

## Dates for September

**Thurs 5** New Alpha course. St John's 7-9pm  
**Wed 11** Film night: *Spotlight* 7.15 pm £6  
**Sat 14** Jumble Sale at St Michael's 1 pm  
**Sun 15** Brunch at St John's Place. 10am -12  
**Tues 17** Harvest Auction; White Horse 8pm  
**Thur 19** Local History: Wilson's of Salisbury

## Christmas Cards in Aid of Birds

*from Teresa Fallon*

From 2nd October I will be selling a selection of RSPB Christmas cards from my house in Skew Bridge Road. Cards come in packs of 10 for £3.99, or bargain packs of 40 assorted designs for £8.99. All proceeds support the RSPB's vital work protecting birds and other wildlife. Come and have a look (no obligation!) at [24 Skew Bridge Rd](#) (or I can come to you), telephone 331701 or email [bemertonteresa@gmail.com](mailto:bemertonteresa@gmail.com)

## Bemerton History Society Programme

*19<sup>th</sup> October* Wilsons of Salisbury - is there a Bemerton connection?  
*9<sup>th</sup> November* Mary Abbott shares **Stories of the Old Manor** from the staff who worked there.  
*All talks are 7.30 pm in Hedley Davis Court in Cherry Orchard Lane. Entry free, all welcome.*

## Changes at The White Horse

Martin and Rachel will be taking over the reins from Nick and Zoe on Monday 23rd October, with no interruption to trade.

They are moving to Salisbury with two dogs and a horse and they look forward to meeting everyone.

Nick and Zoe want to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the pub over the last three and a bit years.

They look forward to coming back and seeing everyone in the near future, but from the 'right' side of the bar!

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## What's On in

# Bemerton

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## Another Award for St John's

We are delighted to report that St John's Place has won another award, this time from Community First, the rural communities support organisation for Wiltshire based in Devizes.

Lynn Gibson, the Community First CEO said: "What a fabulous project and congratulations to all those who have brought it to fruition. I am pleased to confirm that the project has been selected as the winner in the Most Innovative Community run project".

## News from Councillor John Walsh

John tells us that Wiltshire Council will be resurfacing the lane leading from Lower Road to Gramshaw Road (at the level crossing) from the 3rd November for 3/4 days. It will be closed during the day when the work is going on.

He is putting pressure on the Council to remove the graffiti near the railway line and also asking that the undergrowth is cut back just once a year in the autumn so wildlife gets a chance to flourish.

## A Special Appeal

As the parent of an autistic child with additional Special Needs, who is absolutely terrified of fireworks, we had a really horrible time last year, with fireworks going off almost every night at one point. This is a plea to local neighbours, please think carefully before setting off 'Rockets' and the like from your gardens. My daughter is already getting worried as the nights get darker.  
Many thanks! Ruth

## Bemerton Brunch

### on October 15th October

The date of our Sunday Morning brunch in St John's Place is having to move about a little to allow for wedding bookings. But it is turning out to be a real success as an occasion for people to sit and chat with their neighbours - do join us on October 15<sup>th</sup> between 10-12.

Croissants, delicious home made jams, Sunday papers and Mikhol's famous bacon butties - all at bargain prices!

## Bemerton Live at St John's Place

We are struggling a little trying to get the format for our Friday morning sessions at St John's Place just right! We need to find the right balance between meeting the needs and wishes of the enthusiastic people who attend, finding ways of attracting new people and making the books balance.

We're always keen to hear the views of current and prospective attendees.  
The October Programme:-  
6 Oct. 10.15 am Seated Zumba + 11.30 Chair Based Yoga

13 Oct. 10.30 Gentle Yoga  
20 Oct. \*BEMERTON LIVE CLOSED - SOUTH AISLE SCREEN INSTALLED THIS WEEK

27 Oct. 10.30 Gentle Yoga  
Contact: Sabine [sabinestjohns@gmail.com](mailto:sabinestjohns@gmail.com) / 07593 555083

\*We try to keep disruptions to a minimum but installing the south aisle screen is really important in creating a second room, accessible from the porch.

BEMERTON FILM SOCIETY

## Spotlight

USA 2015, 129 mins, 15 cert.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
St John's Place, Lower Bemerton  
Doors open 7.15, Film at 7.45 pm  
Entrance £6



The story of the Boston Globe's tenacious "Spotlight" team gradually uncovering the scandal of many years of child molestation and cover-up in the local Archdiocese, shaking the entire Roman Catholic Church to its core both in Boston and worldwide.

Director, Tom McCarthy and his co-writer, Josh Singer, do a splendid job of showing how horrific crimes could be allowed to carry on by a Church that wielded huge influence over Boston society.

