

# **Bride Valley News**

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*Candlemas Bells*

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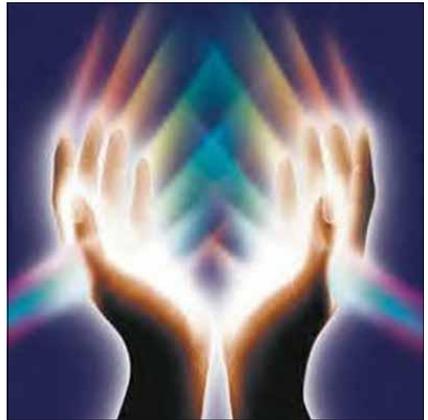
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## FROM THE RECTORY

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**Over** the course of the Autumn a group of people have been meeting at the Rectory in Burton Bradstock to study and to pray about the ministry of healing. This is a very important thing to Christians. Jesus himself is described as one who heals the sick and preaches the good news. For us this is not a matter of doing one or the other (or neither if we are the sort of Christian who finds all this sort of thing a bit keen). Nor is it a matter of doing both. It is going to be how to know that both healing and preaching are the same thing – which we would know if only we truly found to the root of ourselves who Jesus is.



We began by saying to ourselves that having services for healing at which we would wait to be amazed by the healing power of God were probably not the point. The point is likely to be that we should not be amazed – we should be so caught up on the will of God, and so trusting and expecting of the gifts of providence that nothing should surprise us. In a funny way we should be taking things for granted. Miracles are for disbelievers.

The starting point, then, is not straining to believe or working for wonders. It is getting into the place where God is, within us and among us and over us. The route is by saying prayers and being prayed for. To this end we are going to be starting by setting up chains of people praying for one another. Quite how this works may well be for different Parishes to decide. Each Parish has its own character and way of doing things – even when we do them together. But in essence it is very simple in that each person is given two people to pray for regularly; as if a number of people were sitting at random in a big circle and were asked to pray for the person either side of them.

The voice of prayer is never silent. When our prayers become the background chatter of the atmosphere of the Christian life we try to live, we will have taken the first step in our ministry of healing. What comes next is not entirely clear, and nor should it be. We will wait upon God for that. But it is clear that without our praying and being prayed for we are like a crowd of people facing the wrong way when the band goes marching by. We are like people in an abandoned railway station waiting for a train. We are like .....you say.

**Easter** is very early this year. This is not a plea to start weaving bonnets and buying chocolate because there are only so many bunny weeks till egg day. It is really to say that if Easter is early then so is Lent, starting 40 days beforewards.

Ash Wednesday is on 6<sup>th</sup> February, and the Lent series this year will follow our pattern of Wednesday evening meetings at 7.30pm in St Mary's church, Burton Bradstock. They will begin on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February and go through until Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. This year we are going to be looking at the 12 minor prophets, as they are called. The ones that bring up the end of the books of the Old Testament. Some are familiar stories, like Jonah and the whale, while others, like Habbakuk lurk as the names of oddities, seen once in the index just before the onset of an overwhelming lack of curiosity.

So we are going delving. We will look at the life and times of these people to see how they lived and believed - why they spoke and wrote as they did. That is the discovery trail that leads us way away into some quite strange places of the imagination. The homeward journey is that which returns to our own times with the treasures of our wanderings, to use them for our own life and witness. These are the gifts of how to look at the world through the eyes of God, so that we can find his will for us and know his love for his creation.

No small ambition here. A major task for a minor prophet.



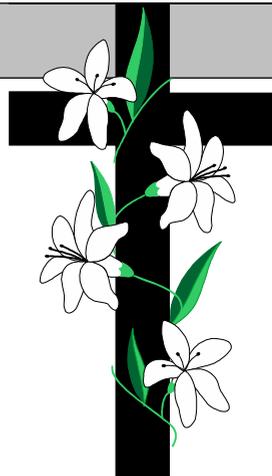
## FROM THE REGISTERS

On Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November the funeral of Jean Mary Langdon was held at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. Her brother, David and his wife Joep, led the mourners, including Jean's five nieces. Fleur gave an account of her life, and Lucy read a passage in her memory. Jean was a frequent visitor to her parent's house in Shipton Lane, before she herself retired into the village in 1996.

The funeral of Derrick Geoffrey Shepherd, known locally as Geoff, was held at St Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Geoff and his wife Betty moved into Shipton Gorge in 1988, and from the first were involved in the life of the village. Geoff brought with him organising skills from business, and also from having helped arrange archery competitions in the Munich and Montreal Olympics. Geoff's brother, Bill, overwhelmed by the affection in which Geoff was held in the village, and by the tributes made in his memory, asked me very particularly to thank those many who came to fill the Church at his funeral.

Ray; Raymond Edgar Lee, died quietly and at peace on 3<sup>rd</sup> November at home, following a long illness. Ray and his dear wife Betty were long time Puncknowle people, who loved the place, and are loved still. Both were involved in the life of the village from their early days; Ray in particular as a member of the Royal British Legion. He had served during the war, ending up as a guard of Japanese prisoners at the notorious Changi prison in Singapore. His nephew spoke of his life, and we sang the hymns Ray had chosen for the service: "O for a closer walk with God", "Crimond" and "Now the day is over".

On Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November the ashes of the late Frank Maunder of Shipton Gorge were interred in St Martin's Churchyard. It was a cold clear day for a short but heartfelt service for a good man who loved, and was loved by, his family and a wide circle of friends, and is now laid to rest under the sound of the bells he loved to hear ringing over the valley.



The ashes of Betsy Freda Mary Connor were placed in the Churchyard of St Peter's Long Bredy on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. According to her wish she was laid to rest near the grave of her mother, Mary Shelton. People from the village, and many members of her family old and young, were led in mourning by her two sons, Tim and Bob. The sun shone on the lovely setting of the Church among the surrounding hills, and the birds circled high above in a clear sky.

On Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> December, at Weymouth crematorium, the funeral was held of Frances Elizabeth Willis, lately of Burton Bradstock, but more recently living in Axminster. Her daughter, Andrea and her husband, Chris live in Middle St in the village. Chris read the beatitudes, and Andrea, with great courage, gave a tribute to her Mother. They were a great sporting family, and were actually at the 1966 world cup final. The hymn, "Abide with me" was played for its footballing connections and for happy memories. We sang "Crimond" and "Praise my soul the king of heaven", and bid Frances be at peace and in glory.

John Alexander Christopher Tennant of Burton Bradstock was buried in the cemetery in the village on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. It was a quiet, graveside service, attended by a few friends and neighbours. John, formerly a mariner, was a reclusive man who seems to have kept up no family connections. The words of the sailor's hymn, "For those in peril on the sea", were read over him, and the words of the service commended his soul to God and committed his mortal remains to the earth. It was a cold day with a keen wind, threatening rain. John is buried just in sight of the sea.

The funeral of Edgar Howard Seadon, of Burton Bradstock, was held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. A quiet ceremony was held at Weymouth crematorium at which a tribute was read from his daughter-in-law, who, living in Australia, was unable to attend.

On Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December Harold Douglas Percy was laid to rest in the cemetery at Burton Bradstock, following a funeral service at St Mary's Church. Many people of the village joined the family in remembering him and giving thanks for his long life and the gift of his many blessings. His three sons gave tribute; Douglas in a remembrance of his life, David in a poem by Hillaire Belloc of a boy that sang on Duncton Hill, recalling Harold's youth in rural Sussex,

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and Richard a poem "Just another merchant sailor man" in memory of his service as a radio operator in the Merchant Navy and R.N. The prayers also remembered and gave thanks for the life of Dorothy, his beloved wife, who survived him by only a few days. They are at rest and forever re-united.

## VALLEY NOTES



### TINY TOTS

Friday 11th January at 11am, to be held at St. Mary's Church Burton Bradstock.

*Yvette Smith. 898219.*

### BRIDE VALLEY MOTHER'S UNION.

Our AGM will be on Thursday 24th January- 2.30pm. at St. Catherines Cross. Shipton Gorge. The theme for 2008 is "Time for Relationship". We will be planning our programme to include this subject.



Please remember your subs of £14.00 are due before or at this meeting.

