

Bride Valley News

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FROM THE CLERGY

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Today as I was sitting in my sun-lounge looking out at the sea I saw the National Trust at work installing the first of their ticket machines for the Hive car park. This set me thinking. How many people will pay and how many won't. Is honesty still one of society's values? So many of our British/Christian values have gone by the board.

We are fortunate in this corner of England because community (a good safeguard) is a practised thing, but not so in most urban areas. Common courtesies are no longer offered or accepted. Once, in London, I was happily walking along Holborn High Street when a young man objected to my smile by saying 'Wot's a matter wiv **you**?'

On another occasion on the London Underground I stood to give my seat to a young lady only to be glared at and firmly told that it was not required. And despite the demand by young people for 'Respect, man' it is attended with threats and sadly even murder. How about the man murdered for telling youngsters off for wilfully damaging his car. When Ambulance drivers and Firemen are attacked for helping those in need, and police are sworn at by drunken binge drinkers, the common decencies of life seem to have gone out of the window. Statistics tell us that nowadays, girls are more violent than boys.

Never before has the call of Christ been more relevant 'You are the light of the world, you are the salt of the earth.' Jesus didn't worry about mixed metaphors!! Light shows the path for us and others to walk along and salt stops things from getting tasteless and decaying. In other words he was challenging Christians not to go along with the present culture, but to be out there making a difference in society.

So, I ask, will the honesty box be used? Time will tell.

Ryder Rogers

As is our tradition, to celebrate Ascension Day (21st May), the children of Burton Bradstock School will sing a hymn from the top of St Mary's Church tower at 9.15am. This will be followed by a short service in the church, to which parents, grandparents and all are welcome to attend.

Please come and support our children in their witness.

Mike Read

Pulling together is the aim of despotism and tyranny. Free men pull in all kinds of directions.

Terry Pratchett, *The Truth*

SHIPTON GORGE

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SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on
Wednesday, 13th May in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Ernie Thomas – Parish Clerk

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

MAPPERTON HOUSE & GARDENS VISIT

Liz Gates has arranged for us to have a group visit to this beautiful
local estate on Wednesday, 13th May.

Transport will be by private cars, arrive in time for the first tour at 2pm.
Bring your own picnic or have lunch in the cafe. Cost £8.00 to include house
AND gardens– please sign up on the notice board in The New Inn or contact
Sally 897168 or John 897574.

FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

Please note the change of date from 25th July to 1st August at Shipton
Village Hall (please see later for details).

CREAM TEA & PLANT SWAP

This will be held at Stoneacre (opposite Bonscombe Lane). Bring a
plant and enjoy a homemade cream tea for £2.50. Begins at 2.00pm.

There will be plants for sale too!

CALOR VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

The judging for the regional round of the Calor Best
Community Village took place on a beautiful Monday
afternoon at the end of March. The village looked lovely,
and was peopled by very keen villagers who represented
their various societies with enthusiasm. Now we await the judges' decision
which should arrive by the end of April. Even if we don't win through to the
National Finals we might be in with a chance under one of the category
headings. And best of all we had fun doing it!!



As part of the presentation we mounted an exhibition in the village
marquee, and we intend to repeat that at the Melpash Show on August 27th.
Judging for the National Finals is in the week beginning July 13th.



Participants in *Pete's Random Quizzes* at
The New Inn would, like to send him a big vote of
thanks for the excellent organisation and hard work

which has obviously been put in to what is a good, fun night out with friends and neighbours.

John Kent



We send our warmest Best Wishes and Congratulations to Lt. Col. Peter and Mrs Pamela Bates who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 21st May 2009.

Sixty years of marriage is a wonderful achievement, and we wish Pamela and Peter many more happy years together.

From all your friends in Shipton Gorge.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

April Draw

£10 No 23 Betty Darby
£20 No 80 Mrs Pettit (Snr)

MRS CONSTANCE GALE

Constance died peacefully in her sleep at the age of 102 on 7th April. She had lived in Shipton Gorge for 30 years, but spent the last 10 months of her life in Thistlegate House, Charmouth. Her funeral took place on 17th April at St Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge.



LONG BREDY

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ST PETER'S CHURCH

We will be having a churchyard working party on Saturday, 6th June from 10.00am onwards. Please do come and help us to spring clean both inside the church and out.



FAREWELL to Jonathan, Claire and Pippa Cook, late of Long Bredy House, who said goodbye to Long Bredy in March. We thank them for all they contributed to village life, and wish them a happy future in pastures new.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY.

It is intended that the **Wine Tasting** evening will still go ahead so watch this space for a date to be confirmed later in the year.

The **Annual Duck Race** is also to be held later in the year; again with a date appearing here when arranged.

Don't forget to add the Long Bredy **Summer Fete** to your calendar--
Sunday 12th June.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS: CATHY & JOHN LAY-FLURRIE
22 BEACH ROAD, BURTON BRADSTOCK



The funeral of **Wing Commander Fred (Freddie) Tame**, led by Revd Canon John Atkinson, was held on Monday 30th March in a packed St Mary's church. Representatives from the RAF, churches and community in which he served were present to recognise and give thanks for his service. and to support Elaine, their daughters, and family.

BURTON BRADSTOCK LENT LUNCH

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Lent Lunch on March 28th. A total of £208 was raised for this year's chosen charities – Tearfund and Emmaus Exeter.

Mission Committee



BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE CLUB

The club meets each week on Tuesday at 2pm prompt in the Village Hall.

For further information please telephone 01308 898117.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

VILLAGE FAYRE

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will once again be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May (2.00pm to 4.30pm). 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 and the U7s can take part in a Fancy Dress Competition. Mr. Custard will be there to entertain and amuse.

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: Carolyn James, **Tel 01308 898222**. Carolyn would be grateful for any soaps, small pieces of china, costume jewellery, scarves etc. or anything suitable for a small gift.

Children's Stall: Betty Champkins, **Tel 01308 897419**. Betty will be grateful for any donations. Any toys, books, games, crayons etc. (new or used) must be clean, in good condition and safe for young children.

Books: Beryl Kempsey, **Tel 01308 897355**. Beryl 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: Chris Clarke, **Tel 01308 898117**. The WI is organising this stall and they would be grateful for any donations and these can be brought to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fayre.

Burton Bradstock/Jurassic Coast, Heather Seadon, **Tel 01308 897639**. Heather would like anything connected with Burton Bradstock – pictures, postcards, photographs, notelets etc.

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 **Pat Raven (Stalls), Tel 01308 897669** or **Susan Moores (Games) , Tel 01308 897673**.

Note: The Village Hall will be open from 9.30am to midday on Saturday 23rd May to receive items for any of the stalls.

