Club Members at this season's Presidents Day in August

Help is at hand to switch to digital TV

TV is switching to digital all over the UK and in 2012 the traditional TV signal will be switched off in the Meridian region. If you don't have digital TV by the time of switchover, you will lose your TV channels.

The BBC-run Switchover Help Scheme is concerned that no-one is left with a blank screen after the switchover and offers practical help for older and disabled people to convert one TV set to digital, including installation of the easy-to-use equipment, a demonstration of how to use it and 12 months of aftercare service including a free helpline.

Eligible people have been sent a Help Scheme information pack through the post explaining the help available. Most people will be asked to pay £40 towards the standard option of help.

You are eligible for the Help Scheme if you are:

- aged 75 or over, or
- live in a care home (for six months or more), or
- receive (or could get):
 - o Disability Living Allowance (DLA), or
 - o Attendance or Constant Attendance Allowance, or
 - o Mobility Supplement, or
- registered blind or partially sighted

There will be extensive TV coverage about the Help Scheme and eligible people will receive an information pack but to get the help they are entitled to they must respond to the letter.

The Switchover Help Scheme has helped hundreds of thousands of people to switch to digital. For more information, call 0800 40 85 900 or visit helpscheme.co.uk.

Perhaps you know someone who needs a helping hand at Switchover time? If so, please contact Elaine Garrett from Isle of Wight Rural Community Council elaine.garrett@iwrcc.org.uk or 01983 539382

BEMBRIDGE EVENING TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

REPORTS OF THE BEMBRIDGE EVENING TOWNSWOMENS GUILD FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2011

We are pleased to announce that Dot Harrison has been appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Federation Committee for the Island.

The Townswomen's Guild Choir is once again rehearsing for the Annual Christmas Concert which this year will be held at St. Catherine's Church, Ventnor on 10th December at 2.30 pm.

The speaker for our October meeting was Mr Cleghorn who had most of us on the edge of our seats as he entertained us with stories of his time spent in espionage. Perhaps we should not let too many secrets out of the bag, but his life of archaeology, acting and always being in the wrong place at the wrong time made him one of our most interesting speakers.

The competition results were: Best bloom – 1st Verena Sparrow, 2nd Pat Bugby, 3rd Marion Morgan, and the 'most mysterious object' was won by Polly Watson, 2nd Dot Harrison and 3rd Laura Bowman.

In November our speaker was Mr Terry Nigh who gave us a talk about the history of how postcards came to be in existence. It was an absolutely fascinating tale of how Terry's grandfather started out with a shop and gradually introduced postcards for people to send. He showed us lots of lovely slides of very old and not so old postcards and gradually took us round the island via the postcards. He was thanked for his most interesting talk by Ann Gilham.

The competition results were: Best bloom 1st Polly Watson, 2nd Phyl Liddiard, 3rd Marion Morgan, and the 'Saucy postcard' was won by Polly Watson, 2nd Hilary Hayley and 3rd Sue Leaver.

Our December talk on 6th is "Flower arranging with a difference" and is to be given by Val Walsh. The competition is for an unusual vase, plus of course the usual best bloom. Anyone is welcome to come along, we meet at the Methodist Church Hall, Foreland Road, Bembridge at 7.30 p.m. please ring Dot (872992) for further information.



St. MICHAEL'S RC CALENDAR

WALLS ROAD, BEMBRIDGE

(Combined Parish of Bembridge and Ryde)

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WEEKEND SERVICES ALL YEAR

Saturdays:	6.00 p.m.	<i>Vigil Mass at Ryde</i>
Sundays:	7.45 a.m.	<i>(said) Mass at Ryde</i>
	9.15 a.m.	<i>(sung) Mass at Bembridge</i>
	11.00 a.m.	<i>(sung) Mass at Ryde</i>
	10.00 a.m.	<i>Mass - at both Quarr Abbey and St. Cecilia's Convent</i>
Tuesdays:	10.00 a.m.	<i>Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	10.30 a.m.	<i>(said) Mass at Bembridge</i>

News from St Michael's

The Combined Missions Bazaar held at the end of October, was a great success for all the churches in Bembridge and as usual was a really "fun" morning. There were many bargains to be had, not to mention the delicious cakes made by various village ladies. St. Michael's stall raised money for CAFOD and a grand total of £420 was made. Thanks particularly to Yvonne Rowles, who tirelessly gathers goods for the stall!

