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NOVEMBER ALREADY!

Winter approaches, the nights draw in and it becomes colder and wetter. We look back, remembering the long warm summer days and look forward to springtime and the promise of brighter days again.

This is the month when throughout the nation we hold our acts of remembrance, looking back and remember those who have given their lives that we might live in freedom today. We wear a poppy as a symbol of our remembrance.

Remembrance Day and the Two Minute Silence have been observed since the end of the First World War, The Two Minute Silence is observed on Armistice Day, the day which marks the end of the First World War at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month and uniquely this year, 2011, the 11th year of the century. **11-11-11-11**. Remembrance Sunday, the second Sunday in November, is the day

traditionally when we remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

In the village the silence will be observed at the war memorial at 11.00am on Friday 11th and there will be a short service of remembrance there at 11.45 on Sunday 13th.

As we remember those who have sacrificed their lives, we think too of those who still suffer today from the consequences of wars and conflicts. We remember those who mourn the loss of loved ones and those who have been injured and need support and those who care for them. We pray too for an end to war and a lasting peace.

We will remember them.

*Bob Boyce,
Pastor, Bembridge Methodist Church*

BEMBRIDGE LIBRARY

Revised opening times from 1st October 2011

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 09.30 – 12.30

*Monday **AND** Friday: 13.30 – 16.30*

CLOSED: Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday

United Act of Remembrance

Sunday 13th November – 11.45am at The War Memorial

As usual we will gather at the War Memorial for an Act of Remembrance which will include the reading of the Roll of Honour. I will also lead the 2 Minutes Silence at The War Memorial on Friday 11th at 11.00am.

Pub Nights are back!

Now that winter is returning and the nights drawing in we are resuming our Church Pub Nights. We meet each month at a different Pub in the village for a chat with our friends. Everyone is most welcome. Just turn up from 8.00pm and you will be sure to see someone you know. *Monday 14th November in The Pilot Boat.*

I look forward to seeing you there.

Andrew Menniss

Vicar.



FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY BEMBRIDGE

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 23rd November 2011 at 7 p.m.
at The Cloisters, Bembridge

with a short talk by John Woodford on the history of schools in Bembridge

All are welcome to join us as we review our past year and plans for the coming year. Only members will be able to vote at the meeting but we would be more than happy to listen to any views or ideas from members of the public. The Friends are a registered charity whose funds are dedicated to supporting the ongoing maintenance and preservation of Holy Trinity Church and associated buildings.

Bembridge Little Theatre Club

Present:

'We'll Always Have Paris'
by Jill Hyem.

Performances will be on
Thursday 10th, Friday 11th
and Saturday 12th November
in Bembridge Village Hall
starting at 7.30pm
(Doors open 7.00pm).

Adrian Martienssen
Bembridge Little Theatre Club
Publicity

 **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**



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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)

10.00a.m. Wednesday 30th Nov.

until 10.00a.m. Wednesday 7th December.

Info. from Jackie 875004

Bembridge RNLI Lifeboat Guild News

September 2011, Bembridge's new lifeboat and station – one year on.

It is now a year since that chilly, blustery day in September 2010 when crowds came to welcome Bembridge's new 'high-tech' Tamar class lifeboat "*Alfred Albert Williams*" to her equally new 'high-tec' boathouse and station at Lane End.

So, what has happened over the last year?

There has certainly been a considerable amount of public interest with a marked increase in visitor numbers to the station. 109 organised school parties and student groups visited the station, a total of 4,000 young people. This is a truly remarkable figure and credit to the Lifeboat Visits Officer for its achievement. The spacious nature of the boathouse with its viewing gallery is so much better for the public to appreciate the lifeboat, particularly when compared to the cramped conditions of the old boathouse.

The "SOS" day in January and the Open Day in August saw a combined total of nearly 800 people being shown over the lifeboat in groups, by crew and Guild members – a remarkable number, on two very successful days.