*Yvette Smith. 898219.*



### BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP NOTES

Notes for the daily reading of the Bible (two series - "Guidelines" and "New Daylight") are produced by the Bible Reading Fellowship.

Those interested in receiving these (samples are available) please be in touch with me (tel. 01308 897849).

'New Daylight' offers daily Bible reading and comment for everybody who wants to travel further on the journey of Christian faith. It is especially suitable for those looking for an accessible way into studying the Bible.

'Guidelines' is a unique Bible reading resource offering in-depth study, aiming to build bridges between devotional life and current scholarly approaches to the Bible. Its intention is to nourish faith, provoke thought and broaden understanding for all its readers, while helping to equip those who are leaders in the church, for ministry and mission.

The subscription year starts in May with three four-monthly issues (both sets of notes priced at £10.80 per annum). The bulk order for the Bride Valley is placed in mid-February but requests for additional copies may be made at any time. Those already on the list have their copies ordered automatically unless I am informed otherwise.

*Hilary Mousley, B.R.F. Group Secretary*

## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

A happy, prosperous and fruitful New Year to all our members and other Bride Valley News readers. Last year proved to be a challenging one for all gardeners and we hope that this coming year will give us an easier time raising our plants. Members should be receiving their orders for seeds during January but there will be no meetings until March when any problems over planting and pricking out can be discussed.



### JOBS To Do

Prune apple and pear trees, gooseberries and currants. Cut back ornamental grasses left over winter for structural interest. Plant or transplant bare-root hedging plants, roses and containerised stock. Net ponds to catch fallen leaves, removing them regularly.

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*Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary: [secretary.bvgc@virgin.net](mailto:secretary.bvgc@virgin.net), Tel: 01308 482240*

## AWARDS CEREMONY FOR THE DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2007

We apologise for the delay in advising the details & the short list but we wanted to select a suitable event for the awards ceremony & then make the announcements. I am pleased to advise that, by kind permission of the Burton Bradstock Village Society, the digital photo competition awards will be held at the Burton Bradstock Village Society evening on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2008 in the Village Hall.

As David Barnikel is giving a talk with photos that evening, and he is one of the judges, it seemed appropriate to use this event for David & fellow judge Mike Southgate to make the awards. The short-listed finalists (also on the Burton Bradstock web site) have been invited to the ceremony and are as follows:

**Adults:** Sue Kirby, Robert Belbin, Mark Pike and Simon Kirby

**Under 16s:** James Suter, Charlotte Toms, Toula Kanellaki and Lorna Farrell

The committee is grateful for the hard work put in by the judges who were: Mike Southgate, David Barnikel, Mary Bailey and Jake Dove.  
*Ken Pett 897 550*



## **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS DONATIONS**

Very many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Greetings page in the December issue of the Bride Valley News. As you saw, we had excellent support once again, and your generosity helped raise the magnificent sum of exactly £1,000. As for last year, the money has been divided equally between the BVN, and the Joseph Weld & Trimar Hospice & Cancer Care Dorset. Once again, our very grateful thanks for your tremendous support.

*Ken Pett*

## **1<sup>ST</sup> BRIDE VALLEY SCOUT GROUP**

### **RECRUITMENT DRIVE**

The Scout section now has vacancies for boys/girls aged 10.1/2 to 14 yr old

Due to increasing numbers in the Cub section we are looking for Section Assistants (warranted or unwarranted) to help with our energetic cubs on a regular basis at weekly meetings and outings.

From May 2008 our Chairman and Secretary of the Group Executive Committee are retiring and we seek new blood. These are not onerous positions, but key to the smooth running of the Bride Valley Scout Group.

For further information on all of the above please contact Denise Hunt - Group Scout Leader on 01308-458007



## **POPPY APPEAL RESULTS 2007**



The Bride Valley Poppy Appeal this year has exceeded all expectations and thanks to all concerned, has managed to break previous records in raising a total of £3,605 - an increase of 17% over last year. This is an excellent result and a big Thank You must be extended to all the Poppy Appeal collectors and local businesses who have realised the

importance of this year 's appeal.

The advance publicity generated by the Legion regarding the government not honouring the Military Covenant has opened peoples' eyes to the fact that our armed forces need all the help they can get and this is where the Legion's stand has been so important. Further pressure should be put on the government, through our local MPs, to restore the covenant and make sure that they meet the nation's duty of care towards the Navy, Army and Air Force personnel who are doing such a magnificent job under extremely trying circumstances. Once again, many thanks to you all and keep putting any spare money into the special collection boxes I have installed in a few selected locations. Season's greetings to you all

*Tony Combe: Bride Valley Poppy Appeal Organiser*

## BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

Welcome to more new children who have moved into the area - a **BIG HELLO** to Evie, Toby and Salvador - and their families. All three have older siblings who have joined classes here at Thorner's school, so now the number on our Register has increased to 15 - whoopee!



Our Christkindlmarkt on 1<sup>st</sup> December proved to be a big hit once again with about 300 people coming through the door to see the live animal Nativity stable, with playgroup children in costume playing their part in front of it. Carols were sung to music played by Sally and Joy - many thanks to them and backup singers, one of whom was Rebecca Talbot - many thanks to all who helped with this. The stalls inside and out were busy - the Mum's Homemade Cake stall took over £300 - and the main hall looked magnificent with lights, decorations and huge Christmas tree. Kate and I were inundated in the children's craft room, where kids colour-printed Christmas cards, decorated stockings etc and/or made angel tree decorations - paint and glitter everywhere! Still it was all in a good cause and a total of approximately £1800 was raised - and once again a **BIG THANKYOU** to all who helped with the event, and to all who supported us by coming along.

Playgroup children and staff went to see the school Christmas concert dress rehearsal on Monday 10th December and enjoyed it very much. We finished off our theme with "Snow White" and

"Cinderella" weeks, then Advent & children's Christmas stories.

Our own party was held on Monday 17th starting with party food instead of Lunch Club, followed by singing to parents and carers - then presents from Father Christmas to finish off with - such excitement! The next day we had a visit from Hattie the Clown who came to tell the real Christmas Story in her own inimitable way - which certainly holds the children's attention - you should have seen their faces!

At our December committee meeting held at the Crown Inn, Diana Maston kindly volunteered to become our new Treasurer - so thanks Diana. Then David Taylor kindly did a LATCH presentation for us - and, as Fledglings children will benefit from the new community hall in Litton Cheney, the committee will be organising a fund raising towards this very soon - so watch this space for a date in 2008.

Finally - a Very Happy New Year to everyone.

*Carol Bennett (Playleader) 897771*

*Rachel Maltby (Chair) 482246*

## **A BIG THANK YOU.**

I would like to say thank you to all the parents and staff of Bride Valley Fledglings for their lovely gifts of vouchers and flowers as I said good bye after eight years involvement with them as parent, chair and deputy playleader.

Thanks again

*Sue Talbot*



The children are busy preparing for their Christmas celebrations: they have been singing songs, making cards, preparing gifts for their parents and of course preparing for their Nativity which will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> December. This last day of term will be celebrated with party food, a visit from John

and his wonderful Indian Grandpa puppet, Hattie the clown and Santa. It is certainly going to be a morning jammed packed with excitement.

Vicar Bob has also popped into to see us and tell us about the "Posada" (Spanish word for Inn). Figures of Mary and Joseph are kept in a little basket, they will need families to look after them and to take them home for the night until they are returned to the church on Christmas Eve. When this newsletter arrives we will have started

a New Year, we wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a very happy 2008.

As the term draws to a close we will also be having a visit from the dental team who will be sharing valuable information with the children on how to look after their teeth.

Heather Rogers has kindly offered to hold one of her “pop-in” days on Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup>. This will take place at her home from 11am – 4pm. The morning is open to everyone, so please come along to relax, enjoy a cuppa, a piece of cake and a chat. All proceeds from the “pop-in” day will go towards the playgroup.

We have also been visited by Ofsted this term and Ann-Marie will report to parents at our last committee meeting of the term on 12<sup>th</sup> December .

We have some places available and new children are always welcome. If you would like to visit us we are open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am – 12 noon.

