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FROM THE RECTORY

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The Rectory,
Burton Bradstock

April 1st is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. There is quite a lot going on, and so this letter comes as more of a list than a piece of correspondence. Apologies. I will pick up my quill and become discursive again next month. For now; dates, times and places.

Holy Week begins on 1st April, as above, and runs on to Saturday, 7th. All the services in the Bride Valley for Holy Week are shown on page 37 of this issue. Easter Sunday this year is on 8th of April.

This is a lot of services throughout the week, and especially on Easter day. A good time to thank, on behalf of us all, the staff (Jean, Ryder, Mike, James, and Paul - in training) and the Lay Worship Leaders (Janet, Hilary, Hugh, Yvonne and Sue) for their great contribution throughout the year to the worship life of the Churches in the Bride Valley.

Bob Thorn.

And a note from the Revd Jean Thorn.

BASIX.

Basix has been running for two weeks now. We have looked at God the first Person of the Trinity, and although we tend to call him "Father" we have seen a multitude of his other roles through various Bible texts. We then moved on to the Holy Spirit and looked at her (I always call her "her" but you do not have to!) through the medium of worship, in this case hymnody. In both sessions there was lively discussion and, because lots of people came, we split into groups. Next we focus on the second Person of the Trinity, Jesus. We have done it this way round so as to be looking at his death and resurrection at Passiontide. I always try to use approaches that are straightforward but a bit different from what you might imagine.

After Easter there will be a break and then Basix will continue

for all those who wish to come along. We are refreshing our memory and filling in the gaps about the Holy Spirit. You do not have to come to all the sessions and, if you did not make it to the Lent course, you can still come to the après-Lent bit. If it seems popular, I hope to be running other teaching programmes in the future.

Watch this space.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

On the afternoon of Sunday 18th of February, Aidan James Dundas Champion was baptised in St Michael and All Angels Church, Littlebredy. His parents, Peter and Ali, were married in Littlebredy some years ago, and are often in this part of the world visiting. They returned to their spiritual home for the baptism of their first child, who bore the occasion very bravely. A song was sung, grandfather providing part of the accompaniment on his guitar, and prayers were said for Aidan's good. The Godparents spoke out, and the promises were made. May God be with him, now and always.



FUNERALS

On Wednesday 14th February a thanksgiving service was held in memory of Ted Forsey, who until recently had been a resident of Burton Bradstock. His last months were spent near his family on the Channel Island of Jersey. Friends and family gathered at St Mary's Church to pay their respects, and following the service Ted's ashes, with those of his late wife Annie who died some years ago, were laid to rest in the churchyard.

On Friday, 23rd of February the funeral of the late Derek Spinney was held in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. A cremation service at Weymouth crematorium was attended by members of the family in the morning. In the early afternoon a thanksgiving service saw the Church filled with friends who came to remember Derek and

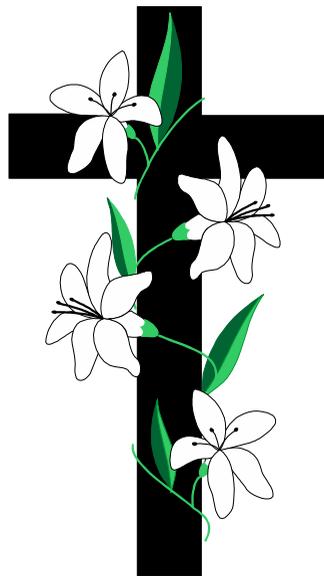
support Jill and the family. Derek's ashes were interred in the Churchyard the following day.

Doris Richards, at one time a resident of Litton Cheney, died at Castle View nursing home on 14th of February at a great age. Her funeral took place at Weymouth crematorium, and on Monday, the 26th of February her ashes were laid to rest with those of her late husband in the churchyard of St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney.

The funeral of Beee Epplestone, late wife of Lt Col John Epplestone of Shipton Gorge, was held at St Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge on Friday 2nd of March. Members of the family gave readings, and Mrs Brierley, an old friend gave a full and heartfelt tribute, telling of Beee's life; her love of her family, her talents and accomplishments, and her irrepressible sense of humour. Following the service Beee's mortal remains were laid to rest in the Churchyard.

Diana Dawson, who lived for many years with her husband, Charles, in the Parsonage House at Littlebredy, had moved away to be with her family following Charles' death. Diana, loved and respected by all, died at a great age, and her funeral was held at St Michael and All Angels on Friday 2nd of March. Members of the family spoke movingly of all that she had meant to them, and a tribute was given. She was buried beside her husband in the churchyard.

On Friday 9th of March, the funeral service of Tony Phipps was held in St Mary's Church, Puncknowle, following a cremation service at Weymouth in the morning. His nephew, Robert read a lesson, and the tribute was given by Richard Curtis, a lifelong friend. Tony had been a resident of Burton Bradstock for some years, having moved down from London. Many stories were told of his great zest for life, which ended all too soon at the age of 55. He is mourned by many,



including his brother Jon and his family.

This publication comes too early to report the funerals of; Freda Bonner, Mildred Trenchard and Kathleen Bugler. Accounts will be given in the May magazine. In the meanwhile, please pray for all of these, the dear departed, that they may rest in peace, and rise in glory.

VALLEY NOTES

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 13TH MAY.

This is a busy week in the life of the Church in the Valley, and this notice comes as a bit of advance warning for the diary.

Firstly, it is Christian Aid week.

Secondly, Thursday 17th May is Ascension day. In addition to the activities in the schools, there will be a communion service in St Mary's Burton Bradstock at 11.00 am. In the evening there will be a gathering at St Mary's Church, Puncknowle at 6.30 pm. We will then walk up on to the top of the Knoll and hold a service of Holy Communion before making our way back to the village again.

Thirdly, the week beginning 13th is Rogation. In years gone by there were several times of the year when the Church went out to bless the land. Now all that we usually remember to think of is Harvest, when the produce of the land comes into Church. But Rogation, from the Latin Rogare – to ask - was once very well known as a time of solemn prayers asking God to watch over the sowing of seeds, the tilling of the land and the fattening of the animals after the long Winter.

This year, The Revd Bob and the Revd Jean Thorn intend to go up and down the Valley, starting after Evensong at Burton Bradstock on Sunday 13th May. They will then visit the Churches and walk the paths of the Valley, blessing the fields and the farms of the Valley. They will walk through Monday and Tuesday, ending up back at Burton Bradstock on Wednesday 16th for the 10.00 am service of Holy Communion. There will be a necessarily casual itinerary for this so that anyone wanting to join prayers in Church or walk some of the way can join in. More details in the May edition.

Bob Thorn



TINY TOTS

There is NO Tiny/Tots Pram Service in April. The next one will be on 11th May.

MOTHER'S UNION.

Thursday 26th April -2.30pm "The Right Change" to be held at Mrs Vera Hirst's, - Clayhanger, Berwick.

Yvette Smith. 898219



SUDAN SUNDAY

A warm invitation is extended to all in the our valley who would like to join in celebrating Sudan Sunday on 10th June at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock.



At the 11.00am service the Rev Timothy Biles will be preaching. He is, as many will know, an authority on Sudan - he has been there and written books and articles on the country.

