

# **Bride Valley News**

## **March 2009**



**Please  
Slow  
Down!**

**Beware of children when driving through  
Litton Cheney during school hours.**

*The Governors, Thorners CE VA School, Litton Cheney*

*The Magazine of The Bride Valley Team Ministry*

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## FROM THE RECTORY

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### **The Bride Valley is a great place to live in.**

I have been overwhelmed by the goodwill of the whole community that has stopped me to ask 'How is Bob?' at bus stops, shops, schools, and the library, even people rushing out of the pub, beside those phoning up. It is a tribute to both Bob and Jean that they have gained the love of every strata of our society. Thank you for your love, good wishes and prayers.

Thank you also to the churches for your understanding with the revision of services and plans, and those extra jobs taken up so willingly. Talking of which - the Lent course that Bob was preparing on St Paul will now be left for Bob to do another year. We don't want to spoil his pitch. So you are invited to come to Burton Bradstock each Wednesday of Lent, beginning March 4th, for the York Lent Course recommended by the Diocese called *Faith, Hope, Joy*. This will be followed by Compline.

### **Lent does get a bad press.**

Lent seems so negative. Mention it and people's first thought is, 'What should I give up for Lent?' Should I fast from chocolate, coffee, biscuits, maybe see less TV, or not put it on?

However, the prophet Isaiah was more positive. 'This is the kind of fast the Lord looks for. To care for the needy, helping those struggling financially for food clothing and shelter and doing what is right especially with relationships in your own home,' he says. Lent is mainly about preparing us for Easter. Yes, it is a time for a sort of spiritual 'spring clean', but as someone once said, 'I have little time to do wrong, all my time is taken up with trying to do what is right.'

Two other positive things we can do is to book in our dairies Holy Week, and set aside time for the two focal points of Easter - Good Friday and one of the Easter Sunday Celebrations. By doing this we can focus on the real meaning of Easter. What could be more thrilling than the fact that through the death of Jesus we can have a new start and through his coming alive and trusting him have the certainty of life after death in eternity!

Let's use this time of Lent by being positive and giving a little bit more time to God and one another.

Time is a limited commodity, and just to remind us - there will be even less on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> because the clocks go forward. So use time wisely. Don't forget, life will have one hour less.

God bless, *Ryder*

## BEYOND THE VALLEY

### GOOD BOOKS

St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL

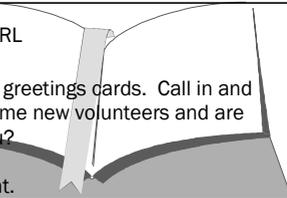
Tel: 01308 420483

E-mail: [orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk](mailto:orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk)

**YOUR** local Christian bookshop and resource centre with a wide range of greetings cards. Call in and see us when you're in Bridport for a cuppa and a browse. We also welcome new volunteers and are looking for book agents in local churches and villages – could this be you?

**Opening hours:** Monday-Friday 9am-1.00pm, Saturday 10am-12.00.

We may be able to open for groups at other times by special arrangement.



Since 2007, over a quarter of a million people have taken part in *Love Life Live Lent*. At just £1, this year's handy little booklet *Transform Your World* suggests things we can do to "change the world for good a little bit every day." Together we can build better communities. Together we can lighten our load on the planet. There are adults and children's versions and a larger family book with recipes and activities to do together.

And don't forget we have Mothering Sunday cards and gifts, Easter cards and gifts – in fact, cards and gifts for every occasion. A new range is Jonathon Hemingray's crosses and other symbols, each individually sculpted from a mixture of new and old wood, including church pews. Tea, coffee and biscuits await you!

**Next Chai & Chat (West Dorset/Africa Network):** Monday 16 March 2.30-4.30pm with Veronica Ziegler, sharing East African experiences and news of the Uparo Parish Dispensary Project in NE Tanzania.

**NB Cakes & Cabaret** 7.30pm Thursday 16 April at Church House, South Street, Bridport – delicious cakes, puds and entertainment, including Easter bonnet parade, to raise money for Uparo Project. Tickets from Good Books.

### RELAX AND ENJOY THE COMPANY!

WELCOME TO THE NEXT  
GOOD BOOKS COFFEE MORNING

at THE STRODE ROOM,  
BEAMINSTER

STALLS, COFFEE, BISCUITS, GOOD COMPANY!

on WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH

10.00am to 12.30pm

ALL WELCOME – COME AND JOIN US



Good Books Coffee Mornings in the Strode Room, Beaminster, held 3 times a year, have become a local "institution". This is partly because of the great kindness and support of the people of Beaminster and partly because our interests have become wider

The coffee and chat is really important and really fun, but so is the fund-raising for Cancer Research, Children in Nepal and the new focus on funds for Dispensary buildings in the Parish of Uparo, N. Tanzania, close to where I taught in the early 1960s.

And, of course, "Good Books" your local ecumenical Resource Centre is a registered charity, serving the whole community. Do support us and have a great morning! All welcome - Veronica Zeigler - 01308 868791.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH)



Thanks to those people who assisted in making our Village Café coffee morning a success. Don't forget that the Women's Section has another one on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

At our quarterly branch committee meeting in January we approved applications for membership from Linda Dunford (Portesham), Christopher & Hazel Perry (Yeovil), bringing our membership up to 98! Will you be the hundredth applicant? Welcome to the new appointees, we look forward to the pleasure of your company at future events.

Malcolm Pugh has now joined Neville Jones (Welfare Chairman) and Irene Donnelly as a qualified welfare representative on behalf of the Legion for this district.

Our Branch Annual Dinner is again at the Upwey Wishing Well Restaurant by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Waring. Meet at 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Coach pick-ups are: Abbotsbury Square 6.25pm; Frys Close, Portesham 6.30pm; The Green, Portesham 6.37pm; Steepleton Pond 6.45pm.

Bookings, coach reservations and menu selection should be made through Des Baker (01305 267617)

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2009, we go to Totnes and join a 12noon cruise on the River Dart for the 1¼ hr. trip to Dartmouth. Coach departures are: 35a London Road, Dorchester 9.00am; Winterborne Abbas 9.10am; Portesham Green 9.20am; Abbotsbury Square 9.30am; Bridport (West Street Bus Station) 9.50am. Return from Dartmouth is at 4.15pm. Coach fare about £10, boat fare O.A.P. £7.50, adults £8.50 (£2 booking fee for non-members.)

Taylor's Restaurant will open specially for our party: 2 Courses £13.50, 3 courses £15.50. Pre-booking for this meal, through me, ten days in

advance at the latest.

*(The previously offered option of a visit to the R.N. College, Dartmouth is withdrawn)*

Our 14<sup>th</sup> May meeting at Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury at 7.30pm sees the long awaited arrival of Steven Hogg to tell us about 'Submarines under the North Pole'

Our 3 - day Tour of Stoke on Trent, Alrewas and Lichfield starts on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2009. Visits being made to a pottery, Wedgwood Museum, Trentham Gardens and the National Arboretum memorial. Based on a 3\* Britannia Group hotel the half-board inclusive price is £122.50 per person, plus £5 booking fee for non-members and £30 single room supplement.

Also, booking has opened for an 8- Day Tour of South-Western France, starting 5<sup>th</sup> September being organised by Des & Jean Baker, any profits from which will be donated to charities. Visits will be made to Poitiers, Limoges, St. Savin UNESCO Heritage Site, Chauvigny, Le Marais Poitevin and optionally Futuroscope (France's 'Epcot Centre'). Travel via Channel Tunnel and luxury coach, based on a 3\* Hotel with half board. Full detailed itinerary for any of the above events available from Des Baker, Branch Vice Chairman, 01305 267617

## **GREAT BRITISH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009 for Spinal Injuries Association.



You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email [fishandchips@spinal.co.uk](mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk) or visit [www.spinal.co.uk](http://www.spinal.co.uk)

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**If two men agree on everything, you may be sure that one of them is doing the thinking.**

*Lyndon B. Johnson*

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**Come and enjoy  
ST PATRICK'S MARKET  
Saturday 15th March 2008  
10am – 12.00**



Bridport United Church Hall, East Street  
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- \*books \* bric-a-brac \*
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## VALLEY NOTES



### MOTHERS' UNION.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Spring Council Meeting at Morden, Wareham: 10.00am.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Deanery Lady Day Festival: 2.30pm at Bradpole Church.

*Yvette Smith. 898219.*

## PARADE SERVICE ON MOTHERING SUNDAY

A special service will be held at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock, on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11.00am, to celebrate Mothering Sunday. This will also be a Parade Service for Beavers, Cubs and Brownies who will take a significant part in the proceedings. Burton Bradstock School choir will also be taking part.

A further two Parade Services are planned for this year, and we hope these events will become a regular part of our worship. All grandparents, parents, family and friends are welcome.

Following the service at 12.30pm there will be a "shared" lunch in Burton Bradstock village hall to which all are welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share. Please note in your diaries that shared lunches will also be held on Sundays 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> November, all at 12.30pm.