Our playgroup leader Ann-Marie can be contacted on 07853 150467 or Audrey on 01308 897 227

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL**

A Happy New Year! By the time this edition of BVN comes into the public domain the Christmas break and all that went into preparing for it will have been largely forgotten. At the time of writing we are one week away from the dress rehearsal of our Christmas production. Whilst the children are excited and looking forward to the occasion, some have learnt their lines and are eagerly adding polish to their performances, whilst others have barely begun. The pressure is on! At this stage we have to hold firm to the old cliché that it will be alright on the night.

Looking back over the past year we have much to be thankful for and now look forward to the one ahead. As well as the usual sporting and musical events, we have a firm date for the upgrade of our playground facilities - spring half term. During the summer various other improvements will hopefully take place such as renovating the children’s toilet facilities and general decorating. As far as ‘initiatives’ are concerned, we will stick to the ones we already have – better to do a few things well than loads thinly spread.

Last September was my big ‘50’, (Yes I am only that young although I probably look a lot older), and since then I have had a

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steady stream of junk mail for the over 50s. This has caused much amusement to my family despite my protestations that I really don't need a mobility aid. However, it did get me thinking on two counts. Firstly, children's perceptions of age (I remember thinking that my teacher was pretty ancient but looking back on it he could not have been a day over thirty), and secondly, how on earth can we stop the wastage when we continue to receive 'stuff' that we haven't asked for? It would be great if such issues could be tackled as part of the conservation and recycling agenda. In the meantime my order for a zimmer frame is on hold.

*Mark Stratta*

### **100 CLUB NOVEMBER**

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### **THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

It was with some sadness that we heard the news that Beryl Truscott had died at the end of November. I got to know Beryl through school and as the mother of Joseph and later as wife to Jethro, a Chair of Governors, her family were important to her and she was determined to give Joseph as full a life as possible and was willing to play her part in the life of the school by giving up her time to help with Design and Technology, or more often than not ... sewing! I have this image of her sitting in the hall with the most enormous smile possible, surrounded by children who enjoyed delving into her button tin discovering hidden gems. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joseph and Jethro at this time. She will be missed by many as she was so friendly, understanding and willing to listen and help. God bless you Beryl.

As I am a little late in sending in my article so we have just performed our Christmas Concert 'Feast for a King' to a packed audience. We do need that Community Hall! All the children took part with many children from year 1 through to year 6 singing solos, approximately 15 pupils joined together to form an orchestra: clarinet, cello, violins, guitars, keyboards, drums and recorders to play the overture. We have a very talented set of pupils. I hope that all the pupils enjoyed the experience, however many 'fluttering' tummies there were. It is one of the advantages of being part of a

small school we can encourage all the pupils in so many different fields and give them the opportunity to try something new. Well done to all of those who rose to the challenge so well. A retiring collection was taken in memory of Beryl Truscott which will be forwarded to the Weldmar Hospice Trust ... thank you for your contribution.

I am looking forward to having the new hall near so that we can use it for so many events and especially for such things as our concerts ... you may all get a seat then and we will not have to be furniture removers quite so often. Please do your bit to help Thorner's get this fantastic resource .. it will be so much better for a number of events and on a regular basis for PE in particular.

To a more pressing matter ... are you interested in being a vital pin in our hot meal project? Here at Thorner's we are looking for someone, or two people as a job share to be responsible for serving, (yes only serving, no washing dishes) hot meals one and half hours per day, 5 days a week, term time only. Great job satisfaction, approximately half our pupils take advantage of hot meals currently 3 days per week but we are unable to increase this to 5 days until we have someone , or two, in place to take charge of serving. Are you interested? Would you like to find out more? Would you like to apply for the position? Then do please get in touch via the office (tel: 482410) We look forward to hearing from you.

### **THORNER'S GIRLS RETAIN CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY TROPHY.**

The cluster schools met at Symondsburry at what has become one of the highlights of the year ...a Fun Run through fields, up hills and generally muddy patches. This year not quite so muddy but still enjoyed by the 35 girls and 33 boys who took part and we were delighted to be able to take



home the trophy once again .. the fourth year in succession. The first four in each team count towards the team competition and 4 of our runners came in the top 6: Imogen 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lucie 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dionne 4<sup>th</sup> and Annabel 6<sup>th</sup> . e also had Tarren, Pippa and Hattie who is only in year 3! They all ran very hard and were all well placed. Well done to you

all. I was really proud of you.

Due to a shortage of boys on the day we had a young team of four, Jason our only year 6 boy to run was 3<sup>rd</sup> and then the younger boys Jed, Oliver, both year 4, and Cameron, who is year 3, ran well and managed to finish as a team in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done to you and all looks well for future years when we can reclaim that trophy again.



Also in November I was privileged to watch Matthew Fry receive the Betambeau award for his sporting achievements in the year. I am sure this will help him continue his dedication and enjoyment of running in particular. Congratulations, Matthew.

*Alison Johnstone, Headteacher*

## **THORNER'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Thank you to all the people who turned up for our Christmas Bingo and Grand Christmas

Draw on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November and especially to our caller Mr John Arman, and to Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Gundry for helping the caller and all those who helped on the night. It was nice to see the hall full of parents, friends and children of the school, but shows we do need a larger hall. Monies raised will be published at a later date, along with more information on further fund-raising events.

Thanks again.

*Sue Talbot (fund-raising co-ordinator TSA)*

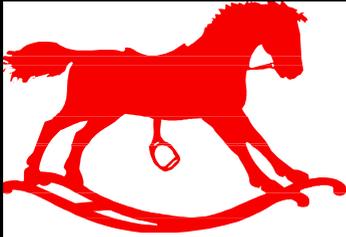
## **BRIDE VALLEY EASTERN END CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Over 40 children attended the party on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to everyone who ensured the tradition was continued – the donation from Litton Cheney Bellringers, Paul and Sharon for organising the games, The Fledglings Playgroup leader Carol, the support of the staff of Thorner's School, Father Christmas, Lyn, Paige, Robyn and Ruth our helpers without children and everyone who helped in anyway to ensure a lovely afternoon for the children.



We hope to continue the tradition next year on the first Saturday in December.

*Katharine Jones (Coo) 898553, Elizabeth Kingston (Higgy) 482162.*



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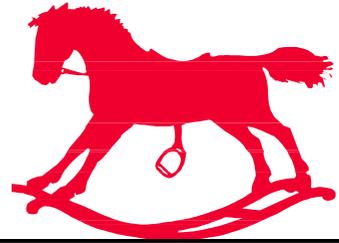
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## **ARTSREACH: SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL**

### **Conjuring Up Comedy**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

A one man show where Ian Keable hilariously tells how he made the transition from accountant to magical comedian.

Tickets £7.

### **The Mad Woman in the Attic**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

A show by the Boiling Theatre Co set in a rural community in Somerset. Humorous and poignant, it challenges preconceptions about “senior citizens” in a world dominated by youth culture.

Tickets £6.

For full details see entry under Shipton Gorge.

*Doris Benselin 897562.*

## FROM THE PARISH COUNCILS

### ATM - BEWARE

Latest advice for when the ATM apparently swallows your card is to seek help immediately from the **owner** of the machine, i.e. the bank or other business where the machine is installed. **DO NOT** accept any assistance from a casual passer by! He or she may not be as casual as it may seem.

The scam is that the “passer by” helps you only in order to learn your PIN. When your back is turned he/she returns to the ATM and retrieves the card (which has not been swallowed, but has been trapped in by a simple strip of thin plastic that can be withdrawn by the “crook”). Shortly after, your account will be somewhat lighter!

And whilst we are on the subject, beware of the telephone call that purports to come from your credit/debit card issuer. The caller will refer to a suspected fraudulent use of your card. It will be very polite and will give an impression of businesslike efficiency.

However, at some point the caller will ask for the security number or issue number of your card “just to be sure that you are still in possession of the card.

**DO NOT TELL HIM/HER** your number(s), and report the call to your card issuer as soon as you can.

### SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January commencing at 7.30pm.

*Ernie Thomas – Parish Clerk*

### PARISH PLAN

The Parish Council, at the November meeting, resolved to set up a task force to produce a Parish Plan for Shipton Gorge.

Villagers will recall that much preparatory work has already been undertaken and it is now felt that we should complete the task of producing a Plan during the first half of 2008. This activity should provide a real focus on the current status of our village and also point to the future by identifying a wide range of matters/issues that need to be understood and documented with the intention of both maintaining and enhancing the quality of life for residents of our village.

