



THE RECTORY,
BURTON BRADSTOCK



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FROM THE CLERGY

Today is the World Cup Final, but because you are reading this now, being some time from the now, being Sunday afternoon when I am writing, I had better remind you that it was all that fuss about football. Today is also the Wimbledon men's final, but by the time you read this I wonder if I will be able to remember who played in it.

Tomorrow is my birthday. Not the tomorrow as in the day after you read this, but the tomorrow, Monday, which is mine as of now. By the beginning of August I will have already started to pedal around to my next one.

How hungrily we grasp the importance of the matters of the moment, and how devotedly do we give them all our attention, as if by an effort of will we can make this one, and if not this the next one, the memory of a lifetime. But memory is far more accidental, to the point of being subversive. What I remember most about watching the 1966 final on the telly is the feel of the chair I was sitting on. It had spiky bits that dug into the backs of my legs.

We should never underestimate the trivial. God remembers every sparrow that falls, and the hairs of our head are numbered.

I decided to have a picnic for my birthday this year, thinking sun and relaxation. Today there has been rain, the glass is falling and the forecast for tomorrow is stormy and wet. Now if I have my birthday picnic crouched under an umbrella, while the food dribbles away into the grass; that will be truly memorable. – Not the whole disaster, so much as the odd and particular moments of misery. It is those we will laugh about in years to come. A pity you weren't there, actually; it was unforgettable

Bob

Lay Pastoral Assistants

LPA's were commissioned by the Archdeacon at a memorable service on 19th June. But what do they do? I gather people have been asking, and so here is an attempt at a description.

The best place to start is with the Revd Canon Commendable, who lived so long ago that he wore a shovel hat, a long black frock coat, buckled shoes and gaiters - along with all the other necessities. He rode a bicycle, and every day was seen to be about the village, dropping in on people. He was remarkable in that although his Parish was by no means small, he still managed to call on everybody just on tea time.

Whether or not this reverend gentleman ever existed, or whether it is that we have invented him as a matter of necessity, he reminds us, if not of how things were, at least of how things ought to have been in the good old days. Canon Commendable visited those in need; not just those of the Church flock, but everyone every day, or at least once a week. He also dropped in on his flock not just for Church arrangements or on Church business, but socially. He got to know all about everybody: how many teeth the babies had, who was walking out together, and how the bird with the broken wing was mending that little Arthur had found in a hedge. In knowing of these things, he prayed for them, and for the people involved. The people in their turn knew that he did, and felt their lives to have been blessed by it. To the extent that Canon Commendable is known to us, we have some picture of what LPAs will be doing.

I trust that the LPAs will not be quite as noseey and interfering as the worthy Canon Commendable. They will be calling occasionally, by invitation and sometimes not quite exactly on teatime. But what they will be doing is bringing the prayers and the ministry of the Church out from the building into the world. Then they will be carrying the needs of the world back to the house of God in prayer. Simple really; it is good old fashioned Church ministry.

Bob

From the Registers

Baptisms

On Sunday 9th July, Villiem Foss Madsen, whose grandparents live in Puncknowle, was baptised in St Mary's church. Villiem himself had travelled with his parents all the way from his home in Denmark for the ceremony. Despite his routine having been upset, and with every excuse for feeling fractious, he underwent his baptism with great fortitude to emerge smiling bravely at his many admirers.

Weddings.

Saturday 24th June

Richard David Johnson and Patricia Lorraine Larcombe, were married at 2.00 pm on one of the long, gloriously sunny days of the summer. Congratulations to them, and we trust they made it safely to the reception, having been driven away in a large powerful car – a copy, I am told of the one used in “the Dukes of Hazard” - the hooter beeping “Dixie” all the way.

A little later in the afternoon, at 4.00 pm Andrew Lionel John Loxton and Holly Frances Jones were married, and a lovely service it was. The Bride and Groom managed to look happy and proud at the same time, as of course they should, and as everyone else was for them. They will be living in Askerswell.

Funerals

On Monday 4th July there was a cremation service for Denise Marriott, of Shipton Gorge. Later in the afternoon, at St Martin's Church, a thanksgiving service for all that her life meant to so many people was celebrated. Numerous people from the village accompanied her friends in remembering the life that was taken from them all too soon. We pray for the repose of her soul, and for her husband. Stephen, in his loss.

Valley Notes

Bride Valley Team Council.

I wish to advise that at the last Team Council meeting I was confirmed as their new treasurer. I would be grateful therefore if you have any issues on finance that you pass these to me to deal with.

My telephone number is shown at the end of this article.

I would like to record our grateful thanks to Mike Burr for his expert handling of the finances over the past few years and my personal thanks to be able to take over with such clear and well presented data.

I would also like to thank all those who have sent donations in for the BVN which has been most helpful in ensuring this useful and informative magazine continues for the benefit of the whole community.

David Buckland, Treasurer, Tel: 898492

Lay Pastoral Assistants

Yvonne Buckland of Holy Trinity, Swyre; Carol Lindsay of St Mary's, Litton Cheney; Lesley Dove, Ann Read and Pauline Woodford of St Mary's, Burton Bradstock, would all like to thank those who attended their Commissioning Service on the evening of Monday 19th June. It was a most delightful and memorable service led by the Archdeacon of Sherborne, the Venerable Paul Taylor. Sincere thanks also to Betty Champkins, Jim Harding and their helpers for the wonderful refreshments following the service.

We would like to explain a little about what our role as LPA will mean in the Bride Valley. First of all we were selected by our Incumbent, Rev Bob Thorn, and approved by our PCC to take part in a training programme, which lasted for three terms, covering a range of subjects including – listening skills, prayer, visiting, young people, the elderly, the sick, the bereaved, and much more. As well as our training sessions with Beth Buchan (the Diocesan LPA Officer) we also met once a month with the Rector and once a month with our support group (three members from the valley parishes) whose

encouragement and support was a most valuable and vital part of our training. Then we were commissioned. The following is an extract from the service –

After his resurrection and ascension Christ gave gifts abundantly to the Church. Some he made apostles, some prophets and some evangelists, some teachers and some pastors to equip God's people for their work and ministry and to build up the body of Christ. It is to this pastoral ministry that Lay Pastoral assistants are called. Today those who have just been presented come before us to be commissioned for the work of an LPA. They have been chosen from among you and are called to be a sign of the ministry to which God calls us all.