**THANK YOU**

Catherine Williams (Dr Pouncey) would like to say a huge "thank you" to all who

supported her fund-raising Coffee morning/Bring and Buy sale on January 31<sup>st</sup>, in aid of the Anglican Health Centre in Njombe, Tanzania, where she will be working from March –June this year. Many thanks to all those who made and contributed items for sale, to those who helped her on the day and to all those who came to support the event.

A very pleasing sum was raised which will be transferred to the Health Centre after her arrival in Tanzania, and she hopes to send news as to how it has been spent in due course .

*Mike Read*



## **BRIDE VALLEY INTER-CHURCH/ COMMUNITY QUIZZES**

We have three complete teams and several partial teams to date. If you would like to represent your community as a Junior or a Senior in the matches starting in September please contact Heather Rogers as soon as possible. so that teams can be finalised and training, where appropriate, can start. Thank you.

## **SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY**

### **REMINDER FOR VILLAGERS IN THE BRIDE VALLEY**

The Shipton Gorge village marquee (8m x 4m) has already been booked for 6 events this year. Please contact SGVS for availability if you would like to use it – there is a nominal charge of £30

We have acquired an almost new wheelchair which is available on short-term loan for villagers who have visitors needing wheels! Please contact John (897574) or Ed (898278) should you wish to borrow it.

## **BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB**

Don't forget to make sure that the Gardening Club's start of the year meeting on Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> in the Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall at 7.30pm is in your diary. Free to visitors (normally £2) at this particular meeting, we anticipate a lively "Gardeners' Question Time'. If you have any particular question do let either the Chair or the Secretary know beforehand so that we can make sure that it is answered. We have an interesting and exciting programme laid out for the year so do come along and see what we can offer.



### **Jobs to Do:**

Plant early potatoes. Sow hardy annuals in pots or modules. Use a spring-tine rake to remove moss and thatch from lawns. Put up nest boxes for birds and bats.

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



## BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

Due to the snowy weather in the Valley, Fledglings was actually closed for two days at the beginning of February. Some children were very disappointed (especially Phoebe) as they were all set to bring in their toy animals for the Pet Shop and Vets - new topics ! However as these topics were so popular, they were carried on into the following week. The children talked about their own pets at home and Maureen brought in one from her house - a hamster. Our playgroup pets were included - the three goldfish called Goldie, Sparkle and Pumpkin. There were lots of pet posters up around the walls - and dressing up clothes out to be nurses and vets/doctors.

As part of the week at playgroup, Monday afternoons are for cooking activities relevant to the latest theme - eg. animal-shaped biscuits, Tuesday mornings the children do gymnastics in the School Hall - followed by a walk in the afternoon (weather permitting), and on Thursday afternoons the older children are joined by toddlers who come to Nestlings - lately Lola, Sadie and Connie have been in with their Mums - all baby sisters of children of previous or present Fledglings. Where are the boys?

Some Playgroup and Reception class staff recently went to visit another Foundation Unit to check whether they are going in the right direction - and they were pleased to find out that they are.

### NESTLINGS:

Open to parents, babies, and toddlers to join in playgroup activities, to play with resources, to meet others, to become familiar with the Fledglings environment, find out information about the playgroup and school, and to have a snack & a drink. Just drop in on Thursday afternoons at 1.45pm: it's only £1.50, and it is nice and warm!

For information about Playgroup or Nestlings, please ring Fledglings/ Fiona Evans at school on 01308 482410.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP

This month the playgroup would like to wish a warm welcome to Harvey Disson. We hope you and your family enjoy your time with us.

Congratulations to Jake and William and their Families on the safe arrival of their baby sister and brother.

This month the children will be looking at growth, decay and changes over time. Planting cress seeds and the nurturing processes will be a learning experience for all the children attending playgroup. The importance of personal hygiene will also be demonstrated, and a planned visit from the oral dental health team will inform the children the importance of a good diet



and teeth brushing. Additionally, valentines cards have been made and the meaning of this special caring event has been highlighted.

The opening times for the playgroup are as follows:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.15am till 2.15pm

*Ann-Marie Pitman BA Hons Childhood Studies (Playgroup Leader)*

## JOLLY TOTS



This friendly toddler group has been meeting since early January in Burton Bradstock. All parents/carers with babies and children up to 2½yrs, are welcomed to attend with their toddler and join our friendly group, as are pregnant mums! We meet every Wednesday in term time from 9.30-11.00am for a coffee and chat while the children play in a happy and safe environment.

For further details please contact Heather Rogers (897780) or Natasha Cox (898313) or Ann-Marie on 07853150467.

*Ryder Rogers*

## THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

The month of March is a favourite with the children as they enjoy celebrating 'Book Week.' I think it is the day we all dress up as a favourite character which really appeals. The children not only dress up but have to know about the character and the story because they also undertake 'hot seating' where they are asked questions by the class.



During the week we are also planning to undertake activities related to books by inviting authors and local volunteers to share stories and answer questions as appropriate. We hope by highlighting books and stories that the children will get involved themselves and appreciate that books do have a place in our world. Nowadays children have so many other distractions such as computer games, DVDs and MP3 players around that they sometimes miss out on the 'getting lost' in a book as many of us did in our childhood. Modern technology has a lot to offer but that immersion in a book cannot be replaced - creating your own images from the written word.

We hope by putting specific interest on books for the week we raise the profile and if one child turns to books and writing stories then it has all been worthwhile.

*Alison Johnstone, Headteacher*

### 100 CLUB WINNERS:

£15 Mrs S Bailey

£10 Mrs J Polden

Both winners this month are outside members. Thank you, we do appreciate this outside support. If anyone else would like to join the club do please get in touch with the school office tel: 01305 482410.

## THE BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

Much has taken place in the first couple of months this year, so what follows is a random collection of items to give a flavour.

First of all, congratulations to Thorner's who beat our 'A' team 2-0 on their way to the Cluster Football final with Loders. Our young 'B' team suffered a couple of heavy defeats but learnt a lot in the process and impressed with their attitude to the games.

The children very much enjoyed a visit by M&M theatre group who performed a highly entertaining version of 'Aladdin' in the school hall. Next year staff will draw lots about who sits near the front – they have now become wise to being unwittingly in the firing line for jokes.

This year we have joined the National Trust guardianship scheme. This will involve a number of mutually beneficial activities throughout the year. Despite being the week of adverse weather Class 3 went ahead with a planned visit to the beach to learn about recycling and also to assist with collecting up rubbish. As it happened, the snow was an added bonus which turned the activity into something of an adventure. A great time was had by all, especially the unexpected pleasure of hot chocolate with marshmallows at the Hive Beach Cafe – grateful thanks to Steve Attrill.

Meanwhile our revised themes for Collective Worship are working well. As we lead up to Easter, 'Justice' is the theme for this half term and there is certainly no shortage of material. I imagine that from time to time we all struggle with the concept of justice. There have been well publicised cases of controversial custodial sentences in the media, and since children often have strong ideas about what is fair and 'just' in everyday playground and classroom situations, we are in for an interesting time!

Whilst contemplating 'justice' my eyes were recently drawn to a book entitled, 'The World's Stupidest Laws'. From the book I have learnt all kinds of intriguing facts which presumably had some kind of logic behind them though many are hard to fathom. Did you know, for example, that in Alabama pigeons are prohibited from eating pebbles from composite roofs? Who thought that one up? What I now want to know is who catches the offending pigeons and what sanctions are imposed. Do the pigeons get a warning, on the spot fine, community service or even worse? Such are the mysteries of life. I think such questions and topics like this will be great to put to children. It should certainly get their imaginations going. members who would like to join please contact the school or Caroline Cox. Many thanks

## NATIONAL TRUST

As many of you will have noticed, there isn't a great deal happening at the NT car park in Burton Bradstock other than the



winter weather taking its toll on the surface and making it difficult to negotiate.

So what are we going to do about it? Firstly, we apologise for the condition of the car park and acknowledge that its current condition doesn't make your visit to Hive Beach a very enjoyable one.

A planning application was submitted to West Dorset District Council in December 2008. "But until we hear back about those plans, we're not sitting idle," explains Caroline Richards, the National Trust's Visitor Services Manager for West Dorset. "We're going to start filling in some of the worst potholes and worn areas with gravel temporarily, until we can hopefully resurface properly in the coming months."

The Trust reclaimed management of the car park from the parish council just over 16 weeks ago, and is awaiting planning permission to help alleviate the flooding problems at the site. Caroline continues "We hope to overhaul the site's drainage, resurfacing it with natural materials, improving the entrance, exit and parking bays and to address visitors' concerns about the toilets and antisocial behaviour at night."

The Trust has also started working closely with its new Guardianship school, Burton Bradstock Primary. Despite the wintry conditions, teacher Nick Platt and his year three class helped Caroline and National Trust Wardens Sarah Kennedy and Michael Clark with a beach clean on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

"The children are learning about recycling and sustainability, and as part of their lessons they will be designing posters to highlight to visitors the effect of dumping waste and litter at the Hive Beach Café and car park," says Caroline.