At the 6.30pm service Mr Richard Budd, a professional photographer, will be showing photographs taken last December when the

Bishop of Sherborne, the Rev Ian Woodward and he were guests of the Episcopal Church of Sudan for ten days. Mr Budd's summary was 'It was a monumental trip, a real eye-opener, all I expected, tenfold.'

In spite of conflicts and serious lack of infrastructure, there is a strong Church sense of faith, purpose and optimism.

Mission Committee

FIRST FRIDAY – CHRISTIAN YOUTH CLUB

This group is for young people aged 12-18 who live in the Bride Valley. It is usually held in the Rectory at Burton Bradstock at 6.30pm on the first Friday of the month. Bad weather meant the walk to West Bay planned for last month's meeting was postponed. Instead a lively game of Trivial Pursuit took place, followed by chips. April's meeting will include a discussion.

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.

April 19th, study;

April 26th, prayer.

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

CHILDRENS' SOCIETY

Very many thanks to all boxholders in the eastern end of the valley for your continuing support for the work of the Childrens' Society. Thanks to your generosity we raised £134.21 during this year.



If anyone else would like to hold a box, please contact me.

Pam Coventry: tel 897765

THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone throughout the valley who has been supporting me and my family through prayer and loving kindness during my recent hospital admission. The cards, gifts, flowers, phone calls and visits have been very much appreciated.

God bless you all. Lesley Dove,

THANKS FROM SUSAN PAUL

May I, through these pages, thank everyone who has shown such love, friendship and support after my recent accident? Over the years I have often read in the B V N of people's appreciation for so many kindnesses and I can only agree that Burton is the most wonderful place to live. **Thank you, everyone.** My only regret is that I never got to see "The Railway Children"; I understand that it was a resounding success. My congratulations to all concerned with its production.

Susan

PLANTS! PLANTS! - NOTE FOR THE DIARY!

A sale of plants, bedding and perennials - some unusual ones - will be held at the Red House, Middle St, Burton Bradstock, on Friday 11th May from 10am to 1pm. The proceeds will be equally divided between the Church Mission Society (Reg'd charity 220297) and Bible Society (Reg'd charity 232759). All welcome to clear the stock!



MOVING HOUSE SALE: INNSACRE, SHIPTON GORGE

Thursday 19th April at 2pm

Many oddments, bric-a-brac, garden tools and furniture, ornaments, china, kitchen equipment and some furniture etc.. For sale BY AUCTION. Viewing 11am same day. Cash or cheque with card.

20% of all takings to go to St Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge. Free glass of wine.



BRIDE VALLEY NEW INN LUNCH & SUPPER CLUBS.

Full information is being sent to existing members - this is the last chance for others to join in the Clubs' events at Shipton Gorge, but you'll need to book speedily please to have a chance of tickets (especially for Supper Club).

The Lunch Club dates are 12.30pm:

Monday April 16th and

Monday May 14th

Supper Club dates are 6.30pm:

Wednesday April 18th (includes "Call Our Bluff" word session) and

Wednesday May 23rd (a Return of the "Antiques Inn Show").

Details from John Grantham on 01308-897935.

'NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

ngs gardens open
for charity

The garden of The Old Rectory, Litton Cheney, will be open on Sunday 15th April, 2-5.30pm. There should be narcissi,

bluebells, blossom and who knows what else this spring will bring us!

Teas in aid of the Red Cross. Some plants for sale

Carol Lindsay

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 up 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.



BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP NEWS

Paul Kingston came to show us his slide pictures of places around Europe - volcanoes were discussed at length and lots of "Eiffel Towers" were built with wooden bricks. We have been trying out different foods - French croissants, Italian pasta - and learned two versions of the same song - "Frere Jacques" and "Bruder Jakob". Oliver's brother, Cameron, came in from school to sing the German version to us first. So thanks Paul and Cameron - oh yes we also painted flags.

Moving on to Asia - we have had stories from Burma, thanks to Sally's mum, learned about elephants, tigers and pandas, dressed up in Eastern hats etc, made colourful rice pictures, tasted different kinds of tea and made an Indian dinner! This is in between all our normal "learning through play" activities like games, jigsaws, mark making and collage, role play, etc. etc. etc.

Our playgroup room has been changed around (again) in order to make access to the computer easier for children and to improve the Home Corner area - where a lot of "cooking" goes on in the toy kitchen. Staff are always looking for ways to make improvements where possible. On sunny days, we have been out in the playground using balls, bean bags, hoops, and trikes - and the Parachute. That was fun! This month, we are saying a big "WELCOME" to Thomas Vicary and to Rebecca Larcombe who are joining Playgroup.

Feel free to come along any Monday, Tuesday or Thursday morning or afternoon to see us in action - Lunch Club is from 12.00 - 1.00 and costs £2. "Nestlings" is on Thursday afternoons for younger children to join in with activities and costs £3. For further

information, please ring our Chair : Rachel Maltby 482246 - or myself : Playleader Carol Bennett 897771

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another month passes and the signs of Spring are all around us – the bulbs in our flower beds and pots are bursting into life and the fields beyond our grounds are beginning to look green again. Well, that's today! Perhaps the weather will improve soon – ever the optimist!

With all the publicity in the press about obesity in young people, we are proud of the range of opportunities for physical education and outdoor activity that we offer here at Thorner's. We end our assemblies with daily exercise to music, which helps all the children to 'get moving' - lively bodies mean lively minds! Staff are also encouraged to join in, although the Scottish dancing routine defeats some of us!

In addition to the regular curriculum P.E. and Games, we offer a netball club and this half term, all the children are getting weekly football skills sessions with the Team Theme organisation which has been funded by our School Association. Our membership of the West Dorset School Partnership means that we benefit from training and coaching provided by teachers from Colfox School and last half term all classes had gymnastics sessions. Our Year 3 and 4 pupils are taking part in a Dance Festival with other partnership schools this week.

We use the Outdoor Education Centres in the county, such as Carey, in Wareham Forest, Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre and Leeson House at Langton Matravers, where children can enjoy a variety of physical challenges. We have also recently developed links with Kingston Maurward College and 2 classes will be visiting there next term.

Although not all sports are competitive, we do take part in football and netball tournaments with other 'cluster' schools and we are delighted when we bring back a trophy! We also enter a team for the Cluster swimming gala during the summer term. Having our own swimming pool means that most of our children can swim, or are at least confident in the water before they leave us.

We hope that the opportunities that we can offer will mean that

our children will respect their bodies as they grow older and continue to keep fit and active.

Oh, and finally, a word about the staff – most of us are taking part in the ‘Race For Life’ in aid of Cancer Research UK at Kingston Maurward in July. The training schedule begins soon.....!?

Pat Cunningham, Acting Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Diary for April

No meeting in April

May 14th A.G.M., Thorner’s School, 7.30pm

There will be no meeting of the Gardening Club in April but we hope there will be a good attendance at the A.G.M. on Monday May 14th at 7.30 p.m. at Thorner’s School Litton Cheney, as there is the important subject of the future of the club to be discussed since we have been unable to get a replacement Chair as Dianne Ffoulkes is resigning. We will also need a Treasurer and other vacancies will arise in 2008. We need all residents of the Bride Valley who are interested in the club to attend. If you are not able to attend but are still interested then please contact one of the people listed below. The meeting will be followed by a cheese and wine party.



