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*** DEADLINE FOR AUGUST ISSUE: 10th JULY***

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delivered direct to the editor by the same date.*

DON'T FORGET THERE IS A £5 BOUNTY FOR ANY PICTURE PUBLISHED.

The Wedding season is upon us. It's great that couples want to get married and want to get married in church. We in the church are delighted because we know that bringing in the 'God Factor' to marriage, as in the whole of life, does bring with it additional benefits.

A recent newspaper article reported that research at the University of Toronto, Canada, found that 'those who believe in God were less likely to suffer anxiety and stress'. Earlier research indicated that *'those who believe in God enjoy healthier lives'* due, for example, to lower blood pressure, thereby reducing the risk of heart attacks.

Not that Christians are immune from the problems of life, marriage difficulties, and ill health - it's just that in those situations they have a secret source of strength and enabling.

There is a sense in which Christians can be at greater risk simply because they care for others, work more conscientiously, and make a stand on issues of righteousness and justice. But God is with us to 'give more grace', and as a bottom line does give basic advice in his Ten Rules for Living to 'have a day off' to rest, and time out to worship and get life into proper focus. We all need to be sensible, with times to be still, and as in a family share the jobs out (or does that not happen these days?)

At the risk of getting sacked or shot I want to put in a plea, because I've been there, for everyone in the valley to be considerate about the future. At the age of 45, serving God in a packed, busy, and lively church, I had meningitis and was totally out of action with blinding headaches for over six months. It took a further six months, starting with an occasional 'preach', to gradually ease back into full operation in the church. Some of my church leaders were doctors who laid down the lines for both me and the congregation - and I am grateful for that. So let me get my plea in now.

Hopefully, in the not too distant future, Bob will be returning to his service for the Lord among us. What a glad day that will be. Over the past six months, generally, everyone has been great. The problem is, once he starts back, it's not so much what he does that's the problem but all the additional expectations and peripheral things that come piling in.

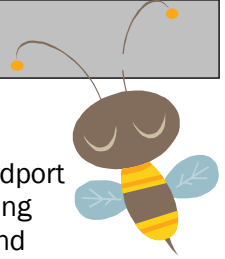
For example, you take a service, but it's all the pastoral issues that crop up at the door. Because our problem is the exception, we feel at liberty to off load. When you go to church as the vicar, all the committees and councils heave a sigh of relief and desperately pass on all their diary dates and agendas, with the expectation that although you can't possibly go to all

of the others you will be at theirs. And that doesn't include all the Fetes, Harvest Festivals, schools' functions, and village events.

With God we can have healthier lives, but humans can make us sick. So please, when he returns, be sensible with Bob and let him slowly get back into things.

Ryder

BEYOND THE VALLEY



CHURCH & ENVIRONMENT

In response to the Be Kind to Bees Day in Bridport Community Orchard in June, the Churches Eco-Network (Bridport and surrounding villages) has been researching and recording how kind to bees and other insects our local churchyards and church gardens are. Some local churches are part of the national Living Churchyards scheme, managed in Dorset by the Dorset Wildlife Trust, which encourages local communities to get involved in the management of their churchyards for the benefit of wildlife as well as the local congregation, visitors and the bereaved. Churchyards have many habitats which can be managed sympathetically for wildlife:

- areas of grassland for wildflower meadows
- patches of woodland, walls, hedges, shrubs
- gravestones with rare or unusual lichen species.
- provision of appropriately sited bird and bat boxes, and woodpiles.

Do visit some of these rich wildlife havens near to you and let the church know what treasures you find! If you look after your local churchyard and we haven't been in touch with you yet, please contact us - Churches Eco-Network 01308 427851 or find out more from www.arcworld.org



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch)

Four members of the Branch recently attended the 2 day **National Conference** at Eastbourne. The 452 delegates were advised by the Director General that beneficiaries of the Legion now exceed 9 million and of these, in the last twelve months, direct welfare help has been provided by the Legion to 101,000 individuals! To assist with welfare work there are seven Care Homes and 4 Break Centres. Our organisation has an annual turnover of £200 million.

"LEGION TRAVEL" conducts tours and pilgrimages to many parts of the world and is able to assist with travel costs subsidised by the government in appropriate cases. The new travel guide is now available and can be had from me on request.

Our **ANNUAL BBQ** takes place at 6.30pm on Friday, 24th July, 2009, at Portesham Village Hall Patio (if wet indoors). Open to non members, entry is free. BBQ food and hot drinks will be available, but if you prefer alcohol bring your own bottle and glasses.

Donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. Come along and enjoy Clive's cooking and some good company.

GILLINGHAM MILITARY TATTOO starts at 7.00pm on Saturday, 22nd August, 2009. Attractions include: R.E.M.E. Freefall Parachute Team, Pipes & Drums of the Wessex Highlanders, Reading Pipe Band, Avon Glen Pipes & Drum, Wessex Military Band, Surbiton RBL Traditional Youth Marching Band, Chelsea Pensioners Vintage Military vehicles, Military bookstall - all culminating in Beating Retreat and Sunset ceremony.