A Lay Pastoral Assistant is trained and authorised to engage in pastoral ministry on behalf of the local church, working as part of a team of clergy and laity. Each individual's ministry will vary according to their gifts and skills and according to the local situation. Some will be involved in visiting the sick or housebound in hospital or at home, others will exercise their ministry through supporting the bereaved and through visiting baptism families. In all cases, however, the ministry of an LPA calls for a loving and compassionate heart and a willingness to listen to and support those in need. This is a weighty task which those who are called to this ministry can only fulfil by the grace and mercy of God and with the prayers and support of all God's faithful people.

Let us therefore pray for those who are to be commissioned as LPAs today. And as we pray for them let us remember God's call to each one of us that through our baptism we too may serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us.

Now that we are commissioned we look forward to supporting our clergy team throughout the valley assisting in pastoral care. All of the work we will undertake will be under the direction and guidance of our Rector, Rev Bob Thorn. We shall meet regularly with the Rector, every 4 – 6 weeks, for support and feedback from the visiting we undertake. Confidentiality will be guaranteed. Visiting as an

LPA will only take place if the Rector has asked us to do this on behalf of the Church. If anyone would like to be visited by an LPA, for whatever reason, then please contact Rev Bob Thorn on 898799 first. Thank you.

The Bride Valley Team Ministry LPAs

First Steps Toddler Group

We will not be holding regular meetings during the school summer holiday - see you again at Long Bredy Village Hall on 6th September.

First Steps Summer Specials

By popular demand we are going to meet at 10.30am out and about during the summer, so older siblings can come too. Bring a picnic lunch! Cancelled in the event of rain!

Wednesday 2nd August - New playground, Burton Bradstock

Wednesday 16th August - Abbotsbury playbarn

Wednesday 30th August - Hive Beach (turn right, under cliffs)

Bride Valley Fledglings Playgroup

July was a very busy month with more visitors - Debbie Cobb with her police kit, a real ambulance and staff, and Pete Brown from the Fire Service with lots to show and tell us. Our Photo/Coffee Morning coincided with the Moth Man - but our cake stall did well - with photo commission money, over £100 was raised. Money from our sponsored Trike Ride is still coming in, and I had a Body Shop Party in my garden, which raised £40 for playgroup - many thanks to all who came along and bought products. We made the most of a lovely warm evening.

Sue has once again produced a Summer Quiz, which will be on sale in all the usual places, so please look out for it - only £1 to test your knowledge and/or your memory.

Sabrina is starting Weymouth College in September on an NVQ Level 3 Child Care Course but will still be working with us on Fridays. She painted a large red bus with the children, designed the wheels with old CD's and put photos of all the children in the windows - excellent!

Two Committee meetings will have taken place in July re the future of the Playgroup Committee and other matters e.g. staffing/sessions for next term, with information for newer parents before our A.G.M. in September. Parents on the Committee help run the Playgroup and employ the staff. This year our Chair was Joy Laver, our Treasurer was Jill Neill, and our Secretary was Rachel Maltby - so thanks for all their efforts - and thanks to Sue who deals with a lot of the admin. including funding forms - most important!

For information about Playgroup or Nestlings Sessions please call:
Carol Bennett (Playleader) 897771/482410 or Joy Laver (Chair) 897055

Burton Bradstock CE VC School

This year our summer music concert was held in the wonderful setting of the Rectory garden for the first time. On a fine, balmy evening we enjoyed a celebration of music that children have been involved in throughout the year. The occasion was deemed a great success and we are most thankful to Bob and Jean for 'hosting' us.

Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip to Hooke Court, winning the hearts of the kitchen staff by eating them out of house and home. Our thanks go to Miss Sanderson, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Brown and Miss Read for their expert supervision and leadership.

We are very grateful too for the continuing hard work of the PTA. A busy weekend with the Fashion Show and participation in the Bridport Food Festival raised a magnificent sum (still being calculated) which will provide us with new music stands and other equipment including outdoor benches and play facilities.

During the summer holidays our 1st floor extension is at last proceeding. This will provide us with a much needed extra resource/utility room. Hopefully by the time school starts again in September the bulk of the work will be completed.

Unfortunately, due to bad weather, the Cluster Sports Day had to be cancelled this year. However, Year 4 children appreciated the opportunity to play the Samba drums when they joined Thorner's for a pyramid music initiative. Our thanks to Mrs Hooper and Thorner's for hosting the day – it went really well. Some children were able to take part in the Pyramid Music Concert later in the week.

The summer holidays are a welcome opportunity to unwind, pause for thought and make positive changes for the future. I read an article the other week that certainly challenged me. It went something like this:

‘We all know that parenting isn’t easy. Simply having children no more makes us a parent, than owning a piano makes us a musician. Most of us would agree that good family life is the key to a healthy society, but how many of us put our money where our mouth is? Studies show that most parents spend less than 15 minutes a week talking with their children.’

It doesn’t matter how old our children are, they need our time. I have now reached the stage where one of my children is now 18 and about to embark on his gap year adventures before starting university. The weeks and years pass all too quickly and I sometimes wonder if I have spent so much time investing in career and other people’s children that I haven’t given sufficient time for my own. I shall certainly be using the next few weeks to reflect.

Mark Stratta

Thorner’s CE VA Primary School

While you are enjoying reading this magazine I do hope you are relaxing; I know that I shall be -a book in one hand and a cup of tea by my side.

School is out and all the pupils and staff are recovering from the hectic end of term, outings, meetings, sports events, pressure of

SATs results and end of term services. Many people think that the summer holiday is too long, but there are those of us who need the time to recharge batteries and this applies to pupils as well as staff!

