

# MARCH 2007

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## FROM THE (NEW) EDITOR

I regret that due to time constraints it has not been possible to compile the usual Valley Diary in this issue.

Sincere apologies for this failure, and for any inconvenience: the diary will re-appear next month.

Please note that in future all copy for BVN should be sent to the new email address:

**BVN@hattiemaths.com**

Deadline for April issue is 12th March.  
Copy to village correspondents by 10th March.

## FROM THE RECTOR

**The Revd. Bob Thorn A.K.C.**  
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I wish I could remember the name of the bright spark who said that the future of the Church is ascetic. I wish he hadn't, because it sits on my conscience like a lump, and especially at this time of year when the Church is in the season of Lent. When all the rest of the world likes to make more choices about how to do more things and get more stuff, being content with less is difficult for people to understand. Doing with less is hard and unnecessary, so how should one be content with it, and why should one bother to try? Because the future of the Church is ascetic, and if it ever gets around to doing anything about that, it may be quite an enlightenment to the world.

We now know it is all our fault, because they told us on the telly that ninety percent of all known household scientists have said that the pollution that humanity has made and is making, is the reason why the world is going squiffy (which is a technical term for lots of things that are bad).

We are told about our footprint and how big it is – but not, I notice about how hard we are stamping with it. Anyway, the trouble is that if I reduce the size of my footprint and its stampiness, in five minutes ten other people will be jumping up and down upon the piece of ground I have so laboriously saved for the patter of the feet of my great-grandchildren. But to be personally responsible, and to cope with the lump on my conscience, I have to try.

Living with less, what we see as asceticism, is not a self-inflicted punishment. The stress is on being content – content with less. The consumer culture teaches us to be discontented with what we have so that we will buy more.

Contentment itself is counter-cultural.

I will have to be content with less food of less variety. I will have to be happy to have the choice of a few lumpy clothes because my house will be colder and damper in the Winter. My world will be smaller when I have to walk everywhere, and I will become more easily ill more often. My grandchildren will have fewer options in life. I will be pleased to note my body becoming worn with manual work, so that I can be happy to die younger than I otherwise would.

It looks like taking a dark look back in time, when people, surprisingly, were more content than we are now, but it may also be the future – the future which is ascetic. It is a lot of hard work with few words of consolation, but the ones that are given are everything and more.

“Blessed are the meek,

## FROM THE REGISTERS

The funeral of Anne Margaret Manning was held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at St Martin’s Church, Shipton Gorge. Anne had been unwell for some time, but with great determination had set herself to move to Shipton Gorge, a village she knew well, to be near her daughter. Sadly, she died on the point of moving in. Members of her family spoke at her funeral, and many people of the village turned out to pay their respects on a lovely afternoon shining with the promise of Spring.

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February the funeral of the late Mary Elizabeth O’Carroll took place at Weymouth Crematorium. The People of Burton Bradstock will remember her not only for her great love of her dogs, but also for her keen membership of village organisations and her involvement in village life. She died very suddenly and unexpectedly, and this came as a great shock of bereavement to her devoted sister Christina and the family.

*“Rest eternal grant unto them. O Lord,  
And let light perpetual shine upon them.”*

## VALLEY NOTES

### TINY TOTS PRAM SERVICE



Friday 9th March 11.00 am.at St. Mary's Church,  
Burton Bradstock. A short service for 0-5 years,  
**but all are welcome.** *Yvette Smith. 898219.*

### MOTHERS' UNION.

Sat. 17th March Prayers for Ireland.  
Sat. 24th March 2.45pm. Triennial Festival Day at Salisbury  
Cathedral. *Yvette Smith. 898219.*

### QUIET DAYS

Rev. Jean Thorn holds Quiet Days at the Rectory throughout the year for anyone living in the valley or beyond who may be interested in taking part. The day starts at 9.30am with coffee and ends at 3.30pm with tea. Lunch is also provided. A donation of £12 is requested to cover all the costs of the day.

The date for March is Saturday 24th - 'The Way of the Cross' - using pictures and art.

Please phone Jean on 898799 for further details or an explanation of what happens. Numbers are limited to 12.

### FIRST FRIDAY - CHRISTIAN YOUTH CLUB

This is for young people aged 12 - 18 who live in the Bride Valley and is usually held in the Rectory at Burton Bradstock at 6.30pm on the first Friday of each month.

In January the group made 'Epiphany' pizzas together. Last month the group watched and then discussed a DVD about the prophet Jeremiah. This month the meeting will include a walk to West Bay.

For more details please contact Jean on 898799.

### THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The group meets from 7.30pm on the following dates for either study or prayer, as well as a time of fellowship together. All

in the Bride Valley welcome to join us. Please contact Paul on 482346 for details of venues.

March 1st (study), 8th (prayer), 15th (study), 22nd (prayer), 29th (study).

### **MOTHERING SUNDAY LUNCH**

St Mary's Church is holding a 'Bring & Share' lunch in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Sunday 18th March at 12.30pm. Anyone from the Bride Valley churches is most welcome to join us. All we ask is that you bring a plate of savoury and/or sweet food to put on the table to be shared by all. Coffee, tea and squash will be provided.

### **LENT LUNCH**

St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock will be holding a Lent Lunch in the village hall on Saturday 10th March between 12noon and 2pm. All welcome to join us for soup, bread and cheese, coffee and biscuits. Donations to be given to St Mary's Mission 07.

### **THANK YOU.**

Thank you to all the people throughout the Bride Valley for their prayers, cards, flowers and messages of comfort on the sudden death of my mother and for my husband's operation all within a week. As you can imagine there has been much toing and froing and your support has been much appreciated.

*Yvette Smith.*

### **BRIDE VALLEY LUNCH AND SUPPER CLUBS – MARCH.**

Challenging 'Limericks' brain-teasers in February from John and Cathy Lay-Flurrie, are being followed at the Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March Supper Club event by their "Antiques Inn Show" (you guess the price paid for various objects). This will take place during the during the cafetière period, following a roast pork or fish pie & dessert supper.

The Lunch Club event is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March (Roast Chicken & Bacon).

Delighted to see some new members each time at the New Inn Shipton Gorge – just 3 months left of the Clubs in their current

format before the summer holiday season, so call now for details and to reserve a place - first come, first served. Open to all in the Valley.  
*John Grantham 01308-897935*

## **BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB**

### **Diary for March**

Monday 12th March: 7.30 pm at Thorners School  
Questions and Answers



This is being written before our February meeting when we expect to see some lovely photographs of the wild flowers of Dorset taken by Dorset's professional wildlife photographer Colin Varndell.

