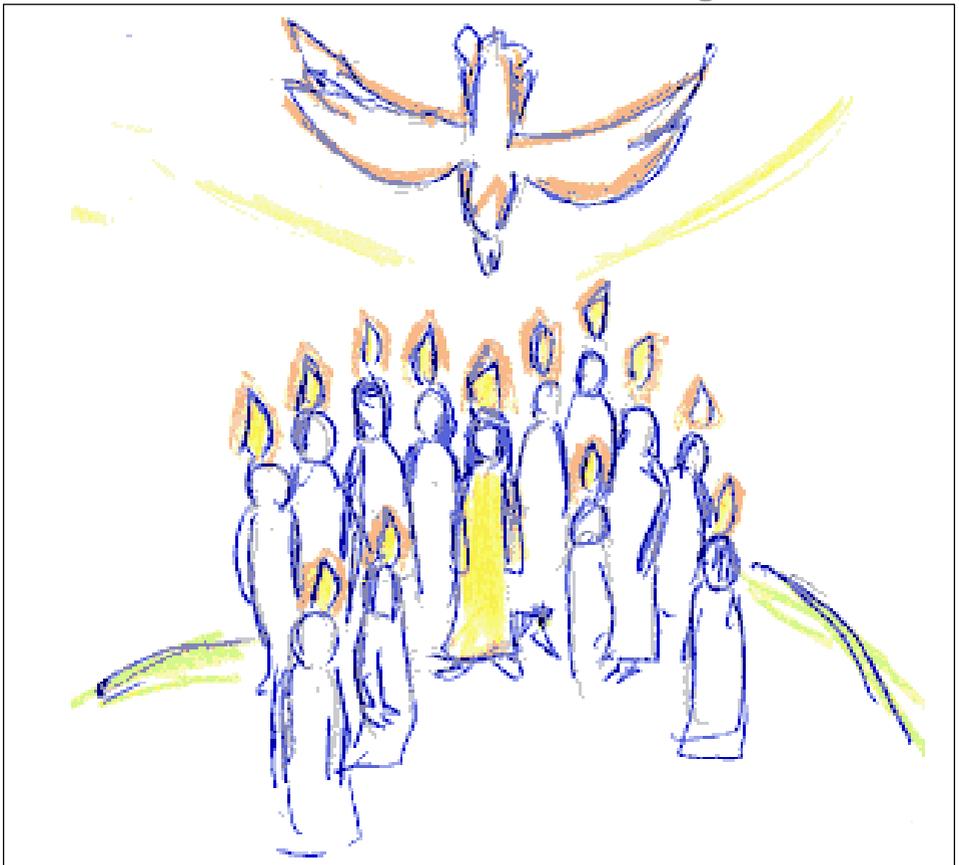


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FROM THE RECTORY

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IN THE Autumn of this year the churches of the Bride Valley are going to start occasional services of prayer for healing. To those not used to such things it can sound like a group of people sitting round waiting for nothing to happen – as if it were a failed chemical experiment, or like buying a lottery ticket which was either going to win or more probably not.

A service of prayer for healing is difficult to explain, not least because it goes right against the grain of the way we live. We are bombarded with the message that if our teeth are whiter we will smile more confidently and get on with people. If we dress like models, we will begin to look like one and then we will be entitled to behave as if we were a real-life celebrity. This is to say that the things outside us can change the person inside into being happier. A healing service does the opposite. It asks that we help each other in the sight of God to change the way we are inside. We can do this by prayer and reflection, by coming to terms with the past we all drag about with us, and by learning to love the warty person we have become in the same way that God loves us.

There is a moment, like a new creation, when the seed of our new selves shoots up through the soil and into the light. That which was inside grows out. In a moment of clarity the external things of our world are different. Yellow teeth can smile just as well as bleached ones when the joy in the smile is sincere. By the grace of God even illness is not the same. We become well and the world is changed when we learn to love.

It is about relationships: knowing ourselves more kindly, our neighbour better and the stranger with more generosity, our enemy as one of us and God over all. For this reason, in order to support our prayers for healing, the Churches of the Valley are being asked to set up chains of prayer. Quite simply



we all have two people to pray for day by day. They have two people too, and one of them is us – if you see what I mean. It is a good thing to help each other, and a needful one too. Only the boasting of youth or the bragging of a fool would be so vain as to say they do not stand in need of the gentleness of prayers.

Since after Easter we have been having a series of sermons in our Churches about the saying of

prayers. I hope they have helped. On Pentecost Sunday we will be asking those who wish to do so to begin their prayer chains in the Parishes of the Valley. In the Autumn we will start our prayers for healing. Will there be miracles? The

pessimist says that if you expect a miracle, nothing happens. The optimist says that if you don't expect a miracle, nothing happens. The truth is that when we change, by God's good grace nothing in the world is ever the same again.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

William James Banham was baptized on 9th March at St Mary's church Burton Bradstock during the 11.00 service of Holy Communion. Mark and Caroline, his parents, had been married in the Church while living in the village and before moving to Long Bredy. The service itself was a wonderful joy, especially to those who had followed William's career from the beginning. The poor little lad had fallen quite badly ill in hospital shortly after his birth, and many an anxious prayer had been said for him and the family. Now a healthy and bonny boy – he was recently given the final all clear – he took to his baptism with the same fortitude and strength of character that has so distinguished his little life so far.

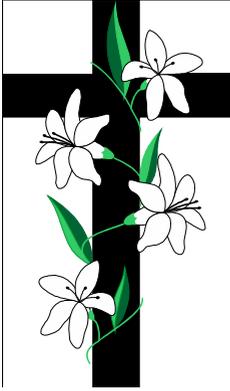
Rhys David Johnson was baptized in St Mary's, Burton Bradstock on 30th of March. It was a lovely afternoon, which appearing from amongst some dull and wet days, made for a joyful day and good prospects for the party to follow. It cannot be said that Rhys himself entirely enjoyed the baptism.



At the first touch of water he registered surprise, and at the next protest. By the third he was clearly intent on having something forceful to say about the whole proceeding. It took a long comforting cuddle to restore his equilibrium, following which he settled himself to being photographed and admired by his parents, Richard and Patricia, and the assembled family and friends.

It was so much easier to blame it on Them. It was bleakly depressing to think that They were Us. If it was Them, then nothing was anyone's fault. If it was us, what did that make Me? After all, I'm one of Us. I must be. I've certainly never thought of myself as one of Them. No one ever thinks of themselves as one of Them. We're always one of Us. It's Them that do the bad things.

Terry Pratchett, Jingo



FUNERALS

Nancy Barbara Collins died in Winchester, having suffered for some time from cancer. Her funeral service was held in Holy Week, on 19th

March, in St Mary's, Burton Bradstock, where she had lived with her sister, Peggy, the two of them having recently moved to the village from Litton Cheney. Nancy and Peggy's father was many years ago a reporter on the Bridport News before moving to Barnet. Nancy became a teacher, and after working in a number of schools found her place in St Swithun's, Winchester. There she rose to the post of deputy head, and actually led the school for a while between head teachers. Her charitable work included leading roles in the Siroptomists, and after her retirement in helping the exchange of students between this country and Australia. The Church

service was followed by burial in the Cemetery at Burton Bradstock.

The funeral of the late William Charles (Bill) Bullock was held on 9th April in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. Bill was born in Donkey lane in the village and apart from service with the Royal Navy during the war, lived and worked in the area all his life. He married Ena, who sadly died some years ago, and they lived in Beach road from when the houses there were first built. Bill worked at Gundry's, and for a while at Woolaways, being involved in reconstruction after the war. He was a keen and excellent gardener, as his large and beautifully tended garden testifies. Many relations, friends and neighbours attended the funeral, the mourners being led by Bill's brothers, Dennis and Tom. The service was followed by a cremation ceremony at Weymouth.

The date by which articles are submitted to the BVN does not allow for a description of the funeral of Michael John Cooper of Littlebredy, which was held on Friday, 11th April. An account will appear in the June edition of the BVN.

VALLEY NOTES



A big thank you to everyone who turned up to my talk in Burton Bradstock Village Hall, "Travels in Chile" in aid of the Stroke Association. And thank you to the ladies who helped with the teas, raffle and tickets. With attendance and the raffle the event made £420. Many thanks,

Stephen Griffiths

MOTHERS' UNION.



Monday May 12th. Quiet afternoon-2.15pm at Charmouth Village Hall.