Simon Cleveland has kindly agreed to lead this activity which ideally should be a joint task between the Parish Council and residents so we would appreciate any offers of help that may be forthcoming to work with Simon, Peter Gates, Charles Errington and Richard Cunningham.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to help with this activity, the wider the range of input the better the content of the Plan. *David Smith. Chairman Shipton Gorge Parish Council. 898219*

## **LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL PLAYING FIELD**

Litton Cheney Parish Council hope you agree the impressive new play tower is a fitting testament to the former Playing Field Committee whose hard work, and ultimate financial success, was instrumental in the provision of the tower. Warm thanks to all who over the years gave of their time and efforts in various fundraising and other activities, and a special thank you to Elizabeth Kingston and Coo Jones without whose efforts the field would be the poorer.

We now seek the help of a few volunteers (ideally parents with young children) who will liaise with the Parish Council and advise and assist in all aspects of future planning and maintenance of, particularly, the playing field equipment. Do please consider helping with this very well worth task: contact Malcolm Davison (482262).

## **ALLOTMENTS**

The Council is also considering the possibility of providing space for a few allotments. There was a demand some time ago, and before the matter is taken any further, the Council needs to assess the present need.

If you are interested in having an allotment, probably towards the southern end of the field, please contact Freddie Spicer (482617) or Brian Prentice (482535).

## **PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

There is no meeting in January - next meeting will be 5th February 2008 - further details will be posted in Feb. BVN.

If you have any issues or comments on local matters, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Carolyn Buckland on 01308 897726.

*Anthony Edwards: Chairman*

## **THE NAPPER CHARITY**

The Napper Charity is for the “relief of the poor of Puncknowle”. A small fund available for distribution to eligible persons, and any persons, resident in Puncknowle who consider themselves eligible, may make an application for a share of these funds.

People on Income Support or Guaranteed Pension Credit will be given priority, but other applications are likely to be considered.

Anyone wishing to apply should apply “in confidence” to the Clerk of Puncknowle Parish Council - telephone 01308-897726 or can contact any of the Parish Councillors for details.

## **PLAYING FIELD MAINTENANCE**

Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council invites tenders for the maintenance of the Puncknowle Playing Field, on a three year contract commencing 1st March 2008.

Interested parties should contact the Chair of the Parish Council Playing Field Committee, telephone 01308 897751, or the Parish Clerk (897726), for a copy of the tender document.

Last date for submission of tenders is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

### **FUTURE OF THE HIVE**

At the Community Consultation over the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> October, the National Trust presented three options for the future arrangements for the car park and café facilities at the Hive Beach.

The Parish Council displayed information on what had been involved in the management of the facilities in recent years. Everyone attending was invited to comment and indicate their preferred option and were also asked to suggest alternative options and ways in which the Trust could work with the community should funding become available. At the same time, leaflets outlining the background to the review and setting out the options, with the invitation to respond, were distributed around the village.

By 11<sup>th</sup> November, a total of 209 forms were received and 48 ‘post-it’ notes were completed at the open meetings. These have now been analysed and 192 people have given a clear preferred option.

Their choices were;

- Option One* : To renew the lease to the  
Parish Council with changes to the term                      21% (40 people)
- Option Two*: The National Trust runs

the whole site.

2% (4 people)

*Option Three:* The National Trust takes over the site and leases the café direct to the current tenant.

77% (148 people)

There was also a significant level of support for the current way in which Steve Attrill and his team run the café, along with the many other wide-ranging comments and suggestions.

Taking into account the preferences expressed as above and on receipt of more detailed information from the Trust, the Parish Council will decide how it wishes to proceed and then have further discussions with the Trust.

## VACANCIES FOR NEW COUNCILLORS

You are reminded the W.D.D.C. has approved two further councillors for the Burton Bradstock P.C. and we would very much like to fill these places with an election. Anyone interested in joining the Council please contact me, Mike Southgate (897487) or the Clerk, Fel Moore (459001). Nominations have to be in to West Dorset District Council by 17<sup>th</sup> January.

*Mike Southgate, Chairman, Burton Bradstock Parish Council (897487)*

## PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: ELIZABETH SLATER

1, LITTON CLOSE, PUNCKNOWLE

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## CHRISTINGLE

The Christingle Service this year, in aid of the Church of England's Children's Society will take place at the Family Service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 11am.

All are very welcome to this much loved service.



## PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

The wise little mouse in the children's story, stored up colours throughout the year to recount to his companions during the winter months. We have plenty to remember of the day that we travelled beyond Eggardon Hill to visit Rosie Britton at her lovely home and studio. The trees were full of colour as were her



pictures and the conversation we had over coffee on her approaches to painting.

Our workshop in the village hall with Michael Chappel was great fun and very informative. We painted seascapes and there was plenty of powerful energy in our stormy waves.

It seemed unanimous that we should party well into the New Year so the AGM will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> January. Ideas for the new programme will be welcome and the following meeting will be on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

I am pleased to report that the money raised for Shelterbox came to £255.91. The number of our box is 27098 and it can be tracked on the web at [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org) and has in fact been sent to earthquake victims in Peru.

*Christine Molony*

## **PLAYING FIELD CLEAN UP**

After November's wash out we are going to have another attempt to tidy up Puncknowle's playing field. Young and old are again welcome to come along and lend a hand on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 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 AND WEST BEXINGTON LUNCHEON CLUB**

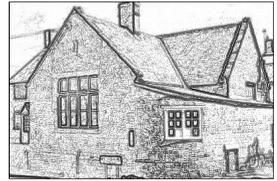
There will be no luncheon for the club in December because of Christmas. The next lunch will be on 15<sup>th</sup> January at Puncknowle and Swyre Hall at 12.30 The menu will be:- fruit juices, beef or vegetable casserole, sponge pudding and custard or fruit jelly with ice cream, cheese, tea or coffee. Will members who were not at the November Luncheon please telephone 897622 to order their meal before Tuesday 8th January. If anyone wishes to join the club they should telephone the same number.



May I take this opportunity to wish all members a very Happy New Year.

*Ken Martin*

## **PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL. FATHER CHRISTMAS IN PUNCKNOWLE**



Following my extremely successful 'tours' in the last two years, I once again visited my special Grotto in the Village Hall, Puncknowle on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. I was pleased to welcome many children and parents despite the appalling weather. A great time was had by all. Thank you to all the people who braved the weather to help.

*Father Christmas*

## **QUIZ EVENINGS**

We will re-commence on a monthly basis from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and look forward to seeing you then.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

We will be holding a fund raising Wine and Cheese Party in January. The final date has not yet been decided. Please look out for further advertising on village notice boards and at the Village Hall.

We will also be holding a Bingo evening on the 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> February. Once again please look out for further information.

*Sid Marshall 897318*

## **WELCOME**

We would like to welcome Brenda and Chris to the village, and hope that they settle in comfortably as they take over at The Crown.

## **SWYRE**

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[smarshall@which.net](mailto:smarshall@which.net) tel: 897318



## **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE**

### **EPIPHANY CAROLS OF PRAISE**

Come and join us on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 3.30pm for your last chance to sing the Christmas Carols this season. Eight of the communities favourite carols, interspersed with readings, poems and prayers.

This will be followed by a time of friendship and refreshments.

We extend a warm welcome to all at our regular weekly services and other events, and wish you all Peace and Happiness in this New Year.

*Yvonne Buckland and Vera Hirst, Churchwardens.*

# ANNUAL POPPY APPEAL

Once again Swyre had a very successful Poppy Day Appeal. £155-45p was collected. Many thanks to Sheila Body for her hard work.

<b>BURTON BRADSTOCK</b> VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS: CATHY & JOHN LAY-FLURRIE 22 BEACH ROAD, BURTON BRADSTOCK CLAYFLURRIE@TISCALI.CO.UK      TEL: 897281	
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## WELLS FOR CAMBODIA

I have received two photographs of wells that have been completed in Cambodia, and I want to thank those who gave so generously last February when I did my 65miles sponsored exercise bike ride. Thanks to your generosity more than 1000 people in Prasat village

have access to filtered, bacteria- free water for the first time. This is just one of the sixteen wells you have paid for!. I am grateful – but not half as grateful as they are.

Please ask if you want more details.

