

Bride Valley News

November 2007



*Snowdrop, Swyre Churchyard, February 2007
Photo by Andrea Dennison*

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FROM THE RECTORY

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What a glorious day it has been. However much the cold wind may be prying at keyholes in the dark of an early closing afternoon, by the time this is read, the late autumn is still that golden few weeks we will be remembering so fondly.

And for my sins I have spent the time busy. This is not a self serving sort of a claim that I do actually do something other than take services on Sundays (contrary to popular report). Nor am I trying to justify my stipend - when in absolute terms the justifications are wobbly at best. This is a real confession. I have been too busy to kick up the leaves, too distracted to notice when the swallows left, and always seem to be driving too fast to stop at the top of Abbotsbury hill and look at the sea.

“We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,” is the way that the confession goes, and those of you devoted to the Book of Common Prayer will know how the rest of it runs “We have done those things which we ought not to have done.” To wit - going to a Chapter meeting this afternoon, following a dovetailed morning and a working lunch, before a Team Council in the evening, before sitting at my late night computer screen writing this. The real experts will remember the punchline; “and there is no health in us.”

But be of good cheer. The Winter, a season of healing is upon us. We can learn how to hibernate, at least partially. We can remember how to cherish words like warm, cosy and snuggle. We can wrap ourselves in the smell of toast, and the rubbery fragrance of hot water bottles. Snoozing is our anaesthetic, dreams our surgery, and rest our physiotherapy. This is our chance to learn the health of tranquillity, and the heart-stopping beauty of peace. Who knows, when we next arrive round at the silly season of Spring, we may find ourselves to be better, in very many ways, than we are.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

On 23rd September, at 2.30pm, Clementine Smith was Baptized at St Peter's Longbredy. Daughter to Daniel and Kate, of Lower Kingston Russell Farm, she was supported by family and friends, and of course her new godparents; Natasha, James, Richard and Georgina. We all sang songs, and the girl of the moment indulged us.



She was baptized and was calm and dignified. After the ceremony she smiled for the cameras. It was some performance.

A more complete report of the Baptism of Pippa Cook (7th October) will be included in next month's B.V.N.

WEDDINGS.

Many habitués of the Three Horseshoes in Burton Bradstock will remember the friendly presence of Graeme Hillman behind the bar. He moved with Adrian to the Sea Trout, in South Devon, to become the pub manager there, but returned to St Mary's at Burton Bradstock to be married to Carla Follows on the lovely autumn afternoon of 22nd September. They confidently made their vows before going on to celebrate the day with friends and family, where else but down at the Shoes? The happy couple have recently moved into Beaminster to set up home.



On the afternoon of 29th September, the Bridesmaids turned up in a stretch-limo and the bride herself, Heidi Larcombe, arrived in the pinkest Cadillac in the world, which when not being pink seemed to be constructed entirely of chrome and tail fins. She and her groom, Leo Davies, made a very handsome, if slightly nervous, couple who made a splendid job of overcoming the butterflies. Cleves Palmer read the lesson from 1 Corinthians, chapter 13, the congregation sang strongly (the very young members in their own special way and most of the time) before the vows were made, the registers signed, and those huge cars were warmed up again for their continuing part in an unforgettable day.



FUNERAL

The publication date for the B.V.N. has come just too early to report on the interment of ashes of the late Alfie Allen; at St Mary's Burton Bradstock on October 11th. and also the funeral of Margery Frances on October 12th.

Reports will appear in the December edition.

On average, we hold at least 2 PIN codes in our heads - 6 million of us have three, 3m of us have four, and almost 2m of us have 5 or more PIN's!

No wonder that 22m of us say that we often forget them.

So, how do people attempt to keep track of all these PINs?

9.4 million of us keep our PIN written down, but disguise what it is,

5.7 million of us simply use the same PIN for all our cards,

4 million of us have stored our PIN on our mobile phone,

and 2.4 million of us keep our PIN written down on a piece of paper, right beside the cards in our wallets!

VALLEY NOTES

MOTHER'S UNION.

Thursday 22nd November at St.Catherines Cross, Shipton Lane, Shipton Gorge. SAINTS and SEASONS through poetry, prose and prayer-by Mrs. Janet Belton and Mrs. Shirley Smith.



Yvette Smith. 898219.



TINY TOTS.

10.30am-Friday 9th November at St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock.

A short service for 0-5 year olds. All are welcome.

Yvette Smith. 898219.

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The Christmas Party for all those children who live in the Eastern End of the Bride Valley will take place on Saturday 24th November 2007. If you are aged 0 – 11 years you are invited to Thorner's School between 3 and 5 pm. Tickets are £1. All pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult and all children must bring a contact number with them. Tickets need to be purchased in advance preferably by Monday 19th November and should be available from Thorner's School, the Fledglings Playgroup and from individuals in each of the villages.



The Christmas Party for those children in the Eastern End of the Bride Valley has taken place for around 50 years. If the tradition is to continue we welcome the help, interest and support of any individual, group or organisation who could assist in any way. Please contact Katharine Jones 898553.

Tickets must be bought in advance and are available from:

SWYRE & CHILCOMBE	898480 (Alison)
PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON	898553(Coo) or 897068 (Sally)
LITTON CHENEY	482162 (Higgy)
LONG BREDY	482190 (Hilary)
LITTLE BREDY	482525 (Mandy)

Elizabeth Kingston 482162

BRIDE VALLEY CRAFTERS

The Bride Valley Crafters meet from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the village hall in Puncknowle.

At our December 6th meeting Margaret Elliott will give a demonstration making Christmas decorations. If you would like to make one as well please give your name to Margaret before the meeting so that she can bring the necessary supplies.



Penny Pither

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



There was a much better attendance at our October meeting and those who came were treated to a very pleasant evening, with a fascinating slide show on all sorts of gardens at our new venue in Puncknowle. Many of the pictures gave food for thought on how to improve a corner of one's own garden, or replant a plant or two to change the view.

I hope that there will again be as many people at the November meeting to learn how to make hanging baskets in winter. As I said in my newsletter to all our members, if we do not have people actually attending our meetings, sales and shows, then there is not much point in having a gardening club in the valley, so it is up to you whether we continue to run such a club.

JOBS TO DO.

Remove decaying leaves from winter greens such as brussels sprouts, curley kale etc.

Start pruning established apple and pear trees and collect and burn prunings.

Take hardwood cuttings.

Plant Tulips and other bulbs outside.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

Monday November 12th. 7:30pm Bride Valley gardening Club Talk.
Village Hall Puncknowle.

Monday December 10th. 7:30pm. Bride Valley gardening Club Party.
Village Hall Puncknowle.

Valerie Cameron. Club Secretary. 01308 482240, Secretary.bvgc@virgin.net

FIRST STEPS PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

We hope you enjoyed the half term break. The second half of the term begins at Long Bredy Village Hall, on 31st October. We will be there every Wednesday from 10.00am until 12.00noon, with the last session taking place on 19th December.

We are open for babies and children from birth up until starting school. "Essential play and socialising 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. The Health Visitor drops in the first Wednesday of each month to weigh babies and give advice as requested – next date for that is 7th November.

For further information contact Sam on 482315.

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

More warm welcomes to James & Julie, and to Joseph Maston - who has just celebrated his 4th birthday with us. On Monday 24th September, Fledglings & Reception children and staff, all visited Modbury Organic Farm as part of our "Little Red Hen" week. After seeing the chickens, ducks and other farm animals, plus Tim's huge tractor, we looked round the farm shop, and bought eggs and had ice cream treats (thanks to Sue's mum!). We even got our picture in the local papers.



Next day , we scrambled the eggs and ate them all up between us. Since then we have also made porridge (Goldilocks and the 3 Bears) and tasted it - not much was left. When it was Harvest Festival Service at Thorner's school, we also joined in, taking along our contributions, and we all behaved beautifully! Mrs Johnstone said so!