Thursday May 22nd. Worldwide Overseas Meeting+Bring and Buy. 2.30pm at The Rectory, Burton Bradstock.

Yvette Smith. 898219.

CHURCHES BRING & SHARE LUNCH

St Mary's Burton Bradstock will be holding their next 'Bring & Share' lunch on Sunday 4th May in Burton Village Hall at 12.30pm. Do join us if you can. There is no charge, all we ask is that you bring along something savoury and/or sweet to put onto the buffet table to be shared. Coffee, tea, squash and water will be provided. All welcome.

PLANT SALE

There will be a Plant Sale (perennial and bedding plants, some unusual ones) at The Red House, Burton Bradstock on Friday 16th May from 10.00am to 12.30pm. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Bible Society and the Church Mission Society. All welcome to exhaust the stock!



YOUR BRIDE VALLEY NEWS NEEDS YOU.

The BVN team send their grateful thanks to Chris and Thelma Skues and to Derek and Anne Maud who have earned their long service awards for delivering the BVN to village distributors.

We now need more new volunteers. Our thanks to Pat Grafton who has kindly come forward to join the team.

If you have a little spare time in January or May or June or November and would like this opportunity to help your community and to become part of a very supportive team, please ring me on 01308 897281

Cathy Lay-Flurrie

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Our first meeting this year, on March 19th, was a well attended "Any Questions" session. This was led by Philip Gamble who is a mine of information and answered a wide variety of questions with practical ideas and humour - which roses grow well in Dorset? What to grow in a woodland area? What causes rust coloration on rhubarb leaves? How to get rid of bindweed? And many more.



Our April meeting on growing organic vegetables will be reported in the June issue.

In the meantime the Club will be holding its A.G.M. on Wednesday 21st May at 7.30pm at the Puncknowle Village Hall. This is usually a fairly short session and will be followed by a social event with wine and soft drinks provided by the Club and nibbles provided by the members. We will also have a fun plant identification quiz with samples also provided by some of our members. We are again looking for a new Chair to coordinate the Committee which is running the Club. We have a splendid programme booked for this year so we are continuing and hope to go on next year with our new look, but we do need someone to keep us together so anyone out there who feels they could fulfil this role, please let the Secretary know.

JOBS TO DO:

Continue successional sowings of salad crops. Harden off seed-raised and cutting-raised plants. Thin out direct sowings of hardy annuals. Clip evergreen hedges.

Avoid bird feeds with large chunks that could choke fledglings and very importantly keep birdbaths clean and topped up.

Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary: e-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net: Tel: 01308 482240

BEAT NEWS

SADLY CRIME HAS NOT GONE AWAY, BUT YOU'RE NOT ALWAYS REPORTING IT

We need to know about it to tackle it, so please tell us, don't be shy, help us to help you. We target problem areas and put our resources where they're needed. If we're not told about your problems we can't hope to tackle them.

BACK TO WHAT WE DO KNOW.

Top of the hit parade this quarter are:

Thefts from outbuildings, barns, sheds and the like. Yes, Billy burglar wants to get his garden in order and do a spot of DIY. Mowers, chainsaws and tools are vulnerable. So check your security, tighten it up if necessary, and report anything suspicious.

Diesel and petrol are going up weekly. At this rate none of us will be able to afford to run a car, which makes fuel storage tanks a target.

Beauty Spots. For those of you who can run to a few litres and venture off into the countryside to admire the new lambs and primulas, just remember to lock your car, remove all traces of the satnav, and other



technological advancements - not forgetting the all hallowed handbag laden with all major credit cards and other life enhancing necessities.



And speaking of which:-

Ladies, your purse is at risk. When you're frazzled and worn out after a days hard slog around the shops, spare a thought for your poor old purse. Show him you really do care, and keep him out of sight, buried deep within your hand bag. Keep him safely zipped in, because if you don't, someone will take him.

PURSE SNATCHERS ARE OPERATING IN DORCHESTER

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PRODUCERS' MARKET

Here's to the merrie month of May, when thoughts turn to many things but none so exciting as the prospect of the return of a season of Producers' Markets in Litton Cheney!

Our first market is on Saturday 17 May, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and please note the markets will now be held at **Thorner's School**. We have thoroughly enjoyed being at The White Horse Inn and thank you Cassie (& John) for all your help. At the school we will be able to move seamlessly across to the new community hall when it is ready. Whilst at the school this allows for markets to be held in dry and wet conditions.

We look forward to welcoming one and all to the May Market and for every third Saturday in the month up to and including November.

Happy days are here again!

For more information on the markets whether you are buying or selling please contact Wendy Taylor (482532) or Sallie Firrell (482313).

BRIDE VALLEY CRAFTERS OUTING

The Bride Valley Crafters are going on an outing to the American Museum near Bath on July 3rd, to see the American Heritage Exhibition. It shows the development of America and its culture from colonial days. There are lots of beautiful quilts to be seen, exhibits to be handled, virtual quilts can be designed and material can be bought.



The exhibition is housed in Claverton House on the outskirts of Bath. There are some spare seats on our bus which leaves Puncknowle at 10am, returning by 6pm. So if you are interested please contact Penny Pither on 897724

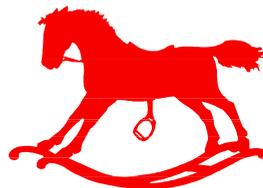
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BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

We are pleased to report that the Wine Tasting Evening held in March went very well, and we hope to donate in the region of £400 to LATCH towards the new Hall. The committee wanted to have a fund raiser for this worthy cause, as Fledglings children are bound to use the new hall in the future. Many thanks to all who organised this event.

Our theme is still "Spring" and we have our own tadpoles swimming around outside - to watch and observe how they develop. We have some logs in the new outdoor area to use - for balancing on or as stepping stones - and we can put equipment out there to play with or on when the sun is out. The children are learning about a different letter each week, and bringing in things for "Show and Tell" beginning with that letter.

Sonya and Emma are attending First Aid courses, and Sonya is also doing her "Safeguarding Children" course. On Tuesday 15th April before our Playgroup Meeting, there was a presentation by Lyn Beesley from Dorset Surestart about After School Clubs. More about these next time. Three new children will be joining us this term, so it is all go! Hot lunches are now available on all 3 days that Playgroup is open - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - for those children who wish to have them.

For information about Playgroup or Nestlings (on Thursday afternoons) , please ring us at School on 482410, Rachel Maltby on 482246, Sonya Morgan on 01300 320252 or Carol Bennett on 897771.

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP

On the last day of term the children spent the morning making delicious chocolate "nests" – most of the eggs were eaten before they made it out of the door!!!!

Easter cards had been made by "squashing" (pressing) Spring flowers and



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carefully placing them onto bright yellow cards which were then laminated – a lovely keepsake.

A special thank you to Ryder who has spent time putting shelving into our storage shed so that we can better organise our equipment.

When the playgroup re-opened on the 8th April it was the beginning of the Summer term, and with a number of our children starting school in September the focus will be on preparing them for a happy transition to Primary school.

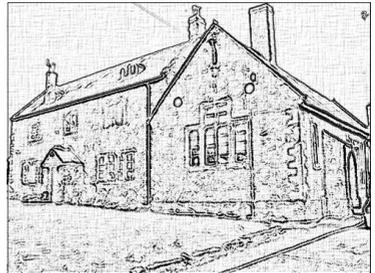
Despite the appalling weather the Duck Race went ahead and our playgroup stall raised £60. A special thank you to Becky for organising and running a very popular “hook the duck” game, to Audrey and Heather for donating raffle prizes and a huge thank you to Sam (Eli’s mum) for making the most beautiful cake - the winning recipient was thrilled. Also thanks to Claire for helping at the stall and to Tilly, Amy and Rachel for selling raffle tickets. And of course a big thank you to all who came to support the day despite the weather!..With the lovely sunny days ahead we are looking forward to making use of our outside space for painting etc, walking around the village and playing in the vicarage garden.

Lunch club will also continue to run from 12-1pm on a Wednesday.

If you are interested in joining our playgroup Ann-Marie can be contacted on 07853 150467 or Audrey on 01308 897227.

THORNERS CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Getting up at 5.30 a.m. never sounds like a good idea, but once achieved I always find it rewarding. Thus began my day on Friday 4th April as I was destined to travel on one of several specially booked coaches leaving Bridport for London. 1200 schoolchildren from across the county were converging on The Royal Albert Hall for the ‘Dorset Rocks!’ concert presented by Dorset Music Service and I had managed to secure a ticket.