Don't forget that at our March meeting Chris Hunter, from Kingston Mauward, will be answering those knotty problems which you come up against in the garden. If we can get some of your questions in advance then these will help to make this meeting start off with real interest.

**JOBS TO DO:** Some shrubs should be cut back down to ground level to encourage bright stem colours to be enjoyed next winter. For example *Cornus alba* and *Rubus cockburnianus*. Fertilize fruit trees with sulphate of potash below the canopy. Start sowing outside some salad vegetables like corn salad, radish and spring onions.

*Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary. e-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net*  
*Dianne Ffoulkes, Chair. tel: 01308 482420*

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP**

Many thanks for Heathers pop in day. Around 35 people came and managed to raise £130.00. This will be used for updating our home corner with a lovely new kitchen for the children to enjoy.

**Travelling Trends will be at the playgroup on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, starting a 7.00pm.** This should be a fantastic evening. You can buy discounted designer clothes straight off the rails. The

tickets are selling quickly so if you still want a ticket they are available from the Post Office or Mandy Burwood on 01308 423519. Tickets are £5.00 and include a glass of wine.

February was a busy month for us celebrating The Chinese New Year with food tasting and lantern making.

We had an early pancake day to celebrate Shrove Tuesday and the children helped to make pancakes as well as, of course, tasting them.

We have had lots of trips out this term to the School, Church, and Rectory Gardens and also to the library with many thanks to Hazel.

We are just starting to grow some Lily of the Valley bulbs and also plant potato seeds.

Do feel free to drop in on one of our sessions if anyone is interested. Mon, Wed or Fri. 9.30-12.00. We also run a lunch club on Mon and Fri 12.00-1.00.

*Playgroup leader Ann Marie: 07814 316963 or 01305 788221.*

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL**

Last month our footballers were victorious in the final of the Cluster 'A' team five-a-side tournament. They won a keenly fought encounter with Powerstock by a single goal scored by Will Barclay. This month the team travel away to Sticklands for our semi-final Kenway Cup match. This tournament is seven-a-side and will be another tough challenge. We will let you know the outcome next month, so watch this space.

Meanwhile the musicians have been busy. Thanks to Mrs Pearson we enjoyed a 'mass band' afternoon involving many children who play an instrument. The finale was a short concert to the rest of the school and some parents. In addition to this the recorder players attended a pyramid event at Bridport Primary where they had a great time performing together. This month our Year 5 children are joining in with a Pyramid choral concert. We have enjoyed learning a variety of songs on a 'Be Bop a Lula' theme.

Along with all other state schools we are continually moving forward with various changes. One of the most significant is the 'Revised Framework for Literacy and Numeracy.' I am interested

to know at which point it will become the 'Old Framework'. If this New Framework delivers according to the hype it should enable more flexibility in our teaching and, more importantly, improvements for children.

We have now said farewell to our PANDA who has been replaced by 'Raiseonline'. This will be useful when our SIP comes to visit. He will want to see the SEF, SDP and FFT data. This is all very exciting – so I'm told. The danger is that there are so many acronyms that we forget what they all mean. Our SIP (School Improvement Partner) used to be known as a county adviser or inspector. That was in the days when recycling and refuse officers were called dustmen. I am looking forward to discussing with him in plain English not only the documents above (I won't bore you with more translation) but also some newspaper clippings that have been brought to my attention: 'Primary schools are urged to stop setting homework'; 'Head is told he cannot open boy's lunch box'; 'School bans football because balls hurt'. There must be another side to these stories unless of course the World really has gone completely bonkers.

*Mark Stratta*

## **THORNER'S SCHOOL – LITTON CHENEY**

'Hit the ground running' is a phrase which often relates to starting a new job, especially in education, but it proved to be more than appropriate this term. We knew that an Ofsted inspection was imminent, but little did I expect that, less than 2 weeks into the term, we would get the call! A busy few days followed before two inspectors joined us for 'the day'.

For those of us who have experienced inspections in the past, I am pleased to say that this was very different; a refreshingly positive experience. The inspectors observed lessons and spoke to staff, children and governors before completing their report, which was very complimentary, confirming that Thorne's is a good school with some outstanding features.

Clearly this is a huge credit to Alison Johnstone and all the staff who work so very hard and to the parents and governors who give the school so much support. Let's not forget the children



either, whose energy and enthusiasm for learning make this a happy and successful school.

Highlights this term so far (as well as you-know-what) have included a healthy breakfast, when the whole school sat down to a Breakfast Assembly with products kindly donated by Dorset Cereals. We have also enjoyed a hot soup lunch which I can vouch for as being delicious. Wessex Water came to work with Year 5 and 6, explaining how water reaches our homes and where it goes afterwards and we are planning to take the same class to do some field work at the Pumping Station at Sutton Poyntz next month.

With a Dance Festival, a Music Day and Book Week to look forward to next month, our lives are enriched with a wealth of extra curricular activities – and quite rightly so!

If I give the impression that I am pleased to be at Thorner's, then it is because I am, albeit on a temporary basis. I hope that I can bring some of my experience and strengths to benefit the school during my stay.

## **BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP NEWS**

On 31st January, another fund raising evening was held at Kirsty's house with Samantha Stazicker from Phoenix Cards. Accessories, wrapping paper and cards for every occasion on sale, along with excellent refreshments! £24 was raised for playgroup funds, and it was a very pleasant social event as well, with lots of chatting.



Saturday February 10th was our **Open Morning** - invitations were sent out and some new parents and children came along to look around our setting in Thorner's School. They saw our excellent resources and met staff plus Committee members/parents, while their little ones played along with present Fledglings children. New Play Doh was popular as were miniature kites to decorate. We would love to recruit some new "Nestlings" (from 6 months to 2 years) for Thursday afternoons.

We recently had a visit by reporter Judith Green from the free

Bridport newspaper "View From" - have you seen the article and photo? She did a great job as it was a full page spread. Our next visitor will be Paul Kingston to show us his travel slides - especially good as we are carrying on with the theme of **"Our World"**.

During the second half term we are looking at other countries, using dolls, photos, pictures, books and short educational videos - plus items brought in for "Show and Tell" by families themselves. Even tasting foods from around the world!

The latest **Quiz** is still available at the usual places: the Crown Inn, White Horse Pub, Burton Post Office the Playgroup - lots have been sold at the Tourist Information Centres.