Bar & refreshments. Tickets which are non-returnable, must be pre-booked and paid for in advance: Adults £8, Seniors £7, Children £4, Family of 2 adults + 2 children £20.

We will lay on a coach for this event at cost. Visitors are welcome to join us (add 50p. booking fee). All bookings through Des Baker please.

Des Baker (Branch Vice Chairman), 01305 267617

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.



At **CHAI & CHAT (West Dorset Africa/Network)** at Good Books in July, Marion Gadsby will share her experiences as a mature volunteer with VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) in Central Africa. The date is Monday 20th July, 2.30-4.30pm and all are welcome – the cake is usually good! We take a break in August.

THREADS OF HOPE, the sewing/textile group making items for Julia's House, meets too on Wednesday 8 July 2.00-3.30pm before taking a break for the summer. New members are always welcome, we work at home, coming together to discuss ideas and share progress. We hope you enjoyed seeing our wall-hanging for the children in the Julia's House shop window in June.

The **BRIDPORT BOOK OF HOURS** group, based at Good Books, is always looking for venues and events to exhibit the books and is happy to give talks to art or community groups, schools etc. But we'd also love to have more contributors, writers or illustrators, so call Good Books if you'd like to be involved.

We currently have the **Lion Summer Promotion** in the shop; an attractive selection of children's books of stories and prayers, including several board books for younger children. We'd also be very happy to come to your fetes and summer events and bring a stall of books & cards.

Finally, we'd welcome some **help in the shop** over the summer holidays so if you can spare a couple of hours, do give us a call. Have a great summer!

BRIDPORT ART SOCIETY

The Society's 52nd Annual Exhibition will be held at the Allsop Gallery, The Art Centre, South Street, Bridport, open daily from 10.00am until 4.00pm (last day closing at 3.00pm) from 22nd July until 1st August (closed on 26th and 27th July). Admission is free.

NEW FOREST & HAMPSHIRE COUNTY SHOW

28th, 29th & 30th July

Summer days in England - what better way to have a wonderful day out, than to come to one of the best traditional County Shows in the UK, right on your doorstep in the middle of our beautiful New Forest.

The Show provides the opportunity to see a wide range of animals, including international horse events, as well as a packed programme with entertainment for the entire family. Whatever your interests, you'll have a great time, so don't miss it. Look at www.newforestshow.co.uk for information or ring 01590 622409. Tickets can be used for any of the three days, so avoid the queues on the day and get them in advance.

LONG BREDY

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Thanks to all

who helped with the church and churchyard clean and

mow. It all looks very tidy.

After living

in Long Bredy for the past year **CHRIS AND BEV ROBBINS** will move to Litton Cheney this month. From the first they became part of this village with their collie, Daisy, and have joined in our activities, providing food for functions, learning to ring bells, helping to clear the churchyard, delivering the BVN, and joining the litter picking morning, to name but a few. We will miss them and wish them good fortune and a long future in their new home. We



know they will be happy in Litton where they are sure to continue their involvement in the valley.

Long Bredy Village Fete

Sunday 12th July - 2 pm

Langebride House

Frome Valley Morris Dancers

£100 Prize Draw

Children's Chocolate Tombola

Teas, Stalls and Games

Entrance £1.50, Children free

Parking in field at back of Church

Please supply

Cakes and scones, etc. for the Cake Stall and the teas (Jackie and June)

Bottles for the Tombola (Paul and Mark).

Books, CDs, Tapes (Sara and Bev)

Children's games, toys, clothes (Rachel and Lavinia)

Good Bric-a-brac for "de-clutter" (Robin and Lavinia)

Gifts, Craft and Jewellery (Margaret and Tracey)

Plants (Rosemarie and Albert)

We need lots of help to run games etc. Please telephone Elinor (482669) or Jackie (482379) if you are able to take part.

TEDIUM, n.

Ennui, the state or condition of one that is bored.

Many fanciful derivations of the word have been affirmed, but so high an authority as Father Jape says that it comes from a very obvious source -- the first words of the ancient Latin hymn "Te Deum Laudamus".

In this apparently natural derivation there is something that saddens.



BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

MISSION COMMITTEE PRODUCE SALES

St Mary's Mission Committee is hoping for the community generosity to be its usual driving force at their Summer Produce Sales.

This year we will be selling home made cakes, jams and pickles, as well as fresh garden produce on **Thursdays July 23rd, and 30th and August 13th and 20th.**



Our charities for the year are Emmaus Exeter (an organisation which helps homeless people to turn their lives around) and Tearfund which is a Christian overseas relief charity. Your support as supplier or buyer will be most gratefully received at the Reading Room, Burton Bradstock, between 10.00am and 12noon on the above dates



emmaus

Speakers from the two charities will be with us later in the year: on September 13th a representative from Tearfund will give a presentation at all services at St Marys, and from Emmaus on 14th October.

Proceeds from the sales will be equally divided between these two worthy causes

Mission Committee

A CELEBRATION OF FLOWERS

There will be a celebration of flowers in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, from Sunday 2nd to Thursday 6th August to which all are welcome to attend. A special service will be held in the church on Sunday 2nd at 11.00am to mark the event.