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

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL "200 CLUB"

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

April 2009 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£43.60	No. 23	Mr. John Surry
2nd	£21.80	No. 211	Mr. Simon Holdcroft
3rd	£10.90	No. 19	Mrs. Carolyn James

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.

BURTON BRADSTOCK WHIST DRIVE

The Whist Drive on March 26th in aid of Julia's House was a success and £200 was raised. Many thanks to all who attended, for donations received, and to WI members who gave prizes for the raffle and whist.

Chris Clarke.

BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL 2009

SPRING CONCERT

7.30 pm Friday 8th May Village Hall

David Juritz and **Sophia Rahman** will be performing a programme of violin and piano music including

Handel – Violin sonata in D major

Albeniz – Asturias (Leyenda)

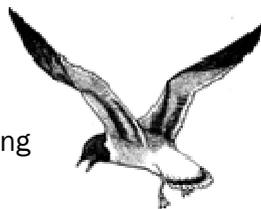
Piazzolla – Le Grand Tango

Mendelssohn – Violin sonata in F minor, Op 4

Tickets £10 (including wine and soft drinks) available from Mike Southgate on 01308 897487, the Post Office or at the door.

Main Festival tickets will go on sale at this concert, when the box office will open at 6.00pm; so this is your opportunity to get good seats for the events in August. A brochure giving full details of the concerts and other events and ticket prices has been distributed: copies available from me and on the web site www.burtonbradstock.org.uk.

Mike Southgate 897487



BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING

The Burton Bradstock Village Society are having their annual coffee morning with plants and cakes for sale on Saturday 16th May from 10.30 till 12 noon.. Anybody who has any donations for either the plant or cake stall please can they bring them along on the morning of the 16th between 9.30 & 10am. Thank you very much and hope to see you all on the day.

Sandy Adderley

“DORSET COUNTRY HOUSES, ART AND ARCHITECTURE” By Patrick Morrissey

“The bastards have built a lot of the houses round here,” said Patrick Morrissey. Nobody blinked, so I assumed he was probably right. “The Bastard brothers,” whispered John Grantham.

By looking at churches, we can see something approaching the original styles, but most old houses have been blighted by “restoration”, that is, by the owners’ or architects’ view of what *should be* original – often only as original as the most recent edition of a journal on the subject! It was fascinating to see the chopping-and-changing of fireplaces, pediments and even actual re-building. From Woodlands (1430) (“Look at the porch!” – “It isn’t; it’s a Ford Capri - oh, you mean the entrance!”), through Tipping’s brought-in furniture for his Country Life photographs, to the houses built for the Trenchards, there was seemingly one link: that either the owners were Morrissey’s friends or that he had, at some stage, considered purchasing the said property.

The Officers’ Mess scooped the raffle: Parsons as usual, but this time joined by Pritchard.

Anna Pavord ,who inadvertently missed her date with us in February, asked me to pass on her very sincere apologies to everyone, which I did at the last Village Society meeting and do so here for those who were not present. She has promised to make amends next season.

The Village Society would like to record their gratitude to Peter Broomhead and Geoffrey Bourne-Taylor for stepping into the breach at the last moment and entertaining us with their personal reminiscences.

Patrick Morrissey’s excellent talk in March on Dorset country houses was not in fact the last as suggested in the last bulletin: On April 17th, the explorer Shirley Critchley will tell us about the search for the wreck of HMS Wager off the coast of Chile.
Philip Howse (V.S. Programme Sec.)

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

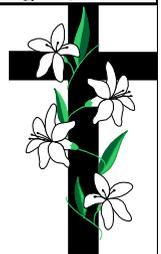
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NICK CARTER

The funeral and celebration for the life of Nick Carter was held in St. Mary’s on Tuesday, 7th April, followed by burial in the cemetery.

It was a wonderful farewell by family and friends to a very courageous and much-loved man, after a long battle with illness. Our love and sympathy are with his wife, Pam, and her family.



Ann Roberts



CROWN PUNCKNOWLE FUNDRAISERS

On those Sundays when the Wessex Military Band are playing at the Crown Inn, Puncknowle, the Crown Puncknowle

Fundraisers will also be there with a few stalls: cakes, plants, skittles etc.

The band will playing from 12 noon on 24th May, 28th June and 16th August.

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

100 CLUB

Prizes for February	£10	Avril Upjohn
	£ 5	Elizabeth Edwards
Prizes for March	£10	Madeline Marshall
	£ 5	Pam Carter



For bookings, telephone
01308 897724

New Season

By now all previous members of the 100 Club will have received an invitation to re-join for the next year. If you have not yet been contacted or would like to join please contact me at 01308 897318 or at Owl Bank, 3 Green Barton, Swyre, Dorchester, DT2 9DN.

Please send £18.00 for each share (by cheque please payable to Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall) to cover for the next year. (i.e. May 2009 to April 2010). Prizes are drawn each month, usually at the Village Lunch. Proceeds are used for the upkeep of the Village Hall. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sid Marshall

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The May lunch will be on Tuesday 19th May at 12.30pm. If you have not yet ordered your lunch, or would like to become a member, please contact Ken Martin on 01308 897622.



WINE TASTING

Wine Tasting with Palmers, will be on Friday 26th June at 7.45pm. This will be your opportunity to taste 8 wines of the world, and several local cheeses.

Tickets available at £7 each from The Crown Inn, Puncknowle.

HI-TEC, LO-TEC

The next of our monthly, computer orientated coffee mornings, will be at 10.00am on Saturday, 23rd May, when we will return to the popular subject of "Family History".

Do come along. If you're a novice, find out what it's all about. If you're not a novice, come and share your expertise. Otherwise just come for a cup of coffee, and have a chat, and for a small fee, exchange that jig-saw,



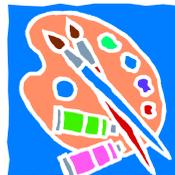
those DVD's, CD's or computer games that you've finished with for something else.

FREE PUBLIC BROADBAND ACCESS

The Village Hall is open every Wednesday from 3.00pm to 6.00pm for anyone to use the computers, or to connect their own (wireless enabled) computers to the Village Hall broadband connection. Someone will be on hand to assist as and when necessary.

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

We met at Bridport Arts Centre to view the Michael Upton retrospective exhibition. He lived in and around Bridport during the 1970's and 80's and was involved in the foundation of the Symondsburry School of Art. He later moved to Mousehole in Cornwall. Pictures included in the exhibition were scenes of Lyme Bay and Weymouth.



Peter will be leading the group on May 1st and on the 15th we meet at Sue's to paint beach huts.

Rowena Hampton will be giving us a workshop in the village hall on 29th.