For many of the children, as they move on to further their education, it is the end of their time with us and a step into the new environment, new demands, new experiences: Rachael moves to Dorchester Middle, and Georgina, Jack, Andrew, Nathan, Dylan, Oliver, Sophie G, Callum, Felix, Sophie L and Hannah are going on to Sir John Colfox.

It can be very daunting to be the eldest sibling in the family to start at secondary school, as is the case for half of our children this year. We wish them well and feel that during their time here at Thorner's they have all developed and matured. We hope they enjoy their future time in education and achieve what they want for themselves. During the last term all the year 6 pupils had the opportunity to visit their new schools and meet the others in their tutor groups so it should make the transition easier. They will of course be meeting children who have previously left Thorner's and we hope that they keep a friendly eye on the newcomers.

Alison Johnstone

July 100 Club winners, £15 Mrs Baxter

£10 Mrs Cox



Bride Valley Gardening Club

In lovely weather, on the 8th July, the Bride Valley Gardening Club held their Mini Show at Thorner's School in Litton Cheney.

The standard of the entries was excellent and the visitors were suitably impressed and took time over their choices. Finally, by popular vote, the winners of the classes were announced as:

Class 1 , a rose, Jenny Prentice

Class 2, annuals, Nancy Vicars

Class 3, perennials, Max Bonner
Class 4, flowering shrub, Val Cameron
Class 5, pot plant, Jan Shaw
Class 6, sweet peas, Jane Peretz
Class 7, fuchsia, Ann Grantham
Class 8, floral arrangement, Jan Shaw
Class 9, herbs, Pam Jukes
Class 10, 5 fruit, Brian Shaw
Class 11, 3 vegetables, David Peretz
Class 12, mixed vegetables, Jenny Prentice
Class 13, Handicraft, Sara Winter
Class 14, photograph, Rachel Gershfield

The prizes and certificates, together with the various cups, were presented by the President, Brian Prentice, and the overall winner's cup was awarded with great pleasure to Jan Shaw. Since several of the winners and runners up were first time entrants, this has proved to be a good way to encourage anybody to take part and the visitors to have fun in making their selection. This is the sixth year we have held a Mini Show and we intend to continue this successful format.

Jobs to do now:

Continue to deadhead and water pots and growbags. Don't forget to feed these plants regularly, particularly tomatoes. Start evaluating your garden now – where are the gaps which could be filled with later flowering perennials? What plants have not survived the heat – perhaps something with a Mediterranean background would be better if we continue to have these very hot spells.

Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary, sec.bvgardens@virgin.net

Artsreach Summer Workshops for Children

We are very fortunate to have secured two events during the summer holidays. It is anticipated that the workshops will be in great demand so please phone early for places. Don't forget to bring pack lunches

and any children under the age of five years must be accompanied by a parent or carer. The dates are as follows.

Tuesday 15th August:

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang with Clair Camble-Hutchins;
10.00am – 2.30pm at Martinstown Village Hall.

This event is for children aged 4-9 years and tickets cost £10.00.

A timeless classic and a treat for all the family, just brimming with heart warming tunes! This great musical event requires no previous dance experience and the show at the end of the day – to which parents are invited - will be truly uplifting, although please note we have no car flying through the air as such!

Tuesday 22nd August:

African Journey with Noah Messomo;
10.30am – 3.30pm at Martinstown Village Hall.

This event is for children aged six years and upwards and tickets cost £12.00. Come and play real African drums (provided) on this African Journey with music and stories. Master musician Noah Messomo from Cameroon will use live music, dance and story telling to give you an experience of real life in Africa. Sing African songs and play roles in African stories. Have you ever seen a mvet, a balafon or a thumb piano? Here is your chance to discover them, don't miss it!

For bookings and information telephone on 01308 482645.

Bride Valley Supper Club at New Inn, Shipton Gorge

Someone suggested at a recent event in Litton Cheney that people might like to join a 'Supper Club' (perhaps monthly in the off-season) at the New Inn, Shipton Gorge, for enjoyment and to support the venture. (The Inn was shut last year and is being re-opened later this month under local management.) This suggestion "flew" within a few minutes, the consensus being that it should be held on a weekday evening Sept – June, maybe monthly, maybe more often, that it should predominantly be people from outside Shipton but

ideally including people from Shipton, and that there should be a good mix of people from different villages in the Bride Valley, so more people could get to know each other and what life is like in the various villages.

If interested please send your name, telephone number (and email address if you have one) to John Grantham at September Cottage, 32 Middle St, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QR

BURTON BRADSTOCK



Village Correspondent: Still Vacant

Burton Bradstock Church Fete Thursday 3rd August 2.00 pm. Final Reminder

Come and join the fun of the fete!

There will be the usual stalls and games and some splendid items to win or purchase on the Grand Draw, Auction and White Elephant stand.

As part of our Jurassic Coast theme dinosaurs will be much in evidence including three daredevils who will be abseiling down from the church tower. You can bring your own dinosaur, teddy bear or other soft toy for a similar thrilling descent!

Burton Bradstock Post Office

A very big thank you to everyone for all the kind wishes, cards and gifts to Pat and myself, on the occasion of our retirement from the Post Office. It truly has been a memorable four years and a great pleasure getting to know you all. The memories of it all will be with us for a long time to come. Best Wishes.

Peter and Pat Dutton



***Internationally-renowned singers
lead the way at Burton Bradstock's
Festival of Music and Art,
16 - 20th August.***

“Is Roderick Williams *really* coming to Burton Bradstock?” asked an incredulous classical music lover.

The answer is ‘yes’, and joining the baritone are other soloists performing at the highest levels, including at Glyndebourne, Covent Garden and/or major international cities.....James Oxley tenor, Monica Brett-Crowther mezzo-soprano, and Pumeza Matschikiza soprano. David Juritz brings the London Festival Players to Burton and local favourites ‘The Occasional Singers’ perform too.