CHURCH FETE

The Annual Fete will be held in the Rectory Garden on Thursday 6th August opening at 2.00pm - see separate panel for details.

We are most grateful for the offers of help and contributions already received but keep them coming please. These are the main ingredients which ensure the success of the event to which we need to add a good crowd and a fine day to complete the mixture.

Items for the following stalls are still needed so if you can help please contact;

The Auction : Susan Moores (897673).

Grand Raffle : Pauline Woodford (898327) especially items for the hamper please

Books : Colin & Jan Clark (897412) No videos or cassettes please
Filled Jars: Noreen Short (897212) suitable items to the value of 50p, and wrapped sweets, a week in advance please

Cakes and Preserves : Betty Champkins (897419)

Cards and Crafts : Jane Stubbs (898002)

Children & Toddlers: Margaret Ackland – No soft toys please

Fancy Goods: Elizabeth Wigglesworth (897083) Good quality gifts

Plant Sales : Anne Thompson (897289)

Produce Sales : Peter Colbert (897922)

Bottle Tombola : Kate and Bernard Chennells (897066) – bottles and cans a week in advance for labelling please.

Water to Wine : **Vacancy** (*Contact Sylvia Delves*) – wine bottles preferably full ones please

White Elephant : Jim and Denise Rogers (897464)

Volunteers are needed to help with **the games** and assist with running **the stalls** – please contact either Susan Paul (897381) or Sylvia Delves (897358). Help is also needed please to **set up** the tables etc. at 8.30 am and to **remove** them at 5.00pm.

Peter Broomhead: Fete Co-ordinator (897408)

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Another bargain from McRoberts Radio.

The 36th Annual General Meeting of the Burton Bradstock Village Society was in May. Since those present were all members, there was only the briefest of safety instructions (shame!), before the Chairman, Valerie McRobert, gave a report on the activities of the year; they were entertaining and perceptive, particularly her observations on what she called the “hard working committee” – well, actually, that is what they are. As a member of it I can vouch for the extraordinary enthusiasm and energy of us all..... The management of the Committee is one of the better examples of what we call “Girl Power” (the Top Bananas, Val, Carol Lumley, Chris Clarke and our President, Nancy Bushell are girls); it is something much more than that: simple good management and motivation of those amongst whom they work.

Looking to the immediate future, the Village Outing will have taken place by the time you read this (watch out for a full report of the goings-on next month) and the Annual Flower and Produce Show on July 18th, will get the year off to a *sforzando* start.

The AGM was followed by the best free meal of the year and much banter during the Special Item - a Quiz (“*Oh, NO!*” we cried). Quizzes may have their origins in Dublin, but it is in Burton Bradstock that they come into their own under the authorship of the McRoberts Radio Team. The winners (by a country mile as everyone seems to be saying these days [yuk!]) were

Tom and Carolyn James, with the help of their secretary, Dr Bourne-Taylor, who wrote the answers on the slip. The questions were easy-peasy, yet no one got them all right, despite McRadio and Max (actually, Maureen) Miller being caught taking the pictures round the Village by the winners – funny, that... (you'd find it hard to believe that every question was the identification of a photograph of a local site, eg Valerie's door knocker....): what *do* we look at when we're wandering about?

The Village Society has rightly survived all these years; it is a living example of Merrie England and Valerie is to be congratulated on leading the continuing traditions of the Society over all those 36 years. She'd be good as a Whip in the House of Commons - although I imagine Lumley (Carol or Joanna?) has aspirations in that direction!

GBT

BURTON BRADSTOCK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Waiting to greet PCs Nigel Case and Poppy Wheeler in the Three Horse Shoes Car Park on 21st May, it seemed I was the only person present! Apparently the venue and day was changed to the Post Office later that the week, so I can't let you know how many people attended. (Oh, how it feels to be like Gordon B!!)

It has been reported to me that several residents have been 'cold called on' by a man and woman trying to sell Sky Television. If this happens to you and you manage to get their car registration number or make/colour of the car then please ring 01305-226930 (your local PC's number) or me as soon as possible after they have gone.

The 20mph speed limit for areas involving Burton Bradstock is still awaiting further action. Many thanks to all of you who completed the survey. I'll let you know what happens.

Finally there are bogus phone calls being received announcing A Big Prize Win then caller asks for banking details! Please be vigilant and never give details over the phone – age, date of birth etc. and especially bank details!!

Ian Pitt-Aikens 01308-897440

LAVENDER TRUST – BREAST CANCER CARE

A Lavender plant sale with coffee, tea and biscuits is to take place in the Burton Bradstock Reading Room on Tuesday 14th July 10.30am - 12noon. Everyone welcome.



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Following last year's successful concert in aid of The Children's Society, there will be another informal concert on Friday 3rd July in the Village Hall starting at

7.00pm. The School Choir will be taking part along with contributions from other local young people.

Do come and support this worthwhile cause. Admission is free but donations will be towards the work of The Children's Society whose aim is to give every child the chance of a good childhood.

Pauline Woodford (01308) 898327



Bill and Greta Heal would like to thank all the kind people who sent them beautiful cards and good wishes for their 60th Anniversary, and another big thank you to those who sent money to The Children's Society in lieu of presents. We are thankful to have such wonderful friends.

BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART 2009



From Saturday 9th August to Sunday 15th, and not to be missed! If by chance you have not received a brochure with programme details please do not delay as ticket sales are happening faster than we can remember – no – our memory isn't bad! From a Tea Dance to Jazz, from Music from the Novels of Louis de Bernières to Late Night Bach, Mozart etc: from classical concerts celebrating anniversaries of Haydn and Mendelssohn to a superb Art Festival with paintings and ceramics from over 60 West Country artists.

Can you resist phoning for a brochure right now on 01308-897487 ?

John Grantham/Mike Southgate

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

VILLAGE FAYRE – THANK YOU

The Village Fayre was held in the Hall, Church Street and the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday 25^h May. What a wonderful day it was with the weather just right and a record number of visitors. The decision early on to hold a lot of the fayre outside, whilst forecasts were decidedly gloomy, was a decision well made. As always the visitors and villagers rallied round and gave excellent support and help. An amount circa £3,700 was raised which will go towards the upkeep and upgrading of the Village Hall and its facilities.

The Committee would like to thank all the villagers who helped in any way to organise and run stalls, games and refreshments. The fayre would not be the draw to visitors or the success that it is without such support. Many visitors commented that the fayre was a 'good old fashioned' fete with plenty to do not only for adults but also for children.

Susan Moores – Fundraising Committee, Burton Bradstock Village Hall



BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL "200 CLUB" WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the July-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £6 – one pound for each of the remaining 6 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

June 2009 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£44.00	No 206	Mrs Anne Waldron
2 nd	£22.00	No 175	Mr Peter & Mrs Pat Broomhead
3 rd	£11.00	No 203	Mrs Janet Perry

ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE

will take place around the church and in the Rectory Garden,
Burton Bradstock

On Thursday 6th August 2009, Gates open: 2pm until 5pm

Featuring Rural Crafts - watch demonstrations and enjoy

A Celebration of Flowers

In the church before and on the day

Cake Stall, Ice Cream, Auction, Punch & Judy, Grand Draw, Plant Sales

St Swithun's Band, Bridport

Face Painting, Games to Play, Handbell Ringing,

Refreshments in the Village Hall

ADMISSION: Adults 50p, children (12 and under) Free

FREE CAR PARKING

and on Friday 7th August in St Mary's at 7.30 pm

 **Beaminster Gallery Quire** 

present an informal concert of traditional village church music from
TWO CENTURIES AGO, together with readings, anecdotes and a few
surprises sung and played in costume in aid of St Mary's Church,
Burton Bradstock

Join in the fun and come in costume as country folk or squires & ladies

RETIRING COLLECTION

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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PUNCKNOWLE GARDEN FETE

(In aid of St Mary's Church Puncknowle)

SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2009 at 2.30pm.

in the grounds of

PUNCKNOWLE MANOR

(by kind permission of Mr & Mrs James Wild)

featuring

**** QUALITY CURTAINS ****

(Bring your measurements)

**FANCY DRESS PARADE, PUNCH & JUDY, PLANTS,
COCONUT SHY, GRAND DRAW**

Many stalls and side shows including

**CAKES, BOTTLES, WHITE ELEPHANT
TEAS, CAKES + ICE-CREAM - 50p PER ITEM**

FREE PARKING

ADMISSION 50p (children under 12 years free)

BOOK CLUB

The PSWB Reading Group/Book Club is now well established meeting monthly on a Wednesday evening in the Hall. Book titles have been chosen for a year by members of the group, and will be supplied by Bridport Library. Quite a mixture to get through - and have fun discussions about.



LIVE MUSIC NIGHT

- a great date for your diary - Saturday 29th August in your Village Hall - with excellent musicianship by THE VINTAGE from London - who have played in Puncknowle before and got people up dancing in the pub garden. So

come along and hear them again at our first live Music Night, and dance the night away! Bar available thanks to Glyn at the Crown - tickets only £4!

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Due to rain we did not paint beach huts together. Instead we sat in Patria, painting together and sharing our latest experiments and projects. Sue Eden brought her newly published book 'Living with Dormice'. She took many of the lovely photos including the stunning front cover and some of the local scenes. Congratulations Sue on such a lovely book.



We are very grateful to Rowena Hampton for giving us a pastel workshop on the theme of animals. This was greatly enjoyed by all and we had some pleasing results.

On July 10th we visit Maureen and on 24 July we are back at The Bull. There will be no meetings in August.

Christine Molony

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

LUNCH CLUB

Lunch this month will be on Tuesday 21st July. If you wish to be there and have not yet ordered, or would like to join, please contact Ken Martin on 01308 897622



*For bookings, telephone
01308 897724*



Hi-TEC, LO-TEC

There will be no Hi-Tec, Lo-Tec coffee morning in July and August. These will start up again on the fourth Saturday of September. However

FREE PUBLIC BROADBAND ACCESS

Will continue in the Village Hall 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.

It would be useful to hear from anyone who would like to take advantage of this facility but for whom Wednesdays and/or the timing are not convenient.