Game Boys ‘peeped’ and ‘clicked’, jokes were shared, snacks enjoyed (and that was just the adults!) as we journeyed from the grey shades of early morning through the warm Spring sunshine to our grand and glorious capital city.

There was a real buzz of anticipation on our coach, an effect which snowballed as we met up with several other Dorset coaches at the service station and then again as we were eventually set down outside The Albert Hall amidst all the other arrivals and we realised this was going to be something very big and very special.

The participating children faced many hours of rehearsal during the day before the concert at 7pm, but come the evening there was still excitement in the air and all the youngsters looked as eager and fresh-faced as ever.

Those of us not directly involved enjoyed various London activities before taking our seats for the musical spectacular.

A huge youth choir and youth orchestras and bands too numerous to list here treated us to a musical feast of a very high standard, ranging from Handel's Hallelujah Chorus through Jazz, Swing, River Dance, some very exciting and rhythmic African pieces to the roof-raising finale of 'Rockin' All Over The World'.

During the performance of the 1812 Overture with 400 musicians playing, explosions and fireworks ricocheted all round the magnificent Albert Hall, the audience rose to its feet and the atmosphere was electric!

Congratulations to our Thorner's pupils representing West Dorset Music Centre in the orchestra: Flora Jevons (cello), Theo Jones (clarinet), Jenny Stazicker (violin), also ex-pupils Felix Jones (trumpet), Amy Carruthers (violin), Rosi Brewster (cello) and Hannah Whaley.

I am certain that these and all the young people involved will carry with them throughout their lives the memory of that inspiring and uplifting evening of which they were a part. They were a credit to their tutors, to their schools and to their county and they have proved indeed that 'Dorset Rocks'!

Maggie Hooper

100 CLUB WINNERS:

£15 Caroline Cox

£10 Joy Laver

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Home-made Go-carts with three or more wheels push power only, no motors

Open to all families in or outside of Thorners School so get your construction skills into motion NOW!

[more details in the June BVN]

'SWEET AND CHOC'S QUIZ'

I would like to thank all those who sold and purchased our 'Sweet and Choc's Quiz'. The winner was Mr S Gundry of Dorchester, and the Runners up were N Lovegrove of Yeovil and Mrs Harwood of Bridport.

The Quiz raised £132.00 after expenses. Please look out for our next quiz 'The Big Dorset Quiz, out in July

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

Our Easter Service in the church was a lovely way to begin the last day of the Spring Term. The Duck Race followed a couple of days later and despite rain and hail stones on the day nearly £700 was raised. Our thanks go to the PTA and everyone who supported the event in any way such as by providing items and selling ducks. The first duck home won for Judy Clarke. Catherine Lewis' duck came second with Nicky Davies' feathered friend in third place. Thanks too to local celebrity Jean Bowles for performing the honour of judging the Easter Bonnet Competition. The results were: 1st Harriet Dodge, 2nd Lorna Farrell, 3rd Ollie Chubb.

At the end of the Easter Break a few of our children were preparing for an adventure. Amy Carruthers, Lauren Cobb, Hollie Kenway and Amy Van Zyl had a fantastic time at 'Dorset Rocks' as they now share:

'On Friday 4th April we found ourselves sitting on a coach at 7.30 a.m. on our way to London. We were tired, excited and nervous. When we finally arrived and had our first glimpse of The Royal Albert Hall our first impressions were, "Wow! It's amazing!" We were allocated dressing room number 9 where we left our instruments. Then all 1200 children who were taking part in the concert were directed to the main hall to be seated. Next we watched the senior bands rehearsing. Then it was our turn to rehearse. Having collected our instruments we returned to the hall for our practice. Fortunately the rehearsal went very well. The final performance was something we shall always remember. The atmosphere was wonderful and very special particularly as some of our families were able to join us. Amy C and Amy VZ played violins for Money, Money, Money; Land of Hope and Glory; Unanswered Question; Radeski March and the Hallelujah Chorus. Hollie (Flute) and Lauren (Clarinet) were part of the junior wind band who performed, Jazz Cat; McArthur Park; King Across the Water, and also joined the others for Radetski March and Land of Hope and Glory. All the children joined in singing the National Anthem near the end. The complete performance ended about 10.15 p.m. We got back to the coach at 11.00 p.m. We finally arrived home about 2.30 a.m. in the morning. It had been a very long and tiring experience but one we will never forget.'

Mark Stratta

100 CLUB MARCH

£20 – Suzan Barclay

£10 – Mrs G Neale

£5 – Mr S Maude

£10 – Laurie Farrow

£10 – Anna Filsell

£10 – Will Brookes

£10 – Bruce Kenway

BEYOND THE VALLEY

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch)

On the occasion of our Annual Dinner at the Upwey Wishing Well, we were honoured to have our County President and Branch Padre as our guests. Sixty five people attended for the superb meal and a share of the 48 draw prizes - almost one apiece!

The Branch is the host of a Group Skittles Match at the Brewers Arms, Martinstown at 7.30pm on 8th May, 2008: Committee Members only, as space is limited.

The RBL National Annual Conference takes place at Southport, Lancashire on 17/18th May, 2008, at which we shall have a delegate and three observers.

We have been allocated the Portesham Village Café in the village hall from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday, 24th May, 2008, when there will be refreshments, side stalls and a raffle on offer: please support this happy community venue. Donations of items to sell would be appreciated.

At 7.30pm on Thursday, 29th May, 2008, our Branch Meeting will be held in Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury, with speaker Steve Griffiths introducing us to 'Plant Hunting Abroad'.

On Thursday, 5th June, 2008, we are running a coach to the Rothchild's Exbury Gardens (on the west side of Southampton Water) to coincide with the blooming of their wonderful array of rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias etc., along with wonderful garden layouts and splendid unusual trees. There is a narrow gauge railway in the grounds to help you get around and the grounds are wheelchair friendly. Departure from Abbotsbury at 11am. Portesham Green 11.05am and other pick-ups as required, will get us to the gardens for lunch/picnic (restaurant/café in situ) and then you will have the afternoon to explore. Entrance (group rate) will be around £7. Cost of the coach depends on numbers travelling. The event is open to non-members.

Branch Birthday Celebration Day will be held on Saturday, 21st. June, 2008, consisting of a service at St Peter's Church, Abbotsbury at 11.30am, a Lunch at Portesham Village Hall for Members and their Guests at 12.30pm and from 2pm until about 4.30pm there will be a Country Fair in the field behind the village hall at Portesham, with lots of attractions to keep the whole family amused. Please make a note of the date and do come along to make this a memorable occasion for the whole community. (Full details in the June edition of this magazine)



The Annual Branch BBQ date this year is Friday, 18th July, Portesham Village Hall Patio.

This year's Annual Holiday combines a mini break with Christmas Shopping. It will be a 4-day trip starting on Friday 28th November, 2008, by luxury coach, via the Channel Tunnel, based on a 3* hotel at Ypres, Belgium, where we shall witness the Last Post memorial events at the Menin Gate, and also visit the local Christmas Markets. Details of the itinerary are available on request. The event is open to non-members, and bookings are now being taken.

Des Baker Branch Vice Chairman 01305 267617

The Rotary Club of Brit Valley

Companion Dog Show & Family Fun Day

SUNDAY MAY 25th 2008 Gates open 12.00 noon

At The Melplash Showground



Dog Show and Dog Obedience Display Team, Charity Stalls, Punch and Judy Show and Balloon Lady, Bouncy Castle, Plant Stall, Grand Raffle, Police Dog Display, MG Classic Car Display and Gun dog display
HOT FOOD, PASTA BAR, CREAM TEAS, CAKES & COLD DRINKS

Funds raised for, Julia's House, The Dorset Children's Hospice, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and local Rotary charities

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Dorset Folk Music from the Bride Valley and the Sea
with Bride Valley Band and Dance by Caitlin O'Farrell
SUNDAY 1st June 11.00 Celebration Songs of Praise

Have you been watching all these talent shows on TV and thought.
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Well, here is your BIG chance. Come and join;

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Opening hours: Monday-Friday 9.00am-1.00pm, Saturday 10.00am-12.00. We may be able to open for groups at other times by special arrangement.

*Have the courage to be ignorant of a great number
of things, in order to avoid the calamity of being
ignorant of everything.*

Sydney Smith (1771 - 1845)



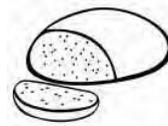
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LENT LUNCH

Our Lent Lunch on March 5th was held in support of the SSAFA Headley Court home for families of wounded servicemen and women. We are most grateful for the donations totalling £281 which we were able to send to SSAFA.