The highlight of the past year undoubtedly was the visit of HRH Princess Anne in August, to name the new lifeboat and dedicate the station. The whole ambience of the occasion, particularly with the Princess showing great warmth, chatting to crew and shore helpers alike meant that the whole event, with spectators both offshore and onshore, adding up to be a most memorable day in the Bembridge Lifeboat service history.

The award of the MBE to the lifeboat operations manager, Captain Graham Hall in the Queen' Birthday Honours List in recognition of his services to the Bembridge lifeboat, together with the prestigious Institute of Civil Engineers Engineering Award for the design and construction of the new pier and boathouse served to raise the profile of the station even further.

On the operational side, the "*Alfred Albert Williams*", together with the inshore lifeboat "*Dorothy Beatrice May Gorman*" made a

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combined total of 47 launches, with 122 persons rescued, over the twelve months since last September.

Sharp-eyed viewers may recognise the “*Alfred Albert Williams*” as the lifeboat on the opening sequence of ITV’s Tuesday evening programme “Mayday Mayday”. It took several days filming just to achieve these few fleeting seconds of time on screen. Well, that’s show business for you!!

The opening hours for the station and RNLB souvenir shop during November are planned to be: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat and Sun 2pm to 4pm.

The Bembridge RNLB Lifeboat Guild meet on the first Monday of the month as usual, at the Methodist Church Hall, Foreland Road at 2.30pm. Coffee and tea available, everyone welcome.

Ken Orchard
Bembridge RNLB Lifeboat Guild Press Officer
01983 873139

BEMBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB REPORT

The Club Championship Finals were held over two consecutive Sundays in September. Despite the bad weather warnings for the first Sunday, all matches were played in dry but sometimes breezy conditions. The weather was not so kind on the second Sunday with a downpour interrupting the Finals of two of the matches. One of the facets of this year's Club Championships was the mix of established and relatively new players, the standard of play being a tribute to the efforts of all concerned with the game of bowls at Bembridge. Thanks go to the organising committee of Ernest Smith, Roland Davidson and Mary Hedley.

It was a mixed season for the Club in the Leagues. The Ladies 'A' team took second place in Division 2 to secure a place in the top League but sadly the Ladies 'D' missed out on promotion from Division 3 by one point. In the Men's Leagues, the 'A' team had a nervous end to the season before taking the lion's share of the points against a stronger Shanklin 'B' team on the last day season to stay in Division 1 by one point. Unfortunately the Men's 'B' team were unable to attain a consistent form and return to Division 3 after one season.

The Club has a full programme of events through the winter. 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



Photo Caption - Finalists in the Club Competition on Sunday 11th September

Bembridge Community Library

On 1st October Bembridge Library will be handed over by the Council as a Community run library which will be manned entirely by volunteers.

We are told that you can still reserve books from other libraries for collection at Bembridge and return books from other libraries to Bembridge.

The Bembridge Library Volunteers and Committee have been working very hard to ensure that volunteers receive the training necessary. We are very grateful to the Library Staff from the local authority who have done everything they can to make the transition go smoothly.

Now we need to make the community library work and find ways to pay for the cost of running and maintaining the building. We have been told that we will need to raise £1000 per month and as yet we don't know how we are going to achieve this. Anyone out there with fund-raising experience would be welcomed with open arms.

If you would like to be involved with the library in any way, please call into the library.

**For opening times see 'front page one' hereof – November,
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Bembridge Vectis Townswomen's Guild

We had a quiet August but in September all the groups started up again.

The Speaker at our September meeting was Sharon Troy who told us about extended chair Exercises. She teaches people to exercise sitting down and she went through a number of the routines with us. They were great fun and energetic. We had to use our feet, legs, hands and arms, afterwards we felt quite energised

Our Tea at Three had to be cancelled because of the rain in July so we decided to give all the money raised at the meeting to the Hospice. Several people donated the money that they had collected and in the end we made £81 which was excellent.