As the future of the club is uncertain there will be no plant sale or mini show this year. However, the outing will take place as planned. Alison Davidson has organised a coach to Tapeley Park, Instow near Bideford on Thursday June 21st and anyone who is interested can contact Alison on 01308 482661 to see if there are any places left on the coach. Gardening Club members have already been informed of this tour in a newsletter.

JOBS TO DO:

A busy time of year now. Plant all potatoes before the end of the month and start successional sowing main-crop peas, carrots. Sow hardy annuals. Seedlings and young plug plants need to be potted on when large enough. Make sure these are well watered, but not drowned, and apply well balanced liquid fertiliser every fortnight or as needed. Alternatively place pellets of controlled release fertiliser in the bottom of trays or pots to help avoid plants running

out of nutrients. Prune early flowering shrubs such as forsythia and lonicera and trim winter flowering heathers.

Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary.

e-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net

Dianne Ffoulkes, Chair. tel: 01308 482420

Valerie Cameron tel: 01308 482240

Pam Jukes tel: 01308 897267

Ann Miles: tel: 01308 482301

LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL (LATCH)

Have you got your tickets yet for the **Dorset Youth Orchestra** concert in aid of LATCH? You can book/reserve your seats for the concert on **Saturday 14th April** at **Herrison Hall** (Charlton Down) by calling David and Wendy Taylor on 01308 482532 or e-mailing taylor@bridevalley.com

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. You are urged to be quick as tickets have been 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 perhaps 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 reached £24,000 out of a target of £50,000 and we await the outcome of our Big Lottery Fund application. "Litton Cheney Cooks" recipe books are available by contacting John Firrell (482313) and David Taylor (482532).

Coming soon – Bride Valley postcards.

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGELINGS
AUCTION OF PROMISES

**Friday 6th July at
Crown Inn, Puncknowle**

We need YOUR promises

So far we have: a days shooting, a load of logs, tickets to the races, a farm walk, a celebration cake, a load of manure . . .

**Please call Kate Smith 482633
or Maria Maltby 482741
with your pledge**



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Burton Bradstock on the 21st of April 2007 at 7.30 pm.
Tickets £5 - available at the door

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!)



Ice Cream *Fancy Goods* *Lucky Dip*
Cream Teas *Face Painting* *White Elephant*

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE FAYRE

Raffle *BBQ*

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

28th MAY 2007

In the Rectory Gardens

Children's Fun Obstacle Course
Fancy Dress Competition
& Mr Custard

Opening 2.00pm

Beat the Buzzer *Splat the Rat* *Roll a Penny*
Human Fruit Machine *Cakes and Preserves*
Plants & Produce *Filled Jars* *Box Clever*
Book Stall *Whisky Raffle*
Cocunut Shy *Pig Roasting*

All proceeds in aid of the Village Hall

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH, INC. LONG BREDY, LITTLE BREDY & KINGSTON RUSSELL).



We have monthly meetings held alternately in Abbotsbury or Portesham. We have a membership in excess of eighty and always welcome new members. As well as looking after the welfare of our members and ex-servicemen and their families, we run a quite comprehensive series of entertainment events during the year..to give you a flavour:

We have arranged a private visit to the Dorset History Centre (formerly County Archives Dept.) Dorchester from 7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Thursday, 12th April, when we shall have a talk on the work of that organisation and a look behind the scenes at their conservation work and the storage facility. Cost is £2.50 per person. Book with me please. We will make use of cars for this trip and meet at the venue. Non-members should let me know if they wish to participate.

Committee Members are reminded of the quarterly meeting at Portesham Methodist Hall at 7.30 p.m. on 19th April. On Tuesday 29th May we have a full day's outing: a morning visit to Clarke's Village, Street, with time for lunch, and an afternoon visit to the National Trust's newly acquired gem "Tyntesfield House", North Somerset. This event is open to non-members: contact me for further information.

Our Branch Annual Holiday gets under way on 15th September, 2007, and is an eight day trip to the Auvergne region of France. The main base will be Claremont Ferrand in the 'Massif Central', a volcanic region of mountainous scenery and little visited by groups. It is hoped to include excursions to a preserved railway, a lake filled volcano crater, caves and a chateau. Further information and an itinerary from me. Open to non-members.

To join the Branch simply ask me for an application form.

Des Baker, Branch Vice Chairman, (01305 871413)

In medieval times a festival of egg throwing was held in church, during which the priest would throw a hard-boiled egg to one of the choirboys. It was then tossed from one choirboy to the next and whoever held the egg when the clock struck 12 was the winner and retained the egg.

BEYOND THE VALLEY

BRIDPORT OPERATIC WORKSHOP

When Rex Trevett retired after a legendary career as Head of Music at Colfox School, he decided to form a Youth Music Theatre Group - Bridport Operatic Workshop.

With help from his wife Margaret and support from his daughter Julie, Head of Music at Weymouth College, he embarked on the challenging vision of giving young people from the Age of 11 the chance to learn theatre, music and performance skills. With productions such as 'Dracula Spectular', 'The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole' and specially written pieces 'Angels' and 'Feet', the group flourished.

Rex's life was tragically cut short, and when it was clear that he was too ill to carry on, he asked Miles Bell and Viv Ironside to take over, with support from the Bridport Arts Centre. The new team decided to carry on as before, but with the addition of a series of Workshops in Music, Vocal and Drama Skills, leading into a Major production each year. Their first production, 'The Demon Headmaster' was a great success, and was followed in 2006 by 'Little Shop of Horrors'.

It is always difficult to find suitable material for this kind of group, and Miles wanted to present a piece that would be specially tailored to suit the group. He was delighted when Herbie Treehead, locally based professional theatre/circus/comic performer offered to create an entirely new piece.

Through last Autumn, Herbie and local pianist/composer Rob Lee worked with the young people developing confidence and skills, while starting to devise and improvise storylines for this year's production. Rehearsals are well under way, and the 'World Premier of WOB!!!!' - a fantastical musical adventure - will be presented at Bridport Arts Centre on April 11th, 12th and 13th.

This promises to be an exciting theatrical experience so book your tickets early, at Bridport Arts Centre Box office Tel. 424204.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2007 WHEN

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 16 phone numbers to reach your family of 4.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. You know people's email addresses before their home addresses.

SHIPTON GORGE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: BARBARA CHAMBERS
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ANNUAL CHURCH CLEAN

The church gets swept and dusted weekly, but we plan to have a really good clean on Friday 27th April at 10am. All offers of help will be very welcome. Contact Anne White on 01308 898203.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY – DATES FOR THE DIARY

April

Wednesday	4 th	Wildlife Talk with Colin Varndell.	Village Hall
Wednesday	18 th	Bingo.	Village Hall

May

Saturday	12 th	Plant Swap & Refreshments	Village Hall
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June

Saturday	30 th	Garden Party at the home of Liz Gates, Shipton Rd.	
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July

Saturday	28 th	Flower Show	Village Hall
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August

Saturday	11 th	Village Fete	Village Hall
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September

Saturday	1 st	Walk from the New Inn followed by lunch at the pub	
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October

Thursday	25 th	A day at the races in Taunton with breakfast and supper at the New Inn	
Saturday	27 th	Autumn Festivities for the Family	Village Hall

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

The Society would very much like to celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversaries and 100th birthdays with residents of Shipton Gorge. If someone in your family is due to reach one of these milestones in 2007 we would be pleased to mark it with a card and small gift. Please let any of us know.

