

Bride Valley News

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Everyone

is important. In the kaleidoscope of life, each one of us contributes to the beauty and function of the whole. In our British Society, dominated by its ever increasing individualism which, by that individualism debases the value of all individuals, and fractures the inter-relationships of communities, we in the Bride Valley are more blest than most, as we still retain the values of a community life.

In the metropolises (metropoli??) individuals so easily become lost in the impersonality of the large and people ask; "What do I matter?"

This month we have some elections. Many people on these occasions wonder: "Does my vote make any difference?" Especially when they are European elections! A friend of mine in the Welsh Valleys thought that, until the candidate of her choice won by one vote - her vote. If she had not voted the standing representative would have been returned.

Everyone matters in the community, and to it. What we do, or don't do, affects others.

The other day my wife and I were finishing our breakfast overlooking the sea, when I noticed to the west of Hive Beach the mast of one of our regular fishing boats from West Bay swing to one side. 'She's going over' I said to my wife as I grabbed the phone and called the coastguard. And she did, just as the coastguard told me that the lifeboat was launched.

I could have watched, or could have turned away, but I didn't. One phonecall made a difference. Who you are and what you do can make a difference. Whether it is getting involved in our local Fete or Fayre, our wonderful Valley Schools, our Post Office and Library, our local Church, or in a concern for and contact with our neighbours - each one of us is important. We can make a difference, together or alone. Never underestimate your importance to the community. And never underestimate your importance to God.

Ryder

The grass is not, in fact, always greener on the other side of the fence. Fences have nothing to do with it. The grass is greenest where it is watered. When crossing over fences, carry water with you and tend the grass wherever you may be.

Robert Fulghum : "It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It"

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 10.00am-12.00noon, and for tea and chat on most Monday and Wednesday afternoons

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

New in stock and “flying off the shelves” as they say, is an inspiring book written by a courageous man, **The Vicar of Baghdad** by Canon Andrew White, one of a tiny handful of people trusted by virtually every side in the complex Middle East. Political and military solutions are constantly put forward, and constantly fail but Andrew offers a different approach, speaking as a man of faith to men of faith. The vicar of St George's Church in Baghdad, he has extensive experience of conflict mediation in Iraq and the wider Middle East. “I live with a price on my head ...”

Relief volunteers are urgently needed in the shop to cover school holidays and sickness. Anyone who feels they can help in this way, please contact us.

CHAI & CHAT

At Good Books on Monday 15 June, from 2.30 to 4.30pm Lyn Wells will be sharing news of Kwaggafontein Farm School in South Africa where her daughter lives

TRANSITION TOWN BRIDPORT

GREEN WHEELS DAY, A CELEBRATION OF CYCLING

A selection of organised cycle rides ranging from off road for experienced mountain bikers to a gentle run to West Bay for an ice cream and a supervised session in the skateboard park for much younger riders. All rides will terminate at the Community Orchard, where, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm on Sunday June 14th, we are arranging events to suit all ages, such as agility courses, uni-cycling, races for small people on tricycles and scooters etc, and lots of information about cycling, Transition Town Bridport and other local groups. There will be cream teas and delicious home made cakes for sale. Look out for flyers & posters around the town with more details. For further information and offers of help, please phone Jude on 01308 456528. (This event is registered with Bike Week.)

The rides will include one to the Bride Valley and hopefully an afternoon Historic Churches Ride organised by Churches Together.

BRIDPORT & DISTRICT COMMUNITY LUNCH

Tuesday 2nd June, 12.30-2.00pm, Bridport United Church Hall, East Street

This new community venture has been launched by Churches Together in co-operation with Karen Jones, West Dorset Outreach Worker from Dorchester Volunteer Centre. It will be an informal quarterly bring-and-share lunch where representatives from local voluntary and community groups and charities in Bridport and the surrounding area can meet and share ideas, expertise and information. The first lunch very appropriately marks National Volunteers' Week. If you or your group have not yet had an invitation but would like to come, please contact us on 01308 427851, jo@jovian.co.uk

FAIRY TALE FLOWERS

A FLOWER FESTIVAL IN AID OF BARNARDOS

St Johns Church, West Bay, Bridport

Designs by West Dorset Flower Club & friends

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 10.00AM - 4.30PM

Coffee, teas, sandwiches and cakes available

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2.00PM - 4.30PM

Tea and cakes available



VALLEY NOTES

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Saturday, 12 September 2009

Cycle or walk to Dorset's beautiful churches and raise money for the Trust and your own church at the same time!

Alternatively, consider becoming a sponsor of a participant! For further information, please contact your parish organiser:-

Burton Bradstock:	Mr. Howard Bonger	898029
Littlebredy	Sir Philip Williams	482232
Litton Cheney	Mr. Freddie Spicer	482617
Long Bredy	Mrs. Eleanor Frost	482269
Puncknowle	Miss Ann Roberts	897716
Shipton Gorge	Mrs. Janet Lane	897241
Swyre	Mrs. Vera Hirst	897335





MOTHERS' UNION.

Thursday 25th June @ 2.30pm. "Hunters Moon"-Swyre Rd.
Puncknowle. Our knitting project for GAMBIA. *Yvette Smith. 898219.*

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Once again I would like to thank all Box Holders in the Eastern end of the Bride Valley for your continuing support. Through your generosity the box scheme raised £153.49 to further the work of the Society. *Pam Coventry*



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Our April meeting on Summer Interest and Colour in your Garden proved to be an outstanding success. The speaker from the Poundbury Garden Centre arrived with a huge selection of plants which he then mixed and matched to show what the result would be like and the best situations to plant them in. At the end of the talk he offered the plants at a good discount and most of them disappeared very quickly.

Our next meeting in May will be our short AGM followed by a talk with demonstration about Topiary given by Harriet Sykes from Bellamont Nurseries, Long Bredy.

Our outing has unfortunately had to be cancelled through lack of interest so the Committee is considering some short evening trips.

We have had excellent attendance at our two meetings this year resulting in many new subscriptions. New members are always welcome.

Our June meeting on Monday June 15th, should prove to be another subject of great interest: another speaker from the Poundbury Garden Centre will be telling us how to spend less time on hard work in the garden and more time enjoying it, the subject being Low Maintenance Gardening.

JOBS TO DO

Thin direct sowings of hardy annuals and cut back spring flowering perennials such as Pulmonaria.

Prune spring flowering shrubs after flowering.

Plant out courgettes, squash and sweet corn.

Enjoy your soft fruit before the birds get at them.

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 FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

Topics for this term at playgroup will include caring for our bodies by good eating habits and cleanliness. How? By looking in our lunch boxes to see what has been brought in to



eat, discussing fruit and vegetables as everyday foods - with sweets and high fat foods as occasional foods. All the hot meals eaten together are part of a well balanced diet and are produced locally. Growing vegetables will also help understand about them as food.