Mike Brown: 897953

Few people think more than two or three times a year. I have made an international reputation for myself by thinking once or twice a week.

GBS

LITTON CHENEY

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LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Community Hall on Tuesday 14th July at 7.30pm. Local residents are invited to attend.

LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL

After a fun filled programme of events and tasters to which many came, enjoyed and vowed to return, we will now begin to set things in concrete with regular meetings, indoor sports and activities. You can keep an eye on what is happening at your smart new hall by going to www.littoncheney.org.uk. If you, family, friends or colleagues would like to book the hall please contact Wendy Taylor on 482532.



One of the events we hope will become a regular feature in the hall programme is the Village Café. It will have been premiered in June, and is based on a successful concept used in a number of village halls including Portesham.

Every third Saturday in the month the Village Café can be used as a fund-raising event by village groups – the hall will be rent-free for the morning from 10 am to 12 noon, but you must provide the refreshments and “library” of books and CD’s. The idea of the library means that people visiting on a regular basis can exchange books and CD’s that are sold initially at 30p to start the ball rolling. Beyond that you can add anything you like to raise money for your group - a raffle, stalls, etc. The world is your oyster. Once again if you require more details please contact Wendy on the phone number above.

A successful Yoga class has also commenced. It will run for 6 weeks from June 12th, 9.30 am to 11.00 am, to July 17th and will start again in September. Beginners welcome, male or female. Bring a blanket and exercise mat. For more details contact Alison Davidson 01308 482661.

Other forthcoming events include a New World Wine Tasting on Saturday 26th September with internationally renowned wine guru Steven Spurrier. This event was a sell-out when it was last held. Tickets cost £30 per person. If you would like to book your tickets please contact Wendy on 482532, Freddie Spicer (482617) or John Firrell (482313). Don't be disappointed.

There will be an Open Gardens Weekend and an Art Exhibition by Brian Cocks at the beginning of August (Sat/Sun) and more details of this event will be promulgated on the web site and on village notice boards.

'A BIT OF A DO

Well, what a tremendous afternoon, thank you to you all. This was the first of the Bride Valley Fledglings Pre School's Annual Cream Teas, Live Jazz and Historic Vehicle event, and thanks for everyone's help. It really was a great success: the money raised will go towards developing the children's wildlife area.

We had a wonderful array of historic vehicles congregated outside LATCH, with an awesome Humber tri-car dating from 1904, a BSA 3 Wheeler dated 1932 and a lovely Austin A35 to name but a few of the vintage vehicles, plus some more classic vehicles, like the Lancia Fulvia dating around 1970-ish. Thank you so much to all the drivers for coming.: the vehicles really were the icing on the cake, or should it be the cream on the scone?

Thank you to everyone who helped on the day, donated bottles for the tombola, plants, scones and cakes and a special thanks to Kate and Daniel Smith who donated the milk from Lower Kingston Russell Farm and Julie who donated their somewhat famous fresh jersey cream from Modbury Farm - people were asking all afternoon where to get more, so please do visit Modbury Farm for more supplies. Thanks too to Gemma at The Manor Hotel who lent us all the bits to make the event look wonderful and could we add a thank you to Rachel Maltby from Long Barrows Farm, Kingston Russell for donating the Jam.

The Jazz Band was enjoyed to the full, thank you so much for all your energy and to making the event complete.

from The Bride Valley Fledglings Pre school Committee

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Review of the Year meeting showing of "DORSET DAY" was welcomed by all who attended. Clive Whaley, the producer, director ,and camera man, gave a fascinating insight into how he had filmed it ,and how it came to be shown on BBC.

We had a wonderful double bonus as Jim Armstrong also came along, around about April, straight from shearing. Jim gave more details of his career changes ,in particular his love of farming and the beautiful Bride Valley. All who were present agreed it was an evening not to have missed.

The preceding acts were Pete and Ron giving a brief review of the financial and event activities over the past year. The balance sheet is healthy, mainly due to two Duck Races occurring in the same financial period! Ron thanked everyone who had helped during the year, and those who had supported all the different events, highlighting "dancing in the rain" at the "Summer" BBQ! Thanks and appreciation were extended to the committee and heartily endorsed by Freddie Spicer. An appeal was made for

volunteers to join the committee particularly as Sheila Davison has left. Elizabeth Kingston has heard the call and volunteered.....more are very welcome.!

The **SUMMER BBQ** has been postponed and will now take place on Saturday August 15th at the Community Hall. Apologies for the late change.

The **VILLAGE WALK** will be on July 11th, starting at 10.00am at the bus stop.

The **BRIDE VALLEY DISCOVERY CHALLENGE** will be held on Friday, July 24th starting at 6.45pm from the White Horse. This annual motoring event is an interesting evening exploring the Bride Valley and the surrounding countryside, with an element of testing your map-reading skills and local knowledge. You should finish back at the White Horse, around 9.30, that evening, for "a pie and a pint". Cost is £10 including food .