REMINDERS

Local photographer Colin Varndell's talk on Dorset's wildlife is on Wednesday 4th April in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Tickets available, priced £4 from Sally Parker 897168.

There are good prizes to be won at the Village Society Bingo evening on Wednesday 18th April. Eyes Down at 7.30pm, again in the Village Hall.

An amendment to the REPEAT PRESCRIPTION SERVICE from the New Inn. Prescriptions can be taken to the New Inn on a Thursday before 1.00pm, and Boots will deliver to your home on Thursday, a week later. For more information contact Sandra 897302.

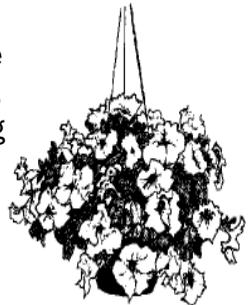
SHIPTON GORGE LTD

A reminder that the second public meeting of Shipton Gorge Ltd will take place on Friday 6th April in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The meeting has been scheduled for the evening of Good Friday only after careful thought and discussion. It is of course important to be inclusive to all members of the community, and although we are very aware that Good Friday is a religious festival, the evening of that day is felt to be one of the few times when second home owners might be able to attend – some of whom have contributed generously to the project.

We hope, therefore, that as many of you as possible will attend the meeting to put forward ideas you may have on the future use of the land below St Martin's Church.

HANGING BASKET COMPETITION

This was very popular last year and certainly provided a magnificent display at the New Inn. We shall once again be providing baskets, liners, peat, water retention tablets etc., and will be distributing them in the car park at the New Inn from 10.00 – 11.00am on Saturday 14th April. If you would like to take part please come along and collect a basket to fill with plants of your choice. We shall let you know when to return the baskets ready for judging.



Ann Hunt – New Inn Support Ltd

THANK YOU

I would like to express my sincere thanks to neighbours and friends for coming to my recent birthday celebrations and for joining together to buy the new radio, which will provide me with hours of pleasure. Thank you to others who gave me flowers, a photo and other gifts and cards that made the day so very special.

What a lovely place Shipton Gorge is!!

Thank you and Best Wishes to every one.

Constance Gale

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL – CLEANER REQUIRED

We are looking for a cleaner for the Village Hall in Shipton Gorge. Gerald Benselin has stalwartly undertaken this job for many years but has now decided to step down. The position carries remuneration for about 2.5 hours a week.

If you are interested and would like further details, please contact Doris Benselin 01308 897562

Village Hall Trust

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB MARCH DRAW WINNERS

£20 No 30 Doris Benselin

£10 No 38 Janice Symes

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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

Parish Council elections will take place on Thursday 3rd May 2007. Candidates need to submit nomination papers to West Dorset District Council to arrive no later than noon on Wednesday 4th April. If there are more than nine candidates a poll will be required, but otherwise an uncontested result will be announced on Wednesday 11th April.

Ernie Thomas – Parish Clerk

**CHAOS IS FOUND IN GREATEST ABUNDANCE WHEREVER ORDER IS
BEING SOUGHT.**

IT ALWAYS DEFEATS ORDER, BECAUSE IT IS BETTER ORGANISED.

Terry Pratchett “Interesting Times”

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICE

Is held every Wednesday at 10.00am in St. Mary's Church followed by coffee at the Rectory. All welcome.

TINY TOTS

No service this month

FAMILY SERVICE

Every Sunday in St. Mary's Church at 9.30am. A service for all ages lasting approx 45 minutes followed by refreshments. On the 4th Sunday of the month this service also includes Common Worship Communion. All welcome.

LENT LUNCH – THANKS.

Thank you to everyone who supported St. Mary's Lent Lunch last month – those who attended the lunch, all who donated food items, and especially all those people who worked so hard on the day in the kitchen, serving at the tables, setting up and cleaning away afterwards. The sum of £343.50 was donated, which will be divided between the Mission Aviation Fellowship and the Church Urban Fund, St. Mary's Mission Charities for 2007.

MISSION NEWS

Andy and Susie Hart, our Mission Partners, and their two little girls, will be visiting us from Tanzania on Saturday and Sunday 26th/27th May (Pentecost weekend). There will be a get together in the Rectory garden on the Saturday afternoon and they will speak of their work at the 9.30am and 11.00am services in the church on the Sunday. Please refer to posters for more details

Mission Committee

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL (BBVH)

200 Club – March 2007 Draw – Congratulations to:

1st Prize: No. 251 Mr & Mrs A. Coombe £41.20

2nd Prize: No. 354 Mrs P. Brooks £20.60

3rd Prize: No. 316 Mrs J. Still £10.30

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the April-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £9 – one pound for each of the remaining 9 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.

Forthcoming Events

Artsreach

Please make a note in your diaries for Saturday 2nd 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. Further details will follow shortly.

Norman Saunders-White - Promoter for Artsreach - 01308 897214



Village Fayre

The Village Fayre will once again be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday 28th May (2.00 pm to 4.30 pm). Your support last year made this event a great success and the money raised has allowed the Village Hall Committee to maintain the hall and facilities.

There will be many stalls and games with plenty for children to do; they can test their speed and agility over a fun Obstacle Course, take part in a Fancy Dress Competition and be entertained by Mr Custard.

In order to make this event a success we need volunteers to help with the stalls and games and we need donations for the stalls, the General Raffle and Bottle Tombola. If you can help in any way the people to contact are:

Fancy Goods – Susan Moores - Tel: 897673

Susan would be grateful for any soaps, small pieces of china, costume jewellery, scarves etc.

Soft Toys – Mary Bailey - Tel: 897288

Mary will be grateful for any donations. The soft toys must be clean, in good condition and safe for young children.

Books – Mike Southgate - Tel: 897487

Mike will be coordinating this stall which needs books, CDs, DVDs and Videos. There will be a box in the Library in the two weeks before the Fayre where you may leave any of the above items.

Bottle Tombola – Rosemary Daniels - Tel: 898049

Rosemary would like donations of any bottles or cans of alcoholic or soft drinks. She is willing to collect.

White Elephant – Cathy Lay-Flurrie - Tel: 897281

People willing to offer any items for the White Elephant Stall should contact Cathy who will let them know time and place for delivery.

Plants and Produce – Pat Broomhead - Tel: 897408

Pat will be pleased to receive any plants or produce in the Rectory Gardens on the morning of the Fayre between 10.00am and midday.

Filled Jars – Joan Allan - Tel 897511 and Noreen Short - Tel 897212

At present we particularly need clean, empty, lidded jars for the 'Filled Jar' stall. If you wish to fill jars yourself with things for children to the value of 50p e.g. a jar containing wrapped sweets or one containing pencils, eraser, pencil sharpener etc. please do so.

Cake and Preserves – Maureen Miller

Maureen is organising this stall on behalf of the WI and she would be grateful for any donations and these can be brought to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fayre.

General Raffle – Susan Moores - Tel: 897673

Susan is organising the General Raffle and, along with needing stand alone items, it is hoped to put together hampers of food and fruit so even tins of food, packets of tea, coffee etc; will be much appreciated.

A lot of help will be needed on the day to set up, man stalls and supervise games; if you wish to volunteer please contact Susan Moores - Tel: 897673.

Note: The Village Hall will be open from 9.30am to midday on Saturday 26th May to receive items for any of the stalls.