The children are also talking about the Hungry Caterpillar and this will be linked to lifecycles - others being tadpoles into frogs. All have been involved in producing a lovely Hungry Caterpillar display.

Fiona has been borrowing different new types of play resources from the Toy Library to provide extra fun for the children - based on their needs and interests.

There was a Parent's Evening in May to discuss children's progress through Early Years Foundation Stage at Playgroup - we want all parents to be closely involved and welcome their suggestions.

Our next Ofsted inspection is imminent! Watch this space!

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 - **when?** Just drop in on **Thursday afternoons at 1.45pm** - only £1.50 - and join in the fun.

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

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

I'm not sure how many of you saw the national 'Cooking Bus' parked at the school in early May. This is one of the buses which travel around the country promoting cooking in schools, colleges etc; we are part of the Pyramid group, with St. Mary's, Bridport, being the central school, and lucky enough to be visited by the bus. A small group of our children, along with Mrs Gundry, went to enjoy the experience. Little did I know that they were going to cook their lunch!!

The picture shows George making his lunch. I had not imagined this bus would be like a cookery classroom, seemingly there were a number of workstations for each of the groups to work and it was enormous.

The children came back really enthused by what they saw. This is pleasing to hear as we are currently planning a cookery club, which will commence in September. A number of us have taken part in the project and the last session, due in



the middle of June, involves the club demonstrator working with a group of children preparing some food using different methods of cutting etc; We want to encourage the children not only to think about the food they eat no burger and chips here! but also how easy it is to prepare your own delicious tasting fresh food.

We are lucky in that we live in an area where fresh produce is readily available, or in the case of many families, grown on allotments themselves, so we need to know how to make the most of it. I personally have always included cooking activities whatever the childrens' ages within the school curriculum, though maybe not as healthy as they ought to be, as it is very good in giving practical, enjoyable activities to support Maths and Science to name just two subjects. Groups of children cook their own recipes and it is surprising how different the end produce is ... tasty and quite often eaten before they get home! So do watch this space to find out how we get on.
Alison Johnstone; Head Teacher

100 CLUB WNNERS FOR MAY

Mrs Elliot £15

Mrs Peach £10



First Steps ToddlerGroup



Long Bredy Village Hall

Term-time: Wednesdays, 10am-to 12noon

Suitable 0-4 years

£2.00 per session, including refreshments.

Small & friendly group

All welcome

Wide range of equipment & resources

Meet friends

01308 482126

for more information

Health Visitor, 1st Wednesday each month

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP

This month we have been preparing the outside courtyard for the warmer weather. The children now have access to indoor and outdoor activities and can chose their favoured environment. This is working fantastically and creates a calm and focused learning atmosphere inclusive for all children.



The children have adapted a habitat suitable for tadpoles and have had great pleasure in seeing the changes made from tadpole to frog. Many thanks to Debbie for supplying all the resources. The theme for this half-term is the post-office and the children have been creative wrapping parcels, labelling and weighing them; writing letters, postcards and sending them home to their families and having a talk from Gwen who is from Burton Bradstock Post-Office, about the importance of her career. Audrey has been taking her popular cooking sessions on a Wednesday afternoon, this has involved baked apple and sultana parcels made with filo pastry and many more exciting yummy recipes.

The opening times for the playgroup are as follows:

Monday	9.15am to 2.15pm
Wednesday	9.15am to 2.15pm
Friday	9.15am to 2.15pm

JOLLY TOTS TODDLER GROUP



Wednesday mornings 9.30am till 11.00am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend with their toddler and join our friendly group. Now the warmer weather has arrived Bob and Jean are kindly letting us use the Rectory garden for this friendly get together.

For new families wishing to visit or enquire about the Playgroup please contact Ann-Marie on 07853150467.

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

BURTON BRADSTOCK SCHOOL

As I travelled to school this morning, I heard the news that Key Stage 2 Science SATs for next year have been scrapped. Hooray! Unfortunately those for English and Mathematics are remaining - at least that's the current spin - although the unions are lobbying to remove these too. Meanwhile, I would love to know what the DCSF (Department of Chaos and Science Fiction) are dreaming up next.

We hear much about the 'creative curriculum' and many of us are exploring ways in which to enrich the curriculum in a broad, balanced and exciting way.

Back to the school - this month Class 4 are visiting the Sailing Academy at Portland as part of the 'Sail Laser' scheme. We will be sailing Pecos and it promises to be a really great experience - I'm very much hoping to be allowed on the water myself. This is also the time of year when Year 6 children enjoy 'taster days' and sessions at the secondary schools they will be enjoying in September.

In any school there is a number of unsung heroes behind the scenes. I would like to pay tribute to the outstanding Chairs of Governors with whom

it has been my pleasure to work.

Firstly, there was Mrs Hilary Bosworth who appointed me (blame her!); followed by Mr Mike Southgate; then Mrs Sue Moores; and now Mrs Christine Hynds. Their graft and toil on behalf of the school have been very much appreciated. In my defence I must emphasize that I am really not trying for an entry in the Guinness Book of Records under the title, 'Record number of Chairs of Governor during a Headteacher's tenure.'

In fact I am destined not to achieve such distinction because I will be moving on in the next few months (exact timing unconfirmed as I write) as I take a change in direction. In the immortal words of Monty Python: '... and now for something completely different.' I shall be working for the Salisbury Diocese Board of Education as a School Development Adviser. This will involve supporting church schools in a variety of ways including preparing for inspections, running courses and helping with the process for appointing Head Teachers (whoops!) Obviously there will be many aspects of my current role that I shall miss, such as risk assessments, health and safety bulletins, emails selling Viagra (how did that get through the filtering system!?!) and so on, but more of that in a later BVN. In the meantime I shall be around for some time yet.

Mark Stratta



CAN YOU HELP?

Does anyone out there have a couple of hours a week to help out with the Bride Valley Scout Group.

We also urgently need new beaver and cub leaders.

No experience necessary;

CRB checks and any training will be provided.

A fondness for children would be good!

cubs



HOME-START WEST DORSET

The scheme has become a reality thanks to a Big Lottery Fund grant of £90,000 which has enabled us to appoint a Co-ordinator – Helen Horsley. We are also supported by Dorset SureStart, Dorset NHS, Barnardos, Dorset County Council and West Dorset District Council as well as other community groups.



All parents know that those early years before children go off to school are vital in a child's life and at Home-Start we believe parents have the key

role in creating a secure childhood for their children. Our volunteers have been parents themselves so they know the challenges and that there is no one way to bringing up children. Home-Start volunteers visit families at home each week, supporting parents in situations as diverse as isolation, bereavement, multiple births, illness, disability, post natal depression or who are just finding parenting a struggle. They provide non-judgemental practical and emotional support and help build the family's confidence and ability to cope.