ST. MARY'S FETE

Monday 26th May 2.00 p.m. at Court House

Come and enjoy all the fun at the Fete. Attractions include Bouncy Castle, teas and ice creams, coconut shy, lots of games and wonderful stalls! Entrance only £1 for adults and children are FREE.

Grand Draw tickets are on sale throughout the village – wonderful prizes to be won!

We should be very grateful to receive anything you can give to fill the stalls, or donate as prizes.

Cakes: Lots needed on the day for the stall and tray bakes for teas, please.

House & Garden tools: Could you please rummage at the back of cupboards, drawers, garden sheds and garages for any unwanted tools (general or garden) and any bits and pieces you feel someone else may need to finish a DIY task and bring them to 2 Litton Hill from mid May onwards or call Claire (482748) to arrange collection.

Crafts and Gifts: If you can make or decorate pots, knit, sew, embroider, paint, or if you have an un-needed gift that someone else would really like, then get in touch with either Lois (482605) or Janet (897163)

Provisions: Diana Spicer, 1 Litton Hill (482617) would particularly like to receive fresh vegetables and produce on the day as well as preserves, etc.

White Elephant: Jennie Prentice (482535). Items may be delivered in advance to Steddings, Chalk Pit Lane.

Books: Please contact Penny and Robert Dewar (482335).

Plants: (Ron Davidson 482661) Lots needed on the day, please label them so we know what they are!

Toys: Clean, complete and in working order, please deliver on the day.

Prizes for games and raffle: Freddie Spicer, 1 Litton Hill

Bottle Tombola: Collection round the village from 20th May.

If you are able to help in any way on the day, please contact Freddie Spicer (482617). Many thanks, and we look forward to seeing you!

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Do you have an interest in things that concern the village and its residents? Do you have one or two hours to spare each week on average? Would you like to contribute something to the local community and be paid a salary and expenses for doing so?

If so then please get in touch with any member of the Parish Council as they are looking for a new Clerk. For more details telephone the Chairman (Freddie Spicer 482617), the Vice Chairman (Sally Dyke 482752) or Brian Prentice (482535)

The Clerk's main duties are to receive the post and e-mails from the District Council, to be the principal point of contact for the villagers, to prepare the Agenda and take Minutes for the five Council meetings in the year. A Clerk training course is available if required.

The newly appointed Clerk will be provided with a new lap top computer and printer if required.

OPEN GARDEN

The gardens at the Old Rectory will be open to visitors between 2.00pm and 5.30pm on Sunday 18th May and Sunday 10th June.

CAR CLUB ?

Would you be interested in being a member of a Car Club?

A Car Club provides its members with flexible access to 'hire' of a vehicle. Instead of everyone owning their own car, the Car Club allows its members to 'pay as you go' on an hourly, daily or weekly basis. There can be economic, environmental and social benefits in belonging to a Car Club.

Car Clubs operate successfully in urban areas. A group has investigated and obtained funding to set up a Car Club in rural Dorset. If you would be interested in a Car Club in Litton Cheney please contact Elizabeth Kingston, Handsel, School Lane, telephone number 482162

THEATRE TRIPS

It has been suggested that we organise a trip to a theatre such as the Octagon in Yeovil, the Lighthouse in Poole or maybe a London show. If you are interested in such a trip call Lois on 482605 so that we can get some idea of what sort of play or concert would be popular. Better still come along to our meeting on May22nd and when we will assess the interest.

Ron Davidson LCSC 482661

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL (LATCH) Stand by your spades!

With the help of various benefactors and grant providers we are within £70,000 of the required funding. The fencing is up, the hedging planted and the site is being prepared to receive



the building contractors once tenders have been considered. The hall will be open to all, and we expect many residents and children to reap the benefits of such an excellent facility. See www.littoncheney.org.uk for pictures and further details throughout this year.

In addition to many personal donations, LATCH has received tremendous support from a large number of people in the village who have given up their time to help with fundraising, and others who have applied their professional skills in getting this project up and running, who, when asked to put in a bill, have responded by saying “No charge”. Thank you – your gesture is very much appreciated and will hasten the oncoming of the community hall. This paragraph appeared in last month’s BVN but bears repeating.

As this hits the press in the BVN in May, tenders for the construction of the community hall will be under consideration. If all goes to plan, in the not too distant future work on the site will begin.

The final push for funds is now on. Please play your part. There will be a community hall so why not join the growing band of local residents who have contributed in many ways to this worthy community-led project, and now that the project is nearing the point of actually being built, may we ask those who were waiting to see if the hall would indeed be built before committing funds do so now. Those who were, or indeed are, doubting Thomas’s, might also wish to make a donation now that it is apparent the village will have a magnificent new meeting facility within the next six to nine months.

Funding for the hall has put us within reaching distance but they say the last lap is the hardest. Please ease that hardship and give generously for the benefit of the village and school, for many generations to come.

Ron Davidson (482661), David Taylor (482532) and John Firrell (482313) will happily answer your questions, probing or otherwise, and of course receive your donations. Thank you.

VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Despite the rain...or was it the lack of TV cameras.... several dedicated and seasoned “pickers” turned up, for which many thanks.



DUCK RACE.

Yet another grey and rainy morning, but the clouds parted and the sun shone just before the start of the race. However it really became “weather for ducks” as we “swam” our way down to the White Horse and the waiting burgers, hot dogs and Easter egg hunt. Despite the weather and absence of TV cameras it was a very enjoyable social event. Many thanks to all who helped, and those who bought a duck or two. Congratulations to the winner, who has generously donated the prize to LATCH.

FUTURE EVENTS

Village walk on Saturday 10th May, starting at the Bus shelter.

The AGM is on Thursday 22nd May at Thorners School at 7.30pm. David Barnikel will be sharing more of his adventures with us in a slide presentation on his recent visit to China.

The annual Summer BBQ is on Saturday July 5th, when the same highly successful disco as last year will provide the music. Come along to see sights which will amaze you!!

LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: MRS ELINOR FROST
BRIDELANDS, LONG BREDY



to all who helped make the church so beautiful for Easter Sunday. The churchyard had its first cut and set the scene so well. We really do need more help with mowing and strimming. Please spare a couple of hours occasionally to help with this very satisfying task.

THE PCC MEETING will be Monday 19th May at Langbride.

THE VILLAGE HALL AGM – Monday 12th May 7:30pm.

Reservations of the hall and access should be directed to Giles Maltby 482741.

FETE MEETING Wednesday 14th May – Village Hall 7:30pm

The fete will be in the grounds of Kingston Russell House by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Carter. We will have a new format this year and the

Lyme Regis Majorettes have been booked; they perform a spectacular display. So, please come to the meeting with ideas and offers of help.

Jackie Cain & Elinor Frost

WELCOME to No. 8 Long Bredy to Mark Maybey, Vicki Zauchi and family: Eli, Ruby, Esme and Grace, plus two dogs and three cats. We hope they will enjoy life in Long Bredy.



BURTON BRADSTOCK

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FRUGAL LENT LUNCH

The Mission Committee would like to thank all those who gave generously of time, substance and money for the Frugal Lent Lunch. Around 35 people enjoyed the simple meal in the companionable atmosphere of the Village Hall in Burton Bradstock.

We raised £265 which is an excellent start to our fundraising for ROPE and the Sailors' Society. Yvonne Buckland won the Fair Trade hamper. A good time was had by all!

FLOWERS COFFEE MORNING FOR ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY

Many thanks to everyone who helped by attending, helping and donating to the coffee morning on 13th March in Burton Bradstock. It was a great success thanks to your help.

We raised £330 which I have sent to the Greenfield Centre at Bridport Hospital.

Noreen

PHYLLIS REES,

Many will remember Phyllis, who lived in Burton Bradstock (7, High Street) between mid 1970 and March 2006, when she moved to live with her son in Cornwall.

Sadly, we have to report that she died on 6th March 2008 aged 94.

She taught in the village school for a number of years, played, and was Ladies' Captain at Bridport and West Dorset Golf Club, subsequently she played bowls in Bridport.



BURTON BRADSTOCK SCHOOL PTA

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Burton Bradstock PTA Duck Race on Easter Sunday. Despite rain & hail stones, £673 was raised for the school!

Special thanks also to:

Phil Fry for the loan of the ducks,
Burton Bradstock Post Office, & the Garage for helping to sell ducks.