Susan Moores – Secretary, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Reading the “Bridport News” in future will not be quite the same for members of the society who were at the village hall on 9th February to hear the ex editor of the paper, Marjery Hookings give a talk entitled “Bridport: My Kind of Town”

The News was started in 1855 by William Charles Frost – same family as the newsagents in West Street. It was printed in Bridport and cost one penny. The circulation in those days was about 750 copies – today it is more like 11,500 copies.

We were shown examples of early news items such as the opening of a railway link to Maiden Newton, a cottage available for rent of £6 per week, and complaints about the state of the pavements! The origin of the nickname “Wip Wop” is not clear, but it maybe associated with the sound of the printing press behind Frost’s shop!

The print works closed in 1962 and the paper is now printed in Weymouth and is owned by a company called Newsquest.

Marjery joined the News in 1982 and became Editor in 1999. She now works for Dorset Farm Radio and in public relations – but we were left in no doubt that her heart still lies in the Wip Wop!

We are very pleased to welcome – as our final speaker this season, Minette Walters on “Crime Writing and Crime” at 7.30pm on Friday 20th April.

Advance dates for your diary for talks next season are:

Sept 28th, Oct19th, Nov16th, Dec7th

and in 2008, Jan11th, Feb8th, Mar7th & Apr11th.

Details of the programme will be available at the AGM on Friday May11th at 7.30pm

NB. In order to avoid hiccups with the overall sound system it is possible that the loop system will not be used on 20th April.

Peter Dutton

BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

The County Council’s recent proposal to close 13 rural libraries as an economy measure caused so much protest that they drew back and gave the 13 villages until 2009 to see if ways could be found for the libraries to be kept open by local involvement.

The leader of the Parish Council, Mike Southgate, called together a Burton Bradstock Library Working Group to see how this might be achieved in Burton Bradstock. The Working Group has been very busy since November last year investigating our options, and we are beginning to draw up a plan. Such a plan would require that we find volunteers to operate the service and fund the running costs of the library building.

The success of this plan depends on the support it receives and we propose to form a Friends of Burton Bradstock Library group to help us achieve it. A questionnaire is being circulated within Burton Bradstock to establish the degree of support in the village for the Friends. If there is anyone in the Bride Valley who uses the Burton Bradstock library and would like to be involved in this endeavour, the questionnaire forms will be available from the 2nd April in the Burton Bradstock Post Office. The forms should be returned to the Post Office no later than 28th April.

BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE GROUP



Meets on Tuesdays at 2.00pm in the Village Hall.

New members welcomed, but a little experience necessary.

For further information Tel: 01308 898117

PLAYGROUPO NEWS

The children have enjoyed the Easter celebrations, making Mother's Day cards and flowers. The sunshine/rain has really made the Lilly of the Valley bulbs grow.

This term we have been concentrating on friendships and feelings also preparing the older children for Primary school. The children also look forward to Cathy coming in and enjoy cooking with her.



Thank you to Burton Bradstock School for letting us use your facilities, the children were excited at the fact of seeing their siblings and meeting their new teachers.

As the weather improves please look out for us walking around the village.

Welcome to the new children and parents who have started

with the playgroup.

Look out for our fantastic cake stall we have outside the school usually on a Friday which we advertise on the school gates.

Please feel free to drop in on one of our mornings Mon, Wed or Fri. 9.30-12.00. We also run a great lunch club Mon and Fri. 12.00-1.00.

Any enquiries please contact Ann Marie: 07814316963 or 01308 788221.

HOME WATCH – BURTON BRADSTOCK – APRIL

I have had reports of an apparently respectable Utility Company going round homes in Burton selling door-to-door, without appointment, and in at least one instance getting into a home and signing up a new deal.

*But what if they had actually **not** been reputable?*

We are repeatedly advised by the Crime Prevention Officer to beware of people posing - as they do - as utility representatives, in order to gain entry.



SUGGESTION:

- display your DCC 'WE DO NOT BUY FROM DOORSTEP SELLERS' card (more available via 01308-897935);
- use your door-chain when opening the door;
- if accepting literature do so without any commitment;
- if they say they will call back say 'no thank you - if I am interested I will only handle it by post' (and if they say that will not be possible that way, then say you will not be able to do it anyway); always get 3 quotes anyway; never start a discussion that could lead to a sale that day, or you may find it uncomfortable not to invite the representative into your home to sign the papers.

Be firm throughout: they are uninvited visitors to your home after all!

John Grantham.

BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.



The autumn meeting was attended by thirty-three members who were entertained by a hilarious talk by Mr Colin Dean on *A Male Speaker's View of the WI*. One humorous instance given was of a WI meeting some years ago when one member became cross when he insinuated that WIs were posh. Whereupon she replied: "Oh no, we're not at all snobbish. We educated ladies have to educate the peasants." He thought that times had changed since then. After recounting amusing faux pas from reports of meetings he suggested a good ending to this one would be: "We couldn't have had a better speaker . . . though we tried!

President Heather Seadon welcomed twenty-nine members and three visitors to our February meeting at which glamorous and talented Kate Greenaway gave a hilarious talk on the forty-six jobs in her life. These ranged from entering the X Factor for all ages, and being picked for the Finals, to her twelve and a half years as a traffic warden.

Dates for forthcoming events and competitions were announced including the Spring Council Meeting at Weymouth in April and the big milk debate in April at the Corn Exchange, Dorchester also in April. Members were invited to write poems about the WI to be judged at the group meeting in June and to enter the photographic competition in December, *Burton Bradstock in Bloom*. Twelve photos will be used for a 2009 calendar to be sold for charity. A pot plant was presented to Joan Allan to thank her for organising the enjoyable New Year Party in January.

Committee Report 2006/07

Social occasions: Barbecue at Joan Allan's home, Christmas lunch at the Golf Club in December, New Year party in January.

Do you know the name of the dog that was one of Enid Blyton's Famous Five? This was one of the questions posed by our lively quizmaster on the Quiz Night on November 3rd which was run on our behalf in aid of the charity Julia's House and at which £212 was raised. We had a good and interesting mixture of questions. Another

enjoyable occasion was the Coffee Morning in the hall on 7th October arranged by two more of our members. The £207 raised has been donated to the Stroke Association.

Mary Bailey

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

“Hearty Party 2007” will be held at Linden Cottage, 41 Grove Road, Burton Bradstock on Sunday 17th June at 2pm. There will be various stalls, raffle, musical entertainment etc. So don’t forget to put the date in your diary (and watch this space!)



John and Velda Bull

A BIG BIG THANK YOU

from NOREEN of Greenwich Cottage

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Coffee Morning held in my home on 21st February in aid of the local branch of **The Alzheimers Society** . Also thanks to those who helped and those who donated so many lovely things.

We managed to raise the amazing sum of £251.

WELL! WELL! WELL!!.....

Sincere thanks to all who sponsored my cycle ride.

I completed the 65 miles on the exercise bike on my birthday in about seven and a half hours. Thanks to your generosity at least 14 villages in Cambodia can have their own fresh water well. If you want to know more, please ask.

Incidentally, I am not planning to cycle 70 miles on my 70th !!!!

Heather Rogers

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion, Bride Valley Branch is having a Social Evening on 23rd April 2007 in the New Inn at Shipton Gorge - 7 for 7.30pm

Further details from Secretary Jim Reeves
01308 897091



LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS:

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P.C.C.