Don't forget, if you have any questions or additional comments about the improvements and work that the National Trust are proposing at Hive Beach Car Park, please contact Caroline Richards, Visitor Services Manager, W. Dorset on 01297 561900, e mail: [caroline.richards@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:caroline.richards@nationaltrust.org.uk), or write to the National Trust, The Court, The Street, Charmouth, Dorset DT6 6PE.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

### **Easter Trail - Thursday 9th April 2009**

Join the National Trust Wardens and Volunteers for a *Cracking* fun packed *Eggciting* Easter activity trail at Stonebarrow, part of the beautiful Golden Cap Estate in West Dorset. Lots of fun for all the family plus stunning views along the world famous Jurassic Coast.

Registration and trail maps opposite the Stonebarrow Shop - (SY 383934).

**Drop in event** Time: 11am - 3pm - NB: (Last trail starts 3pm!) Children under14 must be accompanied. Cost: £2.50 per entry

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## LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: CAROLINE MORRISH-BANHAM

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## ST PETER'S

### ELECTORAL ROLL

Anyone wishing to be added to the current Electoral Roll should contact me for an application form on 482250 as soon as possible. This gives entitlement to vote at the AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> March. You must be over sixteen, a member of the Church of England (plus some other associated churches.

*Valerie Shepherd*



### FLOWER ARRANGERS WANTED

Anyone interested in decorating the Church throughout the year would be very welcome (no experience necessary). We have a rota and you may only need to do it once a year, much of the time the flowers last several weeks and just need 'tidying' up. We especially need help before the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June as there is a wedding on the 27<sup>th</sup> and a flower festival on the 28<sup>th</sup> in aid of Church funds. If you would like to help please contact Jackie Cain on 482379.

### LENT FRUGAL LUNCH

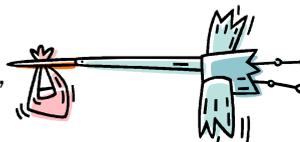
The lent frugal lunch for Long Bredy will be held at Juniper Greener's at Langbride on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 12.45pm. The proceeds this year will go to the Parkinson's Society, Bridport Branch.

### CHURCHYARD TREES

The trees in the Churchyard are being trimmed and there will be lots of wood for bean and pea sticks, also kindling. Please come along and help yourselves.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Many congratulations to Sue at No. 2 Rookery, on the arrival of Tula Bluebell Billett, a sister for Macey, Josh and Ebony.



### WINE TASTING

Unfortunately the wine tasting which was scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Long Bredy Village Hall had to be postponed due to the bad weather conditions that weekend. The tasting will now be held in a few weeks - an early Spring tasting! We will publish the date in next month's BVN.



## DOG OWNERS

Please can all the Long Bredy dog owners make sure they are acting responsibly and clearing up after your dog(s) as it has been noted recently that this is not always the case. Thank you.

## LITTER PICK

Will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April, meeting at “Maybyrne” at 10.30am. Gloves and bags will be provided, and there will be some excellent refreshments to follow. All welcome.



## SWYRE

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



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry meeting are due to take place after the 3.30pm evening service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The meetings are to elect your Churchwardens for the year 2009/2010, to receive and approve audited accounts for 2008, elect persons to some of the other posts within the Church, and to ask any questions you may have.

All within the Parish are welcome to attend, the meeting will start at 4.30pm and tea/coffee will be served before the meeting commences. I hope as many in the Parish as possible will take this opportunity to come along.

## SOUND SYSTEM

Some good news – the sound system project has been approved by the Diocese Advisory Committee (DAC) which is the committee overseeing projects proposed by Churches to ensure they are appropriate, affordable and technically sound.

We must now apply for a Faculty (the legal bit) which I am currently working on. The company we have retained will not be able to start work until after mid March at the earliest, so this should fit with the Faculty application timing.

## GARDENERS

Compost. All gardeners out there – the Churchyard has a large pile of compost material. If you would like to come and dig your own you would be most welcome. The pile is by the road wall corner.

## TRINITY FAYRE

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June is the date, but help is needed to run stalls and provide refreshments. Please contact me if you can help as soon as possible.

## CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTIES.

April should be warmer, and a good time to start our regular Churchyard working parties. I suggest we start on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00am. Please bring your own tools and any help to keep the Church building and the Churchyard maintained would be most welcome. If you are unable to join us on the first Saturday of each month you would be most welcome at any time you can spare, to do whatever needs attention: weeding of grave areas is especially helpful. All in the village are welcome to keep your Church looking good.



## FROM THE REGISTER

The funeral of the much loved George Hirst took place on 4<sup>th</sup> February and was conducted by the Rev Ryder Rogers. George will be much missed by Vera and his family as well as friends in Swyre and the Bride Valley. *David Buckland, 898492.*

## GEORGE HIRST

My family and I would like to thank everyone who kindly sent messages and cards of condolence after George's death and for so many people who attended his funeral service, which filled our little Church to capacity, it is of great comfort to know how highly he was thought of and will be remembered. Vera Hirst

## BURTON BRADSTOCK

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## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) will need a new Secretary from April this year. If you are interested please contact the current Secretary (Bob Hynds, 898 339) or the Church Wardens (Basil Dent 897 125, or Howard Bongers 898 029).

The PCC meets 7 times a year and is chaired by Bob Thorn the Rector. The Secretary takes the minutes at each meeting, and distributes any papers required for a meeting. *R. Hynds Secretary to the PCC*



## LENT LUNCH

St. Mary's Burton Bradstock Lent Lunch is being held on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> 12 noon – 2pm in the Village Hall. Donations for this year's charities will be gratefully received. The charities are: Tearfund (reg .no. 265464) and Emmaus Exeter (reg.no. 1112118).

## CHURCH FETE

The theme for this year's Fete is to be "Rural Crafts" and we hope to have some stalls and games which reflect this.

If anyone has any Rural Craft ideas which could be included or would like to volunteer to help in any way, please let me or any member of the Working Party know. The members are Alan and Judy Clarke (897051), Susan Moores (897673), Susan Paul (897381), Pauline Woodford (898327), Sylvia and Keith Delves (897358) and Ian Wigglesworth (897083).

For next year we will need a new co-ordinator and some new working group members and if anybody is interested in acting as an understudy this year it would not only be very helpful but fun!

The main Fete proceedings will take place in the Rectory Garden on 6<sup>th</sup> August, and there will be other activities in the Church and Churchyard.

*Peter Broomhead Co-ordinator (01308 897408)*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK BVN GOES GREEN

From now on Burton Bradstock BVN distributors do not have to collect plastic bags for the magazines they take to our deliverers!!!! Pat Broomhead has made wonderful material bags which are not only strong but attractive and labelled for ease of use.



If you are a deliverer you will have received your copies of BVN in one of these designer bags. Your job is to make sure that the bag is returned to the Church – a conveniently labelled box is there – so that the next month's distributor can pick them up.

We are so very grateful to Pat for a job very well done.

Get fit and lose those Christmas inches by walking down your street delivering BVN to your grateful neighbours!!! If you would like to be a member of this cutting edge team please ring Cathy on 897281.



Joyce Roberts would like to thank all the residents of Grove Road and Grove Orchard for their kind contributions to the this appeal. The amount collected was £56.

Thank you again.

*Joyce Roberts.*



## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

### BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL “200 CLUB”

FEBRUARY 2009 DRAW (WDDC Licence no: SL0080)

Congratulations to the winners:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£43.60	No 5:	Miss Gayle Acors
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£21.80	No 154:	Mrs Joyce Roberts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10.90	No 194:	Mrs Wendy Hart

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



On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March The Strangeface Theatre will be presenting “The Last Resort” at Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

This will be a darkly comic folk tale told with masks, puppets and live folk music and comedy. It has been said to be described as being in the style of “Spitting Image meets Wallace and Grommit”. Don’t miss it!

By the time you read this tickets will be available from Burton Bradstock Post Office , or booked in advance from me.

I’m sure you will enjoy this show. Book early!

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

### QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

There will be a Quiz Night in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Either bring along a team of 8, or join a team on the night and enjoy not only a fun quiz but also a Fish and Chip Supper. Ticket cost will be £6.50 (to include the supper). Tickets will be available from Burton Bradstock Post Office from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April until midday Thursday 23 April. Further details will appear on posters around the village.



### VILLAGE FAYRE

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will once again be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Your support last year made this event a great success and the money raised has allowed the Village Hall Committee to maintain and upgrade the hall and facilities. Help will again be needed to organise, set up and run stalls; anyone who wishes to volunteer should contact Susan Moores on 01308 897673. Details of all other contact numbers will be in the May edition of the BVN.