Nestlings and some Fledglings children have been getting creative on Thursday afternoons with Sally leading the fun. This now only costs **£1.50**, so please come along with your younger ones and join in with the activities offered - especially now Autumn is arriving and you might be looking for something to do. Just turn up at 1.45pm at Fledglings door - our own entrance is on the right of the school, and along the side of the building.

Our new Vice-Chair is Debbie Legge, who volunteered at the last playgroup meeting. All parents are automatically committee members, and are welcome to attend all meetings held to help decide how to fund raise, and help with different jobs that need doing etc. in the running of the playgroup - so don't forget to have your say.

We have just received a very generous cheque for £150 yet again from the Crown Fundraisers in Puncknowle - for which many thanks to all of them - especially to Mick at his last "dishing out the money in the pot" - we are most grateful for their help. This money will go towards purchasing some outdoor play equipment, which we will now be able to set up on an area of grass which Thorner's school are kindly going to give us - so we will be able to extend our outdoor play area.

Lastly, our next BIG Fund Raiser is the CHRISTKINDLMARKT - the 2nd annual Bride Valley Christmas Market will be on Saturday 1st December at Thorner's School (in support of Fledglings). This promises to be even bigger and better than last year - we received many compliments from the 250 people that came. There will be a stable nativity scene with real animals, carol singing, a children's craft room, and a visit from Father Christmas. Seasonal food and drink (bangers and mulled wine) will be available, and more than 15 stalls selling Christmas presents - so, another date for your diary.

Carol Bennett (Playleader) 897771 and Rachel Maltby (Chair) 482246

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

At the end of half term Mrs Jean Bowles retired as secretary and PA to the Head Teacher after more than 23 years remarkable service to the school. During that time she has touched the lives of many children, parents and visitors to the school and her experience, expertise, local knowledge and sense of humour will be missed by us all. We wish her every blessing and happiness in her well-deserved retirement.

In Jean's place we welcome Mrs Maggie Barrett, who I am certain, will be a worthy successor. Thus in this month of November we enter a new era for the school.

One of the challenges facing schools in Dorset has been the reintroduction of an entitlement for a hot meal for primary age children. There has been a lot in the local press about the impact of the Bridport initiative and, though there have been inevitable teething problems, the scheme is gaining momentum as this month we move to a hot meal available on three days a week. The intention is for this to increase to five days a week by September 2008. We are most grateful to our Food Group for coordinating volunteer assistance and for helping to sort other issues related to the scheme. Without this support this initiative would have struggled to get off the ground.

Last month we held our annual meeting for governors and parents. This was a useful opportunity to formally recognise the achievements of the past year and signal developments due in the future.

We also expect an Ofsted inspection at some point during this academic year so that will be something to look forward to - this time I shall make sure that I am careful with my choice of tie. Let me explain: on the last morning of our Ofsted in February 2004, the registered inspector came into the office and said, "Well Mark, I think we've covered everything but there is one more major issue we need to discuss..." As I drew a deep breath, paled somewhat and wondered what on earth was coming, he went on... "I note that you are wearing an Arsenal tie and I'm a Spurs supporter!"

Mark Stratta

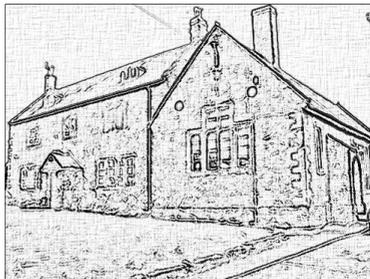
100 CLUB OCTOBER

£20	Sumeeta Vij
£10	Pauline & Ray West
£5	Suzanne Price

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term a number of children joined us, both in Reception and other cohorts, and I am delighted at how well they and their families have all become part of the school so quickly.

During the term Reception pupils have been working alongside the Fledglings and staff have been planning weekly curriculum activities together, the most notable of these being when Fledglings invited Reception children to join them for a visit to Modbury Farm to see the animals and eat the ice-cream! To hear the lively chatter on their return to school was enlightening and made the whole trip so worthwhile.



Fledglings joined the whole school for the Harvest Service, watching, listening and joining in with the singing in their own way. It was a pleasure to have them there. All items brought in were sent to the Pilsdon community. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards this collection.

This term, some of our year 5 and 6 pupils have taken the opportunity to participate in some netball coaching from a national coach at Sir John Colfox. What a fantastic experience this was - it has made a huge difference to their skills and enjoyment of the game. We now look forward to playing some matches and passing on some of these skills to the rest of the class and possibly school.

Later this term we will be competing in the cluster football competition. We play Burton Bradstock and St. Catherine's in the first round and we are hoping to do well. Please do come and cheer us on if you can.

Alison Johnstone, Headteacher

100 CLUB WINNERS

September: £15 Austin Slade
£10 Marion Foot

October: £15 Jill Neill
£10 Mrs J Wallis

The response this year has been excellent. Hopefully with continued support from outside members as well, we will be able to provide even more for our children. If I have missed anyone who would like to join please get in touch, or ask at the school office for a form.

Your continued support is much appreciated. We now have 75 members, thank you to everyone. Any queries, please feel free to speak to Caroline Cox or contact the school office.

THORNER'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS BINGO

23rd November 7.30 pm. Doors open 7.00 pm, entrance 50p to include refreshments

We will be making the draw for our Grand Christmas Draw at the end of the evening.

PIRATE SHIP FROM W. BEXINGTON

Congratulations are due to a West Bexington resident, former Royal Navy Commander Graham Neilson who after 13 years hard, never-ending slogging away, physically and administratively, saw his Tall Ship "Pelican" set sail for the Caribbean from Weymouth on her maiden voyage on 25th September.

Commander Neilson has worked endlessly from originally bringing the 150 ft. long ship over from Norway in 1995. He has been Project Director and many friends in this village know he has burnt many a candle working through the night over drawings, getting parts and investing a considerable amount of his own money to tirelessly make the project work. "Pelican" is now owned and operated by a Partnership of individuals who are committed to people experiencing adventure at sea in a magnificent tall ship.





LAST CHANCE!



**TO ALL BRIDE VALLEY
RESIDENTS!
HURRY!**

**ONLY 8 DAYS LEFT IF YOU WANT TO HAVE
YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
IN THE BVN THIS DECEMBER!**

Simply send me a donation, in return for which, your name(s) will be included in a list of all contributors on a dedicated page(s) in the BVN. The list of names will be below a **collective** Christmas greeting message to friends and neighbours (sadly, we are not able to include individual messages).

Donations will be split between the BVN & the Joseph Weld Hospice.

If you would like to participate, please give me your name(s), as you would like it/them to appear in the BVN list, plus your donation.

Cheques should be made payable to 'St. Mary's P.C.C.'

I need this information, **along with the donation**, **no later than 8th November**, in order to catch the deadline for the December issue, so there's no time to lose!

*Ken Pett,
Mill Gate House, Annings Lane,
Burton Bradstock, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 4QN.
Tel: 01308 897 550*

**Raffle
Prizes**

Burton Bradstock Playgroup



Presents

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fiction'***



Date: 6th November 2007
Venue: Village Hall
Time: Doors open 8pm
Tickets: £5 (including a glass of wine!)

Tickets available from Post Office & Jayne's



Book Signing





DON'T MISS "QUACKERS DAY"



SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER AT LONG BREDY

12 noon Duck Race'
followed by Children's Duck Race

1 pm Ploughman's Lunch in the
Village Hall

Duck race and a free drink £1.50

Ploughman's lunch £2.50

Raffle, Tombola, Jewellery, cakes and card stalls!