Our next fund raiser is on **Saturday 24th March at Thorner's School - time 7.30pm**, when we will be hosting **"Wellbeing for Women"** - a complimentary therapies evening to include facial massage, flower essences, sound therapy, reiki, and many more. Further details on village notice boards - tickets are £10 and include three 15 minute taster sessions and refreshments, so - treat yourself: an ideal Mother's Day gift! Tickets are available from Thorner's School and The White Horse Pub in Litton Cheney, or by calling 482246.

If the Christmas Market was anything to go by this is an event not to be missed!!

Playgroup is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for morning and afternoon sessions, with Lunch Club from 12.00 - 1.00pm - very popular with the children! New Fledglings can start at 2years 6 months until school age and there are places available now.

For further Information, please ring our Chair : Rachel Maltby 482246 or myself : Playleader Carol Bennett 897771

## **FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP**

We meet at Long Bredy Village Hall every Wednesday in term time, from 10am until 12noon.

For babies and children from birth until starting school.  
*"Essential play and socialisation for your little ones"*

We are an active friendly group with as many as 14 families

attending each week. Parents and carers of all ages are welcome to join our Wednesday sessions and our regular (adults only) socials!

Come along on Wednesday mornings to make new friends and catch up with existing ones. There is a wide range of play equipment and toys to keep the little ones busy, plus a healthy "snack" half way through the morning.

For further information contact Sam on 482315.

## LITTON CHENEY

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## LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL (LATCH) NEWS

Almost in concert with your reading of this article, will be the opening of the booking/ ticket office for next month's **Dorset Youth Orchestra** concert in aid of LATCH. From Monday 5 March local residents can book/reserve their seats for the concert on **Saturday 14 April at Herrison Hall** (Charlton Down) by calling David and Wendy Taylor on 01308 482532 or e-mailing [taylor@bridevalley.com](mailto:taylor@bridevalley.com)

For the first week of bookings (**5 March to 12 March**) local residents will be given priority. After 12 March concert tickets will be made available to the public at large. Once booked, you will be asked to pay within seven days, confirming your ticket purchase. If David or Wendy are not at home you will be invited to leave a message and they will get back to you. The booking set up is designed to be both convenient and easy for all but you are urged to be quick as tickets are expected to be in great demand.



The programme will include Elgar's Enigma Variations with the evocative "Nimrod" to the fore, Benjamin Britten's "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" (highly appropriate in the circumstances), and Arnold Bax's "Tintagel" conjuring up romantic and happy memories of Cornwall.

Tickets are priced at £7.50 for the concert, or there are limited tickets (due to space) to include a reception before the concert

and interval drinks at £15. Limited parking is available so you may find car sharing with friends a sensible option.

Our grateful thanks to the Dorset Youth Orchestra and the generous support given by sponsors Humberts, Humphries Kirk and CG Fry. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Other News** – Local fundraising, including promises, has now reached £23,500 out of a target of £50,000 and our grant application currently resides with the Big Lottery Fund. All Bride Valley calendars have been sold but recipe books are still available by contacting the people shown below.

Watch out in future editions of the BV News for details of the Open Gardens/Art Exhibition Weekend on 16/17 June and other events currently in the planning pipeline.

For more information please call John Firrell (482313) or David Taylor (482532).

## **PRODUCERS' MARKET - LITTON RETAILERS ASSOCIATION**

Our first market in 2007 will be on **Saturday 19 May** at The White Horse Inn, Litton Cheney. Hope to see you there!

Last month, we gave you the main results in the recent Market and Shop Survey to which many local residents responded. There is little doubt there is considerable support for the market and a shop. However, viability of the re-establishment of a village shop depends very much on there being sufficient people to run it.

A number of people who responded to the survey said they would help, but many were unable to commit to a time or number of hours. This is understandable as people's circumstances often change from one month to the next. If the shop were to open from say 8 am – 6pm (the preferred time by the majority of respondents), the minimum number of people required on a daily basis would be four (2 shifts x 2 people) Over a six and a half day week, 26 people would be required per week. Yes, some of the volunteers would do more than one shift but please understand that running a shop will require a considerable number of committed people. However, we are talking Litton Cheney, winners of the Best Community Village 2006 (Small Village category), so we remain optimistic that sufficient numbers could be found.

Of the other questions, a small number of people would take up a delivery service, and all respondents except one thought Litton Cheney would be a better place if it had more community aligned facilities such as a shop, market and community hall, in addition to the already established church, pub and school. By the way, our congratulations to Thorner's School for its good assessment in its recent Ofsted report.

To know more about Litton Retailers, or how to volunteer to help with the market and shop, or would like to have a stall at the markets, contact John Firrell (482313) or Wendy Taylor (482532).

### **LOCAL ELECTIONS: YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS YOU AND YOUR VOTE.**

Litton Cheney Parish Council would like to call on residents to get involved in the forthcoming local elections.

Now is the time to ensure that your name is on the Electoral Register so that you can support your community and vote. Copies of the Electoral Register are kept at post offices, libraries and with the parish clerk, so a quick check to make sure your name is there would take no time at all. It's your right to vote, so don't miss out. The last date the West Dorset District Council can receive registration forms to add a person to the Register, to be eligible to stand for this election, is Wednesday 18 April 2007. This is also the deadline for notification of new postal votes and for changing absentee voting arrangements.

The Parish Council depends on local people taking an interest in what happens in the community, whatever their background, and local people standing as councillors can bring a wealth of knowledge and community understanding into the local team.

If you are interested in becoming a councillor, or know someone who might just need some encouragement, now is the time to act: get the nomination forms and send them off. Help us to meet your needs by supporting your local councillors and remember to vote on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Nomination forms are available now and can be obtained by telephoning and requesting one from West Dorset District Council democratic services. They are also available from the Parish Clerk.

To check if your name is on the Electoral Register, more information on becoming a councillor or if you would like a Nomination Form please contact: The Parish Clerk Mrs Gwen Kinghorn, 7 Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy DT2 9HW Tel: 01308 482270 e-mail: aking44634@aol.com

### **LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Village Assembly will be held on Tuesday, 13th March 2007, 7.30pm. Venue and speaker to be confirmed so please check notice boards in village

### **THE WINNERS OF THE 100 CLUB**

for February are: £15 Jo Lee and £10 Elizabeth Higgins.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Closing date for registration on electoral role – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2007  
Final date and time for receipt of nomination form in electoral office – Noon on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2007

### **LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Well done to the winning team at the Quiz night, it was a nail biting finish all resting on the last question. The prize money was donated to LATCH.

