

Dates for your Diary

Fri 11 Nov Remembrance Bell ring (see para.)
Sat 12 Nov Progressive Dinner Party.
Sun 13 Nov Remembrance Service (see para.)
Wed 16 Nov W.I. meeting in Hall (see para.)
Wed 30 Nov Gardening Club (see para.)
Sun. 4 Dec. "Carolling & Crumpets" (see Hall)
Wed. 7 Dec Parish Council, 7.30 in Hall.
Sun 11 Dec Christmas BAZAAR (see para)

Remembrance On Friday 11th, following a request from the Mayor, a single bell will be rung in the Church tower to "bracket" the **two minute silence** at 11am. No formality involved, but anyone is very welcome to be in the Church while this is being done.

Then on Sunday 13th from 10.50 am there will be the traditional Service. A donation, equal to the collection plus gift aid reclaimable, will be sent to the **Royal British Legion**. Let us have a turn-out worthy of those we seek to honour.

Village Association. The AGM was held on 20th October chaired by Charles Milner-Williams. Committee members present were Ella Hodges, Edward Chamberlain, Elizabeth Whittington, David White, and Alison Hopkins. Kate Phillipson is to re-join the committee.

At the start members stood to remember Jeremy Bally who had worked tirelessly for the various activities of the Association.

The financial report showed that £1850 had been granted, mainly to Village organisations, but that there was a healthy £3500 to go, *inter alia*, towards Jubilee celebrations in 2012.

The Chairman floated the idea of **Carol Singing** round the Village; possibly with the help of our Hand-bell ringers: and a date of Fri. 23 Dec. was tentatively agreed. **All residents** are members of the V.A., and additional practical help is always needed. If you can give some time please talk to one of those mentioned above.

Hall news....Top performer comes to Thruxton Music fans are in for a rare treat on **Sun. 4 Dec.** when acclaimed performer John Kirkpatrick comes here. Radio 2's *2010 folk musician of the year* will be bringing his show **Carolling & Crumpets** to the village hall. John has a big following so snap up your tickets from Chris Rome 2755; Bob Hodges 3354, or Ross Mallock 3504. Doors and wine bar open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Tickets cost £15 for adults and £10 for the under 16's. This is another event subsidised by *Hog the Limelight* the County's rural touring arts programme. We've already had Elvis McGonagal Next will be "**Oh La La**", a French evening for adults only (!!!) on Saturday 18th February.

W.I report. (Claire Knight) At our meeting on 19th October we all thoroughly enjoyed a demonstration, by Barbara Parker from Weyhill, of decorating cup-cakes. She showed us how to create masterpieces on a small cake, on a Hallowe'en theme. We were then able to take over her equipment and icing to make our own. I think we were all proud of our results even if they didn't quite meet her standards! We also welcomed two new members, Tina Harrison and Elaine Vickers, and we are very hopeful that these ladies will take on Officer positions and our W.I. will continue into the future

More members will, of course, always be welcome. Next meeting is on Wednesday Nov 16 when there will be a demonstration on the making of Christmas wreaths.

The **memorial service** for Jeremy Bally, whose sudden death on 9th October came as such a shock, took place on 27th October. The Church was full, with a wide cross-section of the community, and from further afield; a fitting tribute to a man who had devoted so much of his time and energy to this place. The generous collection of just over £300 was designated 50% to the RNLI and 50% to the Parish Church.

Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 11th Dec. 11.30 - 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you at this year's Church Bazaar; usual stalls, with gifts & games. If Father Christmas isn't too busy he may be able to pop in. Hot Dogs with Newlyn's sausages for lunch. Any offers of help on the day very welcome. **Raffle tickets** are now available.

Any items for the stalls – books, good quality attic treasures, cakes, plants, gifts, should be brought to the Hall between 9 and 10 on the morning, OR if collection needed please phone Christine 772904, or Val 772094, or John 772788. Put the date in you diary, and don't forget it's **Sunday this year.**

Gardening Club Our meeting on the 25th was an illustrated talk on "A Hampshire Calendar" given by Mr. Gerald Ponting. All those who attended agreed that the photography was second to none, and we learned quite a lot about the goings on in Hampshire.

Our next meeting is the last of the year, and will be our **Quiz ; with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies** to be held on Wed. 30th Nov. at 7.30 in the Hall as usual. All are welcome - £3 for non-members and £1 for members.