*Susan Moores – Chair of Fundraising, BB Village Hall Committee – 01308 897673.*



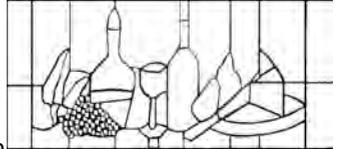
## BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE CLUB

The club meets each week on Tuesday at 2.00pm prompt, in the Village Hall.

For further information please telephone 01308 898117

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH CLUB

Isn't it lovely to have a meal with people you know slightly and really get to know them? Isn't it great to meet new people over lunch?



Are you interested in joining a Lunch Club where six people meet at each other's homes for a simple lunch at the beginning of each month? No competitive cooking, just friends enjoying each others' company over bread and cheese.

If you live in Burton Bradstock and this sounds like something you would enjoy, please get in touch with Cathy Lay-Flurrie (897281) or Sheila Spencer Smith (898012) for more details.

## FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

Place your bets for Burton Bradstock's very own GRAND NATIONAL. Friends of Burton Bradstock Library are holding a fun race night on Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 in the Village Hall.



Tickets will be £5 each to include a hot supper of Bangers, Mash and Beans: there will be a licensed bar and a raffle. Doors open at 6.30pm; the first race will run at 7.00pm.

Tickets available from Burton Bradstock Post Office and Sandy Adderley on 898358, so please come along and have some fun.

Jockeys required — no experience needed !!!!!

*Sandy Adderley Fund Raising Committee*



## HOME WATCH, BURTON BRADSTOCK

### QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to so many for having returned your Cold Calling Control Zone questionnaires to Trading Standards in the freepost envelope. The main results will be known by the time this March BVN is circulated, but the Trading Standards Organisation says it can still accept the few responses outstanding, with a final, final cut-off date of Monday 9th March. The key elements of these results will appear in the April BVN.

NB: If you have not yet sent off your questionnaire, or you have mislaid it, or you believe you may never have received one, please call John Grantham now, on 897935, and we'll provide a spare, but please act right away.

Thanks.

## BEWARE OF DOG THEFT

There are currently a number of dogs missing and stolen in Dorset - please don't leave unattended in cars or outside shops. Micro-chipping your dog could possibly enable you to get it back if it disappears. More information on [www.doglost.co.uk](http://www.doglost.co.uk). *John Grantham. 01308-897935*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY TALK

In a shrewd move, on 16<sup>th</sup> January, John Ivall gave us a Geography lesson before embarking on his excellent talk, "The St Lawrence Seaway". We sat back and enjoyed it, experts, nodding knowingly through the journey from Lake Superior to the Bay of Quebec. We heard about historic ship disasters, saw the 100ft Niagara icicles and its rainbow; about 27 locks built by Irish famine survivors, the Royal Yacht opening the Montreal/Kingston passage; saw the collapsing Remington House, and Singer Castle. Half way, John gave us an impromptu lesson in avoiding microphone sabotage. Wolfe captured Quebec (Louis XIV didn't want it anyway – too cold).

For the future, we learned that world financial worries will put in doubt plans for all-year container traffic schemes, aimed at alleviating road congestion. As Graham Rees observed, if his teacher had been John Ivall, he would actually have passed "O" Level Geog.

Parsons won the raffle again.

The March talk will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, by Patrick Morrissey: "Dorset Country Houses, Art and Architecture."



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our Speaker for our next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm will be Richard Grundy with a talk entitled "Splendid Isolation" based on Tristan Da Cuna. Now that sounds intriguing doesn't it? Do come along and join this very active group of ladies, with talents in all fields. Guests are welcome free for a first meeting.

The usual Group meetings will take place in March, ie the Book group, the Mahjong, the Walking group, the Creative Writing group and the Embroidery/Tapestry group - please check the notice board for the dates and times of these meetings as they do vary. At the time of going to press, we cannot comment on the February Speaker and meeting, as this has not yet taken place!

In February some members of the group went to see "Cabaret" in Southampton - no doubt a good time was had by all.

Do come along and see if there is anything to interest you at our meetings.



# WHIST DRIVE

THURSDAY 26th MARCH at 2.00pm  
in BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

COST £3 (to include Refreshments)

## RAFFLE

ALL PROCEEDS TO  
JULIA S HOUSE  
DORSET CHILDRENS HOSPICE



EVERYONE WELCOME – PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT  
THE CHILDREN

## PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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## ST MAY'S CHURCH

### LENT FRUGAL LUNCH

This will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the Hall from 12.30pm. Come and join us for home made soup, bread and cheese. The collection will be for a practical project for helping the Third World through help in restocking their livestock.

*Ann Roberts*

### FUNERAL: BETTY ARNOTT

On 19<sup>th</sup> January, a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Betty Arnott was held at St Mary's Church. It was a wonderful farewell by family and friends. Betty and Eric retired to Puncknowle in 1978 from Northumberland to be nearer to their family. Eric, a retired priest, helping in the parish, and Betty with Mothers' Union. After Eric's devastating stroke in 2001 they moved to Bridport.

Eric died in October 2008 after sixty seven years of happy marriage. Betty was devastated. She faded away herself only two and a half months later,

The family is comforted to know that they are now together again and at peace. They would like to thank all Eric and Betty's friends for their love and support, especially over the last difficult years.



*Ann Roberts*



## WELCOME

A warm welcome to Stuart, Emma, Rosie and Hazel Thompson. May they be very happy in their new home in Hoopers Lane. They have been living on Springfield for some months and have joined in many community activities.

*Ann Roberts*



For bookings, telephone  
01308 897724

## VILLAGE HALL

### PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCHEON CLUB

The next lunch will be held in the Village hall at 12.30pm for 1.00pm on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March. Any member who has not yet ordered their lunch for that date, or anyone who would like to become a member, should telephone 01308 897622 as soon as possible.

## HI-TEC, LO-TEC

The second of the regular Saturday coffee mornings will take place at 10.00am on 28<sup>th</sup> March, when the focus will be “Computers for Beginners” If you want to learn how to send Emails or use the internet we will help you get started. There will be coffee and biscuits, so, if you’d simply like a cup of coffee and a chat, do come along. Everyone is welcome whether high tech, low tech or no-tech.



Computers will be available for use and demonstration and it will be an opportunity get on line and learn some new computer skills in a friendly supportive environment. Those with some computer skills are invited to volunteer by sharing their expertise with others.

The Jig-Saw swap will also be operating: don’t forget to bring your old jigsaws and/or, for £1, select one that is new to you.

The following coffee morning will be on April 25<sup>th</sup> when we will turn our attention to surfing the net. Future mornings will be on the fourth Saturday of every month, and will concentrate on different aspects of using computers.

## PUBLIC COMPUTER SESSIONS

Beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March, the Village Hall will be open every Wednesday from 3.00pm to 6.00pm to enable those who do not have their own computer and/or internet access to get on line. These sessions are open to all residents of the three villages, young or less young, old hands and new hands.

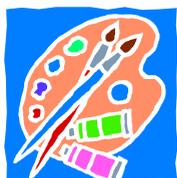
Someone will be available to assist and advise throughout each session so do make use of these facilities to practice new skills learnt at the coffee mornings, to research homework, to do your internet shopping or send/receive email. It has to be said that the number of computers available will be limited, and some patience may be necessary to await a turn, so bring a book (or the rest of your homework) or simply have a chat while you wait.

## 100 CLUB

Prizes for January

£10 Avril Upjohn

£ 5 Brenda Cooke



## PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

If you can sit in a pub drinking hot coffee with friends, whilst all about you are knee deep in snow, then it is possible to feel very cheerful on a cold winter's day. Some useful sketching did actually take place on a theme of blue still life.

Many thanks to Sue for her hard work hanging our pictures.

March 6<sup>th</sup> will be a talk by Wendy on Florence Camm. On 20<sup>th</sup> March there will be a visit to Bridport Arts Centre, to the Michael Upton exhibition.

*Christine Molony*

## REVISION OF PARISH PLAN FOR PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

Residents of these villages are cordially invited to attend a public meeting at the village hall in Puncknowle on Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 starting at 7.30pm to consider whether to embark on a process of updating the last Parish Plan 'Vital Villages', published and distributed in October 2003 - copies available on request and on Dorset Community Action's (DCA) website - [www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](http://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk).

A Parish Plan is a document identifying all the relevant issues of importance to a community, including issues of social, economic and environmental concern, and what can be done to address them. The process is significant to communities because:

- It provides accurate information, through a good consultation process & community involvement;
- it identifies which features and local characteristics people value;
- it realises local problems and finds opportunities and ways to solve them;
- it spells out how residents want the community to develop in the

- future; and *most importantly*
- it includes a plan of action detailing who needs to be involved, how long it's going to take, and where the help or money is going to come from.

Producing a Parish Plan should provide a comprehensive business case for the future of the community. It also helps identify projects and actions to address concerns that have been raised. It should represent the views of the entire community, and it is important that everyone should have an opportunity to participate in its preparation. Parish Plans should address the impact of wider issues affecting communities - and not just produce a 'wish-list' of desirable social amenities.