Can YOU beat last year's champions, THE ARGY BARGIES? If so please contact any of the following before Friday July 17th: Clive Edwards, 01308 482605 or by email to clive@hornbeam-cottage.co.uk. *Ron Davidson, 01038 482661 or Mary Anderson, 01038 482326*

We look forward to seeing you there! *Ron Davidson. 01038482661 LCSC.*

THE LITTON CHENEY RELIEF IN NEED TRUST

As in previous years the Trustees of this Charity invite applications for a Grant from students living in Litton Cheney, who have recently finished their full time education and intend to commence either full-time employment or a course in higher education such as University.

Please apply by letter in confidence, explaining your need for a grant to Mary Anderson, Talisman, Litton Cheney, or to one of the other Trustees.

CAKE BAKERS OF LITTON - WE DID IT !!!

To all who baked/provided cakes, cookies and pies to sell at our St Mary's Village Fete last Bank Holiday: thanks to your quality efforts, all was sold out by 3:30pm and raised a handsome £147, which was a big increase on last year. With much appreciation for your help and co-operation.

Carol and Mary

QUORUM, n.

A sufficient number of members of a deliberative body to have their own way and their own way of having it. In the United States Senate a quorum consists of the chairman of the Committee on Finance and a messenger from the White House; in the House of Representatives, of the Speaker and the devil.



LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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Tel: 482232



As mentioned last time, the village now has a brand new pavilion at the cricket ground, thanks to the skill and care of Cliff Payne, who has built it practically single handed over the last few months. However, it took some last-minute painting and other works from our own Phil Hallett finally to get it ready just in time for the formal opening on the 7th June, when Sir Philip's Invitation XI narrowly defeated the Bride Vale C.C. in a festival match, after Dennis Silk, who was President of the M.C.C. after a cricketing career with Somerset, had officially declared the building open.

By the time this edition appears, villagers and others will have been able to see the facilities for themselves, at the Social Club's rounders and barbecue evening on the 19th June.

At the time of going to press, the Social Club is planning a summer breather in July, but if that has changed in the meanwhile, there will be an insert in this magazine to say so.

Anyone who noticed and was puzzled by a midweek service in Church in the afternoon of Thursday 18th June may like to know that it was an intriguing glimpse back into history. In 1945, one Charles William Vincent was buried here, aged 69. His address in the Burials Register was given as "New Buildings", Littlebredy, whose modern (presumably renamed) whereabouts are unknown. Apart from that one entry in the Register, nothing else is known of the Vincent family here. However, he left behind a widow and a teenage son, who apparently was away at sea when his father died, but retained a lifelong attachment to his memory. Now the son, Robert David Vincent has himself died, specifying in his will that if possible he would like to be buried here with his father. The (unmarked) grave has been located with difficulty, and it was his funeral and burial service, attended by a few family mourners only, which took place on June 18th, led by Ryder Rogers. Thus is the strand of continuity in small communities maintained.

PEDIGREE, n.

The known part of the route from an arboreal ancestor with a swim bladder to an urban descendant with a cigarette.



SWYRE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: SID MARSHALL
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TRINITY WEEKEND IN SWYRE 2009.

On Saturday the weather held dry and a small band of very hard working people put together our Trinity Fayre. Thanks to their grand efforts there were cream teas to enjoy, a variety of games for all ages to play, well stocked stalls of books, clothing, plants and produce for sale, and the opportunity to meet and chat with friends old and new. A huge vote of thanks go to all those who worked so hard in preparing for the day, on the day, and clearing up afterwards. Thank you also to those faithful friends who came and supported us. We were able to raise over £550 towards an improved heating system to make the church more comfortable in the winter months.



Sunday evening we celebrated our festival of the Holy Trinity with a special service of sung Evensong. The Revd. Philip Ringer led this service with great warmth and appreciation of its significance to us. Janet Lane brought the ladies of her choir to lead the singing, accompanied by Sue Smith on the organ. The music and singing were just wonderful, our little church rejoicing in the sound. Gordon Jacob's arrangement of the 23rd Psalm sung to Brother James Air was very special.

Refreshments after the service allowed time for much chatter and renewal or strengthening of friendships. It was a very happy time for those of Swyre community and around who were able to join us. Thank you so much to those who worked so hard to make this possible.

If you were unable to share with us during this weekend you really missed a treat, and we missed your company. Make sure you don't miss it next year. Put the dates in you forward planner now – 29th and 30th May, 2010.

A few people work extremely hard to make this, one of the very few community events in Swyre, happen. Could you be one of them next year? Do you have any ideas that you would like to incorporate into the weekend? If so, please let one of your Church Wardens know. They will be pleased to hear from you.

Whatever you do, make sure you are there as part of Trinity Weekend in Swyre next year and bring your family, friends and neighbours with you. You **are** the community, it can't exist without YOU!

May God beyond us, give us faith; may Christ beside us, give us peace; may the Spirit within us, give us life.

Yvonne

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

This will be on 11th July 2009 from 10.00am. If anyone in Swyre would like to come and help maintain your only public building I would be very pleased to have your help. Any task you see which can improve the Churchyard will be helpful, I leave it to you to decide.