Written and directed with restraint and intelligence, it's a film of great social importance by a detailed examination of the painstaking processes of investigative journalism: there is so much natural drama and tension in the unfolding of the story that there was no need to introduce romantic subplots or gut-wrenching car chases to enhance its emotional impact. The performances and the mise-en-scène are impeccable: so natural that you could be there.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Jumble Sale at St Michael's - 1pm

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 8pm**

Harvest Auction at the White Horse!!

## Paying for What's On

Our village newsletter has been going since March 2005, with 11 issues a year ever since. We run off and distribute 450 copies a month, costs varying dependent on whether we have the time to do it ourselves or need to have it printed, and whether there is sadly several world War 1 casualties to mark, as this month. It is a terrible reminder of dreadful slaughter of the last months of the Great War.

In the beginning the costs of producing What's On came from Bemerton History Society funds left over from a Lottery grant. Since then the occasional small note in What's On has generated very generous donations from individuals and a wonderful cheque from the BBQ group's funds. Each year we have been able to report a very healthy balance at the History Society AGM.

That is until now. Sadly an unexpected expense has done damage to our bank account, with accidental damage to the projector very kindly loaned to us for our history meetings needing expensive repairs.

So if, as you often tell us, you look forward to receiving What's On each month, and if you are able to contribute to the costs of producing an issue, perhaps to mark a significant date, or to remember a loved one, we really would be very grateful. Typically the cost is around £30 an issue but any contribution welcome.

Cheques payable to Bemerton Local History Society: envelopes can be dropped in to 43 Church Lane (James Woods) 86 Lower Road (Anne Trevett) or 130 Lower Road (Clare Eagle).

Thank you so much.

## Wedding bells for John and Carrie

Not all our readers will know that our hard working City and Unitary Councillor John Walsh is getting married later this month at Waldron in East Sussex to Carrie Blanch.

They will be honeymooning in New Zealand, back just in time for our community carol concert in St John's.

We wish them every happiness on the big day and for the future.

## A new Alpha Course

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> October** a new Alpha course starts in St John's Place - all welcome. Please contact Andrew or Susie Farley on 01722 326518 or [adfarley@hotmail.com](mailto:adfarley@hotmail.com) or Nick or Elspeth Saint on 01722 324880m or [nick@nicksaint.com](mailto:nick@nicksaint.com) for catering purposes. "Alpha" is a 10 week course allowing people to explore the Christian faith in an informal and friendly way, to ask questions and to make their own mind up. Run in 169 countries and 112 languages, over 27 million people have taken the course. The film-based course is on Thursday nights, at 7 - 9:00 pm Find out more at [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org)

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October NEW!

New service in St John's Place  
Harvest Holy Communion  
9am with traditional hymns!

## Celebrating Age

A major new arts project for older people is planned to start in the new year, in the city centre and we hope to have the project leader Rebecca to chat to Bemerton Live about this over coffee - and get our views to help in the planning - sometime in November.

## Church Services

October 2017

### Rector of Bemerton

Rev Simon Woodley 01722 333750

### St Michael's Church at 10.30 a.m.

Sun 1st Oct Harvest Fun Church  
Sun 8th Oct Harvest Communion  
Sun 15th Oct Informal Service  
Sun 22nd Oct Communion  
Sun 29th Oct Communion  
Sun 5th Nov Fun Church

### St Andrew's Church at 4 pm

Evening Prayer with Hymns  
Sunday 1st October at 4 pm  
Sunday 5th November at 4 pm

Each Sunday 8.00 am Communion, BCP  
Each Friday 10.00 am Communion, BCP

### Roman Rd Methodist Church

Sundays 10.30 am & Second Sunday 6.00 pm.

### Methodist Minister

Rev. Steve Hawkes  
01722 334833

[www.bemertonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.bemertonmethodist.org.uk)

### St Gregory's RC Church

Sunday Services:

Morning prayer 9.00 a.m. Mass 9.30 a.m.  
Deacon: Stephen Godwin Tel: 01722 501854

### Quaker Meeting House: 51 Wilton Road

Sun: 10.30 am Meeting for Worship  
Wed: 12.30-1.00 Meeting for Worship  
followed by sandwich lunch

## Christmas Fair

A Christmas Fair is planned at St John's on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 12 till 4 pm, and we are looking for stalls from local craftspeople, foodies, and others. Charge will be £10 for people selling their own goods, £5 for those raising funds for a charity.

We would also be grateful for donations for a quality bric a brac stall and cakes and other goodies for tea. Contact Emma Curteis for more details on 07715 105209 (after 5.30pm weekdays, any time at the weekend).