EVERYONE WELCOME



LITTON CHENEY

CHRISTMAS PRODUCERS' MARKET

IN AID OF Weldmar Hospicecare Trust

SATURDAY 17th NOVEMBER

9.30 – 12.30

THORNER'S SCHOOL
LITTON CHENEY

PLACE ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS
SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

FREE PARKING ~

LITTON CHENEY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: JOHN YATES
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

As reported in last month's BVN, the Parochial Church Council is presently appealing for assistance in purchasing new chairs for use in the Church. A gift of eight chairs has been made anonymously, accompanied by the wish that any parishioner who wanted to give a chair, but who is unable to afford to do so, may nevertheless dedicate one of the gifted chairs as a memorial to their chosen person or event. All that is required is the payment of the £10 required for a plaque.

Any resident of the village who wishes to dedicate one of the chairs is asked to contact in confidence, either of the Churchwardens, Hugh Lindsay (482313) or Freddie Spicer (482617).

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

BARN DANCE

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all at the Barn Dance listening to the Casterbridge Band and being put through our paces on the dance floor by Ruth Thompson. Many of us felt a whole lot fitter by the end of the evening!

Many thanks to all those who helped with the preparations and on the evening of the Barn Dance



BONFIRE PARTY

A reminder - the Bonfire party will be held on Saturday 3rd November 6pm at the usual field in Barges Close. Please DO NOT bring any fireworks. There will be burgers and drinks available. Admission will be free but there will be a collection for a donation to 'Children in Need' (as previously advised the Children in Need evening originally scheduled for Nov 9th will NOT now take place).

Hope to see you at the Bonfire party.

VILLAGE WALK

The village walk is on Saturday Nov 10th - weather permitting. Meet at the bus shelter at 10am.

FUTURE EVENTS

There will be carol singing around the village on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December. Meet at the bus shelter at 6:30 PM ready to sing out loud.

Sheila Davison Secretary LCSC 482262

STITCHES OF HOPE PROJECT

The project is for Christian Hope International, and involves a number of volunteers knitting garments for children in Africa and Europe.

Mrs Porter, is seeking to add to the stock of wool already purchased, with donations of wool from anyone who has some left over from their own knitting. She would also like to thank the people in Puncknowle, who have already donated wool to the project.

If you have some wool or perhaps some time to help with the knitting, Irene would love to hear from you. The contact telephone number is 482327.



LATCH

(Litton and Thorner's Community Hall)

The LATCH leaflets have hit the streets bearing an update on the funding situation and hopefully persuading local residents to up their support of this worthy project. Success on the funding front will mean a new community hall in 2008.



The Beautiful Bride Valley Calendars 2008 are now available at £5 each (£10 for two!). The images are stunning and the ideal gift for someone who appreciates real beauty as those of us who live in the valley do. The calendars will be on sale at the Christmas Producers' Market on Saturday 17 November at Thorner's School together with postcards, cook books and Christmas cards.

Donating to LATCH has now just got easier. When buying online, by using www.easyfundraising.org.uk to seek out your favourite suppliers and make your purchase you will earn money for LATCH (you need to nominate LATCH as the charity of choice). You will pay no more for your product so it is a win win situation. See Litton website www.littoncheney.org.uk for more information.

Thank you for your support throughout 2007. We look forward to 2008 being the year we made it happen! More information from David Taylor (482532) or John Firrell (482313)

CHRISTMAS PRODUCERS' MARKET

Our last market of 2007 ends on a high and seasonal note with a Christmas Producers' Market on Saturday 17th November at Thorner's School, from 9.30am to 12.30 pm.

This is not only the time and place to order your Christmas food goodies but also gifts for the discerning relative and sample quite literally the flavour of Christmas.

On this special occasion we will once again be supporting the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust (formerly Joseph Weld & Trimar Hospice) and Cancercare Dorset Trust, so please come along and give us your support and get your (first?) taste of Christmas.

For more information please contact Wendy Taylor (482532) or John Firrell (482313).

Thank you for your support of the Producers' Markets in 2007.



LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: MRS ELINOR FROST



LONG BREDY PARISH NEWS

The Harvest Flower and Art Festival was a great success and made £800 for the Church. Thank you to all who helped in so many ways to make it such a happy village event.

Children! The vegetable creatures were fantastic!

We had two lovely christenings in October: Clementine Sophie Smith and Philippa Ann Pepperdine Cook.

November 25th is the Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Dick and Margaret Elliott. They have lived in Long Bredy all their married life. Congratulations to them.

Sadly, farewell to Jon, Amanda and James Ross, who have gone to live at Melcome Bingham. They hope to come back to Long Bredy one day.

And welcome to Martin and Mickey Bonome, Elfin, Brook and Indy. They have come to Crumble Cottage, Higher Kingston Russell.



VILLAGE HALL BINGO

Eyes down at 7:30pm on Saturday 10th November. Rick Cook will be in charge, refreshments available.

Proceeds will be divided between the Village Hall

and the Special Baby Unit. Prizes or donations please to Margaret Elliott or Rosemarie Pitcher.

QUACKERS' DAY SUNDAY

Come and join in the fun on 25th November, by buying your racing duck and help to raise funds for the Village Hall. Your drink will be free and you can enjoy a Ploughman's lunch at the Village hall at 1:00pm. There will be a Tombola, plus cakes, jewellery and cards stalls, too.

Racing starts at noon.



CHRISTMAS PARTY,

Note for your Diary: Saturday, 15th December from 5 pm. With entertainer and Father Christmas

SHIPTON GORGE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: BARBARA CHAMBERS
WEST COURT, BROOK STREET, SHIPTON GORGE
bjc39@btinternet.com TEL: 01308 897482



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Village Hall on Monday 19th November commencing at 7.30pm.

Ernie Thomas

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Bride Valley United Service was held at St Martin's on our Harvest Festival Day. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables and our heartfelt thanks go to the ladies who had spent so much time and care beautifying our church.

Bob gave a very interesting sermon in which mud played a prominent part; it certainly gave many people a different outlook on the harvest service. Our thanks to everyone who attended on this joyous occasion.

Church Wardens

HARVEST SUPPER

70 people joined together for the Harvest Supper held in the Village Hall.

Grayham Rosamond and the Rector entertained us superbly after the meal. All our grateful thanks go to everyone who made this evening such a success, from the people who erected the tables, through to everyone who

washed up and put away. Without everyone helping we could not possibly do this event. Once again, thank you.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

There will be a short service of quiet contemplation and meditation at 9.30am on Remembrance Sunday. This will be led by Janet Lane, one of our Lay Worship Leaders.

Gillian Maxfield

CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

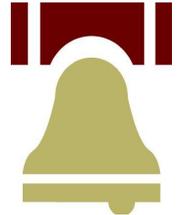
The churchyard needs a bit of maintenance and we plan to have a go on Saturday 3rd November starting at 10am for a couple of hours. Tasks range from gentle ivy removal from the wall up to attacking undergrowth and brambles for those who might wish to get rid of any pent up anger. We would be most grateful for help, and if you can make it, could you bring "suitable" equipment such as secateurs.

Bob White - 898203

TOWER NEWS

On 23rd September a quarter peal was rung in memory of Walter Laughton – much loved friend and ringer at St Martin's for 23 years.

On Friday 16th November a visiting team will ring from 10.30 until 11.45am.



SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

BINGO

There will be a Bingo Evening in the Village Hall on 7th November starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

TALK ON LONDON

Bob Ayres will be giving one of his very interesting talks on London in the Village Hall on Wednesday 28th November starting at 7.00pm. The ticket price of £6.50 includes a supper of Beef Stew and Dumplings with crusty bread.

THE YETTIES & CASTERBRIDGE MVC IN CONCERT

A combination of unique talents – NOT TO BE MISSED!