Season tickets had sold out by early July, but there are still tickets for individual concerts. There may too be a handful left in early August for the ‘Dining with Mozart’ evening on Wed 16th at 7pm in the Village Hall – a splendid dinner interspersed with opera excerpts. All the above soloists participate in the fine Thurs 17th Mozart-related concert in St Mary’s Church at 7.30pm. A midday concert on Friday 18th will be followed by soup and sandwiches in the Village Hall, and there is an all-Mozart programme at 7.30pm on 18th. James Oxley performs again at the Festival’s last night, the evening concluding with the sunlit warmth of Mozart’s 29th Symphony.

Programme available from John Grantham on 01308-897935. Tickets are now available from the BB Post Office.

And visit the special exhibition of paintings and craft from over 40 artists from the West Country (admission free) in the Village Hall. It will be open in concert intervals and during the days of 18th, 19th and 20th, from 10am to 5pm but closing at 4pm on Sunday 20th.

John Grantham

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

200 Club – July 2006 Draw – Congratulations to:

1st Prize:	No. 81	Mrs Gillian Knight	£35.80
2nd Prize:	No. 92	Mrs M. Gooderham	£17.90
3rd Prize:	No. 46	Mr & Mrs N. Webber	£ 8.95

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the August-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £5 – one pound for each of the remaining 5 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

The Village Hall Trust is a trust registered with the local authority, the West Dorset District Council. Lotteries Licence No. LA005.

Village Fayre – THANK YOU

Unfortunately our entry for the June edition of the BVN was not included, so it is a very belated but nevertheless sincere thank you to all those who helped with and supported the Village Fayre on Bank Holiday Monday 29th May. The event raised nearly £3,500 which will go towards the upkeep and upgrading of the Village Hall and its facilities.

*Susan Moores,
Secretary, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee*

Forthcoming Events

Fashion Show – Thursday 21st September 2006

A Fashion Show entitled ‘After a Fashion’ covering fashions during the 80 Years of the Queen’s life will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 21 September with the doors opening at 7.00 pm for a prompt start at 7.30. It is being organised by Terri Weller who has a

collection of costumes spanning the whole of the 20th Century and models will wear clothes from each of the decades of the Queen's life from the 1920's onwards. Many of you will remember Terri's shows from the past and she has kindly agreed to 'come out of retirement' to do a show for us, the proceeds of which will be split between the Village Hall and Terri's chosen charity 'Life Education' which concentrates on young people. Tickets will be £5.00 each and will be on sale at Burton Bradstock Post Office from the end of August. Posters around the village will give further details.

Moviola – Saturday 11 November 2006

Arrangements are in hand to show 'Memoirs of a Geisha' on Saturday 11 November 2006 in the Village Hall. More details to follow nearer the time.

Artsreach

Apologies once again for the cancellation of the concert by KOKORO, the quartet from Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra booked for the 1st July. The cancellation was a great disappointment particularly as the injury to the violinist, which caused the cancellation, only happened a few days before the concert was due to take place. It was too late to find a replacement and sadly the whole tour has had to be cancelled. We will try to book them for some time next year.

All cheques for ticket sales have been returned but there remains £12 in cash for two tickets bought at the Post Office. If the buyer has not already collected the money by the time you read this, would he or she please get in touch with me and I will arrange a refund.

Negotiations are continuing for further Artsreach events in the Autumn and Winter - so watch this space!

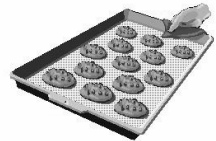
*Norman Saunders-White - Promoter for Artsreach
01308 897214*

Village Hall Toilets

The Village Hall Committee has had outline plans drawn up for the refurbishment of all the toilet facilities in the Hall to include a disabled toilet. The proposal is now going forward for consultation with all User Groups, and villagers are invited to comment on the proposals. A copy of the plans will be on the Notice Board outside the Hall during August and on boards inside the Hall during September. The Committee needs feedback by 30 September 2006 and your comments should go to Alistair Bristoll by telephone (01308 897905) or by email (AlistairBristoll@aol.com). If you wish to wait till September to make your comments, you can write them on comments sheets which will be posted by the plans in the hall.

Sales in Aid of Charities

St Mary's is embarking on fundraising through sales of homemade products, etc, to help those less fortunate than ourselves - namely, by supporting the work of the Pilsdon Community, offering a refuge to people in crisis (Regd Charity 261139), the Leprosy Mission, working to stamp out this disease (Regd Charity 1050327), the Salisbury/Sudan Link, alleviating suffering through Medical Link.



On Thursday August 10th, 17th, and 21st, 10.00am - 12.00 noon, there will be on sale home-baked products, preserves, and garden produce (fruit, vegetables, and plants) in the Reading Room at Burton Bradstock. So here is an opportunity to buy some wholesome products for good causes!

Contributions for sale will be warmly welcomed. Anyone wishing to provide home-baked products for one or more of these Thursdays please contact Heather Rogers (897780), preferably as early as possible. Any other products will be gratefully received as soon as possible after 9.30am at the Reading Room on the day of the sale. If there are any queries please contact Hilary Mousley, or any other members of the Mission Sub-Committee.

Hilary Mousley

Home Watch – August

August is a month when lots of people are around and ‘sudden thefts’ can take place. Two ways to avoid this problem are:

1. Keep front doors, and accessible ground floor windows, secure, with the latter (if open) only just ajar (where fitted with a locking mechanism that prevents them being opened further from outside), so that that no-one could enter and no-one can reach in and carry off possessions e.g. china ornaments.
2. Leave *nothing* on view in your car. This is particularly the case when you leave your car unguarded in a beauty spot such as Cogden Beach, (where there are regular thefts each year), or in the countryside when parking to go for a walk. However, an empty-looking car is not enough to deter some from breaking into your boot. You are strongly recommended to take any valuables with you, or to leave them at home, rather than in the boot of your car.

The month to mid July has been relatively quiet, albeit a few annoying cases of car-scratching with key or similar.

John Grantham



ALBANIA EVENING

Welcome to an Albanian 'koktej'
(pronounced 'cock-tay') on

Friday 15th September at 7.30pm.

Come to the Village Hall, Burton Bradstock.