**DO COME ALONG AND LET US HAVE YOUR VIEWS.**

*Anthony Edwards, Chairman Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council."*

## HOMEWATCH



The Homewatch co-ordinators are holding a meeting at the Village Hall in Puncknowle on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to discuss any concerns regarding security. Topics for discussion will include nuisance, doorstep callers, our traffic light system and communication of police ringmaster messages.

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*"



## VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

See the *Burton Valley News*  
**IN COLOUR**, on the  
*Burton Bradstock website*

[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)

## LITTON CHENEY

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### CORRESPONDENT'S COMMENTS.

Many thanks to all of those contributors who sent their Litton Cheney items direct to BVN for the February issue. The causes of the mystery problem which attacked my PC at the end of January remains a mystery, but after a few days of tests, tweaks, diagnostics and other procedures (it's all Greek to me anyway), Mike solved whatever it was and I am now back in the cyber world. Thanks Mike.

*John Yates*

### FROM ST. MARY'S PCC

#### APCM

The Annual Church Meeting, at which the Churchwardens and PCC members are elected, takes place this year on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church.

To vote at this meeting and to be eligible to join the PCC you need to be included on the Church Electoral Roll by 24<sup>th</sup> March. You are entitled to go on the Electoral Roll if you are baptised, over 16, and a member of the Church of England (or some other Churches).

If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and would like to join, please contact me for an application form.

#### ST. MARY'S FETE

Think ahead to warm summer days and come to the Fete planning meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. We would welcome some fresh faces and new ideas to make this year's Fete to be held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May at Court House, even bigger and better – please do come along!

#### ACCESS TO THE CHURCH

The PCC and the owners of Toms Cottage, adjacent to the Church steps, have agreed to exchange some land which will benefit Toms Cottage and the proposed new access to the churchyard. A fresh planning application will be made shortly for change of use of the land exchanged and an amended access layout.

*Wendy Taylor, PCC Secretary Tel: 482532 taylor@bridevalley.com*



#### GERALDINE ROWLANDS

John and family wish to thank everyone who attended Geraldine's Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's

Church on 18<sup>th</sup> December. A special thank you to Andrew Salmon for taking the service, Paul Cheater for coming all the way from Oxford to play the organ, and the friends who arranged the beautiful floral decoration of the Church.

The many cards and letters of condolences including those from the Bride Valley Gardening Club and the Puncknowle Art Club were much appreciated.

*John Rowlands*

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

### THE LITTER PICK

will be on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the bus shelter at 10am ready for a spring clean. Don't forget your gloves.



### DUCK RACE



The Duck Race will take place in Main Street from 12 noon on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. See the April BVN for more details of the event. Let's hope for fine weather for an enjoyable afternoon.

*Sheila Davison Secretary LCSC 482262*

## LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE TEXTILES.

After many hours of planning, dyeing fabrics, cutting and stitching, our Village Textile has now been completed. If you would like to see our work, you are invited to a Coffee Morning at Thorner's School on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 12:00 noon. Entrance, to include coffee will be 50p, with no charge for children. Do come along.

*The Textile Group*

## LATCH

### Litton and Thorner's Community Hall

Not long now!

Sitting here writing a piece about the community hall suggesting that in a few months time we will be ensconced within its portals seems somewhat of a fantasy given the Arctic weather we are experiencing at the time of writing.

Nevertheless, barring flood, more snow and disaster, we hope to have the hall open for business come early May. An opening "taster" programme is in the process of being organised and will shortly appear both in the BVN and Litton web site [www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk) together with details of how you can book the hall and the very reasonable booking fees on offer. If you cannot wait for that to happen, please phone Wendy Taylor on 482532 who will happily bring you up to speed with all the latest information.

We have obtained a premises license which allows us to have various forms of functions and determines absolute times of opening for such



licensed events. We intend to work well within these times and our terms and conditions of hire dictate that weekday events must finish by 11.00pm and weekend events (Friday and Saturday) by midnight. We are conscious that we have village residents living within the close vicinity of the hall so we will be putting measures in place to ensure that late night noise is minimalised.

Whilst our fundraising has had many positive results we are still in need of funds/donations. We are extremely grateful to the many who have given freely of their time and also reached into their pockets so that we may have a hall to be really proud of. To make a donation (anonymously if you wish) please contact Freddie Spicer on 482617 or John Firrell (482313).

May we also bring to your notice an event mentioned elsewhere in the BVN where the Village Textile Group are exhibiting their new village textile at Thorner's School on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30 am to 12 noon. Entrance costs 50p to include coffee and children are free (if only!). This is an early chance to witness the vast amount of dedication and hard work that has gone into producing this wonderful record of village life in Litton Cheney.

The finished textile will be given pride of place in the new community hall and its unveiling will be part of the opening programme of the hall in May.

## **SHIPTON GORGE**

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## **ST MARTIN'S CHURCH**

We are delighted that Bob has been allowed home far earlier than was anticipated. We send all our good wishes and continue to pray that he makes good progress.

Our church services are continuing in a relatively normal manner and we thank all the Licensed Lay Ministers and Lay Worship Leaders for all their hard work.

Once again if anyone has difficulty in contacting Ryder, please speak to any member of the PCC and we will do our best to help.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

The above meeting will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Elections will take place for the positions of Church Wardens, Church Secretary and for members to serve on the PCC. I will put up the official notices in the church porch and on the village notice boards. If anyone is interested in any of the positions which are becoming vacant please contact any member of the PCC. *Gillian Maxfield - Churchwarden*

## SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 7.30pm.

The annual Parish Meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April commencing at 7.30pm. *Ernie Thomas – Parish Clerk*

### PLAYING FIELD MAINTENANCE

We will be having a tidy up of the playing field on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March starting at 10am. We have several tasks to complete which we were unable to finish in September when the weather beat us, and it will be an opportunity to get the field into good condition ready for the warmer months. We would appreciate assistance. Thank you

*Parish Council Playing Field Committee*

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

The year has started in fine form and we have enjoyed an excellent presentation from Colin Varndell and a delicious “stew and dumpling quiz evening” won by the Shipton Gorge Snowdrops, both well attended despite appalling weather.

The AGM has been held and a new committee formed with John Kent as Chairman, Liz Gates as Secretary, Ed Buck as Treasurer and Sally Parker as Events Co-ordinator. The next planned event for the Society is an illustrated talk in the Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> March – see below.

### DORSET BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Following Shipton Gorge’s success with the Dorset Best Community Village last year 2008, it is proposed to enter the Dorset Best Kept Village this year, to be judged early summer 2009. More details next month.

### STOP PRESS

Judging for the next round of the Calor Best Community Village of the Year is on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. We are up against villages in East Sussex, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey and West Sussex. The judges will be in the village from 2.00-4.00pm. We are hoping that as part of the presentations for them we will have a “photographic display from yesteryear”. You may well be able to put a name to some of the faces and places in the pictures, so do come up and have a look at them – more information on venue and times will be available on posters. *Peter Gates*



## COFFEE MORNINGS

Why not come along to the Coffee Mornings at the New Inn every Tuesday morning from 11.00am-12.30noon and meet new residents and neighbours for a chat.

## OVER 60'S LUNCH CLUB

A way to meet new friends – the Lunch Club is every Thursday starting at 12noon at the New Inn. Enjoy lovely home cooked food with a choice of 2 different meals each week with special rates for those who are 60 and over. To book your meal contact Sally on 897168

## GARDENING TALK

A talk and slide show on developing colour in your garden using the rainbow and the colour wheel to explore planting combinations and inspire your design ideas will be given by Mr Philip Gamble in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March starting at 7.30pm. Philip is an experienced and popular speaker on horticulture and related subjects, and he has been giving practical demonstrations, lectures, guided garden tours and talks illustrated with his own outstanding photographs over the past 25 years. Tickets from Sally cost £3.00.

## EASER PARTY

There will be an Easter Party for all village children on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 2.30-4.30pm. A donation of a plate of food (sandwiches, cakes etc) would be welcome. An invitation will be delivered at a later date. Should any grandchildren be staying in the village on that day they will be very welcome to attend. For more information contact either Sally (897168) or John Kent (897574).

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

### FEBRUARY DRAW

£10	No 32	Gary Warren
320	No 18	Charles Errington

## LITTLEBREDY

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Tel: 482232



## The coffee

morning organised by Catherine Williams in aid of the Tanzanian Health Centre where she will be working from March – June was a highly successful event, thanks mainly to the contributions in time, assistance, items for sale and money from the large number of people involved. They all know who they are, and she sends thanks to them all.

The first -hand accounts of how she's getting on in Africa will come back with Sir Philip when he returns in the middle of March after helping her get settled in. If anyone would like to receive the occasional e-mail bulletin

from him, summarising the news which arrives from Njombe from time to time, please send your name and e-mail address to him on [pwbridehead@btinternet.com](mailto:pwbridehead@btinternet.com) and he'll try and oblige during the summer.