*Heather Rogers*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK HIVE BEACH CAR PARK CONSULTATION

The people of Burton Bradstock have had their say about the Hive Beach car park and café and now the National Trust, which owns the site, is using those views to take forward plans for this popular spot.

The local community gave their comments as part of a review into the leasing arrangements of the Hive. The review set out options for the future of the Hive and, of those people who expressed a clear option choice, 77% wanted the National Trust to take over the car park with the current tenant continuing to run the café.

The Trust’s West Dorset property manager Helen Mann said: “The message from the majority of the local community was very clear. We have also analysed all the comments made and there was



strong support for the café tenant which we endorse. Many people felt that a Hive user group should be set up to work with the Trust and we will certainly be looking into this.”

The Hive is currently leased to Burton Bradstock Parish Council, which sub-lets the café, and the review was prompted by the impending expiry of the lease in 2009 and the need to improve the condition of the car park. The National Trust will be negotiating arrangements with the parish council over the next few months.



## **HOME WATCH - COLD CALLING CONTROL ZONE**

Burton Bradstock has been nominated by Dorset County Council’s Trading Standards Service in partnership with Dorset Police to become a Cold Calling Control Zone.

Doorstep crime incidents are on the increase all over the Country from rogue trading right up to distraction burglaries. Anyone can be duped and this initiative has proved to be a useful way of deterring the uninvited.

At the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January a Trading Standards Officer will give a short presentation covering such subjects as giving local residents the confidence to say “No” and also encouraging people to request ID from cold callers and take the time to check them. Villagers will be invited to report these traders to Trading Standards or the Police who will try to respond immediately.

Many households are already displaying the “No Doorstep Traders” signs and whilst a budget has been set aside to cover this operation for the benefit of Burton Bradstock, British Telecom has donated money for signs to be put at all main entrances to the village stating that cold callers are not welcome here (probably within the same sign as the Home Watch area).

At the end of January a short questionnaire will be sent to all households giving a little more detail on what the zone hopes to achieve, find out whether local residents would support the scheme and what the current levels of doorstep trading are.

If you still have any questions on this subject after you have received the questionnaire then contact me, Alistair Bristoll on 01308 897905 or email me on [AlistairBristoll@aol.com](mailto:AlistairBristoll@aol.com)

*Homewatch Team*

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This New Year entry has to be in before our December meeting, so can't really report on "The Rise and Fall of the 78" record. Sounds interesting and rather different.

We hope all members and friends had a wonderfully meaningful Christmas - we know for many it will have been difficult having lost a close relative/friend during the year, but we hope the New Year will bring you more contentment and Good Health to all.

December also saw the Group Carol Service which was held at St. Mary's, Burton this year. A wonderfully happy Service, with Rev. Bob courageously being the only male! The Christmas lunch was held at the Golf Club where much merriment and partaking of calorific food and beverage took place.

Also we should mention that one of our members, who is extremely modest, has been very successful this year in publishing and republishing some of her literature. She has had books accepted for publication - magazine articles and a series in a magazine. She is inspiring as a Creative Writing teacher - I know - I have attended her classes. Well done Sheila Spencer Smith!!

The winner of the Dorothy Seaward Cup for Sewing/Craft as judged by participants of the Burton Coffee Morning, was Audrey Hayward who had top votes for 2 entries. Well done Audrey!!

The next Meeting will be on the 8th January at 2.15 in the Village Hall when Nick Tomlinson from the RSPB will be talking on the "Weymouth Reserves".

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH.

A big thank you, to everyone who subscribed to The Poppy Appeal in November, and a special thank you to all of the collectors. A record amount was collected amounting to over £3600.

At a recent social evening many of these collectors received either a Certificate of Appreciation or another memento from Admiral G. Pritchard on behalf of The Poppy Appeal to thank them for all their work. Mrs. E. Tame, Mrs. E.



Frost, and Mr. T. Combe received 5 year certificates; Mrs. V. Bull, Mrs. J. Tillman and Mr. B. Dent received 10 year certificates; Mr. J. Reeves, Mr. F. White and Mrs. S. Body received a 15year badge or brooch; Mrs. K. Wilkinson received a 20 year badge; Mrs. N. Bushell a 25 year 'For Merit' badge; Mrs. G. Heal a 30 year Long Service medal and Mrs. J. Mallinson a 65 year bar to her long service medal. A great achievement by all.

Burton Bradstock School also received a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the pupils activities over many years in producing posters that were displayed at the Poppy Appeal Coffee Mornings .

## **BRIDE VALLEY QUIZ**

We have now completed 6 of the 10 quiz matches in 6 different venues throughout the Valley. The remaining 4 matches will be played in January and February and the finals near Easter.

Please see the notice boards at the Churches or schools for further details

A big thank you to the quiz masters, trainers and score keepers for all the work they are putting into the venture, and to those who provide refreshments and transport. Sincere thanks to both the schools for their support and help in many ways.



These quizzes are very much an experiment, so I would value any constructive criticism people may want to make.

*Heather Rogers*

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS' NEXT PRODUCTION**

Tickets for 'All for One' will go on sale between 10am and 12.30pm on Saturday 12th January in the Reading Room in Burton Bradstock. With the exception of Sundays and Wednesdays tickets will be on sale between 10am and 12.30pm every day in the Reading Room until Saturday 26th January. On Wednesdays tickets will be available between 2.00pm and 4.00pm, again in the Reading Room.

From Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January tickets will be available in the Reading Room every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 10.00am and



12.30pm until Thursday 21st February. For anyone who hasn't been to the Reading Room in Burton Bradstock, you will find it on the main coast road a few doors up the hill from the Three Horseshoes.

The musical play is based on Dumas' 'The Three Musketeers' and promises to be light hearted swashbuckling fun for all the family. For more information telephone 01308 897879.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE CLUB

The club will meet on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 2pm in the Village Hall.



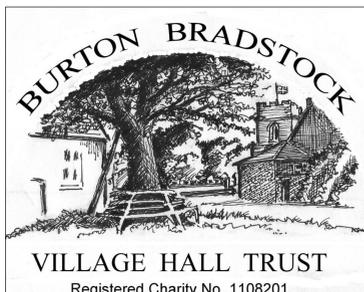
## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

## ARTSREACH

Many thanks to all who have supported by attending and those who have helped run the Artsreach programme throughout 2007. Please look out for details of the 2008 season's forthcoming events.

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



## AGM – FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008

The third BBVHT Annual General Meeting will be held in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.30 pm. This is a public meeting so please come along, hear all about the Village Hall Trust's past year and plans for the future, and enjoy a glass of wine

and nibbles. Anyone who is resident in the village and who would like to stand as an Independent Member of the Committee should give their name in writing, along with the names of a Proposer and Seconder, to Susan Moores before 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008. You may wish to note that the present Independent Members are willing to stand for re-election.

*Susan Moores: Secretary, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee, 897673*

## 200 CLUB – DECEMBER 2007 DRAW

Congratulations to:

1st Prize: No 370	Mr Howard Bongers	£85.60
2nd Prize: No 266	Mr Bernard Chennells	£42.40
3rd Prize: No 332	Mr Ian Wigglesworth	£21.40

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the January 2008 draw should immediately telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £12. The Village Hall Trust is a trust registered with the local authority, the West Dorset District Council. Lotteries Licence No. LA005.

*Alan Clarke - Promoter for 200 Club - 01308 897214*

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY**

We were all taken on a whirlwind history lesson on 16<sup>th</sup> November when Bob Ayers gave us a talk entitled “1000Years History of London Hospitals in One Hour”.

Many hospitals in London are named after saints. They were really started around 1000AD by the Knights Hospitallers and their eight pointed cross still forms the basis of the emblem today. The first hospital to be built in London was at Smoothfield (Spitfields) in 1123 where pilgrims could find hospitality for the night and “miracles” could be worked there. This was called St Bartholomew’s. Then St Thomas’s was founded as a religious house followed by Guy’s, established by a wealthy merchant called Thomas Guy.



The first surgeons were the barbers. Hospital surgeons were not allowed to let blood so this job fell to the barbers who would hang their bloody bandages on white poles outside their shops to dry. When the wind blew they got wrapped around the pole – hence the present red and white barber’s pole.