All the volunteers on the stalls & those belonging to "The Duck Management Committee"

Jean Bowles for judging the Easter Bonnets
& all those who gave items for the stalls.

The winning duck belonged to Judy Clarke, 2nd was Catherine Lewis
3rd was Nicky Davies.

Easter Bonnet Competition:

1st was Harriet Dodge

2nd was Lorna Farrell

3rd was Ollie Chubb

Thanks again from Burton Bradstock PTA!



BRIDE VALLEY BIBLE QUIZZES

My thanks to all who supported and took part in the final event on April 9th. The winner of the school's cup was Thorners, the John Paul Shield was presented to Burton Bradstock Juniors, and the Berdoe Shield to Burton Bradstock Seniors. Well done, everyone!

Why not read the rest of Mark's gospel while you enjoy a well earned rest from quizzes?



Heather Rodgers

BURTON BRADSTOCK WI



April's Meeting took the form of the Annual General Meeting when reports for the past year were read by the retiring President Heather Seadon and the Secretary Margaret Holmes and the retiring Treasurer Noreen Short.

Valerie Nicholls and Phyllis Hyde were elected as President, and Treasurer respectively and were welcomed. Forty eight members attended plus 1 guest, with several apologies. A superb buffet, with wine and soft drinks, was provided by Joan Allen.

The Annual Art competitions were judged by members - Joan Dady winning the Watercolour Figurine and Jill Spinney winning the "Other Medium" Award.

The many groups will take place next month - please check the Noticeboard, or your Record for dates of the Walking Group, the Reading

group, the Mahjong group, the Tapestry group and the Creative Writing group. Something for all - all included in the annual membership. More Art courses are planned - watch this space.

Next month the meeting will take place on the 13th May and the National WI's Resolutions will be presented and debated. These are on "Trawler Bottom Fishing" and the "Inappropriate imprisonment of the severely mentally ill".

BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE GROUP

We continue to meet until the end of June in the Village Hall on Tuesdays 1.45 for 2pm start. Further information please ring 898117



28TH BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL

PRE-FESTIVAL SPRING CONCERT



The Spring Concert will be on Friday, 9TH May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. David Juritz *violin* and Caroline Dowdle *piano* will be playing sonatas by Mozart and Schubert and pieces by Saint-Saëns and other composers.

Tickets, £10 (un-numbered), including a glass of wine, are available from me, Mike Southgate, on 897487, from the Post Office or at the door.

At the concert the full programme for the August festival will be available and the Festival box office will open, at 6pm prior to the concert, in the Hall. Ticket sales will continue during the interval and after the concert. We plan to send out a brochure with programme detail and a ticket order form to all on the mailing list shortly before then. If you cannot get to that concert, send me your orders and they will be dealt with strictly in order of receipt. We will also be publishing the full programme on the village web site, www.burtonbradstock.org.uk, at about that time.

**IF YOU WANT THE BEST SEATS FOR THE FESTIVAL,
THE SPRING CONCERT IS THE TIME TO GET THEM.**

Mike Southgate, Chairman BB Festival Committee.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings - Telephone 01308 898222

200 CLUB - APRIL 2008 DRAW

Congratulations to:

1st Prize:	No. 582	Mrs Maureen Cork	£39.20
2nd Prize:	No. 613	Mrs Trisha Brooks	£19.60
3rd Prize:	No. 564	Mrs Jan Clark	£ 9.80



Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the May-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £8 – one pound for each of the remaining 8 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

Alan Clarke - Promoter for 200 Club - 01308 897051

BBVH - VILLAGE FAYRE

Monday 26 May 2008 (2.00 pm to 4.30 pm)

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will once again be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May. Your support last year made this event a great success and the money raised has allowed the Village Hall Committee to continue to maintain the hall and facilities.

There will be many stalls and games with plenty for children to do; for example they can test their speed and agility over a fun Obstacle Course.

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

Fancy Goods – John & Veda Bull - Tel: 01308 897609

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

Soft Toys – Mary Bailey - Tel: 01308 897288

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

Books – Mike Southgate - Tel: 01308 897487

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

White Elephant – Cathy & John Lay-Flurrie - Tel: 01308 897281

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

Plants and Produce – Pat Broomhead - Tel: 01308 897408

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

Filled Jars – Joan & Ian Allan - Tel: 01308 897511

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

Cakes and Preserves – Sheila Spencer Smith - Tel: 01308 898012

Sheila is organising this stall on behalf of the WI and she would be grateful for any donations and these can be brought to the Village

Hall on the morning of the Fayre.

Bottle Tombola – Rosemary Daniels - Tel: 01308 898049

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

General Raffle – Valerie McRobert - Tel: 01308 897905

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

A lot of help will be needed on the day to set up, and man stalls and supervise games; if you wish to volunteer please contact Graham Blunden (Stalls) - Tel: 01308 898331 or Susan Moores (Games) - Tel: 01308 897673.

The Village Hall will be open on Sunday 25th May from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm if you wish to drop off any contributions or alternatively bring them to the Rectory Gardens on the morning of the Fayre between 10.00 am and 12.00 Midday.

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

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

If it wasn't for the sun, all human life as we know it, would not exist. That was the stark reality delivered by Bob Mizon in his talk given to the society on 7th March about the Vital Role of the Sun. And watch out, because the sun is halfway through its natural cycle and has only another five billion years life before it starts to burn out!

The Sun- our local star, is vital to our existence and although it is losing about four million tons of matter into space as energy, every second, it still grows our food, causes our weather patterns and seasons, and drives our cars through the creation of fossil fuels and oil.

It is so bright and warm because it is so relatively large and close to us. Energy is expressed through a series of internal atomic explosions converting hydrogen into helium thus releasing mammoth amounts of energy into space, which is kept within its solar sphere through its enormous gravitational forces. It is a mere 864,000 miles across giving us a constant supply of energy.

The sun is just one star within millions in our galaxy, which in turn is just one galaxy amongst millions of other galaxies in the universe. After the talk, some members gathered outside with Bob and he was able to show us some major stars and constellations in a cloudless night sky, which was amazing.

Please make a note in your diaries that our coffee morning will be taking place in the Village Hall on Saturday 17th May starting at 10:15am

through to about 12 noon. As well as serving coffee, we will be selling cakes and plants so any contributions of either of these would be greatly appreciated.

Also please remember that our Annual General Meeting will be held on the day before the coffee morning- on Friday 16th May to start at 7:30pm

Peter Dutton

HOME WATCH

The BVN goes to press as unfortunately news emerges of incidents that have just happened in the village. We will be looking to see what more we can do and suggest to keep criminals at bay. In the short-term here are some thoughts:

As the weather gets warmer in Spring/Summer keep all windows and doors secure. Avoid putting front doors 'on-the-latch.

Keep your red 'No Doorstep Traders' signs in place at your front door: you do not have to open your door to any such callers. If you need another sticker please give me a call.



If you are approached by traders offering to undertake jobs for you, say 'no', or ask for a written quote and get two other quotes from reputable traders before deciding.

Keep a look-out for anything unusual and call 01305 222222 to let the Police know of your suspicions – they stress they do not mind if it is a false alarm.

Take a note of the number of any vehicle you think possibly looks unusual/suspicious, discuss it with a neighbour and report it if your suspicions grow.

We are working on introducing a 'Cold Calling Control Zone' and will have information on this in the June issue.

John Grantham 01308-897935

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY



The meeting held on Wednesday 9th April in the Village Hall was well attended (well over 50 people). I explained how the need for savings by the County Council to balance their budget had led to reductions in the central Library Service funding, which led to the administration in County Hall recommending the shutting of 13 rural libraries and selling off the

buildings owned by the County Council.

This caused very strong protests by the 13, and eventually the County Council changed tack to propose that a reduction in opening hours of all the Dorset libraries should be made to achieve a large part of the necessary savings. The reduction in opening hours could be made up by local volunteers if the local community could provide them, and there would be free training for the volunteers by the central Library Service. The County Council also offered 20 of the smaller libraries in Dorset the opportunity to take over their library building on a 99 year lease at a peppercorn rent, the condition being that the local community took over responsibility for the costs of running the building. Burton Bradstock has said it wishes to do this.

Burton Bradstock library will have its opening hours reduced from 10 hours per week to 6 hours per week, and one reason for forming the Friends of Burton Bradstock Library was to provide volunteers to run the service for 4 hours per week to restore the opening hours to 10. The second reason was to raise funds for the costs associated with running the library building, estimated at £3,000 per year. It is proposed that the Parish Council (who will be the lease holders) should pay £1,000 of this and the Friends would raise the other £2,000.