David Buckland

SHIPTON GORGE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: BARBARA CHAMBERS
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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH CHURCH FETE & NOVELTY DOG SHOW

This will take place in and around the Village Hall commencing at 2.00pm on July 11th. Volunteers to help us and goods to sell are still urgently required. If anyone has any books, bottles, produce, plants, home made cakes, bric-a-brac, etc. they wish to donate, please contact Gillian 897346, Vicky 898648, Linda 898278, Elizabeth 897207 or Kate 897574.

NOVELTY DOG SHOW

This will commence at 3.00pm and this year is being organised by Matt & Maria Brooksbank of PETPALS. The following classes will be held:

1. Most Handsome Dog
2. Prettiest Bitch
3. Best Rescue
4. Best Six Legs
5. Child's Best Friend
6. Best Trick
7. Waggiest Tail
8. Judge most wants to take home
(from prize winners of other classes).



We look forward to having lots of entries on the day!

STONE CROSS ON ROOF OF ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

We are pleased to inform you that the stone cross which was broken, at the east end on the church roof, has now been replaced.



MARRIAGE

Richard and Chris Hewlett are delighted to tell everyone that James got married to Emma on Saturday 23rd May at St Audries Park, Somerset. It was a beautiful day on which to start their married life.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

We had a wonderful afternoon at Stoneacre, enjoying cream teas and cakes, Nova and Peter's beautiful garden, and a raffle. We swapped a lot of plants too and are eagerly waiting to see what they will grow into! Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a success, in the garden and the kitchen.

Our "**PICNIC IN THE PARK**" was such a success last year (the only good weather event we held it seemed!) that we are risking a repeat. It will be held at the King George Playing Field on the afternoon of Sunday July 5th beginning at 1.00pm. There is no charge, and families are welcome – but no dogs I'm afraid. Bring a blanket, or chairs, an umbrella or Gazebo, a picnic and some drinks, and yourselves.

We will provide some entertainment, from local musicians and a children's entertainer/clown. All you need is yourselves and good humour! There will be a raffle for WINDOWS (replacement for the New Inn and repair for St. Martin's Church – to be shared). Looking forward to seeing you there!! (In the village hall if wet – sorry have to expect it!)

ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday August 1st is the **VILLAGE FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW** which will be held in the Village Hall. Exhibits delivered for judging from 8:30am; show open for viewing from 2.00pm. Schedules available from Sally Parker, John Kent or The New Inn. Children's classes and craft classes in addition to fruit, flower, vegetable and cooking.

We are hoping to organise a **VISIT TO SALISBURY** on Wednesday 12th August. Transport will be by coach leaving the New Inn early to allow for a morning visit to the city (Cathedral or shops) and an afternoon (if wished) at the races. We need to know if numbers will make this viable so please sign up on the list at the New Inn if you wish to join us soon as possible please.

The **VILLAGE FAIR** is scheduled for Saturday August 15th, 2.00–4.00pm at the Village Hall. The **VILLAGE EXHIBITION** will be presented at the Melplash Show on Thursday August 27th. You are all very welcome to both.

John Kent

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 1st July commencing at 7.30pm.

Ernie Thomas – Parish Clerk

MUSIC AT THE NEW INN

Tony Fricker sings songs made famous by Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett etc. An enjoyable evening for all ages. Starts at approx 9.00pm on 25th July; see you there.

Heather Puttock

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

JUNE DRAW

£10	No 60	Peter Bates
£10	No 31	Richard Cunningham
£10	No 5	Graham & Heather Cowland
£20	No 56	Sue Porter
£50	No 98	Colin Green



Dear Friends of the Valley and Village. Peter and I cannot thank you enough for all your kind wishes and enthusiasm that helped us make our Diamond Wedding Anniversary quite special. Affectionately, Pamela.

VALLEY NOTES



DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Saturday, 12th 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 Bongers	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.

The **PLAYGROUP SUMMER GARDEN PARTY** will be in the Rectory Garden, Burton Bradstock, on Wednesday 8th July at 10.30am (Hall if wet). Contributions of food gratefully received.

WAVE OF PRAYER at St. Catherines Cross, Shipton Lane, Shipton Gorge, Monday July 27th at 10.30am.

There will be no meeting in August.

Yvette Smith-898219.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (Bride Valley Branch)

There was a social meeting of the Bride Valley Branch of the Royal British Legion on 1st June at the Three Horseshoes and what a terrific evening it was! Nearly thirty members and their



guests turned out on a balmy summer evening for what must be the Best-value British-Legion Buffet in Britain (for four quid!). An amazing evening amongst friends, but that's what you get if you join – every couple of months at least. Nearly everybody won a raffle prize. Well, it seemed like it: if it wasn't The Admiral winning every other ticket (and graciously putting it back in, I concede), it was his lady wife (also doin' the right thing)! My raffle prize was a bit out of order, actually. I claimed what I thought was a good prize: the posh raffle organizer called out "New Car"; "Funny," I thought, "nobody snapped that one up, they all seem to be going for the cheap wine – must be officers." But it turned out to be Nougat. Why can't they say 'nugget'? It's a perfectly good English word.

Dave Bellows, L/Cpl, late The Royal Loamshires.