For further information or if you would like to volunteer for Home-Start West Dorset then please contact Helen Horsley on 01308 800031 or Janet Kennewell 01305 851922.



NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

The Old Rectory, Litton Cheney will be open on Monday 15th June (2.00-5.30pm).

We first opened in 1987 and this will be our 23rd year and sadly our last, as we are downsizing. We have raised over £14,000 for the NGS during that time, most of which goes to support Macmillan Cancer Care Support and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

We do hope to see many from the Bride Valley on this our last open day

Hugh and Carol Lindsay

OTHONA COMMUNITY

CREAM TEAS & A SEA VIEW

Come and celebrate midsummer with a luscious home-made cream tea on our terrace overlooking the sea at the Othona Community on Sunday 21st June, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

Take a stroll round our grounds, wander through the woods, then enjoy a cuppa plus home-baked scones with thick cream and our own preserves (£3.00 with two scones). What could be lovelier?



ONE WORLD WORSHIP

First Sunday of every month, 7.00pm, at the Othona Community

Once a month we welcome friends from the Bride Valley and beyond to join us in an informal, open-to-all service followed by simple soup and bread meal. Together we celebrate the Wonders of Creation, the Common Ground of Humanity, the Wisdom of Many Spiritual Traditions, the Longing for Peace. Our mission is to welcome, involve and learn from people of all faiths and none. June date: Sunday, 7th June at 7.00pm.

Do come along. There's no need to book, just turn up! Othona is on the B3157 Coast Road 1.5 miles east of Burton Bradstock Garage. Families welcome, sorry no dogs. For more details ring 01308 897130

NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE

Greetings from the National Trust in West Dorset! At long last, the scribble of winter trees and hedgerows have now burst into their full verdant glory and spring is well and truly here.



The West Dorset coast and countryside sites look fabulous at the moment and one of the most magnificent views of this wonderful spring spectacular can be had from Thorncombe Beacon and the nearby Dog House Hill, part of the Trust's Golden Cap Estate.

If you had ventured up to Dog House Hill between the 11th and the 22nd May, not only were you able to enjoy the views, but you may have met National Trust archaeologists Martin Papworth and Nancy Grace who have been excavating evaluation trenches to try to better understand a prehistoric site threatened by coastal erosion. This site was discovered by Charles Waterfall, a walker, who found flint and pottery along this section of coast as it eroded from the cliff.

Working alongside a team of volunteers, the archaeologists were excavating test trenches on the west hill slope and along the valley bottom and were happy to answer questions about any finds they made. From the work they have been doing, they hope to learn much more about this fascinating part of the Golden Cap Estate.

HIVE BEACH CAR PARK

Work is progressing well at Hive Beach, Burton Bradstock where the National Trust car park is currently undergoing a makeover. We are improving the drainage, resurfacing the lumps and bumps with a natural finish in keeping with the environs and improving access and capacity.

Don't forget that if you're interested in what's going on at Hive Beach car park, then do come along to 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 2nd June. We hope to see you there!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

PEDAL POWER IN WEST DORSET!

Saturday 6th June 2009, 9.30am- 2.30pm



Get on your bike and explore the leafy lanes and wildlife of West Dorset on a 14 mile circular guided cycle ride with one of our NT Warden's. Bring a picnic to enjoy en route and don't forget that safety headgear is a must!

Places are limited so booking is essential. The route covers a mix of terrain and challenges that may *not be suitable* for very young children or novice cyclists.

Ring the West Dorset office on 01297 561900 to book a place or find out more. Meet 9.30am outside the Stonebarrow Shop, Charmouth (SY383934). **Cost:** Donations.

Caroline Richards; Visitor Services Manager – West Dorset

LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: CAROLINE MORRISH-BANHAM

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EMAIL: mark_banham@btinternet.com



ST PETERS' CHURCH

We really do need your help at the Church and Churchyard clean and clear up on Saturday 6th June at 10.00am. Please bring rubber gloves, clippers, rake, secateurs or any other useful tool. Even if you could spare half an hour, we would be very grateful. It would all be looking so good for the wedding and flower festival at the end of the month.

ST PETERS' CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL
A COUNTRY WEDDING
SUNDAY, 28th JUNE
12 noon onwards
with
Teas, coffee and refreshments
The flowers are being arranged by the ladies of the village

PCC

The next meeting for the Long Bredy PCC will be Monday 8th June 7.30pm, Bridelands.

LONG BREDY VILLAGE FETE

Sunday 12th July 2.00pm

We have a new venue this year. The lovely gardens of Langebride House, the home of Juniper Greener and family. Parking will be in Robert

Maltby's field at the back of the church.

The Frome Valley Morris Dancers are going to entertain.

Draw (£100 first prize)

Teas

Plants & Produce

Books, CDs

Bottle Tombola

Cakes

Childrens

"De Clutter"

Gifts & Jewellery

Alan & Gwen Kinghorn

Jackie Cain & helpers

Rosemarie & Albert Pitcher

Sara Winter & Bev Robbins

Paul Sainsbury & helpers

Reg & June Clewlow

Lavinia Palm & Rachel Maltby

Robin & Lavinia Barbour

Margaret Elliott & Tracy Linwood

Please try to supply items for these stalls and we would also like help to run various games and for setting up the fete in the morning and packing away afterwards. Tickets for the draw will be distributed ahead of the day.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS: CATHY & JOHN LAY-FLURRIE

22 BEACH ROAD, BURTON BRADSTOCK

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TEL: 897281



ST MARY'S CHURCH

PETERTIDE 2009

June 28th

This special drama, with a cast of 30 plus, will be part of Evensong, starting at 6.00pm in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, when we shall be celebrating the life of Peter. Actors, please meet at 5.30pm in the South Transept to dress.

All are welcome. Please come and bring a friend.

CHURCH FETE

6th August 2009

The theme for this year's Fete de "Rural Crafts" is developing well.

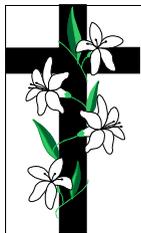
If anyone has any more Rural Craft ideas which could be included or would like to volunteer to help in anyway, please let me or any member of the Working Party know. The members are Alan and Judy Clarke (897051), Susan Moores (897673), Susan Paul (897381), Pauline Woodford (898327), Sylvia and Keith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

Now is the time to collect together your bric-a-brac, bake cakes and make preserves and if anybody has spare fruit my wife Pat will be pleased to make it into jam.

There will be a concert linked to the fete in the Church on Friday

evening, 7th August given by the Beaminster Gallery Quire as the final part of the proceedings

Peter Broomhead Co-ordinator (01308 897408)



On May 6th the funeral was held for **GEOFFREY GUPPY**, one time soldier and instructor in Malaysia, teacher in Surrey and Yeovil, driving instructor, and on retirement a successful shop keeper in Burton Bradstock. Geoff, a regular at Burton Bradstock, will be missed in St Mary's for his smile and singing, but particularly for his bell ringing. Our prayers are with his family and especially Janet his wife of over 55 years.