Christine Malony

LITTON CHENEY

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DAVID COX.

Thank you to the many friends and neighbours who have sent warm condolences. These are very much appreciated and, bring comfort at this sad time.

Jennifer Cox and family.



ST. MARY'S FETE

Monday 25th May 2.00 p.m. at Court House

Come and enjoy all the fun at the Fete. Attractions include Maypole Dancing by Thorner's School, 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 now and on the day, with wonderful prizes to be won!

We should be very grateful to receive anything you can give to fill the stalls, or donate as prizes. Contacts for each stall are:

Cakes: (Carol Lindsay 482383) Lots needed for the stall on the day, please.

Also tray bakes, scones and cakes for **Teas.** (Irene Coville 482210)

House & Garden (Claire Gross 482748): Please rummage at the back of cupboards, garden sheds and garages for any unwanted tools (general or garden) and any bits and pieces someone else may need to finish a DIY task.

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

Provisions: Diana Spicer (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 & Alison Davidson 482661) Lots needed on the day, please label them so we know what they are!

Bottle Tombola: (Wendy & David Taylor 482532)

Collection round the village from 18th May.

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

Prizes for games: Freddie Spicer, I Litton Hill

Many thanks, and we look forward to seeing you!

If you are able to help in any way on the day, please contact Freddie Spicer (482617)

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING & VILLAGE ASSEMBLY

The next Litton Cheney Parish Council Meeting and Village Assembly will take place on Tuesday 12th May 2009, 7.30pm at Thorner's School. There will also be a presentation on the new "Litton and Thorner's Community Hall" including booking arrangements, opening programme, hire charges and funding plus a chance to ask questions. The hall is due to open on Saturday 30th May.

This will be the last village assembly and parish council meeting to be held at the school. Subsequent meetings will be held in the new community hall. For any further information please contact the parish clerk John Firrell on 482313.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Many thanks to all those who turned up on the morning of Saturday March 14th for the **LITTER PICK** and to those who went litter picking on the Friday.



The next **VILLAGE WALK** is on Saturday May 9th. Meet at the bus shelter at 10.00 am weather permitting.

The **AGM** will be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday May 20th at Thorners School. Jim Armstrong will be giving a talk on Long Horn cattle and showing a film entitled "DORSET DAYS....a year in the life of LONGHORN JIM "Do come along for an interesting evening and a free glass of wine.

Sheila Davison Secretary LCSC 482262

LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL OPENING DATE



The good news is we plan to be in the new hall in May, but sadly due to circumstances beyond our control the opening date has had to be moved to Saturday 30th May. Whilst we are obviously disappointed as no doubt are the many local residents who have often greeted us with the words "Not long now." and "Doesn't it look great!", we are very keen to get it right this time, with the hall finished and looking its best, hence the realistic change of date. The wait will be worth it we can assure you.

We are now in the process of re-arranging the opening programme which we mentioned in April BVN. Thank you to all the various groups and individuals who have made our job a lot easier by being flexible over rearranged dates. In fact it is only today (the BVN deadline) that we have been able to confirm the new opening date.

On Saturday 30th May, there will be a concert by the local and much in demand group "Exit Smiling" under the leadership of David Powell. Tickets will be on sale on the door priced £2.50 adults and £1.50 for school children. The doors will open at 7.00pm and there will be a cash Bar.

On Sunday 31st a United Valley Family Service of Thanksgiving will be held in the community hall starting at 11.00am followed by refreshments.

A programme of events for June will be distributed with June's BVN and displayed on the Litton web site, and any subsequent changes will be made known by other expedient means.

So, despite the change of date we continue to hurtle towards occupation of the new hall. Even now, when the interiors are still very bare bones, there is little doubt it will be a stunning venue serving the community and the school in equal measure. Make Saturday 30th May a date in your diary and leave a few spare dates in June for more functions at the hall.

If you would like to make a donation, a) we are delighted, and b) please contact Freddie Spicer on 482617.

Television is the first truly democratic culture -- the first culture available to everybody and entirely governed by what the people want. The most terrifying thing is what people do want.

Clive Barnes

The public have an insatiable curiosity to know everything. Except what is worth knowing. Journalism, conscious of this, and having tradesman-like habits, supplies their demands.

Oscar Wilde

LITTLEBREDY

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These notes are written just in time to have seen the Church's Easter decorations, which were as colourful and spectacular as ever. Several entries in the Visitors' Book attest that this is a general, not just a local biased view. Thanks and congratulations to all concerned.

And thanks too to James Webster, who gallantly turned out to take the Easter Day service here, despite the gap in the BVN calendar last month, plus those who ascertained that there would be a service after all and then attended.

The Social Club Committee is planning its next event as an un-themed **SOCIAL EVENING** in the Hall on Friday 15th May, from about 7.00 till about 10.00. This also provides the opportunity to give advance notice of the following event, which (weather permitting) will be a summer evening of barbecue and rounders on the cricket ground from 6.30 p.m. onwards on Friday 19th June, by which time the new pavilion will be open and ready to provide shelter if necessary. More about that next month...

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING AND PCC MEETINGS.

The following persons were elected to the following posts:

Church Wardens elect: David Buckland and Madeline Marshall

Treasurer: Church Wardens will cover this post.

Secretary: Sue Taylor.

Electoral Roll Secretary: Peter Northover

Team Council Representatives: Vera Hirst and Madeline Marshall.



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Please note that the next working party will be on Saturday 9th May. All from the village are welcome to come and help to

keep your Church and grounds in good order. Refreshments will be provided.

SOUND SYSTEM

This by the time you read this should have been installed and will be working for the benefit of all. It has been a long time in planning and getting the appropriate permissions and we hope it will benefit us all.

TRINITY WEEKEND

Trinity Fayre will be going ahead on 6th June as announced. I have received offers of help on the day but more would be welcome. Please let me, David Buckland, know if you can help to make this a great occasion. This year a special request for good weather has been made.

EVENSONG on 7th June at 6.30pm will, we hope, be a special occasion with a visiting preacher and refreshments to follow. Please come and enjoy our celebrations.

BEYOND THE VALLEY

GOOD BOOKS

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

Tel: 01308 420483 E-mail: 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.

BURMA – NOT FORGOTTEN?

May marks the anniversary of Cyclone Nargis, the worst natural disaster in the history of Burma. On Wednesday 20th May there will be a fundraising stall selling cards, biscuits & bags at the Bridport United Church (East Street) Coffee Morning 10am-12.00noon.

CHAI & CHAT (West Dorset/Africa Network)

The next meeting will be on Monday 18th May, from 2.30 to 4.30pm at Good Books, Gundry Lane, with Pam Coventry from the Bride Valley sharing her knowledge of the worldwide Mothers Union working in Africa.