Fourteen of us have just returned from a lovely walk along the ridge from Abbotsbury Castle to Abbotsbury. Please remember, anyone from the Bride Valley and beyond, or on holiday in the area, is welcome to join us for a walk.

The next **walk is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** meet at the Bus Shelter at 10am for a walk of approximately five miles.

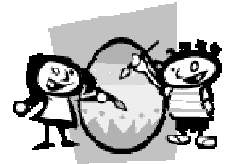
**Carol and Hugh Lindsay** have again kindly offered a **donation of snowdrops** to the village for which we are very grateful. Please come along to the triangle on **March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am** with a spade to help plant them.

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April, Duck Race and Easter Egg Hunt.**

**Meet in Main Street by Fry's yard at noon** to purchase your

ducks for £1 each. The race will commence soon after.

The Easter Egg Hunt for children will take place in the pub garden after the duck race.



**For your diaries:**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April Litter pick,

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Village Meeting with speaker.

**We would like to give our thanks** to Eddy Fry who has erected the new plaque at the triangle. This was won by Litton Cheney for being the Best Community Village in Dorset, small village winner. Something we should all be very proud of.

*Kathy Kourik Secretary LCSC 482552*

**FROM ST MARY'S PCC**

Our Fete will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May at Court House and we shall be holding a planning meeting very soon, so please watch the village notice boards for the date, time and place.

Along with all the other Churches we are updating our Electoral Roll over the next few weeks. Being on the Church Electoral Roll enables you to attend the Annual Meeting and be eligible to join the PCC and so be part of the decision-making team that runs St. Mary's. If you would like to join the Electoral Roll, please contact me for an application form.

*Wendy Taylor, PCC Secretary, 482532*

***Wakey Wakey!***

As nature awakes from its long cold sleep  
And the hedgehog appears from under his heap  
We find a bucket, a mop and a broom  
And set out to spring clean in every room



Ladders and paintbrush - hammer and nail  
The fence needs repair after the last strong gale  
Inventory lists and exam revision  
Schedules and holidays planned with precision

In all the frenzy of things to be done  
Let's not forget to still have some



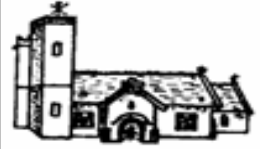
*(Claire)*

## **SHIPTON GORGE**

**Village Correspondent: Barbara Chambers**

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### **MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE**

Everyone is invited to our service of thanksgiving for mothers in St Martin's church on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm. Spring posies will be distributed during the service, and afterwards tea and simnel cake will be served in the Village Hall.

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

Please note that this will take place in St Martin's church on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm as the Village Hall will be unavailable that evening. There will be elections for Churchwardens and parochial church councillors, and various annual reports will be received. There is also a vacancy for the post of PCC secretary. Nominations are needed for two churchwardens, which must be received in writing by the Rector before the commencement of the meeting – (please ask him for a form). Nominations for PCC may be made verbally at the meeting.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE FOR HOLY WEEK**

There will be a service of shortened Evensong in St Martin's church at 6.30pm from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April until Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. On Good Friday there will be prayers of the Litany at 11am. All are welcome to any of these services.

*Janet Lane*

### **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

As you may have seen in the flyer in last month's Bride Valley News the church electoral roll is being revised. All those whose names are on the new roll are entitled to vote at this year's Church AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> March. No new names can be added between 1<sup>st</sup> March and the AGM, but can be added at any other time during the year. The number of names on the new roll will be displayed in the church for at least 14 days prior to the AGM.

*Bob White. 01308 898203*



## **FRUGAL LUNCH**

A Frugal Lenten Lunch will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March between 12.00 noon and 1.30pm. Tickets costing £5 each are available from Christine Green – 898334, Gillian Maxfield – 897346 or from Doris Benselin – 897562, with all proceeds going to the Sudan Fund.



## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 7.30pm. This is a change from the previously advertised date.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 7.30pm.

*Ernie Thomas. Parish Clerk*

## **SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY**

New Committee Members:

John Kent Chairman, Heather Puttock Vice Chairperson, Ed Buck Treasurer, Terry Hunt Secretary, Kelly Puttock, Liz Gates, Sue Brown, Sally Parker and Dave Curtis.

### Village Society Objectives

1. To organise as wide a range of activities as is practicable for the enjoyment and welfare of Shipton Gorge residents of all ages, and for such other persons and organisations as the Committee shall decide.
2. To foster the rural character of the Parish and its amenities and to co-operate with other organisations having similar objectives.
3. To raise funds, which may be used by the Committee to provide support and assistance to any project as will benefit the community and further the objectives of the Society.

Colin Varndell will be giving a film show and talk at the Village Hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Colin, who lives locally, is well-known for his photographs of the landscape and wild life of Dorset and the West Country which he has been

photographing for over 30 years. During this time he has turned what was once a hobby into a full-time professional career. His evocative photographs of animals, birds, insects, wild flowers and the Dorset landscape are used in books, magazines, newspapers, calendars and in advertising worldwide. Colin has won awards four times in the prestigious International Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition.

## **VILLAGE HISTORY**

The booklet outlining some of the history of the village of Shipton Gorge, originally published by the Shipton Gorge Preservation Society, has now been reprinted, and is for sale at the cost of £1.00. At the request of Peter Bates and the late Brian Crabtree all proceeds are to go to the Dorset Air Ambulance fund. For a copy of this interesting booklet please contact Sally (897168) or any other Village Society Committee member.

## **SERVICES FROM THE NEW INN**

When the village was asked for suggestions as to what services people might like to see available from the New Inn, a prescription collection service was mentioned. Gary and Sandra are starting a Repeat Prescription Service as a benefit to residents, and if the repeat prescription is taken to the New Inn by 1pm on a Tuesday, collection can be made two days later on a Thursday. Another new venture is Takeaway Fish & Chips. Depending on the demand the meals will be available some lunch-times and evenings.

For further details of either service please ring either Gary or Sandra at the New Inn on 01308 897302

## **BINGO**

There will be a Village Society Bingo evening in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April starting at 7.30pm. There will be good prizes and all are welcome.

## **THANK YOU**

I would like to say thank you to the Committee for the lovely flowers and gift vouchers which were presented to me at the Village Society AGM, which brought to an end my 5year service as

Chairperson. Also a big thank you for all the support I was given during that time. *Thank you all.* *Sally Parker*

### **SHIPTON GORGE RAMBLERS**

This month we will be doing a circular walk in the Beaminster area, including Parnham House and surrounding countryside, so we will meet at the earlier time of 10am by the telephone kiosk in Brook Street to share transport. The ramble is over 4 miles in length, and should be very interesting, so do come and join our friendly group of walkers.