There is no admission charge, but there will
be a retiring offering in aid of the 3 charities

being supported by St Mary's this year - these are The Pilsdon Community, The Leprosy Mission, and The Salisbury/Sudan Medical Link.

You will be able to sit at tables, puzzling over a quiz while munching the kind of 'nibbles' Albanian people would have at an informal party. There will be visual presentations of various kinds, sketches to watch, and Albanian crafts and cards to view or buy. This money

will go to Albania. Coffee and tea will be on sale during the interval. We hope you will be informed, entertained and inspired. Come as a family, or on your own, and enjoy an evening together.

Ryder & Heather Rogers

The Refurbished Playground at Burton Bradstock

By the time you receive your BVN the playground will have been re-opened and be in full swing!

Many thanks to all those who have worked for and contributed so generously to the campaign for refurbishment of the playground, which was completed in time to give pleasure this summer holiday and for many years to come.

We ask you to note the sign on the playground gate that ‘Children should be supervised in this playground at all times’ in order to ensure both a safe and enjoyable time.

BB Playground Committee

St Mary’s Church Burton Bradstock - Flower Arrangers

The Flower Arrangers of the church in Burton Bradstock enjoyed a tea party on 5th July. It was held to mark the retirement of Jean Leach who has arranged flowers in the church for over 30 years and has been closely involved with the co-ordination of duties and especially with the displays at Festival times.

On behalf of the church she was warmly thanked by Ryder Rogers who also thanked all the flower arrangers who provide, through their art, such a warm and welcoming feeling to congregations and visitors alike. A special thank you was also given to Jill Spinney, who has retired from the task of organising the rota.

As a result of these retirements, volunteers are required to co-ordinate both the arrangements and the rota. Anybody who is interested should contact the Rector or Bob Hynds the Secretary to the PCC or any member of the PCC.

If any one would like to join the flower rota with effect from next March they would be most welcome.



BURTON BRADSTOCK ONLINE DIGITAL PHOTO COMPETITION

We need your photos! Don't be shy!

£150 to be won!

Deadline for applications – 30th September, 2006

Burton Bradstock ONLINE's digital photo competition is open to *everyone anywhere in the world, not just villagers.*

Let's see what talent there is out there!?

- Photos can be on any subject/topic - *so they don't have to be of the beach or the sea – they can be on anything at all, provided they evoke a sense of **Burton Bradstock** (judges' criteria!)*
- Two prizes: £100 for adults' entries and £50 for under 16s' winner (or goods to the same value).
- 10 photos per person maximum
- Recent digital photos only – must be e-mailed to Burton Bradstock ONLINE (photocompetition@burtonbradstockonline.org)
- A selection of pictures is on our **Photo Gallery** at (www.burtonbradstockonline.org) and will be added to as the competition progresses.
- Full competition rules are to be found on the web site.
- *Burton Bradstock ONLINE committee members are not eligible.*

We hope you will join in – it should be fun. Come on – have a go!

Ken Pett 897550

Burton Bradstock W.I.

The July Meeting was held on the 11th July as usual in the WI Hall when Robert Sharp, a Librarian of some years, spoke on "The History of Crime Fiction". He had the honour of being a Judge on the "Daggers Award" for Crime fiction, which meant reading or scanning some 200 books. He thought this type of novel was popular because it was read by both men and women, whereas some books, e.g. War and Thrillers, are more enjoyed by men, whilst women prefer historical novels.

The president, Heather Seadon, chaired the business side of the meeting. Many had enjoyed a barbeque at Joan Allens home recently. The flower of the month was won by Shirley Gilbert - a beautiful large white flowered fuchsia called "Happy Wedding day".

There will be no meeting in August but other groups may meet, so check the notice board. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th September at 7.30. p.m.

From the Editors:

The BVN Team would like to apologise for the errors that crept into their first edition last month; in particular to the lady, who had to field all the calls about advertising after we quoted her phone number by mistake. The correct contact details are given below. We do hope to do better in the future as we become more experienced. Susan is a hard act to follow!

May we take this opportunity to thank the Village Correspondents, who collate their items and send them to us as a "package". It is the only way that we know we have received all the items from a particular village, so we would encourage you to use them rather than sending your items directly to us at Yahoo. The Correspondents would like us to stress that **their deadline is the 10th of the month**, so they can forward copy on to us by the 12th, so please help them to help us.

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SHIPTON GORGE



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New Inn Support Ltd – Update – August 2006

At last we have the keys to the pub. These were handed over on Friday 16th June and work is progressing at a great pace with grateful help from a number of volunteers. Over a dozen or so villagers spent the whole of the first weekend stripping wallpaper, ripping up carpets and clearing out furniture before the builders, electricians and plumber arrived. Since then the garden has been restored by additional talented volunteers and work is also underway on the new toilet block. Internal alterations are in hand and we hope to re-open in August. **Please watch out for notices on all three boards, including the one at the pub, for an opening date when you can all come and have a drink in The New Inn!**

The Midsummer Ball was a great success and once again we were blessed with beautiful weather. Funds raised that evening were in excess of £1,155.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 9th August – The Casterbridge Male Voice Choir
in St. Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge at 7.30pm .
Tickets £5.00.

Monday 28th August – Musical Afternoon with Tea
Tickets £3.00, children free – see notice boards for details.
Tickets for all of the above can be obtained from Sally Parker –
telephone 01308 897168.

Our intrepid Jo Adams is swimming the River Thames at Buscot Lock near Lechlade to Tadpole Bridge, a distance of 14 km on 2/3rd August. It is with a small group called Swimtrek who run open-water swimming events. Jo is looking for sponsors and all monies raised will be going towards the New Inn fund-raising effort. Good Luck Jo!

The hanging basket competition was judged on Saturday 8th July, and the winner was: **Doris Benselin**

Our thanks to Gary and Sandra for donating the baskets and for judging them. They worked hard to ensure 24 brackets were in situ in time and the baskets now provide a welcoming splash of colour to the outside of the pub.