St. Mary's Church in Ryde hold their Christmas Fayre in St. Mary's Hall on Saturday, 3rd December, from 10.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m., and support from Bembridge will be welcomed.

As reported last month, Taize did not take place in November as the musicians were due to go on a mission to India. Sadly, one of them had a bereavement and the trip had to be cancelled. Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret. However, we will continue in December and the group will meet on Tuesday, 13th at St. Michael's, from 7-8 p.m. All are welcome.

Wishing a very happy and peaceful Christmas to all our readers.

Angela Haydon.



HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

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Assistant Curate: The Reverend Linda Bushell (400261)

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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

Saturday

3rd

11.00am

Holy Trinity Christmas Fair
in The Cloisters

SUNDAY

4th

2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP) at St Luke's

10.30am

Thank God it's Sunday
Worship for all ages

6.30pm

A Service of Darkness and light for Advent

Monday

5th

9.00am

Monday Meditation at St Luke's

Wednesday

7th

9.30am

Matins at St Luke's

10.00am

Holy Communion at St Luke's
MU Corporate Communion
Bembridge Singers Concert

7.30pm

Saturday

10th

12.30pm

Baptism

5.30pm

Lights of Love Carol Service – Holy Trinity

SUNDAY

13th

3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP) at St Luke's

10.30am

Parish Communion
with Stepping Stones

4.30pm

Christingle Service

Monday

12th

9.00am

Monday Meditation

Wednesday

14th

9.30am

Matins at St Luke's

10.00am

Holy Communion at St Luke's

Friday

16th

10.30am

Bembridge Primary School
Christmas Service

Saturday	17th	1.00pm	Thanksgiving for Marriage Service
		6.30pm	Carols at Bembridge Sailing Club
SUNDAY	27th	4th SUNDAY of ADVENT	
			Normal Sunday Services
Monday	19th	9.00am	Monday Meditation
Wednesday	21st	9.30am	Matins at St Luke's
		10.00am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
Thursday	22nd	7.00pm	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Saturday	24th	CHRISTMAS EVE	
		4.30pm	Blessing of the Crib Service
		11.30pm	Midnight Communion with Carols
SUNDAY	25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	
		8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Holy Trinity
		10.30am	Parish Communion with Carols
Monday	26th		No Monday Meditation
Wednesday	28th	THE HOLY INNOCENTS	
		9.30am	Matins at St Luke's
		10.00am	Holy Communion at St Luke's



THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE

15th October

Mabel and Bob WORSLEY

FUNERALS

2nd November

Bill DOBINSON

9th November

Sheila PEACHEY



Holy Trinity Mothers' Union



Fri 2nd Dec 11.00am

Advent Service at St Paul's Barton, Newport

Wed 7th Dec 10.00am

Corporate Communion at St Luke's

Thu 8th Dec 3.00pm

Christmas Party at The Cloisters

(a small contribution of food and a raffle prize would be greatly appreciated)

Sheila Wheeler – Branch Leader (874065)



The Methodist Church

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus

Pastor Bob Boyce. (01983) 873785

E-mail: bobbyce@btinternet.com

DECEMBER CALENDAR

MIDWEEK EVENTS AND SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sat 3rd	10.00 am	Brownies, Guides & Rainbows Christmas Bazaar
Sun 4th	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Pastor Bob Boyce, Sacrament of Holy Communion Grapevine Family Service, Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sun 11th	10.30 am 6.00 pm	Local Arrangement Vine Arts Christmas Concert
Tues 13th	6.00 pm to 7.00 pm	Sandown Academy Red House Concert
Sun 18th	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Pastor Bob Boyce Christingle, a Christmas Family Celebration
Tues 20th	7.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight
Sat 24th	11.30 pm to 00.30 am	Midnight Inspire Youth Service
Sun 25th	10.00 am	Christmas Day Family Worship
Sat 31st	7.30 pm to 10.30 pm	New Year Party for All

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 (co-sponsored and supported by Holy Trinity) Nite 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

The True Meaning of Christmas

*In today's day and time, it's easy to lose sight,
of the true meaning of Christmas and one special night.*

*When we go shopping, we say, "How much will it cost?"
Then the true meaning of Christmas somehow becomes lost.*

*Amidst the tinsel, glitter and ribbons of gold,
We forget about the child, born on a night so cold.*

*The children look for Santa in his big, red sleigh
Never thinking of the child whose bed was made of hay.*

*In reality, when we look into the night sky,
We don't see a sleigh but a star, burning bright and high.*

*A faithful reminder, of that night so long ago,
And of the child we call Jesus, whose love, the world would know.*

Come and join the celebrations on our calendar

Castlebooks

High Street, Newport.