All welcome for tea, chat & cake!

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Sopranos, altos, tenors & basses in the Bride Valley – come to to a 'Taster' session with Roger Jones at Bridport United Church on Tuesday 19th May at 7.00pm, to hear "ROCK", his latest musical about Simon Peter which is currently touring the



UK. Choirs are being formed in Bridport & Dorchester for the tour performance on Monday 26th October, 2009 at Bridport United Church.

Contacts for further details: Molly Doughty 01308 422096, email mollyphil@doughtydorset.fsnet.co.uk, or Bill Hancox 01308 459018, email william.hancox1@virgin.net



CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU
WORKING FOR YOU
GUEST SPEAKER: MARTIN PALEY
Bridport & District CAB
Wednesday 6th May 7.00pm,
Bridport Christian Fellowship,
King Street School

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch)

It is with regret that we have to record the death of **Cmdr. Sandy Saunders** our oldest Branch Member at 91 years of age. As recently as our Annual Dinner Sandy joined in our activities. He was a stalwart supporter and we shall miss his great sense of fun.



Our **Annual Dinner** at Upwey Wishing Well Restaurant was well supported. Our guests on this occasion were Mr Alan North (Dorset County Chairman) and his wife Joyce, Rev. Ada Whittock (Branch Padre) and her husband Keith, also Col. Charles Cooper (Dorchester Military Museum) and his wife Jackie. Grateful thanks to Mr. & Mrs. J. Waring for special arrangements.

Sunday 5th April was like a summer's day for our outing to **Totnes & Dartmouth**. 45 Members and friends enjoyed a splendid day out, which included a boat trip between the towns and lunch at Taylor's Restaurant on Dartmouth riverside: the proprietor having opened especially for our party. The meals come highly recommended!

Our next meeting is at Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 14th May, when our speaker will be Steven Hogg on "**Submarines under the North Pole**". If you are thinking of joining our Branch, this might be a good time to come along to sample what is on offer.

Our **National Conference** is at Eastbourne on 16/17th May, 2009. Des Baker is our delegate.

The mini-break to **Stoke on Trent, Alrewas Memorial & Lichfield Cathedral** departs on Sunday 14th June, 2009, for the 3-day trip. We have only 3 "single" rooms left, so if you hurry.....

On Saturday, 20th June, 2009, we are going by coach to Bishops Lydeard (Nr. Taunton) to take the **Steam Train Special** excursion to **Minehead** (return). Concessionary rates apply to train fares (payable in advance) and coach fares will be calculated on the day. The coach leaves Bridport at 8.15 a.m., calling as required at Abbotsbury, Portesham, Steepleton, Dorchester (9 a.m.) etc.

Book now for the **8-day tour of S.W. France**, leaving 5th September, 2009, based on half-board at the **3*Grand Hotel, Poitiers**, and visiting **Limoges**, St. Savin, Chauvigny, Le Marais Poitevin and **"Futuroscope"** (France's Epcot Centre). Luxury coach travel throughout is via the Tunnel. Full itinerary of the above tours available from me: these last three events are open to non-Members.

Des Baker, Branch Vice Chairman, 01305 267617

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Bridport Children's Centre,
Skilling Hill Road, Bridport DT6 5LA



Home-Start West Dorset



VALLEY NOTES



MOTHERS' UNION.

Friday 29th May. 2.30pm at St. Marys' Church, Burton Bradstock. World Wide Meeting plus bring and buy.

The Earl of Sandwich will speak of his links with Kenya.

All are welcome.

Yvette Smith. 898219

QUIZ UPDATE

Please book Sunday November 29th (a 5th Sunday) in your diaries and come to the Bride Valley Bible Quiz Finals at 3.30pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. There will be matches before and after a free tea! All are welcome.

Heather Rogers



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Our opening meeting for the year was fronted again by Phil Gamble who was enthusiastically received by our longstanding and new members. Once again we had both written questions and many from the floor with subjects ranging from suggestions to put mothballs down molehills, recommendations to use seaweed extract as an excellent fertiliser, heeling in daffodil bulbs after digging them up as if the bulbs dry out they can get fungal disease, and many more informative replies. Our April meeting "Summer Interest & Colour in your Garden" should prove equally interesting and then on May 20th when we will have a short A.G.M. starting earlier, at 7.00pm, followed by a talk with a pruning demonstration on the history of topiary, given by Mrs. Harriet Sykes of Belmont Nursery. Members free, Visitors £2.



JOBS TO DO.

Place straw beneath strawberries to keep the fruit clean. Sow French and runner beans direct into the soil. Stake up peas. Harden off plants raised from seeds and cuttings. Prune spring flowering shrubs and check hedges carefully for nesting birds before trimming them.

DIARY OF EVENTS:

Monday May 20th - A.G.M. 7.00pm followed by talk and demonstration on the History of Topiary 7.30pm by Harriet Sykes of Belmont Nursery: Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall

Thursday June 4th - Coach outing to Coleton Fishacre: for details and availability contact Alison Davidson on 482661

Monday June 15th - Low Maintenance Gardening 7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall.

*Sylvia Delves, Acting Chair e-mail sylvia@delvesuk.freeserve.co.uk
Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary e-mail secretary.bvgc@virgin.net, Tel: 01308 482240*



BRIDE VALLEY SCOUT GROUP

The Group AGM will be on Monday 18th May at 7.30pm at Burton Bradstock Village Hall – all welcome.

As the numbers in all sections are fast growing we do have several vacancies within the Group.

BEAVER SCOUT LEADER – the section aged 6 –8yr olds – from September 2009

ASSISTANT BEAVER LEADER – a.s.a.p

ASSISTANT CUB LEADER- the section aged 8 – 10.1/2 – a.s,a,p,

ASSISTANT SCOUT LEADER – the section aged 10 – 14 – a.s.a.p.

The above do require some training.

CHAIRPERSON – required from 18th May – to chair our committee meetings which are held three times per year

If you would like to see the Scout Group grow even more in Bride Valley and are over 18 yrs old please contact Denise Hunt, Group Scout Leader, on 01308-458007, or e-mail hunt63@talktalk.net

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

Last term, the children visited the Life Education Van to learn about how their bodies work - parents were invited to go along too.

Welcome to **JACOB** who also started at playgroup a few weeks ago.

Spring has arrived so Carol came in to help us start planting seeds in our container garden - so far we have planted french beans, herbs, lettuces and flowers. This will help with learning about “Growing”.

Martin, our vice-chair, has made some very smart new security gates for Playgroup and painted them in lovely bright colours.