Luncheon Club have enjoyed lunches at Fox's in September and October, the November lunch will be on the 1st. Drama group have met to rehearse their effort for the Christmas Party Their next Meeting will be November 25th. Gardening Club have been busy, several members visited the kitchens at the Windmill Hotel which was very interesting. Later in September we went out to lunch at Busy Bees on a lovely hot day. A most successful outing with lovely food and good company. The November Meeting will be on Nov 23rd and the speaker in will be Neville Isaacson who will be demonstrating his skill as a Wood Turner. The Competition will be a wooden object.

We would love to have some new members, so please come along on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Village Hall at 2.15pm and try us out.

Judith Sutton 872447

BEMBRIDGE EVENING TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

REPORT OF THE MEETING ON 6TH SEPTEMBER

During the business part of the evening along with other items ladies were told about next year's TG craft competition which is to be held on 28th April, and reminded about our next coffee morning on the 19th November, when the theme will be Christmas, it is yet to be decided who we will be supporting this time. We were also reminded about our forthcoming Christmas Party.

We had a new member joining us by name of Sheila whom we all welcomed.

Letters of thanks were received from the Hospice and the Rainbow Club for monies raised at our Tea at Three and the Street Fair earlier this year.

All ladies had come along in various interesting outfits as we had been told to attend dressed as if we were on holiday. Four large tables were set out, three each with a different seaside theme, the fourth table held a quiz. A great evening was had by all. Choc ices were served during this fun social evening and the overall winning team received some chocolates each.

After the raffle the result of the competitions were announced the competition being for a holiday souvenir the winner was Dot Harrison, 2nd Daphne Lacey and 3rd Ann Gilham, best bloom was won by Marion Morgan, 2nd Polly Watson and 3rd Gilly Chubb.

Next month, October, the subject is Espionage by Mr Cleghorn and the competition is a "Mysterious item" and of course the usual best bloom. Do come and join us at the Methodist Church Hall, Foreland Road, Bembridge at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 4th October. If interested please give Dot Harrison a ring on 872992.

MORE MORSEBAGS!

These bags are made from unwanted curtains, duvet covers, etc with the idea that by recycling these items and making some lovely shopping bags out of them we are in a small way helping to save the environment. Some will be given away at our next coffee morning.

*Phyl Liddiard – press officer
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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

In addition to the Mass times printed each month at the top of this News, it has been suggested that mention be made that there is a Mass every Sunday at both Quarr Abbey and St. Cecilia's Convent at 10 a.m.

Taize Group will not meet in November, as mentioned last month, as our musicians will be on a mission to India. We wish them Godspeed. However, as usual we will meet on the second Tuesday in December, at St. Michael's, 7-8 p.m. on the 13th, when carols will be the order of the day!

Angela Haydon



Holy Trinity Mothers' Union



Wed 2nd Oct 10.00 am
Thu 10th Oct 2.30 pm

Corporate Communion at St. Lukes
Branch Meeting at the Cloisters,
Speaker: Mrs Sheila Low
"The work of a Magistrate".

Sheila Wheeler – Branch Leader (874065)



HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

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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

Tuesday

1st **ALL SAINTS DAY**

10.00am

Holy Communion

Wednesday

2nd **ALL SOULS DAY**

10.00am

Holy Communion with Commemoration of the Faithful Departed by name at St. Luke's

SUNDAY

6th **3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP) at St Luke's

10.30am

Thank God it's Sunday

Monday

7th

9.00am

Monday Meditation

Wednesday

9th

9.30am

Matins at St Luke's

10.00am

Holy Communion at St Luke's
MU Corporate Communion

Friday

11th

11.00am

2 minutes silence at the War Memorial

SUNDAY

13th **2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP) at St Luke's

10.30am

Parish Communion
with Stepping Stones

11.45am

Act of Remembrance at
the War Memorial

Monday

14th

9.00am

Monday Meditation

8.00pm onwards Pub night in The Pilot Boat

Wednesday

16th

9.30am

Matins at St Luke's

		10.00am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
Thursday	17th	7.30pm	P.C.C. Meeting
SUNDAY	20th	CHRIST THE KING	
		Normal Sunday Services	
Monday	21st	9.00am	Monday Meditation
Wednesday	23rd	9.30am	Matins at St Luke's
		10.00am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
SUNDAY	27th	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Normal Sunday Services	
Monday	28th	9.00am	Monday Meditation
Wednesday	30th	ANDREW THE APOSTLE	
		9.30am	Matins at St Luke's
		10.00am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
			24/7 Prayer Room opens in St Luke's Chapel