As mentioned last month, the Parochial Church Council is currently 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. If you have not been contacted yet but would like to be on the Roll, there are a few days left for inclusion. Please ring Sir Philip on 482232 if so.

WE WELCOME Michelle Adshead and young Samuel (7) and Matthew (5) to No. 1, Riverside Cottage. We hope they will be happy here, and will enjoy village life among their new neighbours.

Those who saw a hearse or heard the Church bells tolling on the 2nd March may like to know that the funeral was that of Diana Dawson, who lived in The Old Parsonage for several years in the 1960's and 70's. She moved away after her husband Charles died in 1977, but reserved a plot next to his in the Churchyard for when her own time came, which it now has. It is gratifying that they thought of this as "home", and renewed sympathy is expressed to the wider Dawson family.

EASTER ARRANGEMENTS in the village follow a conventional pattern. On Good Friday (6th April), the short and simple Litany Service will be said in Church at 10.00 a.m. Thereafter, Judy Yates (482307) will co-ordinate the Church decorations on Friday or Saturday to have it ready for the **Easter Day service of Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 8th April.** Let us hope for a big congregation on this special day.

LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS: MRS ELINOR FROST
BRIDELANDS, LONG BREDY
TEL: 482269



EASTER:

Our service on Easter Sunday will be 11:00 Holy Communion which will be led by Rev Richard Adams. There will be services around the valley during Easter week, and on Monday 2nd April at 7:30pm. the short evening prayer and compline will be at St Peter's, Long Bredy. The church will be decorated Saturday 7th April; please do come and bring bunches of primroses or any flowers will be welcome.

THE FRUGAL LUNCH

held at Langbride raised £135 for Julia's House Hospice for Children. Thank you very much Juniper for hosting this very happy occasion.

FAREWELL

to Frank and Jackie Skipwith who have moved to North Leigh near Whitney; they will be nearer to all their family. Frank and Jackie have been twelve years in this village and made a big contribution to village life. Frank was church warden for three years and for several years was the main mower of the churchyard, and how beautifully he kept it. Jackie cleaned the brass and helped with whatever was happening in the village. So, we desperately need more volunteers to mow the churchyard, plus strimming. An hour or two on an evening or weekend would be great.

FREDDIE BRADSHAW

passed away on 16th February and a service of thanksgiving for his life was held at Symondsburry church. Freddie and Mary lived in Long Bredy for many years and made a great contribution to village life. Our sympathy goes to Mary.

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN:

April 14th 10 – 12 noon (Saturday)

Our annual litter pick around the village, gloves and bags provided. Coffee and cake afterwards. Meet at Mayburn (The

Dowlings) near the junction at 10.00am.

Everyone welcome, even if only for half an hour - or just come for coffee. We would love to see you.

The Parish Council

COFFEE MORNING:

April 21st 10.00 - 12.30pm (Saturday)

At Manor Farmhouse, Long Bredy, home of the Cain family. In aid of 'Estrella Brillante' (Shining Star) which is a small charity that raises money to help support the young rural poor of Ecuador to be educated and informed by providing school facilities, and in some cases medical care. John Cain is at present travelling in South America and will be working in Ecuador with this charity in May/June, helping with manual labour and teaching at the school.

Please come – everyone welcome. Raffle, bring and buy, great company!

Jackie Cain

FOR YOUR DIARY

Ladybirds are having an open meeting at Long Bredy Village Hall at 8:00pm on 18th April when Rob Curtis will talk about The Tolpudde Martyrs. Admission £2.50, refreshments will be available.

MORE YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2007 WHEN

6. Your reason for not staying in touch with various friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.

MORE YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2007 WHEN

7. You pull up in your own driveway and use your mobile to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the shopping.

8. Every advert on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.

9. Leaving the house without your mobile, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.

10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee



I don't care how many kilowatts is produces, you haven't got planning permission.

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS: ELIZABETH SLATER

1, LITTON CLOSE, PUNCKNOWLE

liz@ruddle.co.uk TEL: 897281



HOLY WEEK at ST MARY'S

Wednesday ,4th April

PRAYERS AND QUIET TIME – Compline at 7.30pm

Easter Saturday ,7th April

Church Decoration for Easter Day, from 10am

Please come along and help to decorate the church on Easter Saturday. Contributions of flowers and greenery would be most welcome along with bunches of primroses.

EASTER SUNDAY, 8th April

HOLY COMMUNION at 8am

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Members have been very generous giving their time and lending equipment for recent meetings. Thank you Maureen and Sallie for a morning of encaustic art and Jennifer for wax/wet on wet.

Diary of Events

Friday 13, 10.30am Monica's, Painting Blossom

Friday 27, 10.30am The Crown, American in Paris, a talk by Pam

Christine Malony

THANK YOU

Betty Brown would like to express her warmest thanks to all those who donated to the British Legion Poppy Appeal in remembrance of her dear husband Alfred George Brown whose funeral took place last January. The amount raised came to £396.50

PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

A Public Consultation Meeting, regarding the management of West Bexington car park and related issues, will be held in Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 17th April 2007. Officers from West Dorset District Council and Dorset County Council will be attending to answer questions. Consultation letters and

questionnaires will be distributed to villagers in West Bexington prior to the meeting. Villagers who wish to attend and do not have transport should contact West Bexington Councillors, Adam Simon and Ian Vicary or any other Councillor, and we will do our best to arrange transport.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on the 24th April in the Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall at 7.30pm. We will be having reports from groups in the villages, including an update on your Village Hall. Play leaders from Dorset Community Action will be in attendance to tell us about the possibility of new play equipment for the playing field. Please put this evening in your diaries and do your best to join us.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held as usual on the first Tuesday of the month the 3rd April. Elections for the Parish Council will take place on the 3rd May 2007 and consequently the first meeting of the new Council will take place on the 8th May 2007, one week later than usual.

Madeline Marshall, Chair, Puncknowle and Swyre Group Parish Council.

HOMEWATCH

There will be a meeting of all Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Homewatch representatives at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th April at Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall.

Andrew Marshall



PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL.

Good progress is being made with the refurbishment and we are now looking to commence a regular programme of events at the hall. You will have been separately circularised about the **Open Morning** and **Bingo Night** arranged for Saturday 31st March. We hope you have an interesting day.

The next formal event will be a **Quiz Night** to be held on **Friday 27th April commencing at 8pm**. Please make a note in your diary now.

On **16th May** Steve Griffiths has agreed to give a talk on **Abbotsbury Gardens**.

Our plans include a regular event each month which will include further Bingo Nights, Whist Drives and Talks.

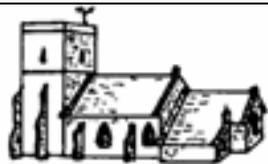
We also hope to explore the possibility of setting up a monthly Luncheon Club for our more senior villagers.

Do not forget the Village Hall is for your use and we welcome ideas for expanding its appeal. We are pleased at the response we have had so far from clubs and societies who wish to book the Hall as a regular venue for their activities. There is still room for more and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sid Marshall 897318, Yvonne Buckland 899492

SWYRE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS: **SID MARSHALL**
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smarshall@which.net tel: 897318



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

Church Services:

1st April, 6.30pm Evening Prayer followed by Annual Church Meeting

6th April, 12.00–3pm

Good Friday Walk with Stations of the Cross, starting at W. Bexington beach, and arriving in Swyre Church at about 2.15pm for final part. If you cannot manage the walk you can join the start and/or finish or join anywhere on route.