**In the past,** for the magazine to wish the best of luck to Annette Hallett before big bowls events has been the kiss of death. So this time, a media blackout was imposed in advance to boost her chances, and it has done the trick. Annette is now the National Ladies Champion of Champions.

Her progress towards the Cup started with Club then County then Zone competitions, all of which she won, before appearing among the last 16 at Hayling Island over the weekend of the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February. Three of her four matches there were against international players, but she triumphed in all four, and the village is thrilled and full of congratulations at her success. So near and yet so far in equivalent competitions several times in the past, but now she has the national Championship. Very, very well done, Annette.



**The Village** Hall event for March is planned as a general Social Evening on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Snacks will be provided and the bar will be open from about 7.30pm. Ed and Christine would like to remind members and prospective members that not all the current year's subscriptions have been received yet, and it helps to run the club if dues are paid! £5 is the subscription for a household, and this can be taken to Church Walk or paid during a Village Hall event.

**People will** have noticed the alterations going on in and around the walled garden area (though some of the rumours about them are much exaggerated!), and the plan is that the gardens will be open on a small scale from Easter onwards. Chris and Liz are happy to share parts of the area, so anyone with any questions or wanting to grow some vegetables or help look after a flower border is welcome to ring Liz on 01305 898055 or e-mail her: [lizeaton\\_uk@hotmail.com](mailto:lizeaton_uk@hotmail.com)

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Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps, for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are and what they ought to be.

*William Hazlitt (1778 - 1830)*

## DEAR BVN,

Your story on page 15 of this months' magazine about the drugging of a woman at a petrol station by somebody using a drug called burundanga, on a business card is actually an urban myth. If you run burundanga through a search engine, you will find that this story has been around for a while and the Essex police now admit that there is no foundation to it. One of our nieces sent us a warning last year and I checked it out then. There is a drug of that name - it is a relative of scopolamine and is extracted from plants of the genus *Datura* or *Bruggmansia*, but it does have to be taken by mouth for it to have any effect - it does not pass through the skin or act as a vapour.

I do hope that this won't put people off handling the BVN.

*Best wishes,  
Barry Tebbs*

Ed. *Quite true, I'm happy to say. Apologies if anybody felt uncomfortable after reading the item. Such stories are normally checked out as far as possible, but this one slipped through the net. The source, normally impeccable, has been reprimanded and fined several pints of Palmer's best.*

I will be very surprised if any readers remember *Lobby Ludd* (Miscellany, BVN, Feb 2009. p.30) as having anything to do with the Daily Mirror. He was in fact the brainchild of the Westminster Gazette in 1927 and was taken up by the News Chronicle and Daily Mail promotions departments in the late 1940s and early 1950s. (Both titles were by the same publisher). The name originally came from the Westminster Gazette's telegraphic address which was "Lobby, Ludgate".

To collect the prize one had to recite the challenge exactly. "You are Lobby Ludd of the News Chronicle and I claim the daily prize". The only reason I remember this is that my father lacking the courage to approach any suspect himself persuaded me to recite the challenge with the offer of an even split of the money between me and him.

The Daily Mirror ran an almost identical scheme later but the fugitive's name was "Chalkie White".

*Yours Sincerely, Peter Postance.  
West Bexington.*

In 2008, I met a young Tanzanian sister, at a Sussex Convent School whilst visiting my daughter's family. She was clearly over here for training for teaching and running a school "at home".

In 1962, after only a year's teaching at Machame Government African Girls School, in Kilimanjaro district, I left to marry Charles. You can imagine my excitement at sharing our stories. But also, perhaps, there was a slight

feeling of “owing something” – was I being called to make up for the 2 years teaching which I did not carry through, by fundraising for projects in Kilimanjaro District today?

I am now in touch with Fr Peter, the priest in the area, Dr Julius Kunda, the doctor at the very basic Dispensary, and Mr Ngowa, the Chair of the Parish Council, a local subsistence farmer, who is very involved in the community in many ways.

My aim now is to raise funds, first for the fees for a young woman, Regina, to work from her O levels to her A levels and reach on and upwards. Then to aim to help with staff accommodation for the Dispensary, in a really rural area.

There are lots of projects: are you able to save stamps, old mobiles, pieces of textiles which can be made into saleable gifts, old buttons for jewellery making. There will be regular Saturday coffee mornings – can you help in the kitchen, making cakes etc? Please telephone Veronica Zeigler – 01308 868791.

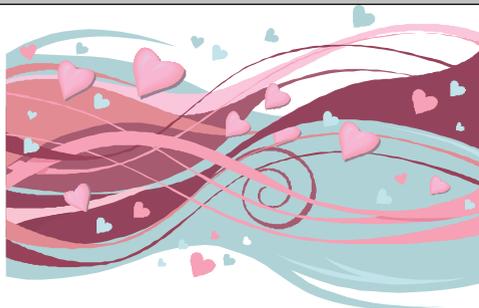
Ronnie Ziegler

## POETS' CORNER

### *(BUT ONLY FOR YOU)*

*I'd travel through the galaxy,  
Entrap a million stars.  
I'd seize the rings of Saturn,  
The ruby dust of Mars.  
I'd wrap them up in moonbeams  
Took from the distant blue,  
Incur the planets' penalties  
... To prove my love for You.*

*I'd plunge beneath the ocean,  
Invade the oysters' bed.  
I'd capture Neptune's trident,  
The coral glowing red.  
I'd bring them to the surface,  
Intrepid, derring-do,  
Provoke the ocean's fury  
... To prove my love for You.*



*I'd scale the highest mountain  
With no survival pack,  
I'd search the Himalayas  
And bring the Yeti back!  
They say he's quite ferocious,  
'Twould be a risk 'tis true,  
But I would brave the Yeti's wrath  
... To prove my love for You.*

Sandra Yates

## St James the Least of All

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

### *On the advantages of hospital visiting*

The Rectory  
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I was delighted that you mentioned hospital visiting in your last letter; it is an important part of ministry and has several advantages over general house visiting. It means that when a parishioner is confined to a hospital bed, you have a captive audience and they cannot pretend not to be in.

Should you ever knock on a front door and get no response, try looking through the sitting room window. You will probably see the occupants kneeling under the table or hiding behind the sofa. In which case, pretend that you haven't seen them, but make it quite clear to them that you are pretending. The fact that you politely fail to mention the incident the next time they are in church will discomfit them even more.

If they are in hospital, it also means that after the first five minutes, they can't excuse themselves with having to collect the children from school/take some clothes to the dry cleaners/visit an elderly relative. You can stay as long as you want while eating their grapes. In their desperation to get you to go, they will agree to anything.

Thus one hospital visit could procure you a new Sunday school teacher, finance committee chairman or bell tower captain. The only lady to get the better of me in this game was Lady Burlingham, who generally said after five minutes: "Well, it has been nice seeing you."

It's the most unavoidable "clear off" I've ever received.

I happened to be visiting our local hospital myself this last week - to see our Verger, Mr. Overall. Part of his duties is to protect the guttering with black paint every

Spring; it is a job he hates, since he's terrified of heights. This year, he came up with a novel solution. He parked his car on the side of the church opposite to where his ladder was, tied one end of a rope to the car bumper and threw the rest over the church roof. When he ascended the ladder - and English Perpendicular architecture tends to be rather high - he tied the other end of the rope round his waist. Thus, if he fell off, the rope anchored to the car, would hold him.

Unfortunately he did not allow for Mrs Overall. She was passing the church, laden with shopping. Seeing their car and having a set of keys with her, she decided her husband could easily walk home, so loaded the car and set off. For those who witnessed the event, Mr O's airborne arc over the church roof was a truly magnificent sight. The holly tree on the other side may have cushioned his landing, but not in the most comfortable way.

The only problem we are now left with is how to remove a thick black line of paint running up one side of the church roof and down the other.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

## MISCELLANY

### OVER THE GARDEN WALL *by Perry Scope*

In my January piece, I was complaining about restaurants and resolved that the only way to enjoy eating out was probably to think big and pay through the nose (which reminds me of the parent who wrote to the rather uneducated bursar of his children's public school, saying, "Thank you for your letter telling us that 'fees will be increased by 15% *per anum*' (sic); we should prefer to pay, as usual, through the nose..." - but I digress) and hope that there were not too many Hooray Henrys dining that evening. Not to be unfortunately. I relate episode one of the story:

My wife and I dined at the "Horn of Plenty" near Tavistock, a much-vaunted restaurant, Not a Little on The Expensive Side. (We planned carefully, deciding that the story was that we were on the way home with a long drive and therefore would skip the wine and

perhaps have just a couple of courses (thus keeping the bill under the ton...). Delightful orangery setting; only three couples at other tables when we arrived, one of which was a youngish pair, obviously away for a quiet "second honeymoon", even if for the first time with each other; they held hands across the table occasionally; clearly no threat to *our* evening! There was, however, a larger table, set for six.