Some new equipment has been ordered for playgroup - new climbing frame, sand pit and cubby house for outdoor play. We are looking forward to their arriving at the end of April, ready for next term.

Fledglings will be holding an event for the new Hall (LATCH) - a Vintage Car rally plus cream teas and a band playing, early in June. Look out for further advertising and put the date in your diary. Come along to see the new Hall in Litton Cheney, next to the school.

NESTLINGS

Open to parents, babies, and toddlers to join in playgroup activities, play with resources, meet others, become familiar with Fledglings environment, find out information re playgroup and school, have a snack & a drink. Just drop in on Thursday afternoons at 1.45pm - 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.

THORNER'S SCHOOL

BOOK WEEK & OTHER EXCITEMENTS

At last it seems that my brain and my body clock are adapting to my ‘new-since-September’ part-time working week. At the start of the school year I was frequently thinking Wednesday was Monday and Thursday was Tuesday, and was surprised by the quizzical glances given me by colleagues, as I made totally unhinged and irrelevant remarks!



I am a great advocate of the job-share. I was fortunate enough to have a very good one for nine years at Thorner's with my good friend Daphne Hawkins and I am equally blessed now to be sharing with Sally Jevons. There is great comfort and support in knowing there is another body, brain and personality to share the load and I am certain that in a job share which is working well, the school and the children can only benefit.

A positive aspect of being in school on a part-time basis is that there are always surprises. Recently I walked into school to start my week and was amazed to see the wonderful, colourful display in the hall which was the result of the RE workshop day. The whole school had been involved and by all accounts had enjoyed a very happy, creative time and this showed in the vibrant and animated banner and mural which adorned the walls. These also proclaimed the faith we profess as a Christian school and celebrated the Easter message.

During March we held our annual Book Week and for the first time in many years I was not in school for Dressing-up Day, so I had a lovely surprise seeing the photos of everyone in their book character costumes, almost the whole cast of Cinderella was represented amongst the staff alone! The pupils always enter into the spirit of this day wholeheartedly and really do grow into their roles. A favourite activity is 'hot-seating' when a child assumes the personality of their character and answers questions from the other pupils about their storybook adventure. I remember a 'magic moment' years ago when a boy in my class was being 'hot-seated' as his dressing-up character, the Prince in Sleeping Beauty. He explained how he had cut down the thorny brambles round the castle, and pointing to a real hole in his jumper he said, 'Look you can see where it tore my clothes.' Such is the wonderful imagination of children and it is a privilege to witness it in this way.

During Book Week we were visited by local storyteller Don Newton who entranced the children with his traditional tales, again their imaginations were inspired and they enjoyed some interesting activities as follow-up to Don's input. Now here we are in May, when handstands and daisy chains rule on the school field, and imaginations run wild as the children enjoy this Summer term in our beautiful surroundings at Thorner's.

Maggie Hooper

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

The summer term is well and truly here again and also everything that goes with it. This month could turn out to be historic if it really is the end of SATs as we know them - I certainly hope so.

Soon our two youngest classes visit 'Streetwise' which is a very practical experience about keeping safe. Later in the month the school choir

entertain parents and governors with a 2nd Annual Choir Concert. We celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday 21st May in the church, starting at 9.15am. Visitors and friends are welcome to join us for a very short service. Finally, just before we break up for Half Term, Class 4 are due to visit the Lyme Regis Fossil Festival.

As for events that have taken place since the last BVN, a few of our children took part in the Pyramid Tri-Golf Tournament held during the last week of term. Congratulations go to Patrick Harper who, from a field of 17 competitors, took first place. The following day a number of children represented the school at the Cluster Netball tournament and, although winning just one of their four matches, put in much improved performances from a few months ago.

During the term we also supported the 'Barnardo's Egg Challenge' which involved hard-boiling an egg, decorating it as a person and then looking after it for a week. This proved to be quite a challenge for some, especially when they forgot to hard-boil the egg first! This worthwhile event raised over £300 for the charity. Our Easter Service in the church was, as always, a fitting and special way to end the term.

Mark Stratta

THANK YOU

SPECIAL THANKS go to children from

Burton Bradstock & Thorners Schools (including the Pearse & Jevons families, Eden Taylor, Rachel Vanzyl, Jenny Stazicker), David

Powell (Bride Valley Band) and over 90 local musicians and their sponsors who raised over £1800 at the MusicAthon organised by the Friends of West Dorset Music Centre. The money from this event, celebrating the Centre's 25th anniversary, will be shared between the Rwanda Afritank Project & The Richard Ely Trust for Young Musicians. (Enquiries about joining or becoming a Friend of the Music Centre, contact Pat Crawford 01308 456297.)





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Term-time: Wednesdays, 10am to 12noon

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PLANTS! PLANTS!

A sale of plants (perennial and bedding), some unusual ones, will be held at Red House, Middle Street, Burton Bradstock, on Friday 15th May, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon, in aid of the Bible Society and the Church Mission Society. This will give an opportunity to replace plants lost in the harsh winter



NOTICE FOR MOTORISTS

Motorists should be aware that for the duration of construction work at Peas Hill, Shipton Gorge on the road between Burton Bradstock and the A35, some disruption to traffic may be expected. *Ernie Thomas – SG Parish Clerk*



NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE

Hello and a Happy Easter from the National Trust West Dorset Team!

Many of you will now be aware that the Trust's plans to improve the car parking and facilities for visitors to the beach at Burton Bradstock have been approved. Work is scheduled to commence on the 20th April and due to be completed by the end of May 2009.

The first stage will be to install new drainage and then upgrade the parking bays and access. The resurfacing works will complete the project, but rest assured that the finish will be natural in order to fit in with the beautiful location of Hive Beach and its environs.

Another new addition to the site are the pay & display machines, which went 'live' on the 1st April. Income generated from the machines will be re-invested across the West Dorset properties and used to help maintain and conserve the spectacular landscape and features of Hive Beach and Burton Bradstock. The income will also enable us to employ a seasonal car park warden who will help manage the site and maximise capacity of the car park by directing cars to park in the most efficient way. Disabled parking will be available in the lower car park and opposite the Hive Café. This is in response to requests from people who flagged up concerns and aired their views at the NT 'surgeries', kindly hosted by Steve Attrill and the team at the Hive Beach Café.'

National Trust members can still park at the beach for free, but please remember to display your membership stickers in a prominent place! Parking charges are now £1 per hour or £5 per day. NT's Head Warden for West Dorset explains, "Experience elsewhere has shown that a reasonable charge does not deter visitors, and that many appreciate how it supports the charity in caring for over 250,000 hectares of stunning countryside like Burton Bradstock".