The itinerary for the rest of this year is now available from either Vicky or Janet, so call us on 897241 or 898648. *Janet Lane*

### **SHIPTON GORGE LTD**

The first public meeting of Shipton Gorge Ltd., held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in the Village Hall, was very constructive and well attended, with more than 60 residents, including the directors, present. The purpose was to explain to the village how and why the company had been set up after the purchase of the piece of land between Brook Street and St Martin's church, and to discuss the future use of the land and the management of the company. Following on from this a second meeting will be held on Good Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Further details will appear in the April edition of the BVN.

### **ANNE MANNING**

The funeral service for Mrs Anne Manning of Port Lane, Shipton Gorge, was held at St Martin's church on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Jean Ayers and family would like to thank all friends from Shipton and Burton for their kindness in welcoming Mum to the village, and who gave us so much support during her illness. It was a great comfort to me to see so many friends in the church that she loved. The flowers looked beautiful in the church for nearly two weeks, and the generous donations given to Cancer Research and to Shipton Gorge Ltd for their community land fund, in memory of Anne, were very much appreciated.

### **SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB FEBRUARY DRAW WINNERS**

£20	No 70	Bob Simpson
£10	No 15	Liz Langran

## PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 7.30pm. This is a change from the previously advertised date.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 7.30pm.

Parish Council elections will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007. Existing Parish Councillors who wish to seek re-election and other individuals who wish to be nominated for election will need to submit nomination papers to West Dorset District Council to arrive no later than noon on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. If you are interested in serving your community by becoming a Parish Councillor for Shipton Gorge, please contact me on 01308 898648 for further information and to obtain the appropriate forms. I very much look forward to hearing from you.

*Ernie Thomas – Parish Clerk*

### BURTON BRADSTOCK

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**MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICE** held every Wednesday at 10am in St Mary's Church followed by coffee at the Rectory. All welcome.



**TINY TOTS SERVICE** held at 11am on the second Friday of the month in St Mary's Church. Refreshments provided afterwards. All welcome.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY LUNCH** 'Bring & Share' lunch in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm. See notice in Valley Section for details.

**LENT LUNCH** Lent Lunch in the village hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March between 12noon and 2pm. See notice in Valley Section for details.



## **BURTON BRADSTOCK CHURCH FETE 2007**

A date for your diaries please.

This years Fete will take place in the Rectory Garden on *Thursday 2nd August*. Planning has started and further details will follow in the coming months.

*Peter Broomhead Fete Co-ordinator*

## **NEW ELECTORAL ROLL: ST.MARY'S BURTON BRADSTOCK AND CHILCOMBE**

Under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll is to be prepared. Everyone who wishes to have their name entered on the new Roll, whether their name is on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment. Forms will be available in the churches from 28<sup>th</sup> February and must be completed not later than 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Please return completed forms to Wendy Froy, 35 Grove Road, Burton Bradstock.

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL (BBVH)**

### **200 CLUB – FEBRUARY 2007 DRAW**

Congratulations to:

1st Prize:	No.	352	Mr David Barnikel	£40.80
2nd Prize:	No.	283	Mrs Noreen Short	£20.40
3rd Prize:	No.	386	Mrs Jean Bowles	£10.20

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the March-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £10 – one pound for each of the remaining 10 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

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

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **Artsreach**

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March we have booked Wheatley's Arcadians who will be presenting "Strings Ain't What They Used To Be" at Burton Bradstock Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets when

available will be £7.50. The Arcadians are a very popular group who entertain with music and songs from the 1920's and 30's using a wide variety of instruments. We are promised an evening of musical history that is lively, informative and above all entertaining.

Make a note too in your diary for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for KOKORO, the group from Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra who had to cancel their booking last year due to one of the performers breaking a finger.

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

### **Quiz Night**

There will be a Quiz Night in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Either bring along a team of 8, or join a team on the night and enjoy not only a fun quiz but also a Fish and Chip Supper and Bar. Tickets will cost £6.50 each to include the supper provided by Longs and more details will appear on posters around the Valley. Tickets are on sale from Burton Post Office from Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. It is important to note that numbers have to be given to Longs no later than Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March so please get tickets early.

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

## **EASTER SUNDAY 8th APRIL - 1.30pm THE GREAT BURTON BRADSTOCK ANNUAL DUCK RACE**



**at The Village Green, next to the park.**

**DUCKS AWAY 2.00 pm! (from the bridge)**

**STALLS OPEN FROM 1.30pm**

**Easter Bonnet Competition, Ice cream. Tombola,  
Home - made cakes, Lucky jam jars.**

**Prizes for race winners & Easter Bonnet winners.**

**A great fun afternoon for all the family!**

**To enter the race, buy your ducks for £1 each from Burton  
School, The Anchor Pub, The Garage, The Post Office  
or Village Stores.**

**Ducks go on sale from March 12th.**

**(Last year we sold out of ducks, so don't leave it too late!)**



## Village Fayre

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will once again be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00 to 4.30pm. Your support last year made this event a great success and the money raised has allowed the Village Hall Committee to maintain and upgrade the hall and facilities. Help will again be needed to organise, set up and run stalls; anyone who wishes to volunteer should contact Susan Moores on 01308 897673. Entertainment for children will once again be a central feature of the Fayre with supervised Children's Races and a Fancy Dress Competition. Look out for further details on Notice Boards around the Village. Contact details for stall holders etc. will appear in the April edition of the BVN.

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

## BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE GROUP



Meets on Tuesdays at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. New members welcomed, but a little experience is necessary.

For further information Tel: 01308 898117

## BURTON BRADSTOCK FOOTBALL CLUB

2007 is the 100 year anniversary for Burton Bradstock Football Club which was formed in 1907. The current football team is keen to celebrate the centenary and are planning a weekend in September to mark the event with a football match and possibly the holding of an exhibition of village football photographs and memorabilia. It would be great to hear from anyone who has any photographs of former players/team pictures or other footballing memories so that they can be included in the exhibition.



Please contact Dave Dixon (898620) or John Noonan, club Statistician, if you have anything you'd like to share.

More details of centenary plans in the Spring"

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

*Talk by John and Barbara Ivall*

We have all seen in various bookshops, autobiographies of so-called celebrities hardly out of their teens, so it was refreshing to

hear how John Ivall set about writing his memoirs of his varied working life and retirement both home and abroad, when he and his wife Barbara gave us a talk entitled: ‘*The Spirit Within and our Life in Canada*’ – on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan.