We started our meal but soon the party arrived - I heard them braying in the vestibule. They burst in, all "O.K. yah" and Oxford this and Oxford that, the host (a deep brown soon-to-be-irritating voice - louder than the others) a father *avec* his daughter and son-in-law-designate. My wife and I exchanged glances (she was possibly anticipating a scene in which I challenged the brown voice to a duel, should he not be able to keep it to moderate levels until we had reached Exeter - and after all, we both actually knew quite a lot about Oxford anyway); the other romantic couple exchanged glances with us, too.



Barely minutes into their meal, I was actually muttering a prayer that the Almighty might strike him dumb, "just for a short time. Please," (I would even promise to give my dinner money to charity next time), when there was a choking sound. My next thought: "I do not need this; I am very squeamish these days when people are sick."

Browne (he would have that extra "e", wouldn't he?) was behind me, so when my wife looked over my shoulder with just the trace of a smile, it puzzled me. Spinning round, I saw Browne, *very* pink now (about the gills), staggering, as he clutched at his throat. I confess, I was *very* concerned, convinced that I was about to witness the death of this (almost) harmless example of privileged humanity, brought about merely by a selfish prayer.

*To be continued...*

## THE PAINTER'S BILL

When the authorities of an old Welsh church decided to make some repairs to its interior furnishings, an artist was employed to touch up a large painting. The artist presented his bill in due course, but the payment was refused as full details of the work performed were not specified. The next day it was received, itemised as follows:

	£	s	d
Embellishing Pontius Pilate and putting new ribbons in his hat.	8	0	
Putting tail on rooster of St. Peter and amending his comb.	6	0	
Re-pluming and re-gilding left wing of Angel Gabriel.	6	0	
Washing High Priest's servants.	5	0	
Cleaning out St. David's ears.	2	0	
Renewing Heaven, adjusting the stars and cleaning up the moon.	7	0	
Brightening the flames of Hell and putting new tail on the Devil.	12	0	
Mending his hoof and doing several odd jobs to the damned.	7	0	
Touching up Purgatory and restoring lost souls.	7	0	
Mending the shirt of the Prodigal Son.	5	0	
Touching up Pharoh's daughter.	2	0	
	£	3	7
		0	

*Reprinted from a parish magazine*

**NB:** For those who don't (want to) remember, or who don't know, s=shilling and d=penny. One shilling is equivalent to 5p - or it was in 1971.

## ROWAN'S RULE

Hodder and Stoughton: ISBN978-0-340-9525-6.

By Rupert Shortt

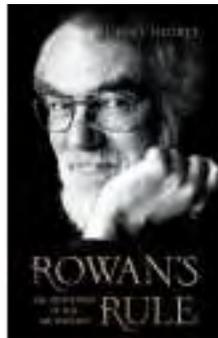
(Religious Editor, *Times Literary Supplement*; former staff journalist, *Church Times* and Asst. Editor, *The Tablet*.)

The Archbishop of Canterbury is a man who, as head of the Anglican Communion, has an unenviable task that earns him both admirers and critics in equal measure. As with many leaders of outstanding ability and intellect he is misunderstood, misquoted and often misinterpreted.

'Rowan's Rule' is an excellent read which charts in considerable detail, the wide theological influences that have fashioned our Archbishop over the years, from his upbringing in Wales to his occupancy of the highest and most challenging role in the Anglican Church. This is an entertaining and informative volume that gives the reader considerable insights into the workings of the Church of England and the difficulties that we remember in recent times.

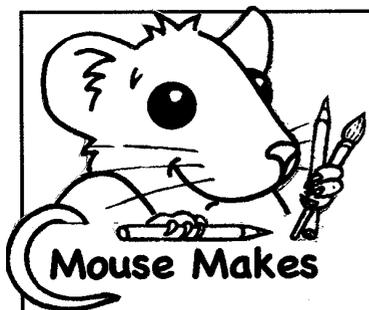
The former Bishop of Oxford, the Right Reverend Richard Harries, told Rowan Williams, 'God has given you all the gifts, and as your punishment, he made you Archbishop of Canterbury.'

'Rowan's Rule' is a timely reminder of the incredible costliness of leadership in the modern Church on both a national and world-wide landscape



*Reverend Philip Ringer.*

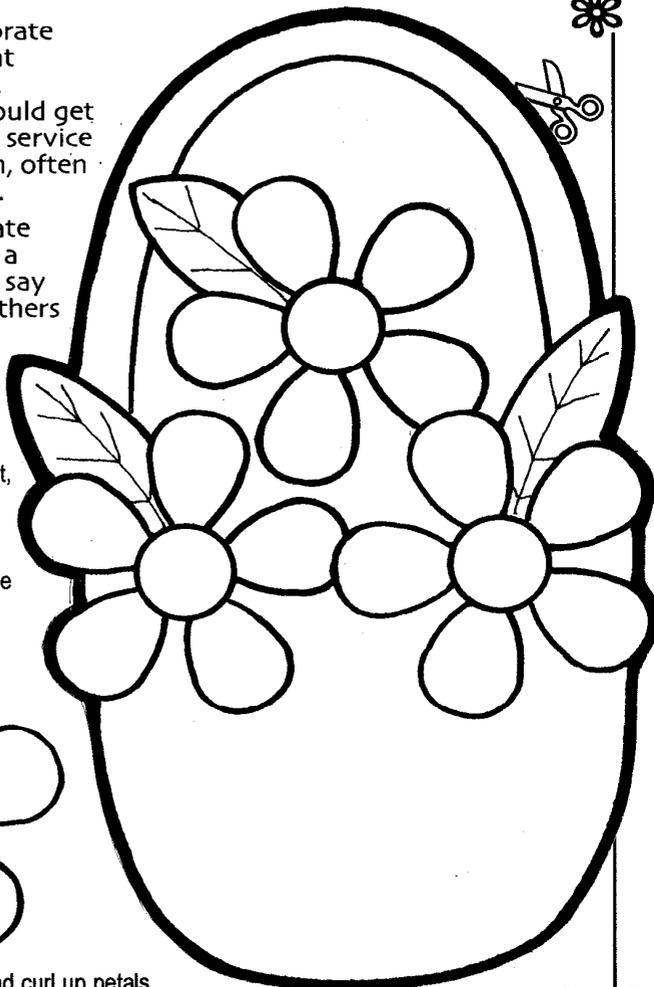
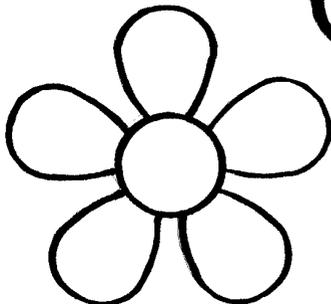
## FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



Many Christians celebrate the 4th Sunday in Lent as **Mothering Sunday**. Originally families would get together for a special service at the 'mother' church, often at the local cathedral.

Today we still celebrate **Mothering Sunday** as a family day, a time to say 'thank you' to our mothers and all those who look after us.

To make a **Thank You** card, cut around the flower basket, colour in then glue onto a folded blank card. Cut out the tag, glue to tag shaped card. Punch the hole and hang from the basket with ribbon.



Cut out this flower, colour and curl up petals. Stick on basket with a blob of glue to give a 3D effect.



## St DAVID'S DAY 1<sup>st</sup> March

St David, Saint Dewi in Welsh, is the national saint of Wales. When he was about 30 years old he established a monastery at Glyn Rhosyn, the Vale of Roses. A legend about Glyn Rhosyn says that years before David was born St Patrick came there to settle but an angel sent him on to Ireland, saying that the place was already reserved for David who would be Wales' patron saint. This place is now called St David's (Ty Dewi) where the cathedral now stands.

There are lots of legends about St David: one story is that there was very little fresh water near the monastery but when David prayed for water, a spring came up at his feet.

When he was a young man he attended an assembly of bishops where the crowd was so large that people couldn't be heard for the noise. But when David began to speak a hill rose under his feet so that everyone could see and hear him.

## MARCH

When we shorten the name of this month we write Mar. – all the answers to this quiz begin with the letters MAR, so which MAR is.....

1. A breakfast jam made with oranges?
2. A long distance race?
3. Author of one of the Gospels?
4. A small ball of glass?
5. The 4<sup>th</sup> planet?
6. A wooden puppet?
7. Lazarus' sisters?
8. An alternative to butter?



Answers at the bottom of the page.



### How do you get two whales in a car?

Across the Severn Bridge.

**Last month I wore white all the time so the traffic could see me.**



That must have kept you safe.

**No, a snowplough knocked me down.**



Answers: 1. marmalade 2. marathon 3. Mark 4. marble 5. Mars 6. marionette 7. Mary and Martha 8. margarine

# GIVE A BOY A GUN - ONE MAN'S JOURNEY FROM KILLING TO PEACE-MAKING

Darton, Longman & Todd Ltd. ISBN-10: 0232527636

**By Alistair Little**

*Give a Boy a Gun* is the powerful story of Alistair Little, a member of the Ulster Volunteer Force who, aged seventeen, murdered a man. He is now involved with the reconciliation movement, and has shared a platform with the Dalai Lama.