Ann Hunt 01308 898301

Shipton Gorge Village Society

The **Village Society Fayre** will be on Saturday 12th August at the Village Hall starting at 2.00pm . Donations of items for the following stalls would be much appreciated: Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, Tombola, Books and Raffle Prizes. Any of these people can be contacted if you are able to help in this way:

Sally Parker 897168 Ed Buck 898278 Terry Hunt 898301
Bob White 898203 John Kent 897547 Dave Curtis 898436
Heather Puttock, Rosamond Avenue.

Village Tea Towels are again for sale at £3.50 each.

Village Walk Footpath Books are also for sale at £1 each. The book was first produced by the late Joan Ballard who lived in the village for many years, and at her request money raised from the sale of these books will go to the RNLI. Contact Sally on 897168.

Sally Parker

Coniston Challenge for Guide Dogs for the Blind

They have all been so busy training that the Dorwest Herbs Team (Heather and Brian Bishop, Roly Boughton, Hannah Slater, Jo Boughton and James White) are sorry that it has taken so long to send a rather belated, but very, very sincere thank you to everyone who came along and supported their Coffee Morning & Bring and Buy Sale in May. It raised £200 towards the total of £2,500 sponsorship needed for their participation in the event, which is taking place in September. All the money raised is being donated to Guide Dogs for the Blind and anyone who would like to make a donation to help them reach their target should contact Jo Boughton at Dorwest Herbs on 01308 897272.

Used Postage Stamps

A reminder to everyone in the Bride Valley that we collect used postage stamps and send them off to various charities. We send them to the following in turn throughout the year:-

Bransby Home of Rest for Horses

Joseph Weld Hospice

Royal Veterinary College Animal Care Trust

The Blue Cross

People's Dispensary for Sick Animals

All of these organisations sort the stamps and then sell them to gain funds for their charity. Yes – we know that they're nearly all animal charities, but that's our thing!! So if you have stamps that we can add to our pile, either send them to us or drop them into our offices; we will be pleased to add them to our collection – it's only a small thing but it does help!

*Tony and Mary Boughton
Dorwest Herbs, Shipton Gorge 01308 897272*

Shipton Gorge Village Hall 100 Club

July Draw Winner

£20 No.71 Table Tennis Club

£10 No.67 Phyl Penney

Shipton Gorge Ramblers

We meet on Friday, 18th August for a lovely inland walk in the Sturthill area of the parish. Our route will take us along a little known ancient track called Chapel Lane, and it continues past a beautiful lake where we will see dragonflies, damselflies, marbled white and large skipper butterflies - to name just a few.

Please drive up Icen Lane to "Penfold" (or walk if you prefer), and park in our paddock driveway - the ramble starts from here at 10.30am. Give us a call on 897241 if you need directions.

As we all know, our local pub has just been completely refurbished, so I'm hoping we can all go there for lunch after our walk.

Janet Lane

Dorset Historic Churches Trust Annual Cycle Ride

Calling all keen cyclists! This year the sponsored cycle ride takes place on Saturday, 9th September, and our route will take us up the beautiful Bride Valley again, starting here at St. Martin's Church. Our destination will be the church of St. Michael and All Angels, Little Bredy, where we can picnic by the lake.

The money we raise will be divided equally between the Trust and our own church. To obtain sponsor forms, ring 897 241.

Last year 19 cyclists took part - can we do even better this year? I'll see you all on the day at 10am, and don't forget your picnic!

Janet Lane

SWYRE



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Songs of Praise

Sundays at 7.30pm from 30th July until 27th August.

Everyone is welcome to come and join in the singing, and this year we hope that the hymns will be chosen by a wider spectrum of people from the village, so hopefully your favourites will be among them!

Saturday 19th August from 10am

Churchyard working party.

Come and join us - many hands make light work!

PCC Meeting, 7.30pm Tuesday 29th August

at Chantry House.

Normal services will resume on Sunday 3rd September with Evening Prayer at 6.30pm.

The Churchwardens

Village Websites

giving details of events, news, history, photographs

www.burtonbradstockonline.org

www.littoncheney.org.uk



PUNCKNOWLE SWYRE WEST BEXINGTON

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Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council

As is customary there will not be a Parish Council Meeting in August; should any urgent business arise a special Meeting will be called. The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall on the 5th September 2006 at 7.30pm.

Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall

A successful and well attended Annual General Meeting took place in the hall on the 27th June; principal officers are David Buckland, Chairman, 898492; Sid Marshall, Treasurer, 897318; Liz Slater, Secretary, 897571 (get well soon Liz) Yvonne Buckland, Lettings Secretary, 898492; Most people attending the meeting volunteered their help with projects. This was very heartening for the Committee, who as the Steering Committee have been waiting and working for three long years to have the hall handed over to the villagers.

Work will start shortly to install new toilets and ramps for disabled access to comply with the Disabled Discrimination Act and a start will be made on a new heating system. There is a great deal of work to do and anyone who would be prepared to help, please contact Malcolm, on 897959, who is coordinating the refurbishment. We are expecting hand-over funds from Puncknowle Parochial Church Council and this together with two grants we have been awarded will be used to fund the work.

We have been given £1,500 to purchase new tables and other essentials by the Crown Puncknowle Fund Raisers and we are very grateful to them for their generosity.

As we write we are all working hard to raise funds for the hall at the Village Fete. We will report later on the monies raised for the hall and how we propose to spend them.

Please remember that it is **your** hall to repair, use and enjoy.

Village Hall Management Committee

Village Hall Bookings.

Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall may now be booked through Yvonne Buckland on 898492 or Liz Slater on 897751.

A refurbishment programme will be starting soon, and until that is completed the terms and conditions of booking will remain as they were previously.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to use the hall, either on a one-off basis, or particularly for regular use by clubs, groups or classes. Please give me a call and I will be glad to discuss any future use of the hall and the improvements which will be made to it.

Yvonne Buckland, Lettings Secretary

Sandy and Andrew Marshall

Would like to thank all our friends and neighbours in Puncknowle and Swyre who have kindly helped us through Sandy's recent illness.