As if all the changes at Burton weren't exciting enough, a recent NT survey revealed that 'simple pleasures' provide a much needed antidote to the much hyped recession, which is great news for us here in West Dorset with acres of spectacular coastline, stunning views and an array of iconic and fascinating properties. We are indeed blessed with so much natural beauty on our doorstep. So, what are you waiting for? Get out there and enjoy the coast and countryside!

I'd just like to say how much I enjoyed meeting and working with members of the Burton Bradstock Parish Council Recreation Committee and the host of young people who attended the youth play consultation at the playing fields on Saturday 28th March. The Dorset Community Action Play Team were on hand to help facilitate some of the consultation activities, but best of all was the willow shelter that almost everyone had a hand in building. It was a great talking point and a wonderful space for all to enjoy.

The young people came up with a diverse and innovative range of ideas for their play space and activities they would like to see, so we wish them every success in their endeavours. Thanks to the PC for a very enjoyable day....it was great!

And Finally...Introducing Sarah. We are delighted to announce that Sarah Kennedy has taken over from Michael Clarke as the new NT Warden for Burton Bradstock. So over the coming weeks and months you will be seeing a lot more of her as she takes up her new role overseeing the management of the car park, wardening the site and facilitating the Burton NT Volunteer group. If you'd like to get involved and be an NT volunteer at Burton, then please ring the office at Charmouth on 01297 561900. We'd love to hear from you.

Don't forget that anyone interested in what's going on at Hive Beach is welcome to attend the on-going drop-in surgeries which are held at the Hive Beach Café on the first Tuesday of each month, between 10.00am and 12noon. The next one will be on Tuesday 5th May.

Caroline Richards, Visitor Services Manager – West Dorset

HOME WATCH

Dorset Police are looking for a male who is committing deception offences throughout Dorset. The report was from Weymouth: Wiltshire police also have an interest in this male.

We believe the method he uses is to find a parish or church notice board and to get names and/or addresses of people attached to the church. He then uses this info to call on those persons suggesting he has been sent by the vicar. He uses the vicar's name stating he/she has sent



him along. He then convinces the victim to lend him sums of cash stating he will pay it back. He is very plausible and easily wins the victims confidence. He has in the past been known to approach persons in the post office using this tactic. It is possible that he is driving in a Silver Ford Focus part registration NG06***.

The male is described as 6ft tall, 23 years old, slim build with dark hair possibly curly, crooked teeth with Scottish accent. At one of the incidents he claims his name is Liam.

Any information at all would be appreciated please via 01202 222222 quoting message number 358 dated 24th March.



BRIDE VALLEY GUILD OF HEALTH MEDITATION HEALING GROUP

Meets at Othona at 2.30pm on every first and third (never on the fifth) Thursday every month. (except not at all in August and only the first Thursday in December.)

QUIET DAY

To be led by Brother Samuel of Hilfield Friary at Othona on May 14th, from 10.00am - 4.00pm. Please bring sandwiches, which will be augmented by Othona's soup, coffee and tea. Open to all, cost £6.

WAYFINDERS

part of Dorset POPP, the Dorset Partnership for Older People Project

Wayfinders provide free, impartial and confidential information for people over 50 years old. They have lists of contacts and information to help you find out about most things eg Social activities, Benefits, Learning opportunities, Care agencies, Reliable traders., Keeping healthy, Legal issues, Housing options, Safety and Security or any other issues that may concern you; Wayfinders can usually put you in touch with someone who can help.

Wayfinders often go to local lunch clubs and coffee mornings, where they meet a wide range of people with issues to discuss. If you have an event you would like us to attend, we have leaflets to display and hand out on many different subjects.

You can phone a Central answer phone, leave your contact details and the Wayfinder in your area will get back to you. Wayfinders work 9 hours a week and will contact you on their next working day.

CENTRAL ANSWERPHONE NUMBER: 01305 213345.



St James the Least of All

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

On tramps and peculiar pottery in the vestry

The Rectory

St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Quite frankly, I thought that you had at least a degree of common sense, even if it would need tracker dogs to find it. When a dishevelled stranger arrives on your doorstep, claiming to be a representative from your insurance company, why do you believe him? And when he asks about the location and contents of the church safe, it might not have been unreasonable to wonder if all was as it seemed.

I do think that to give him the keys to the vestry and the safe combination number while telling him you would call back in half an hour after doing a baptism visit, was hardly the wisest of decisions. You may as well have helped him load the contents into his van. Being innocent as a dove is commendable; but being as wary as a serpent does have its advantages.

Thank goodness that at least your Communion vessels are not silver. Instead they consist of singularly shaped pottery cup and bowl that not even the thief would touch. As I recall, dear Mrs Sprogg here at St. James the Least of All made them while she was learning her new hobby last Spring. (I was not surprised when, having finished the cup and bowl, she decided pottery was not her vocation, and turned to pig rearing instead.)

But in the meantime, she wanted a home for her extraordinary creations. She tried to slip them past me, into St James. Fortunately I was able to fend her off with all the medieval silverware we've already got here. And I diverted her by saying that YOUR parish would be charmed to be the recipients of such munificence. I believe I even went so far as to say that her earthenware creations would be objects of wonder to your

congregation. (If not objects of sheer astonishment.)

Your letter of thanks was much appreciated, although she was a little disappointed with your rapid refusal when she later offered to make you a ten foot clay figure of Jesus. I saw the nearly completed work: it was a Picasso in pottery.

No, you must learn to spot a con man at a hundred paces. You may have tramps there, but we have gentlemen of the road here - and I owe one of ours a debt of gratitude. His tip for the 2.30pm at our local racecourse enabled us to acquire the splendid new nave chandelier - although explaining the source of the money in our parish magazine needed careful wording.

I am obliged to concede that judging someone by their dress is not always easy. I was once confronted by an appallingly dressed man on the doorstep, who looked lost. Before he could utter a word, I gave him a broom and told him to sweep the leaves in the Rectory drive, while I made him a sandwich and a mug of tea. It was only when I took them out to him as he was quietly working that I discovered he was the Duke of Wittering, come to examine the tombs of his ancestors in the church. Once I pictured him in marble, lying prone with his hands together, I could see the family likeness.

Most graciously, he said that using a broom had been a novel experience. I refrained from suggesting that using a comb may be another skill he could usefully acquire.