His career has taken him through the British Mercantile Marine, British South African Police in Rhodesia, Royal Marine Commandos, the tobacco trade, Pub life and finally Canada. He started to jot down his memoirs from scraps of paper but most of it came straight from his head, and we could not but wonder how many of us listening would have sufficient power of recall to put our reminiscences onto paper.

He then followed this up with some slides showing us their home on Wolfe Island, Canada, and the surrounding area of the St Lawrence river and Kingston. We all want to go there soon!

*Don't miss: 7.30pm Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> Bill Putnam on “Roman Dorchester: Its Roman Baths and The Evidence for a Roman Fort”*  
*Peter Dutton*

## STEPPING OUT

Plans are now under way for Burton Players' forthcoming production of the comedy 'Stepping Out' which will be performed in the Village Hall on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

The search is on for:

- 8 female actor/dancers – 1 of whom should be from an ethnic minority
- 1 male actor/dancer
- 1 female actor/pianist

The writer Richard Harris enjoyed major success in the West End with this warm, funny play about the lives, laughs and loves of a group of women (and one man!) who attend a weekly tap dance class.

Interested parties are invited to come along to the hall on two evenings –

- 1 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm for an introduction to the plot and characters followed by an improvised drama workshop to explore characterisation. Audition slips completed.
- 2 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 – 8.20pm for the tap dance





workshop/audition. Lack of dance experience will not necessarily be a disadvantage as the director/choreographer, Shirley Ewart, intends to tailor the choreography to the abilities of the cast.

8.30 – 9.30pm – individual readings/auditions.

BOTH audition sessions should be attended by prospective cast.

Rehearsals commence on Tuesday 10th April at 7.30pm and will be twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

## **HOME WATCH – BURTON BRADSTOCK – MARCH.**

Scams seem to be increasing, and we have to avoid them all! Some tips from the Office of Fair Trading include these:

**Spot the 'Scammer':** Is someone contacting you 'out of the blue'? Are they asking you to spend any money? Are they in any way trying to *rush* you into a decision? Are they saying you've won a *prize draw* (even if you've not entered)?! Or offering a prize if you *buy* something? Or offering a chance to join an 'investment scheme'? Or offering you funds if you can pay a small deposit in advance? Are they asking for *bank details* or other *personal details*? Or trying to catch you to phone them back on a *premium rate line* (all UK premium rate lines start with 090). If in doubt on



### **ADVANCE NEWS ON MUSIC FESTIVAL**



Following its sell-out success last year, it is confirmed that the dates for the Burton Bradstock Music Festival for 2007 are Tuesday 14th to Saturday 18th August. This will be a really exciting 5 days with top international music artists here, and a programme that will meet a *variety* of musical tastes. More news in a couple of months' time.

#### **NOTE FOR THE DIARY:**

please note the 'Pre-Festival Concert' in the Village Hall is at 7.30pm Fri May 25th.

To help make the Festival happen, if you believe you can help towards the arrangements (e.g. on publicity, the programme, staffing the bar, etc), please contact Mike Southgate now on 897487 to discuss.

Many hands make light work!

More news soon.

*John Grantham*

any of these – or even if you just feel a bit uneasy or under pressure - do *not* act immediately, but think it over in your own time and discuss it with a friend.

Home Watch Area Representatives Meeting looking at 2007/08 now confirmed for 6.45pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

*John Grantham*

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE PLAN**

A blueprint for the future of Burton Bradstock has been drawn up.

The new Burton Bradstock Parish Plan aims ‘to create a sustainable future for the parish, where quality of life and the special nature of the community is maintained and enhanced for all.’

The plan has been written following a consultation period lasting nearly two years. Public meetings have been held for local residents and every village household received a questionnaire seeking views on current concerns and future development.

A wide range of organisations with an interest in the village were consulted. These included the National Trust, the Jurassic Coast Team, local authorities, the Environment Agency and the parish council.

Chief concerns highlighted included the need for affordable homes, beach safety, employment opportunities, waste and litter, dog fouling, traffic calming, public transport, TV and radio reception and leisure facilities.

The Parish Plan Steering Group discussed each theme and proposed action to remedy the concerns. At an open meeting in November 2005 more than 100 people who attended each identified what they considered to be the 10 most important things that should be done to improve life in the village.

A consultation draft of the plan followed and was made widely available. Feedback was taken into account in the drawing up of the final version adopted by Burton Bradstock Parish Council last October.

This contains an action plan to help focus the energies of the community and encourage partners to contribute to a range of objectives.

The Action Plan priorities will be published in April issue of BVN.

The parish council will take the lead in implementing, monitoring and reviewing the plan.

Individual groups comprising councillors, residents, special interest groups and other agencies able to help will concentrate on single ‘themes’ - traffic, for example.

Work has already taken place to meet other concerns that emerged during consultation, including improvements to the local footpaths, the provision of dog bins, kerbside recycling and improved dialogue between the

parish council and the National Trust.

Elise Ripley, Vice-chair of the parish council, said: ‘We have made every effort to involve local people in helping us to draw up this plan and we hope that everyone with the good of the village at heart will work together to turn our hopes and dreams into reality.

‘Burton Bradstock has many of the problems faced by rural communities including little public transport and a lack of affordable homes to enable young families to stay in the village. But it has a wonderful community spirit and thriving village organisations and we want to ensure that it continues to flourish in the future.’

You can see a full version of the Burton Bradstock Parish Plan as well as more about the village on [www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk) (click on ‘what’s new?’)

Issue	Action	Time scale	Local partners	Other partners
Reduce traffic speed through the village.	Produce a single traffic management scheme for the village.	Short term	BBPC (Burton Bradstock Parish Council), DCC (Dorset County Council)	
Improve sport and recreation facilities, particularly for young people.	Redevelop parish recreation field.	Short term	BBPC, WDDC (West Dorset District Council) Community Support Team	
Reduce the number of houses used as 2nd/ holiday homes	Encourage owners selling houses in the village to favour bids from purchasers wishing to live in the village.	On going	BBPC, WDDC	DCA (Dorset community Action)
Increase local sale of local produce	Find a suitable outlet/venue in the parish	Short term	BBPC, WDDC	Bridport Centre for Local Food
Ensure that affordable housing benefits successive as well as initial occupiers.	Enforce Section 106 Agreements.	On going	BBPC, WDDC	
Increase low impact use of the natural environment.	Identify and promote low impact environmentally based activities, such as walking/cycling and riding	Short term	BBPC, WDDC	
Improve access to the countryside	Create an easy going trail around the village and perhaps develop a second route linking village to beach	Short term	BBPC, DCC Rights of Way Team	



## LITTLEBREDY NOTES

The village said farewell to Annie and Bethan Burson at the end of January, when they moved from Riverside Cottage to a new home in Dorchester. We hope they will be very happy there, and that Bethan's school career will flourish at the Thomas Hardy School.