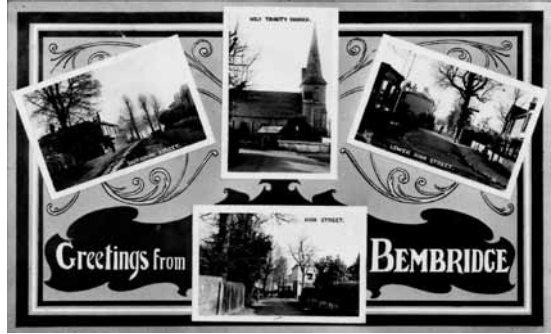
As you all know with the economic climate as it is, small shops are struggling and with this in mind at this time of the year the Christian bookshop Castlebooks needs your support.

They sell Cards, Gifts, Music, Software, Videos and DVDs.

With Christmas nearly upon us why not pay them a visit

A Postcard from Bembridge

Picture postcards came on the scene in 1894 and they were eagerly sought after by people on holiday who sent them to their family and friends back home thus showing them the views of where they had visited.



A Postcard of Bembridge showing Holy Trinity and three views of the High Street area.

The earliest Postcard from Bembridge I have seen is dated 1902. It was written by Bernard Woodnutt, a relative of mine, who was landlord of the Old Village Inn at the time.

All the 'beauty spots' of Bembridge are portrayed on postcards. The Harbour, Ducie Avenue, Whitecliff Bay and views from the Downs. There are very many different postcards of all of these areas.

The popularity of the Postcard opened the way for local people to get involved in the production and selling of Postcards. Many of the shops in the village sold them, often using photographs taken by the village's own photographer, a Mr A. Wilson.

The postcard on this month's cover is called a multi-view. It shows four different views of the village plus the message "Greetings from Bembridge".

The Postcard was produced by Smith the Chemist, Bembridge and sold in his shop. It cost 1penny. The photos were taken by Mr Wilson. It was posted from Bembridge in 1909 to Shanklin and postage was ½ penny.



The Elms Nursing Home, Swains Road

Is holding a coffee morning

On Friday 9th December from 10am to 12 noon

There will be a Raffle, Tombola, Quiz and more.

The monies raised will go towards our Residents' Funds

And a charity yet to be named

All will be made very welcome

The Nostrils Expedition.



At about half past six one fine morning in late September seven intrepid explorers, led by Harry Oldham, set out from Whitecliff Bay to walk to the two caves at the extreme point of Culver Cliff known as ‘The Nostrils’.

We knew we had to be extremely careful about the timing of the tide and scheduled our departure so that we walked out on the ebb to arrive at the caves a little before low water. We had a difficult time scrambling over the many

large boulders, which gave us little opportunity to take in the scenery, before reaching Culver Point. We then had to circumnavigate this large outcrop of chalk topped with grass until we could finally see ‘The Nostrils’, an exciting moment.

We stood watching a magnificent sunrise in the Eastern sky which colour washed the chalk cliffs that were reflected in the rock pools, one of nature's more special sights. All too soon the tide turned and we had to scramble back over the rocks to Whitecliff Bay. This was quite an adventure and we were all filled with a great sense of achievement as well as wonder at what we had seen which was greatly enhanced by being out so early on such a beautiful morning.

Angie Powell

Bembridge Singers

Bembridge Singers present their Christmas Concert on Wednesday 7th December in the Parish Church. The programme includes Vivaldi's setting the Magnificat, music from the Messe de Minuit by Charpentier and Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols.

Please join us for what promises to be an enjoyable evening of seasonal music.

There will be a retiring collection for a local charity.

'HELLO PUD-SWAN' ... Report 2011

By BRYAN BEGGS

THE NEW AND UNIQUE CHILDREN'S BOOK

Website www.pud-swan.org

**Sold in aid of Naomi House Children's Hospice
For children in the 7-10 age group**

I am pleased to report that our efforts to raise money continue to bear fruit and another £1000 cheque for the hospice is to be presented before Christmas this year on an appropriate occasion. To date a total of 355 copies have been sold and the response from the children is most encouraging... my thanks to all who have supported this project. I should like to add that I would be happy to respond to more invitations from schools, where I can explain the role of Naomi House to children in Years 3 and 4, 'how and why' the book came to be written, and read some of the actual story.