The Village Society is pleased to be assisting the Casterbridge Male Voice Choir with its arrangements for the concert to be held with the Yetties at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st November at the United Reformed



Church in Bridport. The Casterbridge MVC continues to be most supportive of the Village Society and we would like to help them ensure a large attendance for this concert which is guaranteed to send the audience home in a festive mood. Tickets priced at £8 can be obtained from the Visitor Centre in Bridport or from Sally.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP

The trip to Exeter takes place on Wednesday 5th December leaving the New Inn at 9.30am, returning from Exeter at 4pm. Would anyone wishing to book a seat on the coach please do so before Monday 19th November.

For further details, or tickets for any of the above events organised by the Village Society please contact Sally Parker on 01308 897168.

PRE CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

Come and join in the Village 'Pre Christmas Get Together' on Sunday 25th November, 12.00 – 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Please bring a bottle or two and some eats for the table.

This is a good opportunity to meet up with friends old and new and especially for all the newcomers to the village to meet everyone and make new friends.

If you need any further information please contact: Christine or Robert Cornish on 897833

MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF COFFEE MORNING

This event raised £388 (including donations). Huge thanks to all who helped in any way to make the morning so successful, including our coffee drinking visitors who spent a great deal of money on stall items and the champagne draw.

We hope to see you all again next year.



Janet Lane

SHIPTON GORGE RAMBLERS

We meet on Friday, 16th November in Bucky-Doo Square, Bridport at 10.30 a.m. Our ramble will take in Bothenhampton Nature Reserve and the old church at the top of the village – back in Shipton Gorge for lunch. Please contact Vicky 898648 or Janet 897241 if you would like to share transport to Bridport.



DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST CYCLE RIDE

Three groups of intrepid cyclists set off from Shipton Gorge on a lovely Saturday morning in September, to visit all the churches in our beautiful Bride Valley. The money raised in sponsorship totalled £420, half of which will benefit St. Martin's church, so well done everyone, and a big thank you to all our kind sponsors who loyally support this event every year.



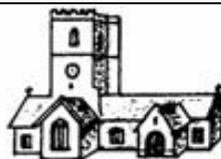
Janet Lane

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB OCTOBER DRAW

£10	No 79, Jim Collie
£20	No 88, Brian Shaw

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY.

We look forward to a talk to the Village Society on "1000 years History of the London Hospitals in One Hour", by Bob Ayres on November 16th. Bob was responsible for security in the City of London and has an unrivalled knowledge of the history of central London. All the historic hospitals began within half a mile of where he worked for 30 years, and his talk will no doubt be of especial interest for those in the village who trained at London hospitals.

The December talk on Friday the 7th is equally unmissable: David Taylor will give his second talk on his life at the BBC with TV video clips to support his anecdotes.

LE SOCIETIE VILLAGE

There was more than a touch of 'Allo Allo' in the village hall on 28th September, when Carole Bourne-Taylor gave us a talk entitled 'A Panoramic View of Art Nouveau'. There were strange looking men in french berets, foreign looking waiters and red wine with cheese in abundance. The hall was decked out in red, white and blue, and our new chairman welcomed us all in her best French - which of course we all understood.

The talk itself was excellent with some lovely slides showing examples of French art nouveau ranging from pictures and porcelain to furniture. It seems that the art nouveau movement was a result of a promiscuous society built on decadence and femininity, but was short lived and dead by 1910, although it continued to exert some influence into the 20th century.

But the one aspect that really made the talk so scintillating and alive was Carole's wonderful French accent which seemed to accentuate the Frenchness of the whole evening. Mon Dieu!

Peter Dutton

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL (BBVH)

200 CLUB : October 2007 Draw – Congratulations to:

1st Prize:	No. 218	Mrs Allanna Tongue	£42.40
2nd Prize:	No. 332	Mr Ian Wigglesworth	£21.20
3rd Prize:	No. 343	Mrs Marion Snow	£10.60

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the November and December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £2 – one pound for each of the remaining 2 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.



By the time you read this I hope that tickets (£7) will be available from me (01308 897214) or the Post Office for the first of our Winter Artsreach events on Saturday 18th November at 7.30pm at Burton Bradstock Village Hall. As reported last month it will be a family show from the Natural Theatre Company

- a one man performance "An Evening With Albert Einstein"

Looking further ahead, on Saturday 8th December we shall have "A Homage to Grappelli" featuring leading jazz violinist Chris Garrick with the Dankworth trio. This will be a very popular event and I have already had enquiries from a wide area - so put this in your diaries now and don't miss it when tickets (£7.50) become available!

Norman Saunders-White - Promoter for Artsreach - 01308 897214

A CHRISTMAS DO' –

Make sure Saturday 15th December is in your diaries. The Village Hall Committee is again putting on an evening seasonal event with supper, in the Village Hall. More details will follow in December's BVN and you will see notices going up locally.

Susan Moores – Secretary, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee – 01308 897673

HOME WATCH NEWS – NOVEMBER

I attended the Association of all the Dorset Home Watches Annual Conference on September 22nd and, among much news, the following emerged:



1) Dorset Police Force is ranked on various scales as the 1st or 2nd best in the country and in aggregate comes out as the 3rd equal best county police force in the country. This despite being allocated less than a proportionate level of funding from the Home Office!

2) Chief Constable Martin Baker addressed the conference before leaving to lead the security for the Labour Party Conference in Bournemouth. He is known for using the description of “Gold-dust” to describe the importance of an *active* Home Watch operation, with *all* residents reporting in anything even possibly suspicious on 01305-222222 (or in the case of real emergency on 999).

3) In general, Community Support Officer operations (such as we have now in Burton Bradstock from early October) have met with real support in the community. Some villagers in Dorset had clubbed together to purchase a good bike for their CSO, (Home Office does not fund these), ensuring greater coverage of their territory, more often.

4) The “No Doorstep Traders” red stickers were going down well in Dorset, but people were reminded to act clearly in line with this message and either (ideally) never open the door to traders; or alternatively do so with a door chain in place, and point to the sticker.

5) We were reminded to beware of talking to, or phoning back, anyone saying we had won something – sometimes one could get caught and pay massive rates per minute in replying on premium rate lines.

6) The dangers of fire were covered. (Chip-pans account for around 20% of fires that start in homes). News follows on fire protection in the next month or two in this column.

John Grantham. 01308-897935.

BURTON BRADSTOCK POST OFFICE

Sixteen months have passed since we took over the Post Office. We have now extended the range of services that are on offer to the Bride Valley and its visitors.

In addition to our usual selection of gifts, cards and stationery we now offer some of life’s essentials and locally sourced fresh produce including Hangers milk, butter and



local cheese, Happy Hen free-range eggs, Frampton's fresh and cooked meats and Leaker's bread.

Newspapers will be on sale daily during our usual opening hours and on Sundays between 9am and 11am.

We are looking forward to seeing our existing customers and those of you who have not yet discovered Burton Bradstock Post Office.



BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE CLUB

The club meets on Tuesdays (excluding 13th November) at 2pm in the Village Hall.

For further information please phone 898117.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION;

BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

POPPY APPEAL

Every year the people of the Bride Valley give generously to the Appeal and we ask you to be as, if not more, generous this year, so that the Legion can continue to support the ex-servicemen and women and their families. This year the Legion is lobbying the Government to ensure that the nation meets its duty of life-long care for those prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The three policy areas identified by the Legion's Campaign Group are:

A just compensation scheme for those injured in service.

Independent scrutiny of service-related deaths.

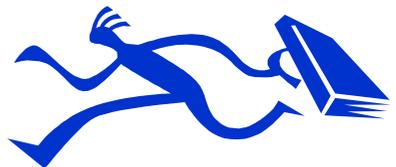
Immediate access to health care for people injured by service.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: LAST CHANCE

If you would like to put your Christmas Greetings in BVN this year, you now have only eight days left in which to get it organised. For full details please see page 13 of this issue.