Congratulations to Ashley and Nonie Dale of The Old Parsonage on the birth of Indiana, a sister for Josh, Millie, Rafferty and Zach. May the new arrival bring great pleasure and fulfilment for them all.

The Parochial Church Council will shortly be renewing the Electoral Roll (which is not the same as the Register of Electors). Those on the Electoral Roll are entitled to attend and vote at the P.C.C.'s A.G.M., and to have a say if Extraordinary General Meetings have to be called for important business – e.g. the periodic hints that village churches can't be self-sustaining for ever. It is not essential to be a regular Church attender, but a degree of goodwill is a qualification! It is hoped that as many as possible will feel they qualify on this basis, as a healthy Electoral Roll is an asset. Any questions can be answered when or if an approach is made to you.

Carrie and Peter Jackson have kindly volunteered to host the village's **Lent Frugal Lunch at Littlebredy Farmhouse on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00 p.m.** Please come and pay over the odds for a bite of bread and cheese and water, with some fruit thrown in – in aid of a charity to be nominated by Carrie. Thanks in advance to the Jacksons for their hospitality.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in March, when the Village Hall will be open for the Social Club's monthly event, is March 9<sup>th</sup>.** Details of anything other than a quiet Social and Supper round the bar will be circulated to members nearer the time.

# LONG BREDY

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## LONG BREDY PARISH NEWS MARCH 2007

### THE SUMMER FETE

**THIS** will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Mr and Mrs Carter have once more kindly agreed to allow the event to take place in the beautiful grounds of Kingston Russell House.

Good wishes for a speedy recovery go to David Reed who has been admitted to hospital.

We will have all noticed what a wonderful job Tommy Foot is doing with layering the hedge in Friday lane. Not only will it look fantastic but will give much more visibility of the road ahead.

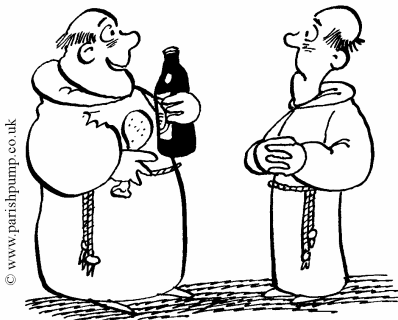
Thanks Tommy.

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Notice is hereby given that under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared

Forms of application for enrolment can be obtained from the undersigned or from St Peter's Church. In order to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, forms of application for enrolment must be returned by 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007, to the undersigned at Knowle View, Long Bredy.

*Valerie Shepherd, Electoral Roll Officer*



*...actually, I've decided to give up abstinence for Lent...*

## **PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON**

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### **THANK YOU**

Betty Brown would like to express her warmest thanks to all those who have sent cards, letters and donations following the death of her husband, and to all those who attended the funeral service in Puncknowle. She is most grateful to all the family, neighbours and old comrades for their help in her time of great need.

### **WELCOME**

A warm welcome Ross and Catherine 'Coo' Jones who have moved into 'Greystones' with their four sons - Elliot, Felix, Theo and Max - from Litton Cheney. Also to Jay and Jane Hutchins and their baby daughter, who have moved into Napier Close from Burton Bradstock. We hope they will spend many happy years in Puncknowle.

### **LENT FRUGAL LUNCH**

This will be held on Thursday 22nd March, in the Village Hall, from 12.30pm. Come and join us for home made soup, bread and cheese. The collection will be for a practical project to help the Third World in restocking livestock.



### **ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE, PUNCKNOWLE**

The Church Fete will be held on Saturday 28th July in the grounds of Puncknowle Manor (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Wild). Any offers of help will be greatly appreciated – from running stalls, helping with teas, making cakes/goods/produce, setting up and clearing etc. Help from young people to run some of the games will be especially welcome. If you can help in any way please contact: Ruth Brieley 898283, Elizabeth Slater 897751, Ann Roberts 987716

## **BELATED THANKS**

Julie would like to thank all those who so generously contributed gifts of chocolate in every guise possible for her chocolate tombola stall at the Puncknowle Christmas Fair. She is most grateful and proud to say that the stall made £130 all of which went to Julia's House.

## **PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP**

Our new programme for the year began with a quick sketch with colour, of a still life subject provided by Pam. The next meeting was a talk by Tracy on illustrating. We also enjoyed browsing through her lovely coursework relating to needle craft and some beautiful portraits of pets.

I can now reveal that the clubs fundraising efforts for 2006 raised £480.96 for Julia's House. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

## **Diary of Events March**

Friday 2	The Crown, 10.30am: Wax/wet on wet
Friday 16	Bridport, 10.30am: Stained glass in Bridport
Friday 30	Village Hall, 10.30am: Workshop with Jill Newsome.

*Christine Molony*

## **PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall in Puncknowle on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

## **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2007**

Elections will take place in May of this year.

Representation for the three villages is made up of five councillors for Puncknowle, two for Swyre and two for West Bexington, the Council meets on the first Tuesday in the month except for August and January.

We need to have new blood, and fresh ideas throughout the Council, and have councillors who are committed to the promotion of local interests. If you could devote some time to the Parish please do consider becoming a councillor. It does mean giving up time, but it is very satisfying to feel that you have made a difference. If you are interested in becoming a councillor please

contact either the Parish Clerk, Mrs Carolyn Buckland on 01308 897726, or me Madeline Marshall on 01308 897318, or speak to any other of the present councillors, for further information.

### **MUD ON VILLAGE ROADS**

I always have a steady stream of complaints about mud on the village roads but by and large the problem is no better or worse than other areas in the district. In the last few weeks I have had more complaints than ever and there have been one or two minor accidents with villagers slipping in the mud.

The matter was discussed at the last Parish Council Meeting and it was decided that the state of the roads and the lanes was becoming unacceptable, and that a letter be sent to all our farming neighbours asking for their co operation in making an effort to clean up the mud at the end of each working day. We know that this will not always be possible and that mud is an inevitable problem in a farming community. It is also appreciated that these last few weeks have been made more difficult by the relentless rain and the flooding which happened in the villages, but an improvement will be welcomed.