During this year I have completed writing the sequel for the same age group... hopefully, it won't be too many years before this new book '**PUD-SWAN AGAIN**' is available, and even more money may be raised for Children's hospices in U.K.

May I remind readers that the whole set of three parts [in a slip-case] is on sale for £20... or each part may be purchased separately for £8.99. Credit or Debit cards can be used to place orders 'online' via the **PAYPAL button** on the **pud-swan** website. Alternatively, **WATERSTONES** and other bookshops can supply them, and they are also available from the official **NAOMI HOUSE SHOPS** and their website 'shop' in the TOYS and GAMES section... not forgetting also, that it can be obtained directly from **the author and publisher**, who can be contacted on **01264-365-190**.

Those with access to Google Books can read the first twenty pages or so, completely free! As readers of my previous three reports will remember the book is **INTERACTIVE** in so far as the child readers are encouraged to do all their own illustrations by drawing or pasting their own pictures, and is entirely **EDUCATIONAL** in its story line, thus **promoting imagination and learning**.

'It makes a good gift and supports a good cause'

St Helen's Friday Morning Art Group

Invite you to their

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BEMBRIDGE LIBRARY

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**FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER, morning and afternoon
and SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER, morning only**

The Prayer Room

*If you are curious...come and see – If you are weary...come and rest
If you are grateful...come and share – If you are hurting....come for solace
If you are listening...come and pray – If you are seeking...come for answers.*

everyone welcome

St Luke's Chapel (adj. Lane End Shops)

10.00 am Wed 30th November until 10.00 am Wed 7th December

Please 'sign-up' in the Prayer Room or just Drop in

8.00 am – 10.00 pm

Night time hours : please sign-up in the Prayer room or phone Jackie 875004, for a booked slot.

Solace

Will be in St Luke's Chapel, Lane End, in the Prayer Room

3.00p.m. 1st Dec. 'Soaking in His Presence' and

7.00p.m. Tues 6th Dec. 'Taize style service'

All Welcome

'In these days the father is looking for an intimate relationship with

His people through His Son, Jesus the Bridegroom

Our vision is that our songs will draw you into His presence

And recreate a passion for Jesus, your first love.'

Judy, Margaret and George (Solace).

CASSIE'S COACH

Cassie and Jillie Wheeler have now raised £20,000.00 for the Saturday Club which supports the Island's Deaf Children. £2,000.00 was raised from Beauty Box sales and a BIG Thank You to all the generous people who gave their unwanted cosmetics and especially to our sponsor Jenny Bull of Bembridge Beauty Base. There will be a Presentation of the Coach next year and it is hoped that a celebrity will attend - *watch this Space!!*



A very Happy Christmas to everyone who supported Cassie's Coach.

BEMBRIDGE WINDMILL WI

What an evening of concentration as the ladies of Bembridge Windmill WI went into creative decoration mode!! Ring holders, cups and plaques were embellished with flowers and dots and most other forms of decoration.

The evening started as usual with the important dates and various notices including information about the final celebration for the Island Federation's 90th Anniversary. There was admiration for the flower arrangement that Judith had created for the Flower Festival in the Minster. The theme for the arrangement, "Inspiration through Reading", had been prompted by the many books read by our WI Book Club. The newly formed Hobby Group had held its first real meeting and members were told about the projects that are in hand.



Handmade cards were on display this time and more samples will be brought to the next meeting. Everyone is looking forward to our 5th Birthday Lunch later in the week that will be held in Foxes Restaurant in the Village.

Then into the exciting part of the meeting where everyone chose a piece of pottery to decorate and amid cries of "not feeling artistic this evening" "how do I start" "what shall I do?" silence gradually settled over the room. By the end of the evening



there were 21 beautifully decorated articles lined up to be taken away for firing. Before Ann was allowed to go she had the daunting task of choosing a winner of the competition that had been the "Best Effort on the Night". Jeanie's plaque of "Paris" was chosen a worthy winner with Chris as runner up.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party on 12 December. There will be an "as yet secret" entertainment and also supper with everyone bringing a plate of food to share. A few games will be played all helped along with a glass of wine. Visitors are always welcome, come along and make new friends. Contact Ginny 874246 or Sarah 873873 for more information or just turn up at the Cloisters at 7.30pm on the day.