8th April, 11a.m. Holy Communion for Easter Day

15th April, 11a.m. Holy Communion

22nd April, 11a.m. Morning Worship

29th April, no Service at Swyre: United Valley Service at Puncknowle

Decorating church with flowers for Easter Day

Saturday 7th April, from 10a.m. .

Churchyard Working Party

Saturday 14th April, from 10a.m. .

Church Spring-Clean Working Parties.

Saturdays 28th April and 5th May from 10a.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY

Monday to Friday during Holy week

6.30 Shipton Gorge shortened Evening Prayer

Monday

7.30 Long Bredy Prayers: a quiet time and Compline

Tuesday

7.30 Prayers: a quiet time
and Compline Litton Cheney

Wednesday

7.30 Prayers: a quiet time
and Compline Puncknowle

Thursday

8.00-

9.00pm Watch, for one hour Burton Bradstock

Good Friday

10.00 Litany Shipton Gorge

10.00 Litany Littlebredy

12.00 - 3 hours devotion Burton Bradstock

3.00pm

12.00 - Walk and Stations of The beach at West Bexington,
3.00pm the Cross walking to Swyre Church

Holy Saturday

7.00 Vigil Chilcombe

Easter Sunday

6.00am Holy Communion Chapel in the woods, Ashley Chase.

8.00am Holy Communion Chilcombe

8.00am Holy Communion Puncknowle

9.30am Family service Burton Bradstock

9.30am Holy Communion Shipton Gorge

9.30am Holy Communion Litton Cheney

11.00am Holy Communion Burton Bradstock

11.00am Holy Communion Swyre

11.00am Holy Communion Littlebredy

11.00am Holy Communion Long Bredy

6.30 pm Evening Prayer Burton Bradstock

SWYRE TRINITY FAYRE, 2nd - 3rd JUNE

Saturday. 2nd June.

Short guided local walk starts at 12.30pm, taking in points of interest.

BBQ from 1pm.

Fayre Opens at 2pm – Stalls, Games, Refreshments.

Free Entry and Free Parking by The Bull.

Prize giving for Raffle, Flower arranging, and other Competitions to be held at The Bull at 4pm.

We would like to invite the parishes of the Bride Valley to take part in an **Inter-parish Flower Arranging Competition**. Two arrangements should be submitted by each parish. Details will be with the flower rota co-ordinator for your parish church.

Also there will be a **miniature flower arrangement competition** for all individuals to enter, with 2 sections – under 16's, and adults. These arrangements should be no more than 6 inches, (15cms) in any dimension, and in your own container. Entry fee – adults 50p, children 25p.

Finally for the children and young people there will be a **miniature garden competition**. These may be made in an oblong seed tray or similar, and should be made with mainly natural materials, to depict any garden of your dreams. These will be judged in junior (up to 11years) and senior (11years and over) classes. Entry fee 25p.

All arrangements should be brought to the church either on **Friday 1st June** between **4pm and 6pm** or **Saturday morning** between **10am and 12noon**. The flowers may be arranged in situ and water will be available. They can be collected anytime from Monday morning onwards.

Entries will be judged by public vote on Saturday afternoon.

Stall holders will be pleased to receive any of the following goods for their stalls.

Books Peter Northover

Bottles Paul Pritchard

Bric a brac and Handicrafts Val Pye 897462

Cakes Fran Manning 898120 & Yvonne Kennedy 897877

New to You & Vintage Clothes Sheila Bidwell 897688

Plants Ken Martin 897622
Preserves and Produce Hazel Stirgess 897571
Raffle prizes
Scones for Teas – 2in.diam. Vera Hirst 897335
(If no name or number ring Yvonne 898492)

Sunday 3rd June from 5pm

Concert, Refreshments and Special Evensong with Organ recital.

Tickets for the concert followed by light refreshments will be available from Yvonne and David Buckland on 898492 – email dandy@dandyhollybush.plus.com – and are priced £5 each. (Children’s entry free).

The Concert will have music and song from the Chantry String Ensemble and the Bride Valley Ladies Choir.

The 6.30pm Special Evening Service will be based on the service held one Friday evening in February 1890, to celebrate the installation of the church organ. As on that night, the service will include a short organ recital. This evening the organ will be played by David Woodford.

This is the first Fete or Fayre held at Holy Trinity, Swyre for 17 years, so let’s make it very special. We look forward to your support!
Yvonne Buckland and Vera Hirst, Church Wardens.

<p>LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS: JOSIE BELASCO 11 MANOR CLOSE FARM, LITTON CHENEY Jo.belasco@tiscali.co.uk tel: 485484</p>	
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FROM ST. MARY’S PCC

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Friday 20th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. All those who have recently completed forms for the Parish Electoral Roll are invited, so we do hope that many of you will be able to attend.

THE FETE : MONDAY 28TH MAY : COURT HOUSE

Although it’s only just April, it’s not too early to start preparations for our Fete!

If you are skilled at handicrafts, now is the time to get busy making things. How about spring-cleaning your freezer? If there is fruit lurking at the bottom, then please turn it into jam or chutney. Too many books cluttering your shelves? We'll be happy to have them. Then there are plants – we need lots of them for our Plant Stall, so while you are planting seeds, potting on, splitting clumps and preparing your gardens for the summer, please put some things aside for us. Cakes, bottles, provisions, toys, - they will all be needed to stock the stalls, so please look out for a full list of all stalls and stall-holders in the May edition of the BVN.

Wendy Taylor PCC Secretary

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

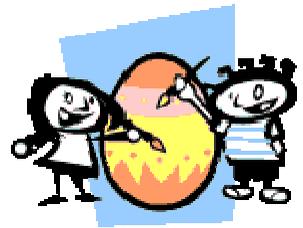
Well done to the winning team at the skittles evening. It was again a nail biting finish resting on the last throw. Numbers were unfortunately a little depleted as there were other events going on that evening. Thank you to Cassie for providing the delicious food. A group of us have just returned from a beautiful walk in the sunshine around Gorwell Farm. Hopefully spring has sprung!

DUCK RACE AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday 8th April, . 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.

Why not stay and have lunch at the White Horse.



LITTER PICK

Saturday 14th April , meet at 10am at the bus shelter. Please bring some strong gloves to wear.

VILLAGE MEETING with speaker, Thursday 10th May,

VILLAGE WALK., Saturday 12th May,

SUMMER BBQ

Please note: we have unfortunately had to change the date of the Summer BBQ from Saturday 7th July. Please put the NEW DATE

of SATURDAY 30TH JUNE into your diary.

Kathy Kourik Secretary LCSC 482552

OPEN GARDENS/ART EXHIBITION WEEKEND

Watch out in May's edition of the BV News for details of this event on 16/17 June, and other events currently in the planning pipeline.

LITHE LITTON LADIES

There will be a resumption of Lithe Litton Ladies with a new teacher. I am a qualified (Scottish Yoga Association) Yoga teacher and live in Litton Cheney. The new Classes will be at 4.30 to 5.30 on Tuesdays in the Church Hall starting on Tuesday 20th March. The course will go on until the end of June with the exception of 3 Tuesdays - 3 April, 22 May and 5 June, due to prior commitments. Hope to see you soon.