I would like to thank, from the bottom of my heart, all the kindly friends and neighbours who attended the Funeral Service of my dearest Geoffrey, and for the wonderful cards and Letters of Sympathy. They have helped me so much at this sad time.

Also, a very special “thank you” to all the Bellringers who have given me such tremendous support. I don’t know what I would have done without them.

Sadly, Janet

TO THE FRIENDS OF GEORGIE NORTHOVER

We would like to thank all those who sent messages of support and sympathy in our sad loss. Thanks too to all who made the Celebration Service in St. Mary’s on April 21st such a touching occasion. It was humbling to find how much Georgie is still remembered and loved. It was good to meet old friends and reminisce.

Elizabeth and Ron Field



CHILCOMBE CHURCH

was packed with family and friends on Sunday 2nd of May for the baptism of **SOPHIE EMELIA ASH**. Sophie, though only eight months old, took a vocal part in the proceedings, chuckling at and agreeing with the proceedings - until she was liberally doused with water. She soon recovered and reached out for the lighted candle that was safely given to Jerry and Lucy, her dad and mum, to keep for her as a symbol of Christ's light for her life.

BRIDPORT LIONS would like to thank the customers and landlords of the Three Horseshoes, Burton, The Bull, Swyre, and the Crown, Puncknowle as well as the proprietors of the Burton



Bradstock Post Office and Barnet at Marsh Barn for their whole hearted support of our Easter Egg draw.

Thanks to them and all our other supporters the draw raised nearly £2000. The principal recipients will be the local branch of Samaritans and the Bridport Disabled Carers and Friends Club.

If you would like to know more about Bridport Lions and what they do then just phone John Arman on 897738 or John or Cathy Lay-Flurrie on 897281

BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART 2009

We were delighted to see so many of you at the Spring Concert. Thank you for your support. We enjoyed an evening of music ranging from Mendelssohn's delightful violin sonata in F minor to the exciting Le Grand Tango by Piazzolla; all performed so wonderfully by David Juritz and Sophie Rahman.

Brochures with programme details for the main festival have been distributed but if you need a copy or tickets for the events in August please contact either *Mike Southgate 897487* or *Gill Redford 897203*.



Mike Southgate

COMMUNITY ALERT ON PUBS – UPDATE

Following the Public Meeting in Bridport on 24th April - at which there was a unanimous vote of about 150 people voting for Compulsory Purchase of the Old Swan at Toller Porcorum (shut & dilapidating for over 10 years) and the Three Cups at Lyme Regis (shut and dilapidating for almost 20 years) – there may be another meeting shortly in Bridport.

However the very next Public Meeting is at Woodmead Hall, Lyme Regis, at 7.15pm on Friday 5th June specifically to hear how the Three Cups can be saved from further dilapidation/disintegration and perhaps worse. For more information please call John Grantham on 07990-583167.



HOME WATCH

Having completed my planned 3 years as Home Watch Controller I am pleased to say that Ian Pitt-Aitken of Shipton Lane has kindly agreed to take over this role with immediate effect, so you will hear from *him* in next month's Home Watch bulletin.

I expect you will learn shortly from him about the broad results of the Questionnaires you kindly completed on how the Cold Calling Control Zone is working for the village, and perhaps for the two other Pilot Test areas in

Dorset where it is being tested by the Trading Standards Organisation. (Indications are that it *is* working in Burton.)

I would like to thank all the Home Watch Street Co-ordinators for their help over the last 3 years, and end with this month – and every month’s tip – please do not be afraid to report something you think just *might* be suspicious to the Police Information Office on the easy-to-remember number 01305-222222 (or 999 if it is urgent)

John Grantham.

I was delighted to be asked by John Grantham to take over his position as Co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch. I am sure that everyone feels as I do that he has worked hard and has been loyal to the residents of Burton Bradstock for many years. I shall do my best to answer or put forward any problems we experience.

Unfortunately, to start off on a bad note: West Bay has just had a round of break ins. Over the summer it is tempting to soak up what “rays” we get after such a long winter. However when gardening or popping out we must remember to keep our front and back doors locked. We don’t want any uninvited guests! Please don’t leave ladders handy for those who might use them for illegal entry.

If you have any questions or need help then please call me.

Ian Pitt-Aikens 01308 897440

PACT PANEL RESULT: BURTON BRADSTOCK & LODERS ELECTORAL WARDS

‘PACT’ – a Home Office initiative which is *administered* by the Police - stands for ‘Partners and Communities Together’. The Partners can be Council Depts, Highways, BT, the Police, Wessex Water etc. The idea is that these, our ‘Partners’, working with us, should be able to resolve a number of issues locally where just one, or several ‘Partners’ may be involved. Importantly the ‘Partners’ – once they have been informed of an issue having been voted as a ‘PACT Panel Priority’ - *have* to report back formally within 6 months on how they have addressed the issue and what has been done to resolve it.

It was decided to do a one-off Questionnaire on Road Safety in Burton Bradstock, (I checked this was OK with the relevant Parish Councillors on this before distributing the questionnaires) to try to gain PACT Panel Priority status and to confirm to Highways what people in Burton currently felt about key aspects of Road Safety in the area, and to update the survey run by the Parish Council in 2005.

Thank you to all who contributed: 253 replies had been received by the deadline given from just under 500 questionnaires circulated. By the time you read this you will have read in the local papers the result of the Survey, as our 2 issues were voted as No.1 and No.2 PACT Panel priorities

for the area in the twice-yearly sitting of the PACT Panel.

The results were:

- 80% in favour of a 20mph speed limit (similar to the one operating in Beaminster) from a point in Barr Lane to Burton Bradstock Cars.
- Over 95% in favour of a safer route (however this is achieved) for pedestrians from Charles Road, down the High St to school, and down the High St past where the village shop used to be to the Playground, *and* a safe crossing to enable people to get over the Coast Road, without fear, to the garage/Cliff Road/Southover/the allotments.

It is easy to set targets, less easy to achieve them! But even accepting this, most of you seemed to think it was a useful exercise. The Questionnaires have been passed to the Parish Council, and are a mine of information and creative thinking as an update to the information of 4 years ago – thank you. These issues represent only a fraction of what Councillor Pett is considering, but hopefully your input will prove of assistance over time.

Ian Pitt-Aitken has kindly taken over my position on the PACT Panel, which meets twice a year for an hour to determine the area's PACT priorities. If you want to suggest an item yourself look out for the PACT signs on the notice boards around the village.

John Grantham



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH.