All requests must be submitted with donations (to be divided between St Mary's Church and the BVN, by November 8th. Please contact Ken Pett, 01308 897 550



POPPY APPEAL COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee morning will be held in the Burton Bradstock Village Hall at 10.30 am on Thursday, 8th November, in aid of the Appeal. There will be a raffle and various stalls.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE – November 11th.

This year the Legion will be holding its Remembrance Day Service at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Burton Bradstock at 1040 am.



Margaret and Jerry Bown



Our theme for this term is Autumn and the changing seasons. The children have made a beautiful collage from “Autumn goodies” which they have collected on their walks around the village.

We have been making the most of the lovely weather and the children have had a wonderful time playing “hide and seek” in the Rectory gardens.

A morning was spent baking bread, which had been carefully crafted into crocodiles, crabs and other interesting shapes. The children have also had the opportunity to make fruit salad from some unusual fruits such as mango and pineapple. This was met with mixed reactions.

The playgroup has a new play kitchen which is proving very popular with all the children. They have been cooking various exciting dishes and making use of the barbeque. They have also been learning a song about apples which they will be singing at their Tiny Tots service.

A reminder that our fundraiser will be taking place on November 6th in the Village Hall. Best selling author Margaret Graham will be talking about her writing. The doors will open at 8pm and tickets are available from the Post Office and Jayne’s hair and beauty salon. We hope to see you there.

We still have places available and you are most welcome to visit us during one our morning sessions.

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

**We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it
than we have to consume wealth without producing it.**

George Bernard Shaw

BURTON BRADSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This month we have the wonderful milestone of this village's WI gaining its 90th Birthday! I think as with anyone who reaches this age it is a great feat!

What changes have happened in this time - 2 dreadful wars and the consequences, the many political, environmental and health related changes. The consequence of the Wars is now seen in the number of women working and indeed who now occupy a greater percentage of senior jobs in teaching, healthcare, administration at all levels; in the Church, the Police and Armed Services and Politics. Ninety years ago, women worked nevertheless very hard at home, possibly raising a much larger family than we see nowadays, no washing machine or fridge, TV, mixers, and no means of self transportation.

This Meeting will take place on Tuesday afternoon 13th November at 2.15pm, when we have someone from Dukes Auctioneers valuing something we bring along to the meeting, followed by Cakes and Wine. Do make a note in your diary and the new winter time.

So as we are aware, the image of the WI members is "Jerusalem and Jam". Well our wonderful President Heather Seadon suggested we only sing "Jerusalem" at the AGM each year, and as for the jam-making - anyway who has seen my efforts at blackberry and apple jam this year, has suggested blackberry and apple slop would be more appropriate! Much to learn in this area!

So who are the local ladies - what are their backgrounds? Without naming names to save embarrassment; we have several retired farmer's wives, who tell wonderful stories of how it was years ago; we have a number of teachers, some retired, with their richness of experience to pass on. There are retired Physiotherapists and Accountants. We have Social Workers, one who worked for a number of years in a Secure Forensic Hospital with the sort of patients you will have read about in the headlines; we have Nurses, 1 special lady in the village who nursed in France in the 2nd World War and then with many years of nursing behind her. What wonderful tales she tells! We have some very organised Administrators - their previous skills keeping us all on our feet as they organise our



meetings so well. We have Caterers, library assistants and Horticulturalists. (Apologies to any one whose career, work experience I have not mentioned).

So you can see a wealth of experience, skills and differing ages, but a common bond: women learning and having fun together through the Meetings, the Walking groups, the Reading group, the Sewing and Art Groups. Much conversation and hilarity, usually when a certain member gives us something rather near the mark to laugh at!! So let us continue the tradition of the last 90 years. Come along and join us if you like - just come to the meeting and see if it is for you.

NJM

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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COME SING HIS PRAISES

Sunday 18th November at 5pm, in the village hall, Puncknowle.

Another chance to come and sing some of your favourite hymns and Christian songs and even learn some new ones on the way. Sally and Jonathan Jevons will lead the music and we might gather some more musicians. All are welcome: any age.

There will be a shared supper. We will provide the baked potatoes: please bring a topping or a salad to share. Tea and coffee provided. Contact Sue Brown for more details. 897953

ADVENT TRAIL

Following last year's successful trail, we are considering repeating it again this year. If you would like to make a model of any biblical character or are willing to have one in your front garden, please contact Sue Brown. 897953, or email suebrown@hattiemaths.com.

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

A colourful scene was created by all those who brought fruit and flowers to The Crown to paint and sketch. Much purposeful activity ensued at the village hall when Wendy Braden led a workshop on watercolour – wet on wet. This was very well attended and we have another session



on the 16th with Michael Chappel. Before that on the 2nd we must find our way to Rosie Britton's at Powerstock. There are three meetings this month and on the 30th we have a talk on Cezanne by Sallie.

Christine Molony



DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Well done all those who took part and thank you to everyone who sponsored them so generously. £350 was raised of which, St Mary's Church will receive half.

Ann Roberts

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to the many who donated so generously in so many ways to make it a great coffee morning; those who turned up to help set up, make the coffee, run the stalls, brought items for the bring and buy sale and for raffle prizes, made cakes, knitted toys etc and willingly spent their money. We made a massive £352.85! Enough to pay for nearly 3 days of a McMillan nurse's time.



Sue Brown

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCHEON CLUB



I understand that some people did not receive their invitations to the lunch on 25th September. On behalf of the club I wish to apologise for this. In the event 35 of us sat down to a meal after which it was decided by a large majority to continue with the lunches.

The next one will be on 27th November at 12 30. If you would like to come and have not been to either of the previous meals, you should contact Ken Martin on 897622. The cost will be £1 to join the club for a year and £4 for the lunch. When you phone I shall be able to tell you the menu and will ask you to choose your meal.

Ken Martin

A WINTER TIDY UP

Young and old are all welcome to come and help tidy up the playing field on Sunday November 18th from 10am – 12.30pm. Coffee, juice and biscuits will be available to encourage the working party but please bring your own tools. Do please come and help make this open space as attractive as possible for all the who live here and our visitors.

Liz Slater Chair Playing Field Committee of the Parish Council

PUNCKNOWLE SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Enquiries for bookings for the Puncknowle and Swyre Hall during November should be made to David Buckland, telephone 898492.

A Christmas Event is being planned and will be on Saturday 8th December at the village hall and surrounding area. Please look out for further notices.



Sid Marshall 897318

THANK YOU, FROM PAM COVENTRY

Just to say a heartfelt thank you to all my friends in the Bride Valley, for helping me through my recent spell in Hospital, and who have continued to support me whilst I was house-bound. I am truly grateful for your prayers and loving concern.

AND BERYL TRUSCOTT

I would like to thank all the people who have prayed, sent flowers and helped in so many different ways during my illness. I am now feeling much better.

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

HARVEST AND DEDICATION on 7th October.

Jean Thorn led us in a lovely celebration of harvest and dedication of the Faculty works now completed in the nave. The area was well used for the service, and afterwards as we shared cheese, wine and each other's company. This was by way of thanks, not only for the harvest of goods which will go to the Pilsden Community, but also for the many people who have supported this venture in any way.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 11th November. There will be special services at Burton Bradstock and Little Bredy churches, but none at Swyre. Please let us know if you would like a lift to one of the other services.



EVENING PRAYER

Don't forget that this will be at 3.30pm on 4th November, and every first Sunday of the month until British Summer Time begins again in March 2008!!

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Weather permitting we will have our last working party this year on Saturday 10th November from 10am, possibly with a bonfire to clear some of the garden rubbish. Thanks to all those who work so hard for us to keep the churchyard looking good, whether as part of a working party or on their own. We do appreciate your help.

P.C.C

The next P.C.C. meeting is on Thursday 15th November at 2.30pm, at Owl Bank.