During the London plague of 1665, the apothecaries wore protective leather overcoats and “beaks” stuffed with straw and herbs to filter out air borne infections. They looked like ducks and hence the nickname “quacks” for doctors.

The best and most successful hospitals were built within the city walls for the well off whilst the hoi polloi were consigned to the outside establishments of ten to die. Just as well times have changed more than a little.

2008 gets off to a good start with two Village Society talks. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January, David Barnikel, who gave a much appreciated illustrated talk in 2006, returns with more visual delights under the title of “Images of China today”. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, Paul Attenbury, well-known to regular TV viewers, will present “Behind the

scenes at the Antique Road Show". Paul, who lives locally, is a leading expert of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century art and architecture,. Please do not, however, bring things for him to look at on this occasion.

## LONG BREDY

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BRIDELANDS, LONG BREDY  
TEL: 482269



## VILLAGE HALL BINGO SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

The evening went very well and was enjoyed by everyone. The total raised was £196. This was divided equally between the Special baby unit and the Village Hall.

## QUACKERS DAY

We were very lucky with the weather on our very first duck race on 25<sup>th</sup> November, and lots of people came to join in the fun. This was followed by food and drink in the village hall and time for a chat.

The sum of £459 was raised which is another step towards the cost of maintaining the hall. Many thanks to everyone who was involved either as organisers or participants.



## THE POPPY APPEAL

Raised £143, thank you all very much.

## LITTLEBREDY

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At the end of January, the village says farewell (we certainly hope it is *au revoir* and they will continue to visit) to Chris and Judy Yates, who depart for a new home in Somerset's Quantock Hills. They first came to Littlebredy in the 1980's, when the derelict Walled Garden came to their notice and caught their creative imaginations, and only later moved to Gardens Cottage, to be on the spot for their restoration project.

Since then, the garden has been transformed by their enormous commitment, energy and skill, as many visitors under the

National Gardens Scheme will attest, and at the same time Chris and Judy have been excellent neighbours to all, and great supporters of village life. Proceeds from the Open Days have been shared between the Gardens Scheme, the Village Hall and the Church, where Chris has also been Treasurer for many years. The wonderful decorations there at festivals and special services are a tribute to them too. They will be enormously missed here, and we wish them all the very best in their new home.

## LITTON CHENEY

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## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL.

This year's House toHouse collection in Litton Cheney totalled £240.79 Many thanks to all for their generosity. Thanks also to Lyn Lacey and Virginia McShane for their great help.

*Kate Wilkinson*



## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE VILLAGE WALK



Just a reminder that the village walk is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 - weather permitting. Meet at the bus shelter at 10am.

The Social Committee wish you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at events in 2008.

*Sheila Davison Secretary LCSC 482262*

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

The good news on the funding front for the new community hall continues with £10,000 from the Garfield Weston Trust and we believe we are now within £90,000 of our target of £400,000. There is still much work to be done concerning funding and we have a number of irons in the fire but our optimism grows by the day.



Local support both in the form of donations, support and assistance are still very much required but there is a real possibility that the new community hall will be standing before us at the end of 2008, less than twelve months away. Could the next Christmas Producers' Market be in the hall?

Talking of funding, have you got your **2008 Bride Valley** calendar yet? Many were sold ahead of Christmas but at the time of writing these much sought after items were still available from Ron Davidson (482661), David Taylor (482532), John Firrell (482313) and Eddy Fry (482260). The calendars are a wonderful record month by month of the outstandingly beautiful area in which we live so why not feast your eyes on this beauty daily, and send your family and friends a copy too and show them you are prepared to share your good fortune.

We shall keep you up to date on happenings both with regards to funding and building plans. For up to date news see [www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk)

## **PRODUCERS' MARKETS – 2008**

The Christmas Producers' Market was once again deemed to be a success and thank you to all who came and supported this charity based event. We have yet to obtain a final figure from the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust but we will let you know in due course.

Our market plans for 2008 are still under consideration with regards to starting date and venue but we are harbouring a notion that our Christmas Market in November 2008 will be at the new community hall!

We are always looking for new producers to introduce to our loyal patrons so if you happen to be one or know somebody please contact Wendy Taylor (482532) or Sallie Firrell (482313).

Happy New Year!

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**The major difference between a thing that might go wrong and a thing that cannot possibly go wrong, is that when a thing that cannot possibly go wrong, goes wrong it usually turns out to be impossible to get at or repair.**                      Douglas Adams, *Mostly Harmless*

**My doctor told me to stop having intimate dinners for four. Unless there are three other people.**                      Orson Welles

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## SHIPTON GORGE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: BARBARA CHAMBERS  
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### SHIPTON GORGE LTD

Shipton Gorge Ltd held its first Annual General Meeting on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The Chairman, Charles Errington, was delighted to report that not only is it now a registered charity but also that the company had achieved so much during its first year. The charity had bought the Orchard, cleared and re-seeded it, erected a fence and new gates, registered as a charity, adopted a management and conservation plan, repaid all the short term loans and had a tree planting scheme to return it to a mixed fruit orchard as it had been between 1840 and 1940. The charity had also appointed nearly 40 people as members of the company and finished the year with around £2,000 in funds. He thanked Pam Graham, who was now standing down as a director, for all her work and wise counsel during the past year, and welcomed Robert Cornish who was elected as a new director at the meeting. He also thanked everyone for their support and said that all the charity's books and finances were available to the public and that it was intended that it would continue to be as inclusive an organisation as possible while pursuing its aim of preserving and conserving those parts of the village that the residents deemed to be important to them.

Those present then enjoyed seasonal wine, mince pies and shortbread while viewing the historical documents and photographs provided by Pam Graham and John Hall.

### SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DECEMBER DRAW WINNER

£10	No 47	Mary Boughton
£10	No 28	Mr Daniel
£10	No 32	Gary Warren
£20	No 79	Jim Collie
£50	No 67	Margaret Mitchell

### SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2008

Please see the Valley Diary. There will be updates on all these events over the coming months.

*Sally Parker*

## **ARTSREACH**

At last some dates for your new 2008 diary! We have enjoyed some hugely popular and successful Artsreach shows over the years and have two more to look forward to in January and February, so be sure not to miss out on tickets. Both shows will be held at Shipton Gorge Village Hall and will start at 7.30pm.

### **CONJURING UP COMEDY: 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY**

After a conventional job as an accountant, Ian Keable became a full-time magical comedian, and is now established as one of the top magic acts in the UK. His style was developed in the comedy clubs and 'Conjuring Up Comedy' is a one man show where Ian hilariously tells how he made the transition from accountant to magical comedian. Experience the excitement and exhilaration of a modern day, humorous and sophisticated act with live magic! It is an adult show, but suitable for anyone over the age of 10.

Please note that seating will be at tables, cabaret style, and you are invited to bring your own refreshments. Tickets are priced at £7 each and are available from Doris Benselin on 897562.

## **THANK YOU**

I have been completely overwhelmed by the warmth of words written about Geoff in letters and cards received, together with offers of help over the past weeks. They have given me much needed comfort and support.

Geoff's brother Bill and his family also wish to express their appreciation for the sympathy shown at the service in St Martin's Church on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

Thank You All.

*Betty Shepherd*

## **CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL**

I know how those needles get everywhere in the car, so if you would like me to collect your Christmas tree and take it to be recycled I shall be happy to do so for a donation towards St Martin's Church. Please call Gary Warren on 897948.

## **WELCOME**

We welcome newcomers Lily and Harry Myers to the Fairings, also Jane and Tony Mallett to Barton House – Sue has moved from there into a new house in Brook Street where her next-door neighbours are newcomers Sue and Frank Thompson. We hope you will all be very happy in your new homes and enjoy living in our

## BEYOND THE VALLEY

### DORSET BROADCASTING ACTION GROUP

Oliver Letwin MP and Jim Knight MP, have been joined by other MPs from the three main parties right across Dorset, in a joint letter to the BBC demanding BBC Radio Dorset! As support is now spreading across the whole of the county, the South & West Dorset Broadcasting Group has changed its name to Dorset Broadcasting Action Group (DorBAG)

[www.dorbag.org.uk](http://www.dorbag.org.uk)



Full details of the issues and the campaign are on DorBAG's website where residents are invited to add their names to a petition in support of the MPs' letter. DorBAG is already asking Town, Borough and Parish Councils to help support this petition, and has provided not only an online petition on the web site, but printable & downloadable petition forms, plus promotional posters (A4 and A5) too! Thus any individual or group can download the forms/posters & collect signatures in their own area. We would earnestly request everyone's help in getting the maximum number of signatures.