On Monday June 1st there will be a Social and Supper in the Three Horseshoes at 7.30pm £4. If you haven't already booked, please let Jim Reeves know if you are attending 01308 897091

On Saturday June 6th, to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, a wreath will be laid on the seat on the village green by the Library in memory of the men who lived in and around the village in preparation for that day and lost their lives on the beaches of France.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Talk by Shirley Critchley: "The search for the wreck of HMS Wager (1742) off the Coast of Chile"

Shirley Critchley has worked for the explorer, John Blashford-Snell and came to tell us about his search for the wreck of HMS Wager, a supply vessel sent to South America in the War triggered by Spanish sailors who severed the ear of Captain



Robert Jenkins - one of the wackier reasons to go to war in the those days. Chasing the Spaniards round the Magellan Straits, the Wager lost its mizzen mast and came to grief, with its mutinous crew, near Santiago. Since then, Mother Nature has intervened and seismic activity over the years has raised the Patagonian ice fields and surrounding regions by 75 feet, revealing some baulks of timber and a musket ball, the prize of the expedition. The wood has been dated to the 1740s and its origins are correct. Shirley clearly enjoys her subject and spends much time lecturing to cruise liner passengers on the subject.

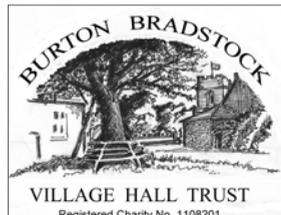
BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

“200 CLUB” MAY 2009 DRAW. WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners:

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| 1st | £44.00 | No 181 | Mrs Daphne Hewlett |
| 2nd | £22.00 | No 5 | Miss Gayle Acors |
| 3rd | £11.00 | No 185 | Mrs Daphne Ekins |



Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the June-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £7 – one pound for each of the remaining 7 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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GILBERT GREVETT

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Gilbert was held at St Mary's on Friday 17 April. The family would like to thank all those who sent cards and those who joined them in a lovely farewell service. Our thoughts are with Jean and her family.



Ann Roberts

PUNCKNOWLE GARDEN FETE

In aid of St Mary's Church, Puncknowle

Saturday 25th July, at 2.30pm, in Puncknowle Manor Gardens (by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Wild.)

All the usual stalls and sideshows, including Quality Curtains – bring your measurements!

Please can you supply items (or ingredients) for the following stalls:

Chocolate Tombola	Julie Arak-Newman	897178
Produce – jams etc	Liz Slater	897751
Filled Jars	Jacqueline Owen-Jones	897776
Cakes	Coo Jones	898553
Bric a Brac	Ellie Pearson	897907
Bottles Stall	Chris Robbins	898185
Toy Stall	Emma Thomson	897896
Books	Chris Reeks	897663

Offers of further help either before the fete or on the day would be much appreciated. Please contact Liz Slater, Coo Jones, Geoffrey Fry, Linda Jeffrey, Nick Tait or Sue Brown.

New this year – Children’s Fancy Dress competition on the theme of ‘Summer Holidays’ – Get thinking.



PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

It was very fortunate that we were able to have two workshops with Jane Huxtable - Brown. These are always enjoyable. In just a few hours we covered many aspects of painting in oils including translucency and tackling abstract pictures. We are also very grateful to Peter for giving us a charcoal and watercolour workshop. We look forward to a trip to Jennifer’s on June 12th and a talk from Pam on June 26th in the Bull.

Christine Molony

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

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.



*For bookings, telephone
01308 897724*



HI-TEC, LO-TEC

The next of our monthly, computer orientated coffee mornings, will be at 10.00am on Saturday, 27th June, when we will concentrate on internet shopping.

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.

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The June lunch will be on Tuesday 16th June at 12.30pm.

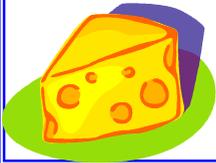
If you have not yet ordered your lunch, or would like to become a member, please contact Ken Martin on 01308 897622.

Cheese & Wine Tasting

Friday 26th June at 7-45pm

Your opportunity to taste 8 wines of the world
and several local cheeses

Tickets £7 available in advance from The Crown Inn, Puncknowle



10% off all wine purchases on the
night



LITTON CHENEY

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LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

At last, warm sunshine for an outdoor event, the **EASTER DUCK RACE!!** With the stream in full spate, and the sun shining, the excitement grew as the ducks were “released” and bobbed their way down to the pub ; very sensible too. But unfortunately the pub is still closed, however Cassie ,and Palmers, very kindly allowed the village to use the garden, so beer and burgers were available, for those hungry and thirsty after following the ducks.

Many thanks to all who came and especially to all the helpers . Plus Bridport Rotary Club who lent us the



ducks and the BBQ. It was good to have Eddie and Malcolm cooking the burgers- it wouldn't have happened without you. Also no reports of ducks seen at Hive Beach, so well done Chris and the Johns !



The next **VILLAGE WALK** is on Saturday June 13th. Meet at the bus shelter at 10.00am

The **BBQ** is on Saturday June 27th 6.30 pm- keep the date free. The same great disco now dried out from last years event! No more "dancing in the rain" as , if wet ,we will be able to move into the new hall. See you there.



In anticipation of their move Sheila Davison has resigned as secretary of the Social Committee. Many thanks to Sheila for all her work and support of the committee over the past couple of years, and good luck with the move.

Ron Davidson LCSC 482661

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW COMMUNITY HALL!

Step this way ladies, gentlemen and children, your new community hall awaits you!

On the flyer inserted in your BVN you will find a programme of events that will be happening over the next month. There really is something for everybody. There will be things to try, things to enjoy, meeting other fellow residents and most of all to appreciate this wonderful new facility.

It is early days but we believe the community hall will very quickly become the hub of Litton Cheney, and the hall will become everyone's friend, a place that they love to visit as often as they can.

If, perhaps, you read this before the end of May, then it's not too late to remind you of the opening event, a concert by "Exit Smiling" on Saturday 30th May, the United Valley Family Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 30th May at 11.00am and an "Open Hall" from 1.00pm to 5.00pm after the service. .

The new community hall exists because a lot of people and organizations believed in it and never let the dream die. Without them there would be no community hall and Litton Cheney would as it has done for decades still be limping along with no central meeting point for its vibrant community. The LATCH Committee would like to record their great appreciation to those who have over the years contributed in all sorts of positive ways to the creation of your community hall. Come and be part of it!

You've seen it and now you may wish to book it. You can do so by contacting the Hall Booking Clerk, Wendy Taylor on 482532 who will inform you of hire charges and available dates. Booking information can also be found on the Litton web site www.littoncheney.org.uk.



LITTLEBREDY

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Tel: 482232



During May we have said farewell to Jon Schofield and Amy White, who have moved with their growing family (now 3 youngsters under 3) from Winterbourne Lodge to a larger house in Dorchester.