PRE-CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING AND SALE

Saturday 24th November from 10.30am.

Please come along for a chat and a drink. There will be cakes, preserves and much more for sale, much with a Christmas flavour.

Yvonne Buckland and Vera Hirst. Churchwardens.

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS:

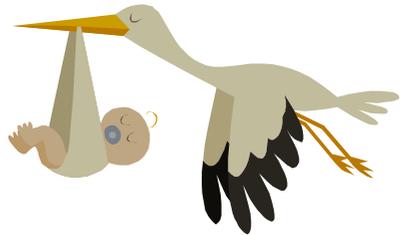
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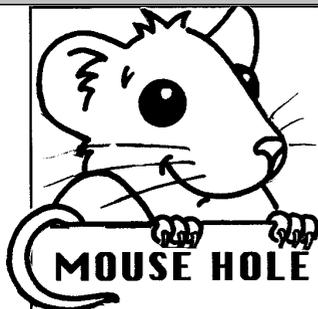
NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to proud parents Emma and Daniel Barrett, of 2, Riverside Cottages, and welcome to the world and Littlebredy to little **MATILDA LOUISE**, who was born at home on the 21st September. May she enjoy, and bestow, much happiness and fulfilment in her life.



SOCIAL CLUB

The delayed A.G.M. of the Social Club last month has left the Club somewhat in temporary limbo, with no structured committee in place. However, it is hoped that this state of affairs will not last for long, and, in particular, the question of a fireworks evening at the beginning of November may have been resolved one way or the other by the time this edition of the BVN appears.



MOUSE HOLE

Pick-up Sticks

'Pick-up Sticks' is a game that's been played for hundreds of years.



You can make

your own *Pick-up Sticks* from a packet of wooden skewers, or for a miniature set, use a box of wooden cocktail sticks.

Colour the sticks different colours, with felt pen or paint, to represent a different number of points.

e.g. green = 5 points
blue = 10 points
red = 15 points
yellow = 20 points.

To play the game:

With the sticks in your hand, let them drop into a pile on the table. Choose a stick from the pile and try to remove it without moving the others. If successful, keep it and have another go, if not, then let someone else play. The person with the most points wins!

The Man in the Tree

With Jesus passing through the town,
A crowd of people gathered round,
But as Zacchaeus couldn't see,
He ran ahead and climbed a tree.



Jesus stopped as he passed by,
And saw Zacchaeus there up high,
Said "Dear Zacchaeus, come with me,
I'm going to your house for tea".

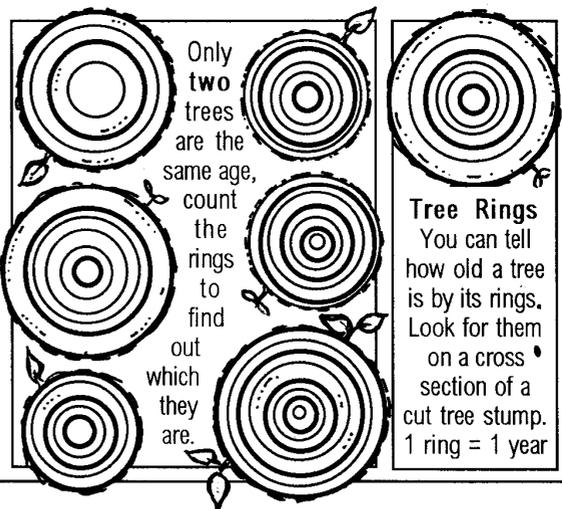
Zacchaeus climbed down to the floor,
And walked with Jesus to his door,
Amazed the Lord would want to be
With such a liar and cheat as he.

Zacchaeus, sorry for all he'd done,
Said "Lord I'll pay back everyone,
Half I own I give to the poor,
Those I've cheated get four times more."



Jesus said "Today you are saved!"
Zacchaeus replied "May God be praised!"

Read the full story of Zacchaeus in
Luke 19:1-10



Only **two** trees are the same age, count the rings to find out which they are.

Tree Rings
You can tell how old a tree is by its rings. Look for them on a cross section of a cut tree stump. 1 ring = 1 year



St MARTIN of TOURS

St Martin of Tours? Sounds like someone who drives a bus doesn't it? But Tours is a city in France and St Martin was a Roman soldier who became a bishop and died aged 88 on 11th November in the year 397.

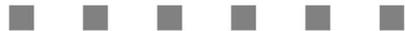
Martin was born into a pagan family and at the age of 10 decided that he wanted to follow Jesus. When he was 15 his father insisted that he join the Roman army. One very cold night Martin was on guard duty when a freezing beggar asked him for help. All Martin had that would help was his cloak but he would get into trouble if he gave it away. So Martin cut the army cloak into 2, gave one piece to the beggar and wore the other half.

The next night Martin had a dream where he saw Jesus wrapped in half his cloak. As Jesus tells us in the Bible: as much as you have done it for the least of my brothers and sisters you have done it for me. It wasn't easy but Martin left the army and spent the rest his life serving Jesus in the person of people who were poor and ill.

WHAT BUS?

All the answers to this quiz start with the letters BUS. So can you say what bus is...

1. A beard that grows very thickly?
2. A unit of dry measurement?
3. Someone who is very nosy?
4. Worn by a guardsman?
5. A big bird?
6. The noise of a city?
7. What they call the outback of Australia?
8. Someone who plays music in the street?
9. A small African animal that lives in trees?
10. What people do to earn a living?



What's big and red and lies upside down in the gutter?

A dead bus.

A policeman was driving round in his patrol car when he decided to call in and see his mother. He knocked on the door and his mother shouted 'Who is it?' And the policeman replied, 'It's me ma, me ma.'



Answers: 1.bushy 2.bushel 3.busy body
4.busby 5.bustard 6.bustle 7.bush
8.busker 9.bush baby 10.business

Picture Proverbs

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS IS A COLLECTION OF 'WISE' SAYINGS FROM THE HEART OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.

WHAT DO THE FOLLOWING PROVERBS MEAN? THEY ALL COME FROM CHAPTER 28.

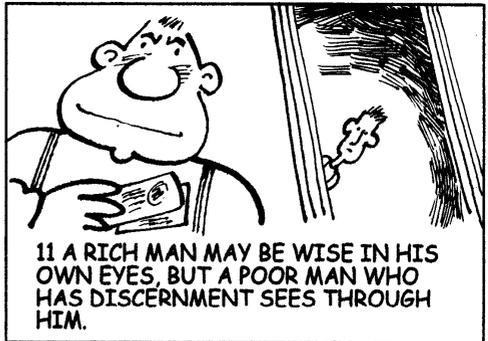


3 A RULER WHO OPPRESSES THE POOR IS LIKE A DRIVING RAIN THAT LEAVES NO CROPS.

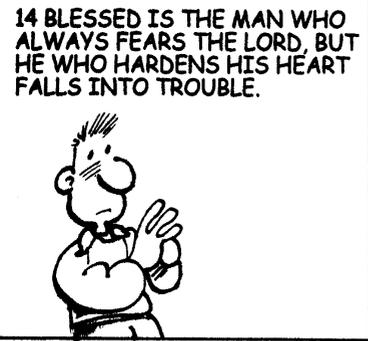
6 BETTER A POOR MAN WHOSE WALK IS BLAMELESS THAN A RICH MAN WHOSE WAYS ARE PERVERSE.