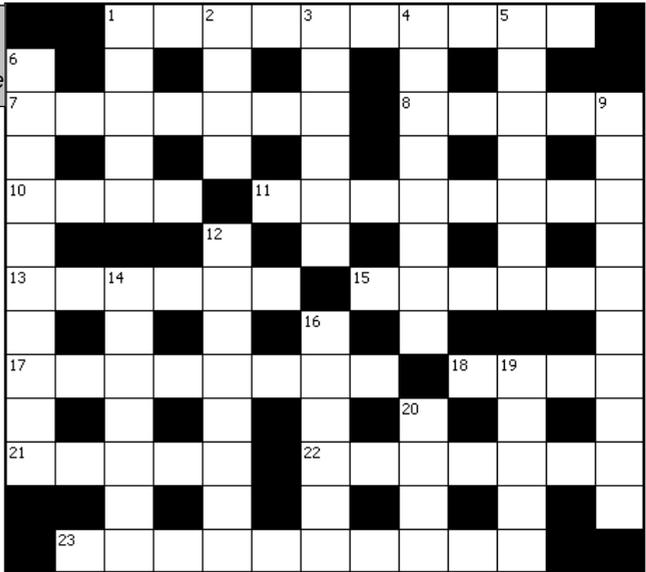
Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Much of the social history of the Western world over the past three decades has involved replacing what worked with what sounded good. In area after area - crime, education, housing, race relations - the situation has gotten worse after the bright new theories were put into operation. The amazing thing is that this history of failure and disaster has neither discouraged the social engineers nor discredited them.

Thomas Sowell *Is Reality Optional?*

CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible



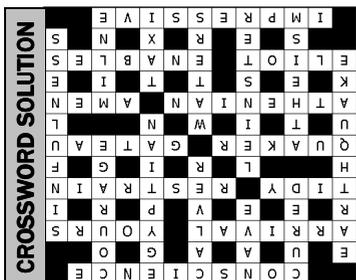
ACROSS

- 1 Sense of right and wrong (1 Corinthians 8:7) (10)
- 7 Coming (John 11:17) (7)
- 8 'All I have is — , and all you have is mine' (John 17:10) (5)
- 10 Smarten (Acts 9:34) (4)
- 11 Hold back (Job 9:13) (8)
- 13 Member of the Society of Friends (6)
- 15 At ague (anag.) (6)
- 17 Citizen of the Greek capital (8)
- 18 So be it (Galatians 6:18) (4)
- 21 20th -century poet & dramatist who wrote Murder in the Cathedral, T.S. — (5)
- 22 Empowers (Philippians 3:21) (7)
- 23 Imposing (1 Samuel 9:2) (10)

DOWN

- 1 Healed (Luke 7:21) (5)
- 2 Central space in a church (4)
- 3 Co-founder of Spring Harvest and General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance 1983–97, Clive — (6)
- 4 Moses killed one when he saw him beating a Hebrew labourer (Exodus 2:12) (8)
- 5 Bravery (Acts 4:13) (7)
- 6 It interrupted Paul and Silas singing hymns in a Philippian jail (Acts 16:26) (10)
- 9 Transgression (Psalm 36:1) (10)
- 12 Irish province in which Dublin is situated (8)
- 14 Same hit (anag.) (7)

- 16 'The Spirit of God was hovering over the — ' (Genesis 1:2) (6)
- 19 Author of the immortal stories of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. — (5)
- 20 Cab (4)



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'Spring'

Sandra Yates

Spring spreads its ample hope
On eager hills that rush
To meet the crisp, new sky.
A resolute sun descends the puzzle
Of distorted boughs in grateful trees.
Frost, relenting in the altered air,
Wavers over swords of grass.
The ground cracks;
Life stirs, warily, in its natal bed.
All that said ... Winter's dead!



LOST IN TRANSLATION

The following extracts from school religious exam papers make you wonder!

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day but a ball of fire at night.

When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta

When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manger.

Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
Then St John the Blacksmith dumped water on his head.

Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

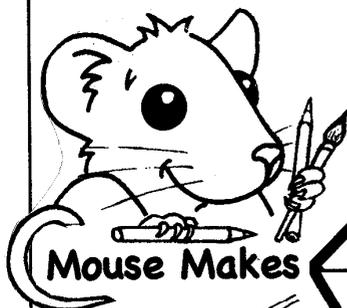
Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

The epistles were the wives of the apostles.

One of the opossums was St Matthew who was also a taximan.



FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE

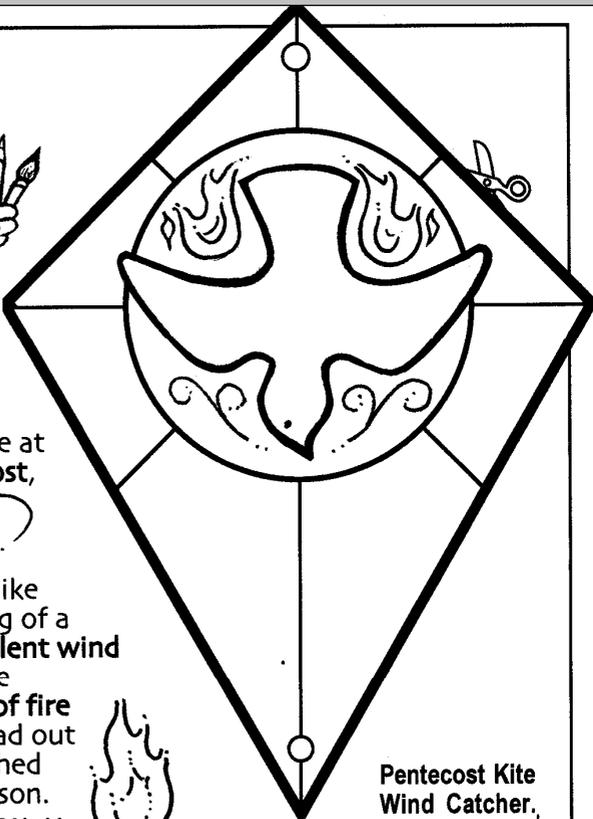


Mouse Makes

When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, there was a noise from the sky which sounded like the blowing of a violent wind and what looked like



tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person.
Read Acts 2:1-41



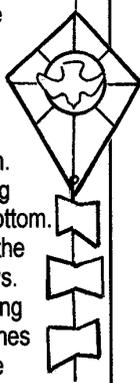
The Holy Spirit lives with us and lives in us.	The Holy Spirit helps us to know we belong to God
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The Holy Spirit teaches us about God	The Holy Spirit speaks God's word to us
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The Holy Spirit helps us to tell others about Jesus	The Holy Spirit helps us when we pray
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Pentecost Kite Wind Catcher.

Stick the kite to card. Cut out and colour in. Tie string to the bottom. Cut out the bows. Fold along dotted lines and glue around the string. Hang near a window to catch the breeze.