BAPTISMS	2nd October	Charlie James Matthew FARR
	2nd October	Natalie Jane WADE
WEDDINGS	24th September	Robin TOWNSON and Caroline WILLING
	1st October	Michael JOHNSON and Joanne McGRATH
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF MARRIAGE		
	24th September	Naushad VALLIANI and Kerry ALLEN
FUNERALS	22nd September	Peter COOK
	26th September	Liz LEWIS
	26th September	Ann WALMSLEY
	28th September	David COVENTRY
	30th September	Geoff JACOBS
	6th October	Joyce COALSTON
	7th October	Eileen BROOKS
MEMORIAL SERVICES		
	15th September	John CARVER
	16th September	Vernon STRATTON



The Methodist Church

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus

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

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

MIDWEEK EVENTS AND SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sun 6th	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Mrs June Parsons, Local Preacher Grapevine Family Service, Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sun 13th	10.30 am 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm	Pastor Bob Boyce Vine Arts (children 8 and over)
Sun 20th	10.30 am 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm	Rev. J. Izzard Pebbles Plus (a relaxed family event)
Sun 27th	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 (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

*This is my Story, this is my Song
Will take place on the 19th November
in Bembridge Methodist Church
at 3pm for afternoon tea and
an interview with a church member.*

*Everyone has a life story to tell along with
his or her own personal choice of music.*

*For more information
phone Jane on 873725*

All Welcome

Remembrance Day Service

There will be a Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 13th November in Bembridge Methodist Church at 10.30am, with organisations in attendance.

Those who would wish to pay their respects to the fallen and remember the sacrifices made on our behalf are most welcome to come along.

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



SEPTEMBER JIGSAW EVENT

A big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who supported our Jigsaw event in the Cloisters at the beginning of September.



The 24,000 piece jigsaw is the biggest single picture puzzle in the World and was a birthday present from my husband. Everyone who saw it completed in my home thought it could be used for a fund-raising

event, so I divided it into blocks of 50 pieces, and bagged and labelled them to await an appropriate occasion. Refurbishment of the Cloisters seemed a very good cause.

We sold the blocks of 50 jigsaw pieces for £1 each block and together with refreshments raised a magnificent £1160.

Janet Carty





A puzzling fundraiser



On the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of September, the Cloisters was open from 10am to 4pm for members of the public to come along and complete a huge 24,000 piece jigsaw. It was just £1 to make a block of 50 pieces and all proceeds went towards the refurbishment of the Cloisters. It was a very relaxed atmosphere and people of all ages were taking part, chatting, and enjoying the available refreshments whilst completing their section of the jigsaw. Families and individuals had come along and everyone seemed to be having a really good time. It was also great to watch as a bystander to see each person's individual blocks slowly come together as one giant jigsaw. People of all ages were there, and many came on numerous days. Martin Lights told me "This is my second go! I enjoy jigsaws, but don't get to do many at home so this is a great opportunity" 12 year old TX told me "I'm really looking forward to seeing the finished result and I've had some really nice lunch as well!" Over £1000 was raised to help refurbish the Cloisters and the last piece of the jigsaw to be put in was raffled and won by our very own Parish Magazine editor, Anna Driver!





Winter Wine Tasting With The Island Wine Company.

Bembridge Village Hall will be the venue for a seasonal wine tasting hosted by The Island Wine Company on Friday 25th of November. There will be a wide selection of wines (over 40) open to taste from all around the world and ranging from everyday drinking to special treats for Christmas. Plenty of the wines featured will be at exceptional 'christmas offer' prices.

The tasting will be in a relaxed and informal 'walk around' format allowing you to taste as many of the wines as you would like at your own pace. Detailed notes will be provided so that you can learn more about the wines and The Island Wine Company's Matt Wishaw and members of his knowledgeable team will be on hand.