Dorset must stand up for its rights! We must support our MPs who are supporting us!

*Ken Pett for DorBAG - 897550*

The campaign to achieve local coverage of Dorset news & events on Radio & especially TV is well under way. (We think most people are more concerned about news on TV. It just happens that the immediate issue is Radio Dorset because the BBC was about to launch it before the recent cuts.) However, we are still fighting for TV local Dorset news coverage too. Nevertheless, if we do not fight for, and win, the case for BBC Radio Dorset, we fear that the BBC will not take much notice of us fighting for news and events coverage on Television! So we really do need your help to save both!

As you may have seen in the press, MPs from right across Dorset have recently signed a joint letter to the BBC demanding that the planned BBC Radio Dorset station is reinstated. To support them, a petition is being run which can be accessed by everyone in Dorset. If you have a computer, you can fill it in online, or download it for use in your community, and if you don't, you only need ask your

local town or parish council for a form to sign, or perhaps ask a friend to print you a form.

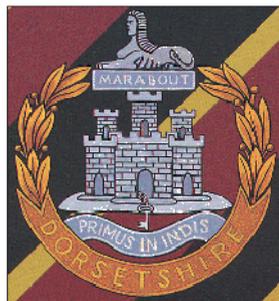
To access the ONLINE version, and the downloadable petition form and promotional posters, simply go to [www.dorbag.org.uk](http://www.dorbag.org.uk) - note that the South & West Dorset Broadcasting Action Group (SWEDBAG) has now expanded to be the Dorset Broadcasting Action Group (DorBAG) as this is very much a county-wide campaign. Please don't forget that if we fail with radio, then our chances of getting local news on TV will be much diminished. Please do sign the petition.

*Ken Pett for DorBAG*

## THE DORSET REGIMENT GREAT WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

The aim of this project is to provide a lasting memorial to the officers and men of the Dorset Regiment who died in the Great War. 27000 officers and men served in the Dorset Regiment, of whom 3,929 died on active service, some 15%. It is proposed to place the memorial on the Somme battlefield where many of the regiment made the supreme sacrifice.

The target is to raise £25,000 to cover the expense of production, erection, the cost of negotiations with the French and the formation of a fund for long-term maintenance. It is intended that the memorial shall be of classic design but the actual complexity and size will be determined by the amount of money raised.



Those in the Valley who would like to contribute to this project, individuals or corporate bodies (e.g. The Royal British Legion) should send their contributions, before the end of March, direct to the Treasurer, The Dorset Great War Memorial Project, c/o The Military Museum, Bridport Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1RN. Cheques should be made payable 'The Dorset Great War Memorial – The Keep Museum'. To make a credit card donation, please contact the Keep Museum by telephone (01305 264066) or on-line:

[www.Keepmilitarymuseum.org](http://www.Keepmilitarymuseum.org)

Further details (a leaflet is available) are available from the Military Museum, Dorchester.

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**The people who cast the votes decide nothing. The people who count the votes decide everything.**

*Joseph Stalin*

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## Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

### Growing Up

I don't want to grow up,  
With legs that won't swing  
When I sit on a bench,  
Like my Dad.  
And who wants to walk  
When it's more fun to skip,  
As people grow old  
They grow sad.

I want to stand on my head  
When the feeling comes on  
And blow bubbles with gum  
Till it pops.  
I want to cry when things hurt me,  
To be cuddled and held,  
And to know that  
The loving won't stop.

I don't want to grow up,  
But everyone does,  
As the years pass  
I'm getting quite tall.  
And though my legs soon won't swing  
On the bench,  
The good thing is  
I now can see over the wall.

Sol says: "Skip, stand on your head, pop bubbles, cry or whatever.... God's loving never stops. Have a great New Year with Him."



**Give thanks to the Lord Almighty....his love endures for ever.**  
Jer.33:11(NIV)

Poem by Daphne Kitching, Picture by Elaine Hill, Coloured by .....



## St WULFSTAN 19<sup>th</sup> January

St Wulfstan was Bishop of Worcester from 1062-95. He lived during the Norman Conquest of England and was the only Saxon bishop to remain under William the Conqueror.

Wulfstan was a caring and hard-working monk. He rebuilt the cathedral at Worcester, cared for the poor, and struggled to ease the harsh conditions imposed by the Normans on the Saxons. Unlike some priests, he baptised children of the poor without charge. It is said that he never turned away people asking for help.

Wulfstan fought the slave trade in Bristol (slave trading didn't just start with slaves from Africa but had been going on for centuries with slaves from England being sold to Ireland and North Africa).

Wulfstan died whilst washing the feet of 12 poor men during a service in the cathedral. He died as he had lived, serving God and caring for others.

## CATHEDRAL SAINTS

Some cathedrals are associated with or dedicated to particular saints. Can you link the saint with the cathedral?

- |               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| St Giles      | Lichfield  |
| St Mungo      | Ely        |
| St Chad       | Durham     |
| St Etheldreda | Edinburgh  |
| St Cuthbert   | Winchester |
| St Swithin    | Glasgow    |

**Did you hear about the man who took his car in for a service?**

It got stuck in the church doors.

**What's green, curly & religious?**

Lettuce pray.



**What lives in a paper bag and hangs around in French cathedrals?**

The lunch-pack of Notre Dame.

Answers: St Giles at Edinburgh, St Mungo at Glasgow, St Chad at Lichfield, St Etheldreda at Ely, St Cuthbert at Durham, St Swithin at Winchester.

# CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible

## Across

7 First son of Jacob and Leah (6)

8 It is better than laughter, according to Ecclesiastes ch. 7 (6)

10 Grazing land (7)

11 Tax for the support of the church (5)

12 Season leading up to Easter (4)

13 Hosea ch. 2 likens this valley to a door of hope (5)

17 One of the songs forming one book of the OT (5)

18 He shot Joran in 2 Kings ch. 9 (4)

22 In which an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in

Matthew ch. 1 (5)

23 Muslim opponent of the Crusades (7)

24 ..who will be far \_\_\_\_\_ than all the others (Dan 11.2) (6)

25 Open to all persons (6)

## Down

1 Disabled person shown an act of kindness in Acts ch. 4 (7)

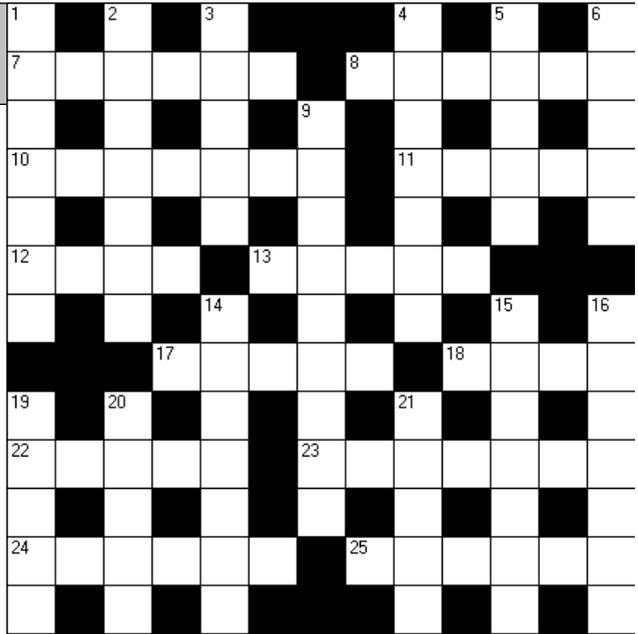
2 ..their mouths are full of \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 3.14) (7)

3 The son of God (5)

4 An angel suggested that Babylon should receive a double one from her own cup, in Revelation ch. 18 (7)

5 What the hand did on the wall in Daniel ch. 5 (5)

6 Like stolen water, according to Proverbs ch. 9 (5)



9 Showing no clemency (9)

14 Son of Abram and Hagar in Genesis ch. 16 (7)

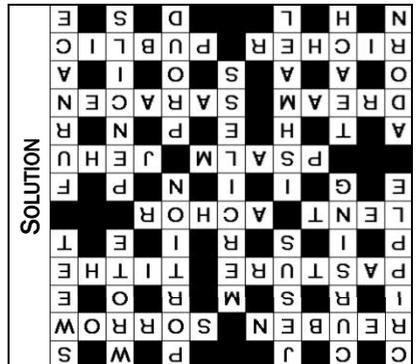
15 Drawing implements (7)

16 Into which Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown (7)

19 Then \_\_\_\_\_ yourself with glory (Job 40.10) (5)

20 Educate (5)

21 The beast in Revelation ch. 13 was given a mouth to utter such words (5)



## *St James the Least of All*

*(The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace')*

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your New Year resolution of getting up at 4am and devoting the first four hours every day to private prayer and meditation does you credit - although I am not entirely certain you will get past the first week. I, too, make an annual resolution; this year it is to become more tolerant of my parishioners.