Christmas Fair



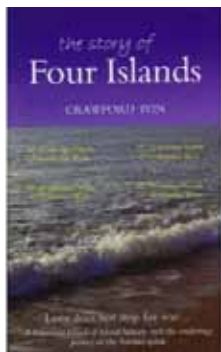
*Holy Trinity Christmas Fair will take place on
3rd December from 11 am to 2.30 pm in the Cloisters*

*Lots of stalls with gifts
Father Christmas will arrive at 12 noon*

*Refreshments will be available, including soup and
bacon rolls as well as cakes and hot mince pies.*

Everyone welcome!.....





Review by Sarah Garnham

Earlier this year, our local jeweller Crawford Ivin published his debut novel 'Four Islands'. An interesting and twisting thriller mixed with a romance, it tells a story with, for some, very familiar locations. It starts during the 1940s when a man from Poland is working in the Germans slave labour programme on the island of Jersey. The story then jumps forward to 1970 when a Reverend from Hertfordshire reads a story in the Daily Telegraph detailing the discovering of an unidentified body in Newport, Isle of Wight. This is when the Reverend feels it his time to tell his story, filled with excitement, history and romance.

The story also has a PLUTO (Pipe-Lines Under The Ocean) element. This was a World War II operation in which an undersea oil pipeline was laid from Shanklin Chine on the Island, to Cherbourg, France. It is considered to be one of history's greatest feats of military engineering.

For anyone with connexions to the island, it's a really interesting read, but the mysterious and thrilling plot makes it an enjoyable read for anyone. Personally, I really enjoyed it and for the most part could not put it down. It was great to be able to imagine familiar, Island locations as how they would have looked then, and I especially enjoyed the parts set in Bembridge.

All in all, a good read, especially for those interested in the Island's history.

BEMBRIDGE VECTIS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Letters from Malaysia was the title of John Hall's talk at our October Meeting. John has worked in Textiles, mostly for Brentford Nylons until they ceased trading. He was then asked to run a large Textile business in Malaysia. He wrote home to his mother giving his impressions, of the country, the people, customs and food. He used these letters as the basis of his talk, which was fascinating. John is an excellent speaker, one you could listen to for a long time.

In December we have our Christmas lunch on the 6th and our Christmas party on the 15th. The Drama group will entertain the members. Three members will be taking part in the Annual Quiz. Some will be going to the Carol Service at St Catherine's Church at Ventnor on December 10th. The October Competition was an unusual holiday Souvenir, which was won by Joan Corkish. June Parsons came second and Shirley Hill came third. The best bloom was won by Judith Sutton and Joan Stiff came second. This will be the last 'Best Bloom' until April 2012.

Judith Sutton 872 447

Bembridge Horticultural Society

Website: www.bembridgeblooms.org.uk

Meetings: 2nd December Christmas Party

I can't believe just how quick this year has gone.

The garden has survived and most of the plants have flowered and grown. The only things were the dahlias which were eaten by the pesky slugs and snails or decided that they didn't want to grow at all. At the time of writing this I have two dahlia blooms a lovely orangey colour, they would have been perfect for the show, never mind we will try again next year! At least I managed to save some sprouts and curly kale from the white butterfly another one to try again for next year!

There's still plenty to do on a nice day like getting rid of the last of the leaves and any perennials that are now finished.

Shorten stems of the roses, if you have not already done so, this stops them from rocking too much in the wind and will make them more compact.

Prune wisteria cutting back new growth to two buds and tying in long stems to the main framework.

Gooseberries can be pruned lightly and keep the weeds down around the bushes.

Dig new borders or enlarge old ones for the "must have" plants on next years list.

Place a ball on the pond to keep the pond from freezing over completely.

Bring in forced bulbs ready for flowering around Christmas.

Protect tender plants with fleece or straw and put large pots against a wall to stop them from freezing to death.

Enough for now, me thinks, so have a lovely Christmas and see you all again next year.

The Holly Fairy

O, I am green in wintertime when other trees are brown.
Of all the trees (so saith the rhyme)
in the wood the holly bears a crown.
December days are drawing near when I shall come to town,
and carol boys go singing clear of all the trees
(O hush and hear) the Holly bears a crown.
For who so well be loved and merry as the scarlet Holly berry.



Cicely Mary Barker
Happy Gardening