The Island Wine Company are a family owned independent wine merchant based in Ventnor. For more information about the tasting contact them on 853978 or by email: shop@theislandwinecompany.co.uk

BEMBRIDGE WINDMILL WI

Members of Bembridge Windmill WI started our meeting by catching up with what we had all been doing during the summer break. We were pleased to welcome two visitors, but unfortunately our booked speaker did not arrive.

The newly created Hobby Group had met in August. Loads of enthusiasm and plenty of ideas. The first real meeting was to take place on 20 September and we are all asked to bring scissors, cottons, needles and any fabric, card, glue, etc. So it sounds as if that will be a serious 'getting on with it' meeting.

Members were given lots of dates including that of the birthday lunch in October and the Christmas party. The remaining Federation 90th Anniversary event dates were passed on, including the Flower Festival in the Newport Minster and the Celebration Concert.

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This is the time of year when WIs nominate members for the Committee for the next year. We took the opportunity for each member of the Committee to outline what being a Committee member means to them. We were lucky in that one of our visitors is a WI member from Kent, here on a short break. She is President of her WI and also a WI Advisor and was very willing to share her experiences with our members.

After tea and biscuits Pam brought out some quizzes about the Isle of Wight. The serious first round soon deteriorated into laughter and despite the lack of speaker it was agreed that a good time had been had by all.

The Annual meeting will be held on November 21st at 7.30 in the Cloisters, Bembridge. The important and necessary business will be followed with an evening of fun and games. Everyone is welcome, contact Ginny 874246 or Sarah 873873 for more information, or just come along.



Bembridge Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

Although members' attendance at our October meeting was on the low side, we had an enjoyable afternoon as usual. Chairman, Maureen welcomed everyone and thanked Ruth Formoy for her lovely flower arrangement and Jenny Benford for acting as hostess for the meeting.

Secretary, Hazel, gave out the latest news of forthcoming Federation events and said the Guild will be represented at the Quiz evening at The Lions Centre at Lake on 11th November.

We welcomed again our speaker, Mr. Bob Longton from the Carisbrooke Castle Museum, who has a wealth of information concerning the Island. Last year he gave us a Victorian tour of the Island and this time entertained us with an illustrated account of earlier Georgian times. The fashion then was for 'taking the waters' which could only be afforded by the top gentry of course, and when eventually Bath ceased to be 'the' place to visit and be seen, visits to the seaside became more popular including Southampton and then Cowes which even the Prince Regent visited. We were also shown some interesting examples of the fashions of the day.

Mr. Langton was warmly thanked for his most interesting talk.

The Best Bloom competition was won by Ruth Formoy's rose. Joint second were Eve Dyer and Hazel Ransome each with a dahlia, and joint third were Joyce Farmer and Maureen Sansom with a fuchsia and begonia respectively.

The Friends of St Mary's Hospital – Become a Volunteer!

The Friends of St. Mary's Hospital is a Charitable Trust and for in excess of 25 years has been working together with the IOW Primary Care Trust to provide facilities within the Hospital such as the café, the shop and the twice daily Ward trolley services for the benefit of patients, Staff and visitors alike.

Since the Friends was established, hundreds of thousands of pounds have been raised - indeed, since the year 2000 approximately half a million pounds has been donated from the takings and funds raised by the volunteers - plus legacies from grateful patients who remember the excellent care received at St Mary's Hospital.

At some time, any one of us Island residents could find that we need the services provided by St. Mary's Hospital. The Friends of St. Mary's has provided an enormous amount of funding for all or part of the costs of big projects such as the MRI Scanner, the Chemotherapy facility, rapid response vehicles for the Practitioner/Paramedic, portable X Ray machines, equipment for Colonoscopy and Physiotherapy Units, digital cameras for the Breast Screening Unit to name but a few. In addition to the provision of extras within the Hospital itself, Friends funding has provided essential extras to Community Nurses, Health Centres and facilities for various Disability Groups.