VILLAGE WEBSITES

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



www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk

See **BRIDE VALLEY NEWS**
IN COLOUR,
on the Burton Bradstock website

DIARY OF EVENTS: MAY 2009

Fri	1	10.30am Puncknowle Art Club	The Bull, Swyre
Tue	5	10.00am National Trust "Drop-in Surgery"	Hive Cafe
		2.00pm Bridge Club	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
		7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council Mtg	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	6	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		7.00pm Citizens' Advice Bureau Talk	King St School, Bridport
Thu	7	7.30pm PCC Meeting	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		7.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	8	7.30pm Spring Concert	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
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Sat	9	10.00am Village walk	Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney
		10.00am Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Tue	12	2.00pm Bridge Club	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
		7.30pm Parish Council Mtg. & Village Assembly	Thorner's School
Wed	13	2.00pm SGVS visit to Mapperton House	
		3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	14	10.00am Quiet Day with Br. Samuel	Othona Community
		7.30pm RBL talk "Submarines under the North Pole"	Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury
Fri	15	10.00am Plant Sale	Red House, Middle St., BB
		10.30am Puncknowle Art Club	Sue's
		7.00pm Social Evening	Littlebredy Village Hall
Sat	16	10.30am Coffee Morning/Plant Swap	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Sun	17	2.00pm NGS Open Garden	Old Rectory, Litton Cheney
Mon	18	2.30pm Chai & Chat	Good Books, Bridport
		7.30pm BVGC AGM & "History of Topiary"	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm Bride Valley Scout group AGM	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Tue	19	10.00am National Trust "Drop-in Surgery"	Hive Cafe
		12.30pm PSWB Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
		2.00pm Bridge Club	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
		7.00pm "ROCK" Taster	Bridport United Ch., East St.
Wed	20	10.00am Burma Cyclone Fundraiser	Bridport United Ch., East St.
		3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm LC Social Committee AGM	Thorner's School
Thu	21	7.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Sat	23	10.00am Hi-Tec, Lo-Tec Coffee Morning	PSWB Village Hall
Mon	25	2.00pm Burton Bradstock Village Fayre	The Rectory, BB
	25	2.00pm St Mary's Fete	Court House, Litton Cheney
Tue	26	2.00pm Bridge Club	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Wed	27	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Fri	29	10.30am Puncknowle Art Club	PSWB Village Hall
		2.30pm MU Worldwide meeting and Bring & Buy	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Sat	30	2.00pm Cream Tea & Plant Swap	Stoneacre, Shipton Gorge
		7.00pm LATCH Opening Concert "Exit Smiling"	Litton Cheney Community Hall
Sun	31	11.00am United Valley Thanksgiving Service	Litton Cheney Community Hall

DIARY OF EVENTS: JUNE2009

Tue	2	10.00am National Trust "Drop-in Surgery"	Hive Cafe
		7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council Meeting	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	3	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	4	7.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
		BVGS outing to Coleton Fishacre	
Sat	6	10.00am Churchyard Working Party	St Peter's, Long Bredy
	6/7	Holy Trinity Weekend	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Wed	10	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Fri	12	Long Bredy Summer Fete	
Mon	15	7.00pm BVGS talk "Low Maintenance Gardening"	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	16	10.00am National Trust "Drop-in Surgery"	Hive Cafe
Wed	17	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	18	7.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Wed	24	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Fri	26	7.45pm Wine Tasting	PSWB Village Hall
Sat	27	10.00am HiTec-LoTec Coffee morning	PSWB Village Hall
Sun	28	12noon Crown Puncknowle Fundraisers	Crown Inn, Puncknowle

ROGATION SUNDAY: 17TH MAY

"Rogation" means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. .

The practice began with the Romans, who invoked the help of the gods Terminus and Ambarvalia. In those days a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away Winter with sticks. They wanted to rid the cornfields of evil.

About 465 the Western world was suffering from earthquake, storm and epidemic. So Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the popular pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields on the days leading up to Ascension. With his decision, 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial.

Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century, and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God. On Rogation-tide, a little party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route - at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation was said, imploring God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At one point beer and cheese would be waiting.

In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for 'beating the bounds' - still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR APRIL/MAY

PRINCIPAL FESTIVALS & PRINCIPAL HOLY DAYS

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

MAY

1 **PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**

2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373

4 English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

8 Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417

14 **MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE**

17 Rogation Sunday

19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988

20 Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804

21 **ASCENSION**

24 John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788

25 The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735

25 *Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709*

26 Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

26 *John Calvin, Reformer, 1564*

28 *Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089*

30 Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906

30 *Joan of Arc, Visionary, 1431*

30 *Apolo Kivebulaya, Priest, Evangelist in Central Africa, 1933*

31 **PENTECOST**

JUNE

1 Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165

3 *The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7 and 1977*

4 *Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6th century*

5 Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754

7 **TRINITY SUNDAY**

8 Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711

9 Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597

9 *Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Hymn Writer, Teacher of the Faith, 373*

11 **BARNABAS THE APOSTLE**

14 *Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691*

15 *Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941*

16 Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253

16 *Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, Philosopher, 1752*

17 *Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936*

18 *Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr, 1896*

22 Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250

23 Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678

24 **THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

27 *Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444*

28 Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200

29 **PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

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

Rector: The Revd Bob Thorn A.K.C.

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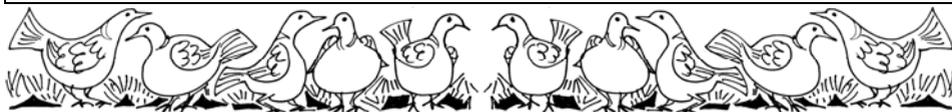
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WEEKDAY SERVICES, MAY 2009

Fri	1st May	10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	4th May	9.00am	Little Bredy
Wed	6th May	10.00am	Burton Bradstock - Holy Communion
Thur	7th May	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	8th May	10a.00m	Shipton Gorge
Mon	11th May	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	13th May	10.00am	Burton Bradstock - Holy Communion
Thur	14th May	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	15th May	9.00am	Litton Cheney
		10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	18th May	9.00am	Little Bredy
Wed	20th May	10.00am	Burton Bradstock - Holy Communion
Thur	21st May	9.00am	Swyre
		9.15am	Burton Bradstock - Ascension Day
Fri	22nd May	10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	25th May	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	27th May	10.00am	Burton Bradstock - Holy Communion
Thur	28th May	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	29th May	10.00am	Shipton Gorge

CHURCH SERVICES

THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

May 2009

Date	1 st Sunday 3 rd May Easter 4	2 nd Sunday 10 th May Easter 5	3 rd Sunday 17 th May Easter 6	4 th Sunday 24 th May Sunday after Ascension	5 th Sunday 31 st May Pentecost
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 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion (by extension)
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer	
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Payer		
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service	
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 United Service *
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)		11.00 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		11.00 Family Service		11.00 Holy Communion	* LC Community Hall