Homewatch

There will be a meeting of all Homewatch representatives on Thursday 7th September at 7.30pm to discuss the roll-out of the Homewatch Traffic Light Warning signs to all of the Parish. The signs are now made and are ready to be distributed. The Homewatch is now a sub-committee of the Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council.

Puncknowle Art Group

We are most grateful to Sue for making us welcome in her lovely garden to paint wild flowers and for providing lunch. Our next meeting was painting in the garden at The Crown. There are no meetings in August. We next meet on Sept 8th.

Christine Molony



LITTON CHENEY

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Producers' Market – Saturday 19th August 2006

We hope you have the third Saturday of every month (April to November) firmly noted in your diary, and your shopping list pinned up ready for the next Producers' Market on Saturday 19th August, 9.30am to 12.30pm. We very much look forward to seeing you and don't forget John and Cassie at The White Horse open early for refreshments should you start to wilt in the summer heat.

We will shortly be distributing a **Shop Survey** to all houses in Litton Cheney and the surrounding area with a view to updating the information many of you gave during the Vital Villages survey in 2004. We will also be asking for your views on what you would like to see being sold in your village shop, the hours of opening and, most importantly, would you be prepared to help run the shop. The intent is for the shop to be community owned and managed but without sufficient personnel to run the shop we would have difficulty getting it off the ground (quite literally).

If you wish to know more about the Producers' Markets and the Village Shop please contact either Wendy Taylor on 482532 or John Firrell on 482313.

Litton and Thorner's Community Hall (LATCH)



The first fund raising event, Jazz at The Cottage was held at the beginning of July, and appeared to be enjoyed by all who came, tapped their feet, hummed, danced, sang-along, and had a thoroughly good time. The profit for the evening was £664, which gets LATCH funding off to a great start.

Thank you Eddy and Sheila for the lovely venue, John, for a lively introduction to a Royal Navy version of Horse Racing (we shall see more of this I am sure), and all the people who attended and assisted.

You will already have read about the forthcoming **Photographic Competition** in last month's BVN. Dates have yet to be confirmed, but if you would like further information about the competition please contact Steve Kourik, 8 Baglake, Litton Cheney DT2 9DP, tel. No. 482552 or e-mail skourik@toucansurf.com

Future Fund Raising Events:

Open Garden Evening on 8th September at Tith Barn House (Entry £5 including a glass of wine).

A Car Boot Sale, Duck races and games, will be held in conjunction with the **Producers' Market on Saturday 16th September.**

Don't forget Lesley Salvetti and Kathy Kourik are after your favourite and unusual recipes that can be enshrined in a forthcoming **Recipe Book.** Contact Lesley on 482170, recipe@salvetti.co.uk or Kathy on 482552, skourik@toucansurf.com

Thorner's School is organising a **Copper Trail** and are asking everyone to save their copper change over the summer. You will be invited to bring your weighty contribution along to the school at a later date. The school children will then count all the money and measure how far the trail will stretch if all the money was laid rim to rim. Objective? Bridport, but that may be a Brid too far!

Up to date news and more information on LATCH can be found on the Litton website www.littoncheney.org.uk or John Firrell (Secretary of LATCH) 482313.

Let the Bells Ring Out!

Whether it's a Birthday, an Anniversary or any special event, the campanologists of Litton can make it a resounding occasion for you. Your 'special ringing' can be advertised in the BVN or newsletter, if time, and you will receive a souvenir certificate. Reasonable rates . All proceeds to LATCH.

Contact the Tower Captain: 482260.

Litton Cheney Social Committee

Although numbers were down for this Summer's BBQ an enjoyable time was had by those who attended. Thank you to everyone who helped out, especially the cooks and the barman and of course to Eddy and Sheila for the use of their garden.

Our next walk is on **Saturday 12th August**, meet at the Bus Shelter at 10am weather permitting. (Steve was a bit lonely last month as only one person joined him, hopefully we will see more of you this month.)

Beetle Drive : Friday 18th August in The Church Hall,

at 6.30 pm. A Beetle Drive is a board game, played with dice, for the young and not so young. It's fast, fun and a fine way to wind-down on a Friday night.

Your Beetle Card costs £1.50 per Adult, with children 1/2 price. Refreshments are available and there are good Prizes to be won. A Raffle will be held and a proportion of the whole evening's proceeds will go to LATCH.

Kathy Kourik, Secretary LCSC

Beetle, Beetle, little bug
Creepin' quickly through my rug
Even tho' so round and fat
You crawl upside down, as well as flat!



The Trustees of The Litton Cheney Relief in Need Charitable Trust invite applications for a Grant from students living in Litton Cheney who have recently finished their full time education and intend to commence either full time employment or a course in higher education such as university.

Please apply by letter in confidence explaining your need for a grant to Mary Anderson at Talisman, or one of the other Trustees.

August dates for Lithe Litton Ladies are Monday, 7th, 14th and 21st but not the 28th.

Football Tournament? If you are interested in playing or helping with a football tournament in Litton Cheney on Sunday 10th September, please contact Paul Kingston (482384)

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

Friday 4th August

Reception at The Old Rectory from 6.45 p.m.

Concert in Church at 7.30 p.m.

with music from Paul Cheater (organ)

Walter Brewster (clarinet)

and Rosanna Brewster (cello and oboe)

Tickets in advance £7.50 to include refreshments

or £5 on the door for concert only

Tel: 01308 482532

Calling local entrepreneurs - Community Composting Update

There's a lot of support for the idea of a small-scale facility for local people to take their garden waste to for composting, according to the recent Parish Plan survey. Many people see the idea as a convenient alternative to taking a car boot full of prunings and grass cuttings to the nearest household waste site at Bridport. The compost can be used as a soil conditioner too. Local use of the product 'closes the loop' and could be true local recycling without a leaf or blade of grass clocking up road miles out of the valley!

As a result of the parish plan, a group was set up to look at the potential for providing a site in the village. However, with no land and few (but keen!) volunteers, and the need to satisfy Planning and Environment Agency regulations, a volunteer-run project seemed a non-starter despite its benefits, and has sadly been suspended.