The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library have got off to a very good start since we now have 123 paid up members, with a good number of volunteers to help fund raise and to man the library desk. We have also had a very generous anonymous donation to our funds which will help us manage our fund raising in a timely manner. However there is still time to join, with membership forms available in the Post Office and a collection box to put them in!

To help us raise the necessary funds we are in the process of turning the Friends into a charity, and if the necessary paper work is ready in time we will have a second meeting of the Friends of Burton Bradstock Library on 15th May in the Village Hall at 8 pm. At this meeting we will vote on the constitution of the charity, and if it is accepted we will elect 5 Trustees to run the Friends.

Since we need to communicate with all the Friends, pages on the Friends activities will be put on the Burton Bradstock website, and we will also put the same information in folders in the library.

Bob Hynds: Chairman, Burton Bradstock Library Working Group

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

My 10 year old niece says her prayers every night and instead of "amen", she says "click, send."



SHIPTON GORGE

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VILLAGE SOCIETY

There will be a Bingo Evening in the Village Hall on Wednesday 7th May starting at 7.30pm. Good prizes to be won and all are welcome.

AFTERNOON TEA

Peter and Liz Gates are having a Cream Tea Afternoon on Saturday 17th May starting at 2.30pm. There will be a plant swap, raffle and also plants for sale.



SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

100 CLUB – APRIL DRAW

£10	No 63	Joy White
£20	No 73	Robert Cornish



SHIPTON GORGE RAMBLERS

This month's walk on Friday 16th May will take in the dramatic scenery of Portland. We meet at 10am by the telephone kiosk in Brook Street and there will be shared lifts by car.

Remember to bring a picnic.

Vicky & Janet

GRAND SUMMER CAR TREASURE HUNT

SATURDAY 14 JUNE.

FIRST CARS START 2:30pm

30 MILES DURATION (APPROX 3 HOURS)

COST OF ENTRY, £5 PER CAR,

(RECOMMENDED TEAM IN EACH CAR, 3- 4 PERSONS)

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

TEL 01308 897138 / 01308 897574

OR EMAIL sender00@hotmail.co.uk

(PLEASE NOTE – NO SPEED OR TIMED PHASES INVOLVED, NO OFF ROAD ROUTES, NO 'A' CLASS ROADS INVOLVED)



PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: ELIZABETH SLATER
1, LITTON CLOSE, PUNCKNOWLE
liz@ruddle.co.uk TEL: 897751



ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE

This will be held on Saturday 26 July at 2.30pm in the grounds of Puncknowle by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Wild.

Many thanks to those people who have already offered to help with the fete – further offers of help would be greatly appreciated for manning stalls, assisting with teas etc. Help from young people to run some of the games would be especially welcome.

Do please start saving/preparing items, eg plants, books, toys, bric-a-brac (no electrical items please) produce, bottles etc. Sadly this year there will be no Quality Clothing, instead there will be QUALITY CURTAINS including children's and other furnishing items. So come with your measurements and your tape measure!

Tickets for the Grand Draw are now available at 20p each – first prize £50 plus many other prizes.

If you can help in any way please contact either Ruth Brierly 898283, Elizabeth Slater 897751, or Ann Roberts 897716.

ART CLUB

The workshop led by Rosie Britton in the village hall was well attended and much enjoyed. We were very grateful to Rosie for all the colourful pigments that she prepared for us. The following meeting at Patria continued the colourful theme with experiments using thick paint and large brushes.

Our 2008 EXHIBITION will begin on May 9th. This year we are supporting Dorset Air Ambulance. Our following meeting will be on 23rd.



Christine Molony

PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th May at the Village Hall in Puncknowle. This is the Annual Meeting which includes the election of officers for the year ahead. The Agenda for the meeting and draft minutes of the previous meeting are published on the Parish Council notice boards in Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington at least one week before the meeting. If you have any issues you wish to be considered, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Carolyn Buckland on 897726 or *e-mail* puncknowle@dorsetparishes.gov.uk

Anthony Edwards



The Marshall Family would like to thank all our friends and neighbours in the villages for their prayers, cards and good wishes for Sid and Andrew's recovery after their surgery.

PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

PSWB LUNCHEON CLUB

The next lunch will be on Tuesday 20th May, and the following one will be on Tuesday 17th June.

Anyone over the age of 55 and resident, or formerly resident, in or around Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington is welcome to join the club.



Ken Martin

QUIZ EVENINGS

The next Quiz Evening will be on Friday 30th May at 7.30 for 8pm commencement.

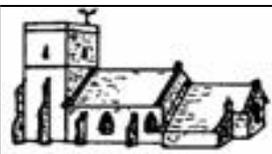
100 CLUB

Just a reminder that the 100 Club has now started. There are still plenty of vacancies if you would like to join in. A share costs £18 per year. No limit on the number of shares you can have. Cheques only please made payable to Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall and sent to Sid Marshall, Owl Bank, 3 Green Barton, Swyre, Dorchester, DT2 9DN. Prizes will be drawn monthly at the Quiz Evening.

Further information from Sid Marshall 01308 897318 or Rob Reeks 01308 897663.

SWYRE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: SID MARSHALL
1 GREEN BARTON, SWYRE
smarshall@which.net tel: 897318



SWYRE TRINITY FAYRE

Come to the Church Gardens on the 17th May at 1.30 pm and enjoy a traditional Garden Fete. With all the usual attractions including village teas, stalls, barbeque and raffle. The Raffle Draw will take place at 4pm. It is proposed that 10% of funds raised will be allocated to the running of the Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall and the balance will be used to help fund a Sound System and a Loop System for the hard of hearing, in the Church. The Crown Puncknowle Fund raisers will be running the barbeque and a half of their profit will be for the Sound and Loop systems. If you can help please contact:-

Cakes - Fran Manning 898120 or Yvonne Kennedy 897877
Produce and Preserves - Hazel Sturgess 897571
Plants - Ken and Valerie Martin 897622
Bottles, Books, Handicraft and Raffle Prizes Valerie or Barry Pye - 897426.

Fayre Organisers Valerie and Barry Pye and David Buckland

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

In the Churchyard as usual on the second Saturday of the month the 10th May. Any help will be gratefully welcomed

Yvonne Buckland and Vera Hirst, Churchwardens

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS:

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Tel: 482232



The main, and saddest, news of the past month has been the death of **MIKE COOPER**, following an operation at the end of March. Mike and Pat, with young Paul and Garry, arrived at White Hill Cottage in 1965, and were therefore the second “oldest inhabitants” in terms of length of residence in the village. The accident which cost Mike his arm occurred shortly afterwards, but, undaunted, he taught himself to carry out many skills with one hand, and was repairing things and maintaining and driving mowing machines almost to the end. He would have continued to tend the outfield of the cricket ground this season had he been spared, and it is fitting that, after a packed cremation service (and excellent Littlebredy “wake” for many friends and relations afterwards in the Village Hall), his ashes were subsequently scattered on the pitch. To Pat and her family, we send our deepest sympathies on their loss.

Conversely, we also send many congratulations indeed to **REG RING**, who lived in 2, Riverside Cottages for over 50 years till the 1990’s, on his hundredth birthday, which he celebrated in Greenbushes Nursing Home, Dorchester, on 27th March. He becomes the third known centenarian to have had long and close connections with the village, and we wish him (belatedly) a very Happy Birthday.

There are many more primroses and daffodils out at the time of writing than there were during the exceptionally early Easter season, but thanks and congratulations to those who managed to decorate the Church so beautifully anyway, and also to the Rev. Vicky Thirtell, who came from Chickerell to take the well-attended Holy Communion Service.

A re-arrangement of **VILLAGE HALL EVENTS** out of sympathy for the Cooper family has meant that the delayed **SIXTIES EVENING** will have occurred

shortly before publication, and the planned “**RECOGNISE THE PHOTOGRAPH**” evening has been postponed until later in the year.

The next Social Club event will be a **ROUNDERS EVENING, WITH BARBECUE AND BAR**, at the Cricket Ground, at 7.00 p.m. on Friday 23rd May. Age, infirmity, or inability to hit or catch a ball or to run are no excuses for not turning up, and we hope for an enjoyable (and dry) evening. Extra volunteers to help make it a success are sought, and any advance offers of help or other contributions will be welcomed by Ed & Christine McFadden (482784) or Fred & Sheila Prideaux (482460).

IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE

- *even though it is Maths !!!!!!!!!!!*

From a strictly mathematical viewpoint: What Equals 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Did you ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%?



We have all been in situations where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about achieving 101%? What equals 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help -

If: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z is
represented as: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
 21 22 23 24 25 26

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K, $8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$

and

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E, $11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$

but,

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E, $1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$

AND, look how far the love of God will take you

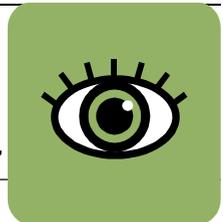
L-O-V-E- O-F -G-O-D, $12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101\%$

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that while Hard Work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, IT'S THE LOVE OF GOD THAT WILL PUT YOU OVER THE TOP!

Submitted by Ray West

Seeing, contrary to popular wisdom, isn't believing. It's where belief stops, because it isn't needed any more.

Terry Pratchett, *Pyramids*



A DOG'S PURPOSE,???

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old dog named Benny. His owners, Ron, his wife Lisa and their little boy, Mark, were all very attached to Benny, and they were hoping for a miracle.



I examined Benny and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Benny, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home. As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Mark to observe the procedure. They felt as though Mark might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Benny's family surrounded him. Mark seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Benny slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Benny's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

We sat together for a while after Benny's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Mark, who had been listening quietly, piped up, 'I know why.'

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. He said, 'People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life – like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?' The six-year-old continued, 'Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long.'

Live simply.

Love generously.

Care deeply.

Speak kindly.

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

Take naps.

Stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
 Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
 Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.
 Be loyal.
 Never pretend to be something you're not.
 If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
 When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
 Be always grateful for each new day and for the blessing you have.
ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY!
 That's what dogs teach us

Submitted by Bernadette Hull, Secretary "Holy Fools"



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St James the Least of All

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace':
 The tribulations that await a curate in his first parish...*

*The Rectory
 St. James the Least*

My dear Nephew Darren

So, your bishop is dropping hints that you should begin to consider a move to having your own parish - "not for ever in green pastures" comes to mind. Do not be too hasty; remember that a curate can do no wrong but a vicar can do no right. As soon as you get your own parish, you will be held accountable not only for everything that goes on inside the church, but also for the goal average of the local football team and the state of the economy. And if it rains for your first Summer Fete, you will be told reproachfully that this never used to happen when Fr X was here.

As you begin to ponder this momentous decision, allow me to give you a few pieces of advice. It will be assumed in the parish that every new incumbent is bound to be worse

than his predecessor. The greatest compliment I ever received when leaving a parish, came from an elderly parishioner: "I've known six Rectors of this parish; you weren't the worst."

Naturally the church you go to will have asked for a married man between 30 and 35 with a wife who will not have her own job but who wants to devote her entire life working for the parish - and it will be a definite advantage if she is a brilliant organist, professional caterer and fully computer literate. They will expect you to have two children, one of whom should be of primary school age, so he can attend the local Church school, where you will naturally wish to be chairman of governors and coach of the football team.

They will want you to have exceptional talents for attracting young people - but for young people who enjoy the sorts of Services that the present congregation prefer - and you should have the ability to stop a baby crying during Mattins with the briefest of glances. They will want you to bring "a breath of fresh air" into parish life without changing anything. They will hope you will shun holidays, preach short sermons and be able to run a tight jumble sale.

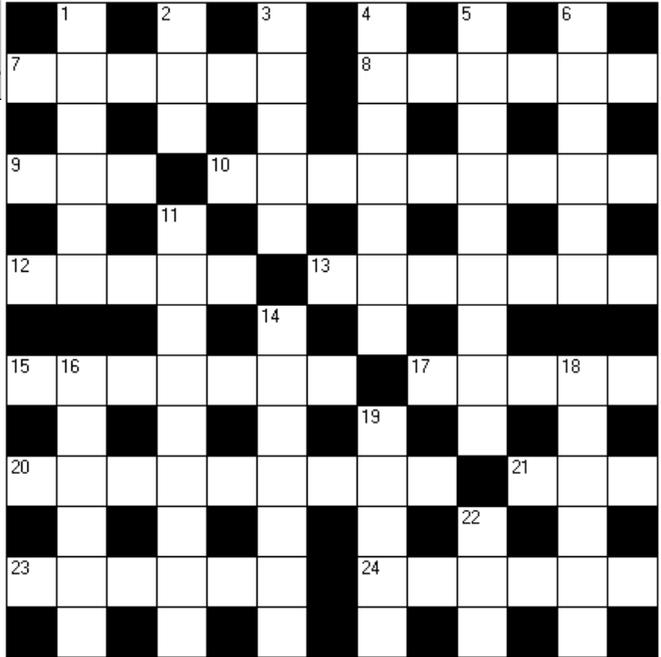
Your CV is already beginning to look a little thin. If you could acquire a wife and family within the next six months, become an expert flower arranger and qualify as a football referee, chartered accountant and trained electrician and plumber, it would prove very helpful. If in addition, you learned how to service photocopiers, had a mini-bus available for church outings, were an heir to a family firm producing a single malt whisky and could provide reliable horse racing tips, your choice of parishes would be endless.

On the other hand, my advice would be to stop attending all meetings where you know the bishop may be present. Out of sight, out of mind. Have your phone disconnected, your letterbox sealed and only appear in public wearing dark glasses and false beard. Keep your head down, lay low, hold on to the charmed life of being a curate for as long as possible. Life will never be better.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible



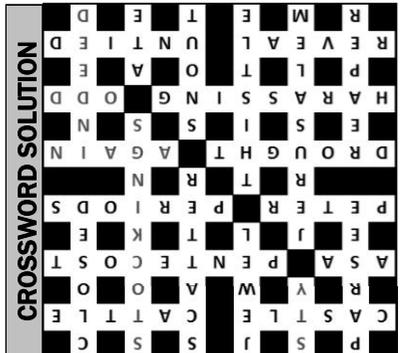
ACROSS

- 7 Fortifies building (6)
- 8 Moaning livestock in Joel ch. 1 (6)
- 9 Abijah's successor as king of Judah in 1 Kings ch. 15 (3)
- 10 Seventh Sunday after Easter (9)
- 12 Writer of 2 NT epistles (5)
- 13 .. their duties for seven-day _____ (1 Chr 9.25) (7)
- 15 Water shortage mentioned in Jeremiah ch. 2 (7)
- 17 Once more (5)
- 20 Badgering (9)
- 21 Strange (3)
- 23 Show (6)
- 24 Who _____ his ropes? (Job 39.5) (6)

- ch. 14 (7)
- 16 Person with a sickle in Jeremiah ch. 50 (6)
- 18 Certainly (6)
- 19 Proverbs ch. 11 compares a beautiful woman who shows no discretion to a gold ring in this part of a pig (5)
- 22 ..and he _____ locusts (Mark 1.6) (3)

DOWN

- 1 Member of an Indian Zoroastrian sect (6)
- 2 Pig's home (3)
- 3 Precious stone on a necklace in Song ch. 4 (5)
- 4 ..strip off its leaves and _____ its fruit (Dan 4.14) (7)
- 5 Hosiery (9)
- 6 Shut, like certain ears in Jeremiah ch. 6 (6)
- 11 City besieged by Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel ch. 1 (9)
- 14 Thorny Lebanese plant in 2 Kings



FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE

Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

Footballitis

I have football with my cornflakes,
I spread football on my toast,
I eat and breathe and sleep it,
It's the thing I dream of most.

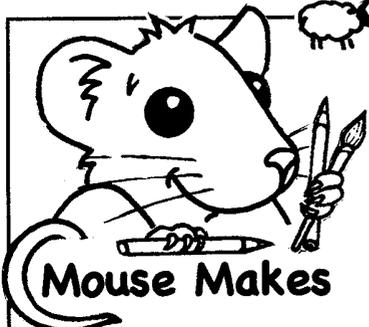
Football posters in my bedroom,
Football stickers in my books
My hair is striped in red and white,
I love the way it looks!

I watch television football,
I play football in the park,
I imagine winning matches
In the sunshine, in the dark.

I write football poems and stories,
I count footballs in my maths,
I score goals into dustbins
I dribble Coke cans down the paths.

I have football with my cornflakes,
I spread football on my toast,
I eat and breathe and sleep it,
It's the thing I dream of most.