We wish them well in their new home.



The Social Club's June event, as previously notified, will be a **ROUNDERS EVENING AND**

BARBECUE at the cricket ground on Friday 19th June, beginning from about 6.30pm onwards, but a few volunteers to arrive a bit earlier to help set up the barbecue, a gazebo or two, etc., would be welcomed. Please could attendees bring a bottle and something to sit on, and we hope for a fine evening with an appropriate level of activity for everyone.

Whether fine or not, this village occasion will be the first opportunity for most neighbours to sample the facilities of the new pavilion. Its predecessor presided over the ground for over a hundred years, but it became increasingly unsafe as well as basic before the end.

The new building, lovingly constructed over several months more or less single-handedly by Cliff Payne, will have been formally opened by a former President of the M.C.C. earlier in June, followed by a festival inaugural match. The Bride Vale C.C. is always on the lookout for new players and supporters, and contact names and numbers will be on display.



from "THE DEVIL'S DICTIONARY" (Ambrose Bierce)

SYCOPHANT, n.

One who approaches Greatness on his belly so that he may not be commanded to turn and be kicked. He is sometimes an editor.



ACQUAINTANCE, n.

A person whom we know well enough to borrow from, but not well enough to lend to. A degree of friendship called slight when its object is poor or obscure, and intimate when he is rich or famous.

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

TRINITY WEEKEND

Trinity Fayre will be going ahead on Saturday 6th June as announced from 2.30 p.m. I have received offers of help on the day but more would be welcome even at this late stage. 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.



We will have:

Cream Teas

Plants

Produce

Books

Games for all ages of children up to 80 years old.

Raffle

Please come and enjoy the afternoon in the brilliant sunshine.

SUNDAY

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

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Please note that the next working party will be on Saturday 13th June.

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

By the time you read this the system will be installed and up and running, which from the initial tests will improve both music and voice projection.



The loop system will enable those with hearing aids to get a far better reception once turned onto the appropriate setting. It has been a long time in planning and getting the appropriate permissions and will benefit us all.

David Buckland; Church Warden



PRAYER CIRCLE

During our Trinity Sunday service of celebration, (6.30pm on 7th June) we will be renewing our **Prayer Circle**. The present circle has been running for a year, and so now is the time to renew your commitment to this or to add your name for the first time. For anyone who is unsure how this works I will try to explain.

If you would like to be part of Swyre's Prayer Circle for 2009/2010 please make sure your name is in the box by the church door, by Saturday 6th June at the very latest. These names will then be randomly placed in a circle. Each person named will be asked to pray for the person named on their left and the one on their right in the circle, as part as their regular private prayer. In this way everyone involved is being prayed for regularly, and the work and pastoral care of our church is underpinned by regular prayer. Because of this base we have been able to move forward in making prayers for healing available for anyone who should want this after our service of Holy Communion on the 3rd Sunday in each month. The prayer circle is a wonderful way for everyone to be involved in the vital prayer life of our church, whether or not they are able to attend church regularly. If you cannot get to the church, but would like your name added please give me a call on 898 492 before 7th June.

May I take this opportunity to inform anyone who is not already aware, that as part as my training to be a Reader I am required to go on a placement. I will be doing this at Dorchester Hospital Chaplaincy from 14th June for 3 months, and so will not be involved in any church activities within the valley during that time. I am looking forward to experiencing this different type of ministry, as well as coming back to look afresh at our ministry in the valley on my return.

Enjoy all of God's blessings that we receive in the Bride Valley during the summer,

Yvonne

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?"

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

CHURCH LAND

St Martin's PCC has consulted with the Conservation Officer for West Dorset and it has been decided that no work will take place on either the footpath or the verges in the foreseeable future. It has been decided to erect two small notices informing people that the land is uneven.

CHURCH FETE & NOVELTY DOG SHOW

This will take place on Saturday 11th July in and around the Village Hall. Helpers are needed to run stalls, and we also need goods to sell.

Unfortunately this year Mr & Mrs Boughton, owing to previous commitments, will not be able to organize the Novelty Dog Show. St Martin's PCC wishes to thank them for all the help and encouragement they have given us in the past. Matt & Maria Brooksbank of Petpals will be organizing it for us this year, and we are extremely grateful for their help.

Please contact any PCC member if you can help in any way.

Churchwarden and PCC

FUND RAISING

We believe that it has become generally known that St Martin's is now beginning to suffer from wear and tear through old age. We are having to make repairs to the roof and ceiling, and also the West Window.

The repairs to the West Window are going to cost in the region of £6,000, so we are having to fund-raise for this amount. The PCC wishes to thank Mrs Janet Lane for putting on a Viennese Coffee Morning in April and raising £350 which she has donated to the West Window Fund. There will also be a raffle at the Picnic in the Park on 5th July, the proceeds of which will be divided between the fund for the West Window in the church and the windows in the Dining Room at the New Inn. We thank the Village Society for their generosity in allowing us to share the proceeds.

If anyone in the village has any ideas on how we can fund raise PLEASE contact any member of the PCC.

Gillian Maxfield – Churchwarden



DOG FOULING

This subject has been raised by members of the public at recent Parish Council meetings. The issue has been brought to the attention of the Dog Warden and we would ask

all dog owners to behave in a responsible manner.

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 applies dog fouling laws to land in West Dorset. It is punishable with a fine for a person in charge of a dog not to clean up when the dog has (without the landowner's consent) fouled land in the open air. Dog owners are reminded that dogs are not permitted on the Shipton Gorge playing field in any circumstances.

More information can be found on the dorsetforyou web site at www.dorsetforyou.com/index.jsp?articleid=384753

Shipton Gorge Parish Council

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

CAR TREASURE HUNT – 14/06/09

Starting at the New Inn Car Park from 2.00pm

Explore your local countryside in cars of 4 and enjoy some spectacular views of the Marshwood Vale and its hamlets as well as our immediate environment.

£5.00 per car – no timed stretches.



CALOR COMMUNITY VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

We have heard that we were unsuccessful in the regional round of the competition, despite an amazing and enthusiastic turnout for the judging.

Thanks for all your support.

The South will be represented by Silchester (Hants) and we wish them every success in the final round which will be judged in July. Our exhibition will be on view again at the Melplash Show on August 27th.

John Kent

DORSET'S BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Having won the Dorset Best community Village 2008, Shipton Gorge proposes to lay claim to the Best Kept Village 2009 Award (Sponsored by W & S Recycling). If not having already taken place judging will be within the next two months. I am not sure if we will have notice of judging or not.

I reiterate this is *not* a competition for the prettiest village and private properties are not being judged. Only public areas will be judged and we need to ensure these and, in fact, the whole village are in even better condition than our usual high standard. All your support with this will be greatly appreciated - if people can help keep their local areas tidy, that will be a great help.