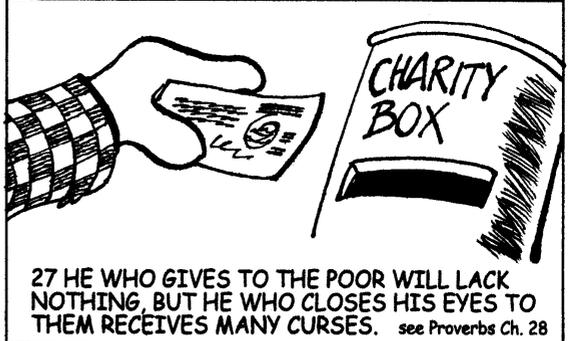
9 IF ANYONE TURNS A DEAF EAR TO THE LAW, EVEN HIS PRAYERS ARE DETESTABLE.



11 A RICH MAN MAY BE WISE IN HIS OWN EYES, BUT A POOR MAN WHO HAS DISCERNMENT SEES THROUGH HIM.



14 BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO ALWAYS FEARS THE LORD, BUT HE WHO HARDENS HIS HEART FALLS INTO TROUBLE.



27 HE WHO GIVES TO THE POOR WILL LACK NOTHING, BUT HE WHO CLOSES HIS EYES TO THEM RECEIVES MANY CURSES. see Proverbs Ch. 28

BEYOND THE VALLEY

BRIDPORT CAMERA CLUB

Monday 5th November 2007, 7.30-9.30pm, Dorchester Corn Exchange, 01308 459443. Wessex Battle (inter-club battle between clubs in the area)

Wednesday 14th November 2007, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay, 01308 459443. Bridport Camera Club Competition No.2: Landscape, Judge: Bill Aven

Monday 26th November 2007, 7.30-9.30pm, Collinton Club, Dorchester, 01308 459443. 5 A-Side with Dorchester Camera Club

Wednesday 12th December 2007, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay, 01308 459443. Bridport Camera Club talk on Wedding photojournalism by Paul & Debra Simpson.



Bored with robins?

Then why not send Christmas cards of local Dorset scenes? St John Ambulance Dorset has a good selection of cards depicting local scenes from original paintings by local artists – such as:

Loders 1905 by Joyce Coots, The Frome at

Woolbridge by Nicola Leader, Winter in Yetminster by Kim

Pragnell & Hardy's Cottage by Bill Toop.

Phone Judith or Anne Marie for a complete list, flyer & order form. 01305 751167

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch)

Our September Branch holiday was regarded as a success by the forty participants. The weather was kind, as was the welcome we received in France. Most travellers were quite surprised at the beauty of the scenery in the Auvergne region.

Our AGM will commence at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 1st. November, 2007 at Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury, to be followed by wine and cheese.

We have arranged a visit to the Land Registry, Chickerell, at 3.00pm on Thursday, 8th. November, 2007. We will use our own cars for transport,



so if you would share or need a seat let me know. The visit will be up to two hours duration and you must book with me in advance please.

Our Christmas Shopping trip this year is to Exeter to see the newly opened shopping area. It should prove fairly easy to spend money there by all accounts! This event is OPEN with a 50p booking fee. The fare will not exceed £10. Coach leaves Steepleton Pond at 8.50am on Thursday, 22nd. November, Kings Arms, Portesham at 9.00am and Abbotsbury Square at 9.05am.

Portesham Village Hall is the venue at 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Wednesday, 5th December, 2007, for our Pie and Mash Supper evening.

Bookings for all the above events through me or any Committee Member please.

If anyone is interested in going to Westpoint arena, Exeter for the Holiday on Ice show somewhere between 19th and 24th February, 2008, let me know: depending on response we may book for that event.

I anticipate leading a group tour of Iceland in May/June, 2008 - let me know if this interests you so that I may have an idea of the amount of interest at this stage.

Please note my new telephone number - 01305 267617.

Des Baker, Branch Vice Chairman.

FROM THE EDITOR

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First of all, a thank you to all those people who have taken the trouble to let me know how they like the changes we have been making to the BVN, in person, by telephone and by email. Your comments are greatly appreciated. Thank you also to those who have let me know what they don't like: these comments are equally appreciated, and will be taken into account in due time.

I am pleased to say that we have had the two first winners of the cover picture fiver. They haven't had the money yet because I've forgotten the combination for my wallet, but they will soon.

I do appreciate that these days a fiver isn't a great incentive for us adults, but every little helps, they say. I had hoped it would attract some of our younger readers to have a go (it doesn't *have* to be a photograph!), but no luck so far

A while ago, I mentioned that at some point that I would like to include in BVN, a directory of organisations, services and facilities in the

Valley (clubs, activities, schools, medical services, village halls, churches, Parish Councils etc) giving a (very) brief description, and a contact point for each one (name, telephone, email address). This will give both residents of, and visitors to the area, a readily accessible guide to what goes on where, in the Bride Valley.

To this end I have asked Village Correspondents to gather relevant information for their areas, and I would ask the various Secretaries etc to help as far as they are able.

This does of course raise the subject of data protection. In fact such a directory is not subject to registration under the relevant Act, but I would like to assure everyone that any information collected will not be published or distributed in anything other than the BVN. Some of the information to be included is already in the public domain of course (eg Parish Clerks), but if anyone has any doubts and does not wish their name to be shown, then that wish will be respected. However, it would be appreciated if some means of contact could be shown—just a telephone number and/or email address without specific names will do.

Lastly, a word of explanation. The letter that follows is from the Vicar of an entirely fictional Parish addressed to his Nephew, and none of the persons or events alluded to therein, has relation to reality. Honestly!

**THE RECTORY
ST. JAMES THE LEAST**

My dear Darren,

I am truly furious. I know that God has given clergy church councils so they can have a better understanding of hell, but last night's meeting really was too much. The traps are always sprung under "any other business". Several hundred thousand pounds can be committed to repairing the tower without the slightest murmur, but if someone should suggest mending the tea urn under AOB, the meeting will close with blood on the carpets.

So it was yesterday evening. We had negotiated the tricky subject of not mentioning the verger when it was recorded that the cupboard containing the Communion wine will be kept locked in future. We had ever-so-gently sat on Mr Onions - who has had a conversion experience - when he questioned whether it was Biblical to hold raffles at our social evenings. We even smiled with equanimity when Lady Favershams grumbled about the damp Communion wafers. But when our treasurer, after a long

preamble about soaring house prices in the village, suggested that the 12 bedroomed Queen Anne Rectory be sold and I be housed in one of the "more convenient" potting sheds being built on the green, I did not expect near universal agreement from council members.

That the new Rectory would have all the aesthetic charm of a suburban bus shelter seemed to be irrelevant; that I would have to learn to have all my meals in one dining room, rather than rotate round the present three seemed to be of no concern; that my dog would lose his own private suite passed them by entirely. This may be a case for calling in the Canine Protection Society.

The thought that I would have to get used to a warm, dry house with twenty-first century plumbing does not bear contemplation. It is only the cold, damp accommodation with Victorian water closets that keeps parishioners and visiting clergy at bay.

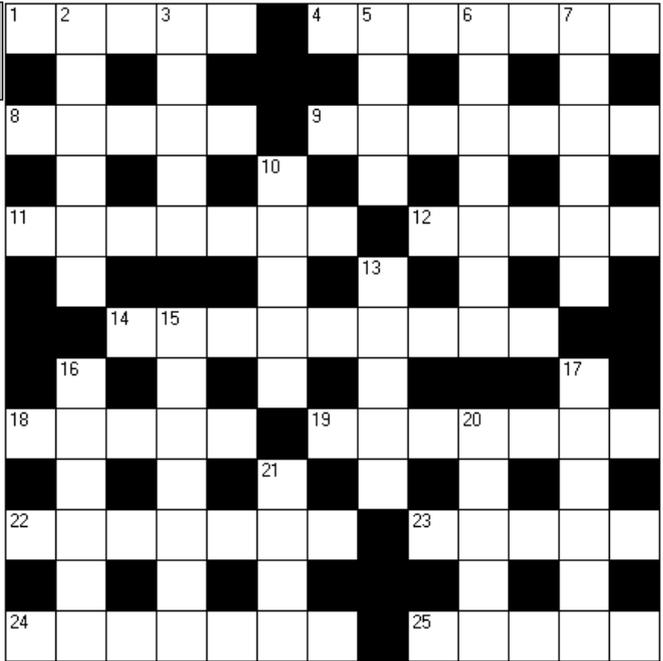
It was a close struggle; here was an opportunity for council members to settle a few old scores. You could sense the gleam in Colonel Mitchell's eyes as he recalled losing the hiding place for his whisky when we removed his box pew 30 years ago; he has been obliged to listen to the sermon ever since. And as for Miss Throckmore, who was allocated to decorate the porch rather than the great east window for last year's Harvest, she leapt at the opportunity of condemning me to life in a cardboard box. You could also sense a certain satisfaction when parishioners realised they would then be able to keep an eye on my movements, since there would no longer be several acres of ground and privet hedges to maintain my privacy.