Mouse Makes

The Lost Sheep

People would come to listen to Jesus, one day he told this parable:

"Suppose one of you has 100 sheep and loses one of them- what does he do? He leaves the other 99 in the pasture and goes looking for the one who is lost until he finds it. When he finds it he is so happy he calls his friends and neighbours together and says to them "I am so happy. I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!"

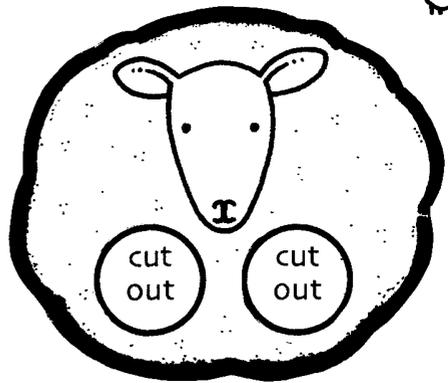
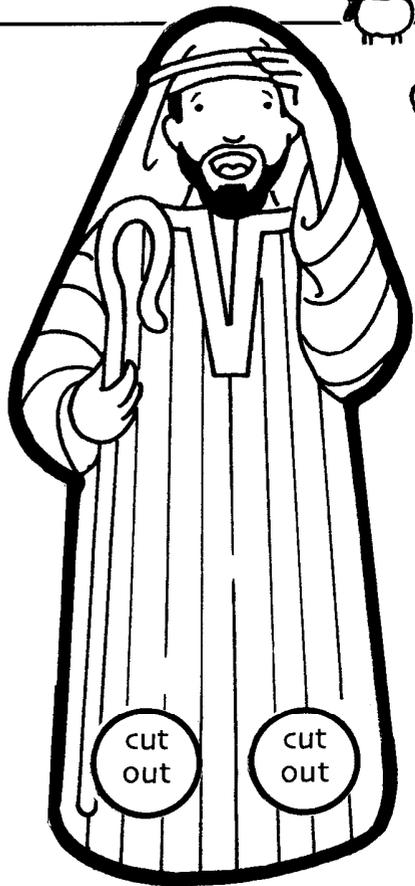
Why did the man go looking for one lost sheep?

What happened when he found it?

Jesus said "In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 respectable people who do not need to repent."

Read the story in Luke 15:1-7

Jesus said:
"I am the good shepherd ...
I know my sheep and I am
willing to die for them"
John 10:14



Make shepherd and sheep finger puppets to help you tell the story. Glue onto stiff card, cut out and colour in.



PENTECOST

11th May

Do you know what happened on the first Pentecost? On that day what really amazed all the people was that everyone there heard the message of the good news in their own language. You can read about this in Acts, chapter 2.

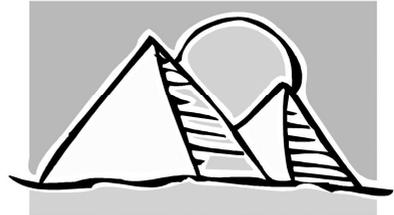
How many languages can you speak? We all speak English but most of us know at least a few words in more than one language. I bet you know some French, even if it is only 'bonjour' or 'merci', perhaps you know some Urdu, Spanish or Polish too.

There are so many languages in the world we couldn't hope to learn more than a few of them – but Jesus knows our language... he speaks everyone else's language too. His gospel can be translated into every possible dialect and tongue because, whatever words are used, that gospel is the same. It is for all people, everywhere. Jesus speaks to everyone in His own language.

P - QUIZ

All the answers in this Bible quiz begin with the letter P - can you find them all?

1. Paul wrote to the people of this town.
2. The Roman Governor who washed his hands.
3. Where the last book in the Bible was written.
4. Short stories Jesus told.
5. Goliath was one.
6. What Amos and Hosea were.
7. To begin with he was called Saul.
8. The Egyptian ruler who argued with Moses.



Where would you look for a lost vicar?

The Bureau of Missing Parsons.

What is wet, round, and taste of peppermint?

Water Polo.

What did the policeman say to the naughty frog?

Hop it.



ANSWERS: 1. Phillippi 2. Pontus Pilate
3. Patmos 4. parables 5. Phillistine
6. prophets 7. Paul 8. Pharaoh

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES:**MAY 2008****MAY**

Thu	1	ASCENSION DAY	
		3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
		7.15pm BB Players - play reading	BB Reading Room
	2	Ss PHILIP & JAMES	
	3	ST ATHANASIUS	
	4	12.30pm Bring & Share Lunch	BB Village Hall
	6	2.00pm Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
		7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	7	9.30am 1st Steps Toddlers Group	LB Village Hall
		7.30pm Bingo Evening	SG Village Hall
	8	JULIAN OF NORWICH	
	9	10.30am Puncknowle Art Club	Crown Inn, Puncknowle
		7.30pm Pre-Festival Concert	BB Village Hall
	10	10.00am Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		10.00am Village Walk	Bus Shelter, LC
		Thorners School Sponsored Swim	Bridport Leisure Centre
	11	PENTECOST	
	11/17th	Christian Aid Week	
	12	12.30pm MU Quiet Afternoon	Charmouth Village Hall
		7.30pm Village Hall AGM	LB Village Hall
	13	2.00pm Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
		Women's Institute	BB Village Hall
Wed	14	ST MATTHIAS	
		9.30am 1st Steps Toddlers Group	LB Village Hall
		7.30pm Fete Meeting	LB Village Hall
	15	10.00am Locals Day	Othona Community
Thu		3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
		8.00pm Friends Of BB Library	BB Village Hall
	16	Editor's Deadline for June BVN	
		10.00am Plant Sale	The Red House, BB
		10.00am SG Ramblers	Telephone Kiosk
		7.30pm BB Village Hall Soc AGM	BB Village Hall
	17	9.30am Producers Market	Thorners School
		10.15am Village Socy Coffee Morning	BB Village Hall
		1.30pm Swyre Trinity Fayre	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		2.30pm Afternoon Tea	Peter & Liz Gates, SG
Sun	18	TRINITY SUNDAY	

LC: Litton Cheney
Lb: Littlebredy

SG: Shipton Gorge
PSWB: Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington
BVGC: Bride Valley Gardening Club

BB: Burton Bradstock
LB: Long Bredy
BV: Bride Valley

	18	2.00pm	Open Garden	Old Rectory, LC
	19		PCC Meeting	Langbride, LB
	20	12.30pm	PSWB Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
		2.00pm	Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
Wed	21	9.30am	1st Steps Toddlers Group	LB Village Hall
		7.30pm	BVGC AGM	PSWB Village Hall
	22	2.30pm	MU O'seas Meeting + Bring & Buy	The Rectory, BB
		7.30pm	LC Social Committee AGM	Thorners School
	23	10.30am	Puncknowle Art Club	Crown Inn, Puncknowle
			Exhibn. "Celebrating Creativity"	
	24	9.00am	(to 8th June)	St John's Church, West Bay
Fri		7.00pm	Rounders Evening & Barbecue	Cricket Ground, Lb
	25		The Venerable Bede	
		12.00noon	Rotary Club Dog Show & Fun Day	Melplash Show Ground
	26		St Augustine	
		2.00pm	Village Fayre	The Rectory, Burton Bradstock
		2.00pm	St Mary's Church Fete	Court House, Litton Cheney
	27	2.00pm	Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
Wed	28	9.30am	1st Steps Toddlers Group	LB Village Hall
	29	7.30 pm	RBL AGM (Abbotsbury Branch)	Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury
	30	7.30pm	Quiz Night/100 Club draw	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm	Exhibition Concert	St John's Church, West Bay
	31		VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES:

JUNE2008

JUNE

	3	2.00pm	Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
Thu	5	3.00pm	Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
	9		ST COLUMBA	
	10	10.00am	Locals Day	Othona Community
		2.00pm	Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
		2.00pm	Open Garden	Old Rectory, LC
	11		ST BARNABAS	
	14	2.30pm	Car Treasure Hunt	Shipton Gorge
	17	12.00pm	PSWB Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
		2.00pm	Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
	18	7.30pm	BVGC	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	19	3.00pm	Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
	22		ST ALBAN	
	24		BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	
		2.00pm	Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
	29		ST PETER	

CHURCH SERVICES

THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

May 2008

Church	Date 4 th May 7 th Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension day	11 th May Pentecost	18 th May Trinity Sunday	25 th May 1 st Sunday after Trinity
Burton Bradstock	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)	9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer	
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Morning 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
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Sung Eucharist (Summer Fields Choir)	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (By extension)
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Family service (Communion by extension)		11.00 Holy Communion

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