Any queries, please contact Peter Gates 897836

TOWER NEWS

The West Dorset Branch, SDGR, will be holding a practice at St. Martin's on Saturday, June 13th, from 7pm until 9 pm. This will be preceded by a walk - meet at the Village Hall at 4 pm - and bring-your-own picnic. Tea and coffee will be available.

Enquiries to Christine Green (898334)

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

100 CLUB MAY DRAW

£10 No 5

Graham & Heather Cowland

£20 No 15

Liz Langran

St James the Least of All

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

Beware the summer strawberry tea

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Never, ever, feel aggrieved that your summer strawberry tea has to be held in the church hall rather than on a lawn, since there isn't a single blade of grass to be found in your entire parish. You have no idea of the potential calamities you are avoiding.

Here, during the previous week, the organisers will be desperately asking the opinion of local farmers about the weather. In doing so, they forget that for the farming community, it is always the wrong sort of weather anyway. I once received a heartfelt plea from the staff at Heathrow airport for our ladies to stop calling them at hourly intervals to find out if hurricanes may be imminent.

Naturally, the day will start out warm and sunny and so all the tables will be arranged on the vicarage lawn. By 10am, tablecloths will have been laid. By 10.10am, a brisk breeze will have sprung up and someone will be delegated to retrieve them all from deep within the nettle patch. By 11am, clouds will gather and a decision will be made to transfer everything into the church hall. Once that is completed, just when it is almost too late to change, the sun will re-emerge and there will be a frantic dash to put everything back on the lawn. This ensures that by 2pm when teas start, the ladies will

already be in a state of collapse.

Last year, the dowager duchess of Trilby graced us with her presence. As she sat with her entourage, elegantly sipping tea under a giant parasol over the table, the thing - equally elegantly - closed around her, leaving her looking like one of those unfortunate insects trapped by a carnivorous plant. To emerge from its depths looking entirely unflustered was beyond even her social skills.

Fortunately, attention was diverted from her predicament by the wife of one of our farmers. This substantial lady had been sitting in a chair with slightly too thin legs for the damp lawn. The rear two slowly sank into the grass, eventually catapulting the dear lady backwards into the lap of the local mayor. Disentangling red flannelette from mayoral chains took some time, and delicacy.

At least when I have had enough, the lawn can be cleared in minutes by drawing the raffle. The moment the last rubber shower cap and set of Christmas doilies has been awarded, there will be a dash to get home, giving my dog the opportunity to retrieve remnants of cream cakes from the flower beds.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

MISCELLANY

OVER THE GARDEN WALL

By Perry Scope

We went to a private view in London the other week; a trendy affair at a Great Portland Street gallery. I confess, I prefer the more down-market shows in Cork Street which are easier on the brain: the pictures are, more often than not, ones that are not difficult to hang the right way up and the prices, oddly enough, more accessible to the common man. We know this artist's work and know how to appreciate her "sculptures" - mostly what appear to be blankets dipped in fibre glass, often with an abstruse comment written on them; usually well beyond our pocket, just supposing that we had the space for one (.....wait a minute, we do have the space - in the garden! But we might have trouble with planning permission). It was the catalogue that actually floored me; let me quote some gems:

"...over that may be something that suggests an area of sensuously loosened brushwork"

"...not just a return to the painterly, but a synthesis of painter-lieness that those installations evinced";

"These are intelligent works; they are, one may say, lived."

Phew! I won't quote any more. Is there a school where one can study such stuff; somewhere we can learn to understand it? I came away thoroughly baffled; my wife, who seems to understand these things, looked faintly euphoric as we grabbed a cab. "Still," I thought, "our painter friend is clearly improving; she is now on paint brush and, I feel, slightly more accessible." I broached the subject of the layman actually understanding such work, but Mrs S. said I shouldn't be so Pre Modern.

Lunch with some other, Russian, artist friends, was revealing. When they first came to Britain, 10 years ago, arriving in September, they found the weather pleasant, if a little wet, but as the winter nights drew in and the cold began to bite, they had occasion to approach their landlord about the heating in the now very damp bungalow they were renting.

"You often criticise the Russian Government," they began, pulling their clothing more closely around them (they had by this time taken to wearing coats in and on the bed each night), "but at least our government always turned on the heating promptly on the first of October. When does it happen in this country?"

Have you sampled the yummy ice creams that the Post Office now sells?

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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



www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

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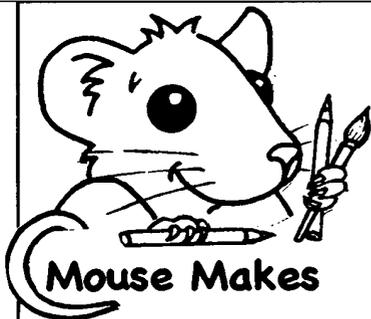
www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk

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



When **Nehemiah** heard that the walls of Jerusalem were in ruins he sat down and wept. For days he fasted and prayed before

God. Finally the opportunity came for him to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls, but it wasn't going to be easy....

Read Nehemiah's story in the **Old Testament** book of 'Nehemiah', chapters 1 to 7.

Here is Nehemiah's list of all the things that need to be done to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Fill in the missing gaps on the tower to help rebuild the wall.

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| RUBBLE | BEAM |
| REPAIR | BOLT |
| RESTORE | BAR |
| BUILD | STEP |
| WORK | TOWER |
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| ROOF | CELEBRATE |
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How many gates were repaired?
Who rebuilt them?

How long did it take to finish the walls?

CROSSWORD

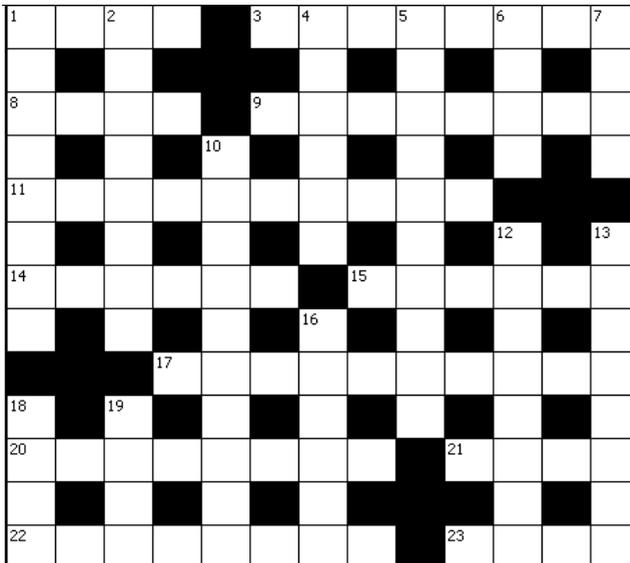
Use the NIV Bible

ACROSS

- 1 See 23 Across
- 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8 Invalid (4)
- 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
- 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
- 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