All of this is achieved thanks to the hard work of our Trustees and a dedicated band of willing Volunteers - without whom the show could not go on. Many volunteers typically give three or four hours a week - serving in the café, the shop or taking the trolley around the Wards.

If you are able to help the Friends by volunteering your services we would love to hear from you. Alternatively if you are already committed elsewhere you could make a real difference by joining the Membership of the Friends of St. Mary's it only costs £5 per annum or £30 as a Life member. Interested people can call me on 872167 or contact can be made with Vincent Thompson the General Manager on 07780 645364 or with Mrs Alex Mitchell on 534405 at the Hospital and one of us will provide you with all the details to enable you to get involved in the valuable work of the Friends of St. Mary's.

*John Kenyon
Trustee the Friends of St Mary's Hospital*



Hungary - the place to visit

There are several members of Friendship Force IOW living in Bembridge and in September 6 of us had the privilege of staying with families in the city of Pecs in the south of the country. Before that, we had spent three days in Budapest which was new to us all and very enjoyable. It was easy to get around to the various museums and galleries and see the beautiful architecture using the hop on/hop off bus, and by boat. Certainly a place we would like to return to - great for a short break.

Our hosts in Pecs made us very welcome and had a full programme planned for us. The first visit was to a cornflake museum! Sweetcorn is grown in abundance and the leaves and husks are used to make bags, bowls and baskets; even a nativity scene. A straw museum and a cast iron museum were private collections which we all found very interesting. We visited Lake Balaton and on another day had lunch overlooking the Danube in Mohacs, where we met the Busos. They were a group of musicians and dancers who wear very special masks - quite scary really. We joined in the dancing before having a traditional fish meal. Pecs itself was delightful and we saw this the easy way with two trips on a Dotto train. We were wined and dined and there were plenty of opportunities to dance (the international language). For the whole of the 10 days the temperature was in the 30s so we were pleased to be able to cool off in one of the many spas around the area. The one I went to had five different pools, all at differing temperatures. We are hoping our hosts will pay us a visit next year.

If we hadn't been members of Friendship Force we would never have thought of going to Hungary and would have missed out on a brilliant experience. For more information on Friendship Force phone me or our secretary, Carol on 523456.

Olive Light 874218

Bembridge Horticultural Society

Website: www.bembridgeblooms.org.uk

Meetings: 4th November Toby Beasley History and Restoration of Osborne House & Gardens
18th November Photography of Flowers and Butterflies

First of all apologies for mix up in the October dates another 'senior moment'!

If you are having a bonfire and fireworks check the bonfire for wildlife, as hedgehogs, frogs and toads like to hibernate there.

Plant out tulip bulbs and any bulbs that have not been potted or planted up.

Trim back the iris and water plants before they die off completely.

It's a good time to plant bare root roses on a nice day, check and repot cuttings of perennials taken earlier on, tidy up the cold frame and put plants in for over wintering if you have not done so already.

It's also a good time to clean out the greenhouse and insulate with bubble wrap you may have done it already but if you are like me its a work in progress that's my excuse!

Cut back perennials that have now finished flowering lifting and dividing and rehoming some of them put a good layer of mulch around them and other plants in and around the garden.

Raking up leaves and putting them on the compost or in a black bag with some holes in and put in a corner out of the way to rot down.

If the weather has taken a turn for the worse protect and cover less hardy shrubs and plants.

Mow the grass for possibly the last time and clean the mower before its put to bed.

Harvest the rest of the vegetables and fruit and give the veg plot a dig over, only if you have the energy of course.

I have not seen so many little birds lately perhaps they are confused by the weather this summer, feed and keep water around for them and hopefully they will come back.

The Alder Fairy

*By the lake or riverside where the alders dwell, in the autumn may be spied,
baby catkins cones beside old and new as well.*

Seasons come and seasons go that's the tale they tell.

*After autumn winters cold leads us to spring, and before the leaves unfold,
on the alder you'll behold, crimson catkins swing.
They are making ready now, that's the song I sing.*



Cicely Mary Barker
Happy Gardening