Fortunately, I negotiated some time when I mentioned that possible legal obstacles must be cleared first. In the meantime, I shall be writing to apply for grants to build a substantial moat round my present Rectory - provided it has a working drawbridge.

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

**Look on the World as being a big fruit cake
It wouldn't be complete without a few nuts in it.**

CROSSWORD



Across

1 The wicked are gone when this has swept by, says

Proverbs ch. 10 (5)

4 Sport involving bows and arrows (7)

8 Plastic (5)

9 Last book of the OT (7)

11 Book of sacred songs (7)

12 Parish parson (5)

14 Profanation of something holy (9)

18 A third of the day was without this illumination in Revelation ch. 8 (5)

19 ..a sword, not of _____, will devour them (Isa 31.8) (7)

22 Disburdened by confession (7)

23 From which the idol in Psalm 106 was cast (5)

24 speckled or _____ female goats (Gen 30.35) (7)

25 Transgressor of the 8th commandment (5)

Down

2 Cause of death of the fish in Isaiah ch. 50 (6)

3 Description of the robes worn by Herod in Acts ch. 12 (5)

5 Use a sickle as commanded by an angel in Revelation ch. 14 (4)

6 Description of the balm in 2 Chronicles ch. 28 (7)

7 Warm up again (6)

10 My _____ is with Israel's princes (Jud 5.9) (5)

13 Shem became the father of Arphaxad two years after this,

says Genesis ch. 11 (5)

15 Person not believing in God (7)

16 Clergyman in charge of a diocese (6)

17 Split (6)

20 his _____ whiter

than milk (Gen

49.12) (5)

21 Hereditary determinant (4)



DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES: NOVEMBER 2007

NOVEMBER

Thu	1	ALL SAINTS			
		2.00pm	Bride Valley Crafters	PSWB Village Hall	
		7.30pm	RBL (Abbotsbury) AGM	Strangways Hall Abbotsbury	
Fri	2	10.30am	Puncknowle Art Group	Powerstock	
Sat	3	10.00am	Churchyard Maintenance	St. Martin's, SG	
		6.00pm	Bonfire Party	Barges Close, LC	
Sun	4	3.00pm	Interchurch Quiz	BB Village Hall	
		7.00pm	One World Worship	Othona Community	
Mon	5	7.30pm	B'port Camera Club "Club Battle"	Salt House, West Bay	
Tue	6	2.00pm	BB Bridge Club	BB Village Hall	
		7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	PSWB Village Hall	
		8.00pm	"Facts behind the Fiction"	BB Village Hall	
Wed	7	7.30pm	Bingo	SG Village Hall	
Thu	8	DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN BVN			
		10.30am	RBL Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning	BB Village Hall	
Fri	9	10.30am	Tiny Tots Service	St. Mary's, BB	
Sat	10	VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS' DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER BVN			
		10.00am	Village Walk	LC Bus Shelter	
		10.00am	Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre	
		7.30pm	"An evening with Albert Einstein"	BB Village Hall	
		7.30pm	Bingo	LB Village Hall	
Sun	11	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY			
		9.30am	Remembrance Day Service	St. Martin's, SG	
		10.40am	Remembrance Day Service	St. Mary's, BB	
Mon	12	7.30pm	Bride Valley Garden Club Talk	PSWB Village Hall	
Tue	13	EDITOR'S DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER BVN			
		2,15pm	BBI 90th Birthday	BB Village Hall	
		6.30pm	Carol Singing	LC Bus Shelter	
Wed	14	6.30pm	Carol Singing	LC Bus Shelter	
		7.30pm	B'port Camera Club Competition	Salt House, West Bay	
Thu	15	2.00pm	Bride Valley Crafters	PSWB Village Hall	
		2.30pm	Holy Trinity PCC Meeting	Owl Bank, Swyre	
Fri	16	10.30am	SG Ramblers	Bucky Doo Sq., Bridport	
		16	10.30am	Puncknowle Art Group	PSWB Village Hall
		16	Bob Ayres	BB Village Hall	
Sat	17	9.30am	Producers' Christmas Market	Thorners School	
Sun	18	10.00am	Playing Field Tidy	Puncknowle Playing Field	
		18	5.00pm	Come Sing His Praises	PSWB Village Hall
Mon	19	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	SG Village Hall	
Tue	20	2.00pm	BB Bridge Club	BB Village Hall	

Wed	21	7.30pm	Yetties/CMVC Concert	URC, Bridport
Thu	22		MU "Saints & Seasons"	St Catherine's Cross, SG
Fri	23	7.00pm	Christmas Bingo	Thorners School
Sat	24	10.30am	Pre Christmas Coffee/Sale	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		3.00pm	Christmas Party, E. Valley	Thorners School
Sun	25		CHRIST the KING	
		12.00noon	Quackers Day	Long Bredy
		12.00noon	Pre-Christmas Get Together	SG Village Hall
Mon	26	7.30pm	Bride Valley Gardening Club	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	27	12.30pm	PSWB Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
		2.00pm	BB Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
Wed	28	7.00pm	Talk by Bob Ayres "London"	SG Village Hall
Fri	30		St. ANDREW	

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DECEMBER 2007

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Sat	1		BV Christmas Market	Thorners School
Sun	2	7.00pm	One World Worship	Othona Community
Wed	5	9.30am	Christmas Shopping, Exeter	New Inn, SG
Fri	7	7.30pm	David Taylor	BB Village hall
Sat	8	7.30pm	Homage to Stephane Grapelli"	BB Village hall
			Village Hall Christmas "Event"	PSWB Village Hall
Mon	10	7.30pm	Bride Valley Garden Club Party	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	12	7.30pm	Bride Valley Gardening Club	PSWB Village Hall
Sat	15	5.00pm	Christmas Party	LB Village Hall
			Christmas Do	BB Village Hall
Mon	25		CHRISTMAS DAY	
Tue	26		St STEPHEN	
Wed	27		St JOHN	
Thu	28		HOLY INNOCENTS	

LC: Litton Cheney
Lb: Littlebredy

SG: Shipton Gorge
PSWB: Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington

BB: Burton Bradstock

LB: Long Bredy
BV: Bride Valley

VILLAGE

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

WEBSITES

www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk



CHURCH SERVICES

THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

November 2007

Date	1 st Sunday 4 th November ALL SAINTS	2 nd Sunday 11 th November REMEMBRANCE DAY	3 rd Sunday 18 th November 2ND BEFORE ADVENT	4 th Sunday 25 th November CHRIST THE KING
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family service 11.00 Songs of Praise 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 10.40 Service of Remembrance 6.30 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family service 11.00 Holy Communion (By extension) 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge	11.00 All age Holy Communion	9.30 Prayers and Remembrance	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer & Service of Rededication
Chilcombe				
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer		11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
Lifton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship		9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (By extension)
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 All age Worship (Remembrance) Holy Communion (By extension)		11.00 Holy Communion

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