DOWN

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in —, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was —, to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)



Under democracy one party always devotes its chief energies to trying to prove that the other party is unfit to rule - and both commonly succeed, and are right. *H. L. Mencken*

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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DIARY OF EVENTS: JUNE 2009

Mon	1	7.30pm RBL (BV Branch) Social Evening	Three Horseshoes, BB
Tue	2	12.30pm Bridport Community Lunch	United Church Hall, Bridport
		10.00am National Trust "Drop-in Surgery"	Hive Cafe
		7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council Mtg	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
Fri	5	7.15pm Community Alert on Pubs meeting	Woodmead Hall, Lyme Regis
Sat	6	9.30am Pedal Power in W. Dorset (NT)	Stone Barrow Shop, Lyme Regis
		10.00am Churchyard Working Party	St Peter's, Long Bredy
		2.30pm Trinity Fayre	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sun	7	6.30pm Renewal of Prayer Circle at Sung E'song	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon	8	7.30pm PCC Meeting	Bridelands, Long Bredy
Wed	10	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Fri	12	10.30am Puncknowle Art Group	Jennifer's
Sat	13	10.00am Fairy Tale Flowers (in aid of Barnardos)	St. Johns, West Bay
		10.00am Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		10.00am Village walk	Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney
		4.00pm Village Walk, followed by Bell Ringing	SG Village Hall
Sun	14	2.00pm Fairy Tale Flowers (in aid of Barnardos)	St. Johns, West Bay
		2.00pm Car Treasure Hunt	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
		3.30pm "Green Wheels Day"	
Mon	15	2.00pm Open Garden (for Macmillan & Marie Curie Cancer Care)	Old Rectory, Litton Cheney
		7.30pm BVGS talk "Low Maintenance Gardening"	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	16	12.30pm PSWB Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	17	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	18	7.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	19	6.30pm Rounders & BBQ	Cricket Groud, Littlebredy
		2.00pm Cream tea & a Sea View	Othona Community
Wed	24	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	25	2.30pm MU Meeting	Hunters Moon, Swyre Rd, P'nowle
Fri	26	7.45pm Cheese & Wine Tasting	PSWB Village Hall
		10.30am Puncknowle Art Group	The Bull, Swyre
Sat	27	10.00am HiTec-LoTec Coffee morning	PSWB Village Hall
		6.30pm BBQ	LC Community Hall
Sun	28	12noon Crown Puncknowle Fundraisers/Wessex Military Band	Crown Inn, Puncknowle
		12noon Flower Festival "A Country Wedding"	St Peter's, Long Bredy
		6.00pm Drama "Petertide 2009"	St. Mary's, Burton Bradstock

DIARY OF EVENTS: JULY 2009

Thu	2	7.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Sat	4	2.00pm Mini Flower and Produce Show	PSWB Village Hall
Sun	5	7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Tue	7	10.00am National Trust "Drop-in Surgery"	Hive Cafe

Tue	7	7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council Mtg	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	8	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Sat	11	Shipton Gorge Church Fete & Novelty Dog Show	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Sun	12	2.00pm Long Bredy Village Fete	Langebride Ho., Long Bredy
Wed	15	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Mon	20	7.30pm Growing Vegetables for Winter	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	21	12.30pm PSWB Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	22	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Sat	25	10.00am HiTec-LoTec Coffee morning	PSWB Village Hall
Sat	25	2.30pm Puncknowle Garden Fete	Manor Gardens, Puncknowle
Wed	29	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall

POETS' CORNER

I'VE BEEN COMING HERE ON SUNDAYS.....

I've been coming here on Sundays
 for seventy-year or so,
 `Twas here that I was Christened and
 `tis here I'll want to go.
 Now I know you all gets vexed about
 changes in belief,
 Well frills on top don't matter if
 you're comfy underneath.
 I never lets it bother if I'm- High or
 Low or what,
 While I've got me 10 Commandments
 I shan't go wrong a lot.
 Now, I likes old-fashioned prayer book
 And they like A.S.B,
 And they can have what pleases them,
 And I'll read what suits me,
 And half the hymns we sing these days
 I've never heard before,
 But I can stand and listen, and
 perhaps I'll learn some more.
 All these guitars and instruments-
 It's no more than they had
 Afore they put the organ in,
 When my Granddad was a lad,
 And I don't suppose God'll worry
 He wouldn't make a fuss,
 As long all the singing's meant for
 Him and not for us.
 We've had clergy coming straight
 from college,
 Full of summat new,
 From incense on the altar to posters
 in the pew.
 And I lets 'em all get on with it, 'cos
 all these fashions pass,
 And you'll still do the flowers, me
 dears,
 And I'll still clean the brass.
 I got this seat I always have, no
 draughts and nice and near,
 So I can hear the organ and see the
 vicar clear,
 And I tell God what's been happening,
 And what a week I've had,
 And I thanks Him for the good times,
 And He helps me through the bad,
 `Cos all that really matters, as far as
 I can see,
 Is that I, down here, remembers Him,
 And He remembers me.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR JUNE/JULY

PRINCIPAL FESTIVALS & PRINCIPAL HOLY DAYS

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

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**

JULY

- 1 *Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines*
- 3 **THOMAS THE APOSTLE**
- 6 *Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester*
- 11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism
- 14 John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet
- 15 Swithun, Bishop of Winchester
- 15 *Bonaventure, Friar, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith*
- 16 *Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury*
- 18 *Elizabeth Ferard, 1st C of E Deaconess, Founder of Community of St Andrew*
- 19 Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith
- 20 *Margaret of Antioch, Martyr*
- 22 **MARY MAGDALENE**
- 25 **JAMES THE APOSTLE**
- 26 Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 27 *Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, Teacher of the Faith, 1901*
- 29 Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of our Lord
- 30 William Wilberforce, Social Reformer
- 31 *Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus*

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, JUNE 2009

Mon	1st	9.00am	Little Bredy
Wed	3rd	10.00am	Burton Bradstock (Holy Communion)
Thurs	4th	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	5th	10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	8th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	10th	10.00am	Burton Bradstock (Holy Communion)
Thurs	11th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	12th	10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	15th	9.00am	Little Bredy
Wed	17th	10.00am	Burton Bradstock (Holy Communion)
Thurs	18th	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	19th	10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	22nd	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	24th	10.00am	Burton Bradstock (Holy Communion)
Thurs	25th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	26th	10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	29th	9.00am	Little Bredy

CHURCH SERVICES

THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

June 2009

Date	7 th June Trinity Sunday	14 th June Trinity 1	21 st June Trinity 2	28 th June Trinity 3
Parish				
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 6.00 PETER TIDE DRAMA
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	6.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer	
Swyre	6.30 Sung Evensong	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	11.00 Family Service
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Family Service		11.00 Holy Communion