All may not be lost though! 'Where there's muck there's brass' they say, and it seems there is indeed business potential in the idea for a local entrepreneur. Capital grants and regular 'recycling credit' payments are available to local composting projects, particularly in rural villages such as ours. Rural business development, farm diversification and the contribution to recycling targets are supported by DEFRA's Rural Enterprise Scheme and recycling credits may be paid for each tonne recycled. The DEFRA scheme is about to be replaced but likely to continue in some form. For details of the scheme and recycling credits see <http://www.defra.gov.uk/>

For further information on recycling contact the Recycling Officer at West Dorset District Council on 01305 251010 and the Waste Reduction Officer at Dorset County Council on 01305 251000.

Tess Green, former Community Composting co-ordinator

LONG BREDY



Village Correspondent: Mrs Elinor Frost
Bridelands, Long Bredy (482269)

Farewell to Charlie, Eleanor, Toby and Maisie Pack who have moved to Dorchester. We hope they will enjoy life there.

At the time of writing we have not yet held the fete, so results next month.

It will soon be time for the Historic Churches Cycle Ride, (9th September), so time to oil the bikes and start training!

We would like more people to volunteer for the church flower rota. You do not have to be expert and it would only be once or twice a year.

For Sale:

On behalf of the Long Bredy Village Hall Committee.

A slate snooker table and scorer. Reasonable condition but requiring legs. Can be viewed by arrangement. Offers invited by 31st August. Tel: Mike Shepherd 01308 482250

Notice is given that an application has been made to West Dorset District Council for a premises licence in respect of Long Bredy Village Hall, Long Bredy for regulated entertainment between the hours of 07:00 – 02:00. Any interested party or responsible authority may make representations in writing to, The Licensing Section, West Dorset District Council, 58/60 High West Street Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ within 28 days from the date of this notice. The licensing register and details of this application may be inspected during normal office hours at the above address.

It is an offence under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003 to make knowingly or recklessly a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (£5000). *1st August 2006*

LITTLEBREDY



This is the time of year when exam results come out, and students change years, schools and/or colleges accordingly. Academic progress is good to share, so please could results be notified to 482232 for inclusion in future editions? One result already in means congratulations to Sarah Williams, whose Finals results at Newcastle qualified her as a Doctor, following in her mother's (and maternal grandmother's) footsteps. Graduation was in mid-July, and she starts work in and around the Newcastle hospitals just as this magazine appears. Well done, Sarah.

The Social Club's Car Treasure Hunt on the 7th July attracted many entrants, who followed the Halletts' clues – and one or two trick questions! - around some of the local lanes, ending with a good supper for participants in the Village Hall. Many thanks to Phil and Annette for their contribution to a really good evening.

The Club takes a breather in August, and there will be no event in the Village Hall this month.

A reminder of the extra service in Church at the end of July: the **United Valley Family Service at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 30th July**, with people bringing picnics to eat beside the lake afterwards if wanted.

Also, with rather longer notice, a reminder that Paul Cheater has kindly offered to give an **Organ Recital** on the recently restored Church Organ, in aid of its renovation fund, on **Friday 25th August, at 7.30 p.m.**, preceded by a Reception for the audience at Bridehead. Details should be firmed up by the time this appears, but anyone who wants to buy tickets at £10 each (or £30 if ordered and paid for as a block of 4) should please ring the “ticket office”, i.e. the Williamses on 01308 482232.

Beyond the Valley

Madalina Rusu from Constanta, Romania, will give a Piano Recital at the Sir John Colfox School, Bridport on **Friday 11th August** at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 at the door. Programme will include works by Beethoven, Brahms and Lizt.

Maddy continues her studies at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London, and all proceeds will be toward her maintenance at the college. She has recently played in the Barbican Hall and St Martins-in-the-Fields, and this month will be the only occasion this year when she will be able to visit West Dorset.

If you cannot make 11th August, please come on

Saturday 12th August, St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.

Good Books in Bridport is your local stockist of Christian books, cards, gifts and other resources, providing the churches in the Bride Valley with their church supplies (wafers, candles etc). Call in for a browse and a cup of tea or coffee, a warm welcome awaits you and we are happy to order books if not currently in stock. We can also provide books etc for your church bookstall or local coffee mornings, fete or other events with 10% commission to your church or organisation. Contact our local agent in the Bride Valley, Sheila Spencer-Smith, for a chat on 01308 898012 or Good Books on 01308 420483.

We'd also welcome new **volunteers** in the shop, either on a regular or relief basis. You can find us at St Mary's Old School, Gundry Lane, Bridport, from Monday to Friday 9am-1pm and on first Saturday of the month 10am-12.00.

Morning in the Village

Old men walking back with papers
From the local village shop
Languid dogs on looped lead follow
Looking for the favourite stop

Guardian, Sun und Daily Mirror
Neatly folded under arm
Back to the comfort of the armchair
Where the news can do no harm



Women waiting on the corner,
Where the bus stops on the hour
Men with knees in shorts and singlets
Jogging back to morning shower

Children with their school bags swinging
Holding tight to mother's hand
Drivers speeding to the city
When once they would have worked the land

Soon the village will be silent
And become part of the rural dream
Of folk who leave it every morning
When trees remain to guard the scene

Frank Whillock

A Neighbour's Role

Neighbours, like children (!)
 should be seen not heard
Put up with your antics
 even if they're absurd

They should greet you with smiles
 at all times of the day
And look after your pets
 each time you're away

They should water your plants
 and see to the post
And stop mowing the lawn
 if you're playing the host

They never come round
 when you're having your tea
And on boundary issues
 they always agree

They don't criticise
 decisions you make
Be it paint your house pink
 or any other mistake

They should tolerate
 your choice of tune
Even when heard
 outside your room

They lend you their tools
 without having to beg
If you borrow some sugar
 they'll throw in an egg

They provide you with cake
 and homemade gin
Their door's always open
 to welcome you in

A shoulder to cry on
 or to make you laugh
To help with the wiring
 or transport a bath!

I guess you will say
 this could never be
But the exception to rule
 lives right next to me

Anon !