I intend to become more tolerant of our deputy organist Mrs Ffrench. If we have a four verse hymn, the dear lady is almost guaranteed either to play three or five verses. If the former, I always have to be prepared to start singing the final verse myself, while the congregation tags along several words behind and our organist gamely, and entirely unsuccessfully, tries to find out where we are up to; if the latter, then we all meekly sing the final verse a second time.

I intend to become more tolerant of our team who assemble the parish magazine. Copies are generally put together with the pages in a random order, generally with one sheet upside down. One month, we will have 50 copies too few and those who fail to receive one behave as though their lives will be forever after entirely ruined, and the next month, we will have 50 copies too many, whereupon people complain about the wanton destruction of the Amazonian rainforest.

I will be more tolerant of Lady Trotter who always arrives for our Sunday 8am Service 10 minutes late. While we are piously at prayer, she slams the north door, shakes her umbrella over the floor, ensuring that the first person to leave will slide and break a leg, wishes the sidesman a cheery "good morning", collects - and drops - her Service books, clumps up the aisle in her steel tipped brogues, tells some unfortunate worshipper that they must move as they are sitting in her pew and then, after dropping her books a

second time, removing her mackintosh, fumbling for a kneeler and volubly asking the entire congregation where we are up to in the Service, gives me a nod to tell me that I may proceed with divine worship.

I intend to be more tolerant of our neighbour and aggressive atheist who invariably decides that Mattins is the ideal time to use his chainsaw in the garden, that the annual garden fete is just the right day for having a bonfire and who sends me a monthly letter of several pages, including footnotes, proving that my magazine editorial is entirely wrong.

I intend to ... on reflection, perhaps I may decide on an alternative resolution for the New Year.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

**VILLAGE WEBSITES** giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc.

[www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk)

[www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk)

[www.shiptongorge.org.uk](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk)

[www.puncknowle.net](http://www.puncknowle.net)

[www.swyre.org.uk](http://www.swyre.org.uk)

[www.westbexington.org.uk](http://www.westbexington.org.uk)

See the Bride Valley News in colour on the Burton Bradstock website.



## DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES:    **JANUARY 2008**

### JANUARY

- |     |    |   |  |
|-----|----|---|--|
| Sat | 1  | <b>The NAMING &amp; CIRCUMCISION of JESUS</b>   |  |
|     |    | 10.00am LC Village Walk   | LC Bus Stop                            |
| Sun | 6  | <b>The EPIPHANY of OUR LORD</b>   |  |
|     |    | 3.30pm Epiphany Carols  | Holy Trinity, Swyre                    |
| Tue | 8  | 2.15pm BBI "Weymouth Reserves"  | BB Village Hall                        |
| Wed | 9  | 7.30pm Shipton Gorge Parish Council   | SG Village Hall                        |
| Thu | 10 | <b>Correspondents' deadline for February BVN</b>  |  |
| Fri | 11 | 10.30am Puncknowle Art Club AGM   | The Crown, Puncknowle                  |
|     |    | 11.00am Tiny Tots Service   | St Mary's, BB                          |
|     |    | ? Talk "Images of China" - inc. the<br>Digital Photo Competition Awards BB Village Hall |  |
| Sat | 12 | <b>Editor's deadline for February BVN</b>   |  |
| Sun | 13 | <b>The BAPTISM of OUR LORD</b>  |  |
| Tue | 15 | 12.30pm PSWB Lunch Club   | PSWB Village Hall                      |
|     |    | 2.00pm Bridge Club  | BB Village Hall                        |
| Wed | 16 | 11.00am BB Play Group "Pop-In"  | 25 Bindbarrow, BB                      |
| Fri | 18 | 7.30pm BB Village Hall Trust AGM  | BB Village Hall                        |
| Sat | 20 | 10.00am Playing Field Tidy Up   | Puncknowle Playing Field               |
| Tue | 23 | Artsreach   | SG Village Hall                        |
|     |    | "Conjuring up Comedy"   |  |
| Wed | 24 | 2.30am Mothers' Union   | St Catharine's Cross,<br>Shipton Gorge |
| Fri | 25 | <b>The CONVERSION of St PAUL</b>  |  |
|     |    | 10.30am Puncknowle Art Club   | The Crown, Puncknowle                  |
|     |    | 7.30pm Quiz Night   | PSWB Village Hall                      |
| Sun | 27 | 11.00am Christingle   | St Mary's, Puncknowle                  |
|     |    | 11.00pm Christingle Service   | St Mary's, Puncknowle                  |
| Tue | 29 | 2.00pm Bridge Club  | BB Village Hall                        |
| Fri | 31 | <i>Puncknowle Playing Field Maintenance Tender Closes</i>                               |  |

**DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES:****FEB - APRIL 2008****FEBRUARY**

Mon	4	Talk "Antiques Roadshow"	BB Village Hall
Tue	5	7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	PSWB Village Hall
Sat	16	Artsreach "The Polish Play"	BB Village Hall
Sun	17	<i>BB Parish Council Nominations Close</i>	
Wed	27	Artsreach "The Mad Woman in the Attic"	SG Village Hall

**MARCH**

Sat	8	Barn Dance	BB Village Hall
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**APRIL**

Sat	19	Quiz Night	BB Village Hall
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**SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2008**

Fri	January 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Wildlife Talk by Colin Varndell.
Mon	February 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Village Society AGM.
Fri	February 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Quiz with Fish & Chips.
Wed	March 19 <sup>th</sup> or 26 <sup>th</sup>		Talk by Jonathan Marshall on Hawks etc
Sat	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00pm	Children's Easter Party
Wed	April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Bingo Village Hall
Sat	May 17 <sup>th</sup>		Liz & Peter Gates Open Garden Day with Plant Swap
Sat	June 14 <sup>th</sup>		Car Treasure Hunt
Sun	July 6 <sup>th</sup>		Picnic in the Park (Playing Field)
Sat	July 26 <sup>th</sup>		Flower/Veg Show
Sat	August 16 <sup>th</sup>		Village Fete
Sat	September 6 <sup>th</sup>		Village Walk
Sun	September 14 <sup>th</sup>		Coach Trip to London (Bob Ayers Tour)
Wed	October 8 <sup>th</sup>		Bingo
Wed	October 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Talk on Beekeeping
Fri	October 31 <sup>st</sup>		Halloween Event
Fri	November 7 <sup>th</sup>		Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper
Wed	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Christmas Shopping Trip

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**It is better to understand little, than to misunderstand a lot.**

*Anatole France*

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# CHURCH SERVICES

## THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

January 2008

Date	6 <sup>th</sup> January Feast of Epiphany	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2 <sup>nd</sup> after Epiphany	20 <sup>th</sup> January 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Epiphany	27 <sup>th</sup> January 4 <sup>th</sup> of Epiphany
<b>BURTON BRADSTOCK</b>	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family service 11.00 Songs of Praise  6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy communion  6.30 Evening Prayer	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
<b>SHIPTON GORGE</b>	11.00 All age Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>CHILCOMBE</b>				
<b>SWYRE</b>	3.30 Songs of Praise	11.00 Morning Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship
<b>PUNCKNOWLE</b>	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
<b>LITTON CHENEY</b>	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (By extension)
<b>LONG BREDY</b>	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	
<b>LITTLEBREDY</b>		11.00 Family Service (Communion by extension)		11.00 Holy Communion

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