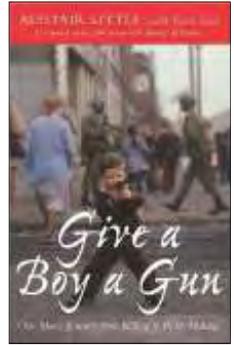
In retelling his story, he explores the factors that turn a boy brought up in a stable, loving family into a terrorist, and then transforms his violence into a deep desire for reconciliation.

Too young to receive a life sentence, Alistair served a 12-year prison sentence in Long Kesh and H-blocks. Once released, he began the slow and painful process that turned him away from terrorism to work internationally with victims and perpetrators in the field of conflict transformation and restorative justice.

Alistair's life and that of Joe Griffen, brother of the murdered man, Jim

Griffen, form the basis of a major, award-winning BBC drama, *Five Minutes of Heaven*, starring Liam Neeson and James Nesbitt.

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## DIARY OF EVENTS: MARCH 2009

Sun	1	4.00pm APCM	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Mon	2	12.45pm Frugal Lunch	"Langbride", Long Bredy
Tue	3	11.00am Coffee Morning 2.00pm Bridge Club 7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	New Inn, Shipton Gorge Burton Bradstock V.Hall PSWB Village Hall
Thu	5	12 noon Over 60's Lunch Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
Fri	6	10.30am P'knowle Art Group "Florence Camm"	The Bull, Swyre
Sat	7	10.30am Litton Cheney Village Textiles	Thorner's Sch, LC
Tue	10	11.00am Coffee Morning 12.30pm Frugal Lunch 2.00pm Bridge Club 7.15pm WI "Splendid Isolation"	New Inn, Shipton Gorge St Mary's. Puncknowle Burton Bradstock V. Hall Burton Bradstock V. Hall
Thu	12	10.00am MU Spring Council 12 noon Over 60's Lunch Club	Morden, Wareham New Inn, Shipton Gorge
Fri	13	"Dorset Country Houses"	Burton Bradstock V. Hall
Sat	14	10.00am Litter Pick Artsreach "The Last Resort"	Bus Shelter, LC Burton Bradstock V. Hall
Sun	15	10.00am St Patrick's Market 2.30pm MU Deanery Lady Day Festival	Bridport United Church Bradpole Church
Mon	16	2.30pm Chai & Chat "Uparo" 7.30pm BVGC "Question Time" 7.30pm Shipton Gorge Parish Council	Good Books, Bridport PSWB Village Hall Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Tue	17	11.00am Coffee Morning 12.30pm Over 50's Lunch Club 2.00pm Bridge Club 7.00pm Fete Planning Meeting 7.30pm Parish Plan Revision	New Inn, Shipton Gorge PSWB Village Hall Burton Bradstock V. Hall St Mary's, Litton Cheney PSWB Village Hall
Wed	18	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access 7.30pm "Developing Colour in your Garden"	PSWB Village Hall Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Thu	19	12 noon Over 60's Lunch Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
Fri	20	10.30am Puncknowle Art Group, visit to B'port Arts Centre 7.30pm Social Evening	Littlebredy Village Hall
Sun	22	11.00am Mothering Sunday Church Parade	St Mary's, BB
Tue	24	11.00am Coffee Morning 2.00pm Bridge Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge Burton Bradstock V. Hall
Wed	25	10.00am Good Books Coffee Morning 3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access 7.30pm APCM	Strode Room, Beaminster PSWB Village Hall St Martin's, Shipton Gorge
Thu	26	2.00pm Whist Drive (in aid of Julia's House)	Burton Bradstock V. Hall
Fri	27	7.00pm RBL (Abbotsbury) Annual Dinner	Wishing Well, Upwey

## **MARCH CONTINUED**

Sat	28	10.00am HiTec-LoTec Coffee "Family History"	PSWB Village Hall
		10.00am Playing Field Maintenance	Shipton Gorge Play. Field
		12 noon Lent Lunch	St Mary's, BB
		12 noon Over 60's Lunch Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
Mon	30	2.00pm Judging for Calor "Best Community Village"	
		APCM	St Peter's, Long Bredy
Tue	31	11.00am Coffee Morning	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
		2.00pm Bridge Club	Burton Bradstock V. Hall

## **DIARY OF EVENTS: APRIL 2009**

Wed	1	7.30pm PSWB Home Watch Meeting	PSWB Village Hall
Fri	3	7.00pm "Grand National" (BB Library Friends)	Burton Bradstock V. Hall
Sat	4	10.00am Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre
	4	10.30am Litter Pick	"Maybyrne", Long Bredy
Tue	7	11.00am Coffee Morning	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
	7	2.00pm Bridge Club	Burton Bradstock V. Hall
	7	7.30pm APCM	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Wed	8	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	9	12 noon Over 60's Lunch Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
	9	NT Easter Trail	Stonebarrow
Sun	12	12.00pm Duck Race	Main Street, LC
Tue	14	11.00am Coffee Morning	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
	14	2.00pm Bridge Club	Burton Bradstock V. Hall
Wed	15	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	16	12 noon Over 60's Lunch Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
	16	7.30pm Cakes & Cabaret	Church House, South St, B'port
Sat	18	2.30pm Easter Party	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Tue	21	11.00am Coffee Morning	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
	21	12.30pm Over 50's Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
	21	2.00pm Bridge Club	Burton Bradstock V. Hall
Wed	22	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
	22	7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Thu	23	12 noon Over 60's Lunch Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
Sat	25	10.00am HiTec-LoTec Coffee morning "	PSWB Village Hall
	25	Quiz Night with Fish & Chips	Burton Bradstock V.
Tue	28	11.00am Coffee Morning	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
	28	2.00pm Bridge Club	Burton Bradstock V. Hall
Wed	29	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	30	12 noon Over 60's Lunch Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR MARCH/APRIL

### PRINCIPAL FESTIVALS & PRINCIPAL HOLY DAYS FESTIVALS & HOLY DAYS, Sundays & Lesser Festivals, *Commemorations*

#### MARCH

- 1 **DAVID, BISHOP OF MENEVIA, PATRON OF WALES, c.601**
- 2 **CHAD, BISHOP OF LICHFIELD, MISSIONARY, 672**
- 7 **PERPETUA, FELICITY AND THEIR COMPANIONS, MARTYRS AT CARTHAGE, 203**
- 8 **EDWARD KING, BISHOP OF LINCOLN, 1910**
- 8 *Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647*
- 8 *Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929*
- 17 **PATRICK, BISHOP, MISSIONARY, PATRON OF IRELAND, c.460**
- 18 *Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386*
- 19 **JOSEPH OF NAZARETH**
- 21 **CUTHBERT, BISHOP OF LINDISFARNE, MISSIONARY, 687**
- 24 **THOMAS CRANMER, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, REFORMATION MARTYR, 1556**
- 24 *Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396*
- 25 *Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980*
- 26 **THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- 27 *Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883*
- 31 *John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631*

*Alternative dates: Chad may be celebrated with Cedd on 26 October instead of 2 March.  
Cuthbert may be celebrated on 4 September instead of 20 March*



#### APRIL

- 1 *Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872*
- 3 Palm Sunday
- 9 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
- 10 **GOOD FRIDAY**
- 11 Easter Eve
- 12 **EASTER DAY**
- 21 **ANSELM, ABBOT OF LE BEC, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, TEACHER OF THE FAITH, 1109**
- 23 **GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND, c.304**
- 24 *Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's, 624*
- 25 **MARK THE EVANGELIST**
- 27 *Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894*
- 28 *Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841*
- 29 **CATHERINE OF SIENA, TEACHER OF THE FAITH, 1380**
- 30 *Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922*

## THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM MINISTRY

**ST MARY: Burton Bradstock**

**ST MARY: Litton Cheney**

**ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy**

**ST PETER: Long Bredy**

**CHILCOMBE (Dedication unknown)**

**ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle**

**ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge**

**Holy Trinity: Swyre**

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### WEEKDAY SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY: MARCH 2009

Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Little Bredy
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Litton Cheney
		10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Litton Cheney
		10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Little Bredy
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Litton Cheney
		10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Litton Cheney
		10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Little Bredy

# CHURCH SERVICES

THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

March 2009

March 2009	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 1 <sup>st</sup> of Lent	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Lent	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> of March 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Lent	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> of Lent 22 <sup>nd</sup> March Mothering Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 5 <sup>th</sup> of Lent Passion Sunday (Black Service)
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 (ext) 6.30 EP	9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Parade Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	8AM Holy Communion 11AM UNITED VALLEY SERVICE
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer	
Chilcombe					
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion (ext)	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion (ext)	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service	
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (ext)	8AM Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion (ext)		11.00 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		11.00 Family Service		11.00 Holy Communion	