Irene Coville

PRODUCERS' MARKET – 19 MAY 2007

Looking out on a gloriously sunny, dare I say, spring day in March it is not so hard to believe that by the time you read this, our first Producers' Market will be with us in a few weeks time.

Saturday 19 May at The White Horse Inn , 9.30am to 12.30pm is the date and time for your diary. Our plans are already well underway and no doubt our producers are girding their loins (can we say that?) in readiness. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information on buying and selling at the markets which run through until November contact Wendy Taylor (482532) or John Firrell (482313)

THE LONG FAREWELL

After months of anticipation I can now confirm that myself and Amy have finally left Holly Cottage, Litton Cheney to meet up with John in Sydney, Australia. There were times when it looked like our reputation had preceded us with immigration not wanting to let us in. Then with Holly Cottage's face lift, it was only the thought of the sun that tempted me away from rainy Dorset and my beautiful home.

The hardest part for both Amy and me is leaving the wonderful

neighbours and friends who have given us so much kindness and support over the years, particularly the past six months. This is something I feel Australia will not measure up to and I will miss you all so very much. Mr and Mrs Wells will be moving in to take care of the cottage and I'm sure they will enjoy their stay in The Paddocks as much as we have.

There will always be a warm welcome to anyone wishing to pay us a visit and I look forward to 'popping' home to Litton for a holiday in the near future. Until we return, may I wish you all much happiness, lots of sunny days and many, many thanks for all your help.

Kindest regards

Catherine, John, Thomas and Amy Smith

MRS DORIS RICHARDS

of Litton Cheney who used to live at Chalk Pit lane passed away on Wednesday, February 14, at the age of 94.

ABOLITION! -

The story of the slave trade and the campaign to bring it to an end

by Reddie Richard, Lion Publishing, £9.99

The Anti-Slave Trade Act became law on 25th March 1807. This made the capture and transport of slaves by British subjects illegal. Slavery as such in the British Empire wasn't abolished until 1833.

This fascinating book tells the story of the slave trade in the British Empire and examines the movement to bring it to an end. Subjects covered include: the history of slavery; the brutality of the slave trade; resistance by slaves; importance of slave trade to the British economy; the roots of the anti-slave trade society; the push for abolition; and the legacies of the slave trade

Village Websites

giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc.

www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES APRIL/MAY 2007

Sun	1	APCM	Holy Trinity Swyre	7.30pm
Tue	3	BB Bridge Group	BB Village Hall	2.00pm
	3	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, Puncknowle	7.30pm
Wed	4	First Steps	Long Bredy Village Hall	10.00am
	4	Wildlife Talk, Colin Varndell	Shipton Gorge Village Hall	7.30pm
Thu	5	Guild of Health Meditation Prayer Group	Othona	3.00pm
	5	Thursday Fellowship		7.30pm
Fri	6	First Friday Christian Y.C.	BB Rectory	6.30pm
	6	Shipton Gorge Ltd meeting	Shipton Gorge Hall	7.30pm
Sat	7	Church decoration for Easter	Holy Trinity, Swyre	10.00am
Sun	8	Duck Race/Easter Egg Hunt	Fry's Yard Litton Cheney	12 noon
	8	Duck Race & Easter Egg Hunt	Burton Bradstock Village Green	1.30pm
Tue	10	BB Bridge Group	BB Village Hall	2.00pm
	10	Lithe Litton ladies	Litton Cheney Church Hall	4.30pm
	10	Thursday Fellowship, Study		7.30pm
Wed	11	First Steps Toddler Group	Long Bredy Village Hall	10-12noon
	11	First Steps	Long Bredy Village Hall	10.00am
	11	BNV Deadline for items to Village Correspondents		
Thu	12	Thursday Fellowship		7.30pm
	12	Photography Class	Thorner's School	7.30pm
	12	Homewatch, Puncknowle, Swyre, W. Bexington	Village Hall, Puncknowle	7.30pm
Fri	13	Puncknowle Art Group	Monica's	10.30am
	13	BNV Deadline for April edition		
Sat	14	Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity Swyre	10.00am
	14	Hanging Basket Comp - baskets	New Inn car park	10.00am
	14	Village Spring Clean	Mayburn, Long Bredy	10.00am
	14	Litter Pick	Litton Cheney Bus Shelter	10.00am
	14	Dorset Youth Orchestra	Herrison Hall	7.30pm
Sun	15	Open Garden	Old Rectory, Litton Cheney	2.-5.30pm
Mon	16	B V Lunch Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge	12.30pm
Tue	17	BB Bridge Group	BB Village Hall	2.00pm
	17	Public Consultation, W. Bexington	Car Park	
	17		Village Hall, Puncknowle	7.30pm
	17	Lithe Litton ladies	Litton Cheney Church Hall	4.30pm
Wed	18	B V Supper Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge	6.30pm
	18	First Steps	Long Bredy Village Hall	10.00am
	19	Moving House sale	Innsacre, Shipton Gorge	2.00pm
	18	Bingo	Shipton Gorge Village Hall	7.30pm
	18	Ladybirds open Evening	Long Bredy Village Hall	8.00pm
Fri	20	Talk by Minette Walters	Burton Bradstock Village Hall	7.30pm
	20	APCM	Litton Cheney Church Hall	7.30pm
Sat	21	"Showstoppers"	Burton Bradstock	7.30pm

Sat	21	Estrella Brillante Coffee Morning	Manor Farmhouse, Long Bredy	10.-12.30
Mon	23	Mothres' Union	Clayhanger, Berwick	2.30pm
	23	British legion Social Evening	New Inn, Shipton Gorge	7.30pm
Tue	24	BB Bridge Group	BB Village Hall	2.00pm
	24	Annual Parish Assembly	Village Hall, Puncknowle	7.30pm
	24	Lithe Litton ladies	Litton Cheney Church Hall	4.30pm
Wed	25	First Steps	Long Bredy Village Hall	10.00am
	25	Parish Council	Shipton Gorge Village Hall	7.30pm
	26	Thursday Fellowship, Prayer		7.30pm
Thu	26	"Miss Potter"	Long Bredy Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri	27	Church Cleaning	Shipton Gorge	10.00am
	27	Puncknow;e Art Group	Crown Inn	10.30am
	27	Quiz Night	Village Hall, Puncknowle	8.00pm
Sat	28	Spring Clean Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre	10.00am

May

Thu	3	Parish Council Elections		
Fri	11	Plant Sale for Church Mission Socy. & Bible Socy.	Red House, Middle St, Burton Bradstock	10-1.00pm
Sat	12	Plant Swap	Shipton Gorge Village Hall	
Sun	13	Start of Christian Aid Week		
Mon	14	Bride Valley Garden Club AGM	Thorner's	7.30pm
	14	B V Lunch Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge	12.30pm
Wed	23	B V Supper Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge	6.30pm

REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

Mountains can only be climbed with the knees bent. *Anon*

Let God have your life; he can do more with it than you can.

D L Moody

We lie loudest when we lie to ourselves. *Eric Hoffer*

The human mind is like an umbrella – it functions best when open.

Walter Gropius

Most of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in one's own sunshine. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Age – the only thing that comes to us without effort. *Anon*