### **CAR PARK AT WEST BEXINGTON**

You will all have seen that West Dorset District Council have set aside the sum of £130.000 for structural improvements to the car park. The Parish council is expecting draft consultation letters from Parking Services to be considered at the Parish Council Meeting in March. The agreed consultation will be with the local community regarding the future management of the car park. It is intended to consult by means of a letter and also a public meeting when parking, explanations and time scales regarding the proposed work, and any other issues will be open for discussion. Please watch the village notice boards for future information.

### **APRIL CLEAN UPS**

Is anyone interested in the April tidy up? The Parish Council has details of the Litter Clean up which will take place in April, if anyone would like to form a group to tidy a local area please



contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Carolyn Buckland for further details. Please also note that the Beach Clean will take place on April 15<sup>th</sup>, further details contact Mrs Lovell 897322.

*Madeline Marshall Chair, Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council*

### **PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL.**

Just a further reminder that the Hall is now ready for all those people who expressed an interest in forming a club to use the hall for a wide variety of activities. Let us hear from you. Do not forget that the early birds can have the best choices of when they would like to use the Hall on a regular basis!

*Sid Marshall 897318 & Yvonne Buckland 899492*

### **SWYRE**

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### **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE**

#### **REVISION OR RENEWAL OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL.**

This is to take place in 2007 and every six years thereafter. No names will be carried over from the old roll and everyone must make application to be included on the new roll. For Holy Trinity Church the names need to be collected between **4<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March** in order to allow a vote at the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Forms will be available in church or from Vera or myself (church wardens) or Margaret May (electoral role secretary). Please telephone me on 898 492 if you have any difficulties regarding this. I will be happy to call on you and discuss.

#### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

to be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2007 at 7.30pm, following Evening Prayer in Holy Trinity Church, Swyre.

All lay persons whose names are entered on the new roll shall be entitled to attend the annual meeting and to take part in its proceedings.





## **CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY,**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 12 noon, .

Weather permitting we can continue the work we were doing last year, to help keep our lovely churchyard maintained well. The next 3 months will be particularly important if we are to have the area looking at its best for our Trinity weekend celebrations!

## **POSIES FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 10am onwards

We would love to see all the children of the village and anyone else who is feeling young at heart, joining to pick primroses etc in the churchyard, and making them into posies for Sunday. Do come and give a hand if you can.

## **MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE**

at 11am.Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March,

This will be a Family Communion service with presentation of posies to the ladies by the children and young people. The service will be followed by light refreshments and a chance to chat!

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April, from 10am onwards, .

We will be decorating the church as usual for Easter Sunday. All are welcome to come and help. Contributions of flowers and greenery are always appreciated. If any of the children and young people would like to come and make an Easter garden we would love to see them as well.

## **TRINITY WEEKEND**

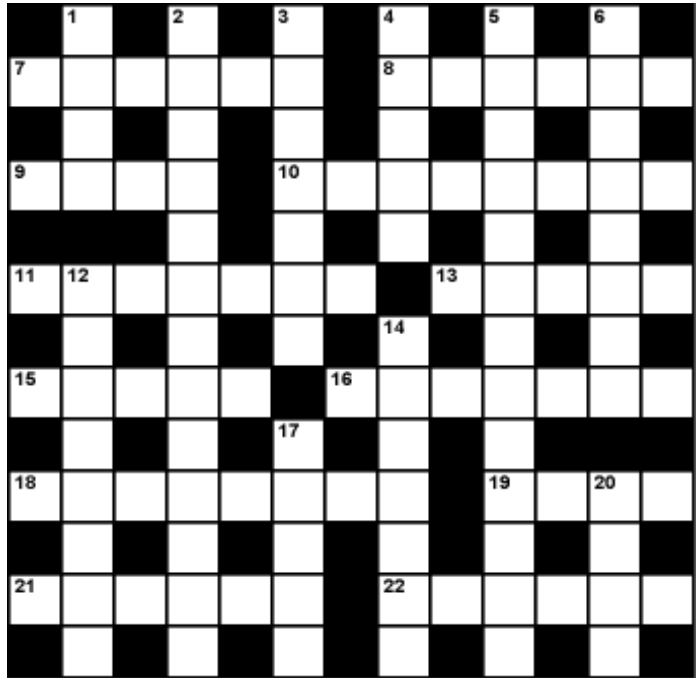
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The first meeting to discuss this was very well attended, positive and productive. By the time you read this there will have been a second meeting. If you would like to get involved and/or find out more please ask for dates of future meetings. Currently we are looking for some more people to run or help on stalls on the Saturday afternoon. If you feel you may be able to help in any way please let us know. We look forward to hearing from you. Your Parish Needs You!

*Yvonne Buckland and Vera Hirst, Church Wardens.*





# CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

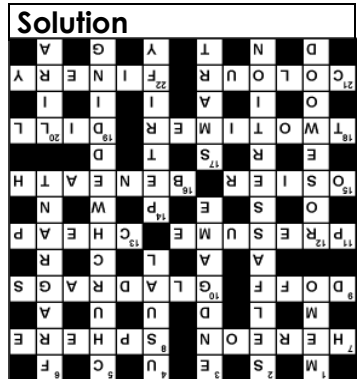


## Across

- 7 Breaking up In Reno, he came upon this (6)
- 8 My area of influence is the globe (6)
- 9 Party very loudly and remove hat (4)
- 10 Happy in tatters? No! Let's put on our best clothes (4-4)
- 11 Suppose it will start again, but quietly at first (7)
- 13 Expensive? Not so, says the chick (5)
- 15 Eros will make a willow (5)
- 16 Under a Scottish mountain consume heat (7)
- 18 Love rat to wet rim? Surprisingly, yes (3-5)
- 19 When money is unwell, try a herb (4)
- 21 Fantastic bird returns around lady, displaying flag (6)
- 22 Penalty a railway pays for splendour (6)

## Down

- 1 Tell me more about the note (4)
- 2 The frailest noses, oddly enough, push one confidently forward (4-9)
- 3 Playing chess to the last finish with fighting spirit (3-4)
- 4 Common if you add America to a man with the upper class in the middle (5)
- 5 A marriage ceremony, high or low, which Gwen did in confusion ( 6,7)
- 6 Stood for office inside two papers, but smelt nice (8)
- 12 Got up before a bowl, but valued as timber (8)
- 14 To fossilise is to frighten (7)
- 17 Does it hurt to be clever? (5)
- 20 De-rail the currency (4)



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