First Steps ToddlerGroup

Long Bredy Village Hall

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

Suitable 0-4 years

£2.00 per session, including refreshments.



Small & friendly group

All welcome

01308 482126

for more information

Wide range of equipment & resources

Meet friends

Health Visitor, 1st Wednesday each month

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP

The committee and staff would like to congratulate Ann-Marie for achieving her Early Years Professional Status (EYPS). The Playgroup has developed over the years and is now maintaining high-quality educational experiences for all children; this will inevitably improve all outcomes for children and ensure smooth transitions to Primary Schools.



This month we have been focusing the children's learning around the green grocer's. Fruit and vegetable tasting has been a favourite and a green grocer's role-play area has been created where children can weigh and sell their fruit and veg. The children have also been referring to how our own potato plants have been growing and we are looking forward to tasting our home grown vegetables in the later months. The nicer weather has allowed several outings and picnics to the park, which the children thoroughly enjoy. Many thanks to the Anchor for their continued donations, and the to hall

committee for kindly allowing us to extend our storage facilities.

The opening times for the playgroup are as follows:

Mondays 9.15am till 2.15pm

Wednesday 9.15am till 2.15pm

Friday 9.15am till 2.15pm

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

BURTON BRADSTOCK SCHOOL

It seems a long time ago now but our Ascension Day Service was once again a very memorable occasion. Year 6 enjoyed their climb to the top of the tower to appreciate the stunning views on a lovely clear morning. Fortunately the risk assessment worked very well for the children. I was the only one who got a grazed head and knuckles and I was the one who wrote it. Our thanks go to Rev. Ryder Rogers who took the service and gave a talk in the absence of Bob.

Last month Year 2, amidst great excitement, set off once again to Hooke Court for their residential visit. They had a whale of a time and much to the relief of the dedicated staff, returned safely in one piece. Many thanks to everyone who made the trip possible: Miss Sanderson, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Loxton, Miss Keith, Mrs Davies and Mrs Brown. An impressive support group!

This term Mr Platt is doing a great job co-ordinating the school gardening club and developing our allotment project. The allotment is really starting to take shape although a certain amount of trial, error and experimentation has taken place, especially with regard to rabbit disincentives. The 'bunnies' seem to enjoy sabotaging the plot at any opportunity – tales of Peter Rabbit. In addition to Mr Platt we are grateful to Judy James who has kept on top of the digging when we have not been able to get down there, and also to Mrs Carruthers senior who has regularly joined the team. Similarly we have benefitted from Mrs Haley's expertise. Not only is Mrs Haley a Teaching Assistant/Gardening Consultant (amongst many other talents) but she also happens to have her own allotment, albeit not in the posh end like us!?!

At time of writing we are (well some of us) looking forward to sailing at the Portland Sailing Academy this week. Weather permitting, we should have a great time and of all the days to choose it is one when her Majesty the Queen is visiting the Academy so there will be great excitement all round. Last year the choir took part in the Children's Society Charity Concert in the Village Hall and we are glad to be contributing to this occasion again this year. You should find mention of this event elsewhere in the BVN – Friday 3rd July, starting at 7.00pm.

We have our usual round of summer activities too: the Cluster Swimming Gala and Sports Day; our own sports day; digital photography competition and of course the Leavers Day Service takes place at the end of term. More details of this in the August edition of BVN

I can now confirm that this summer term is my last one here at Burton Bradstock Primary School. There are so many people to thank for their support during my tenure but I cannot list them all – if I did it would take up too much space and in any case I hate to run the risk of missing anyone out. This is the bit where I'm supposed to say what a wonderful idyllic time I've had over the past six and a bit years and in many respects that would be true - I have been very fortunate to work with such an able and committed staff, governors and supportive parents, and of course the children. Indeed there have been many rewards, but at the same time it wouldn't be honest of me if I didn't admit that from time to time there have been inevitable frustrations and disappointments. I began teaching 30 years ago and have seen enormous changes during that time – some for the better, but sadly not all. I am now looking forward to a new challenge where hopefully I will be able to 'fight the cause' from a different angle. I am very grateful for my time at Burton Bradstock, where I've also learnt a huge amount, not least about myself, and I shall look back with many fond memories. Inevitably it is the people and the laughs that I shall miss the most.

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

This has been quite a busy time for us in school as we have had numerous visitors and the hall is being well used.

School dinners are so different now: all of us can eat at the same time and we have space to move around. It does mean that we have to walk out of the school building but this gives us the opportunity to catch some fresh air and stretch our legs. The dinners taste so much better now and the younger pupils have a chance of seconds daily which was not the case before. Thorner's is one of 12 schools who receive their food from Local Food based in Bridport and we are maintaining our record of being the school with the highest uptake, with an average of 59% of children, including Fledglings eating a hot meal. Many of the other schools are averaging 30% to 40%. I have been asked what the secret is ... can you tell me? I think it is because our parents value good food and recognise that eating a proper hot meal in the middle of the day is valuable to their children.



Henry, George, Kieran and Mrs Gundry went to St. Mary's in Bridport. We went on the cooking bus. We cooked Greek spanakopitta and Greek salad. In the spanakopitta was spinach, feta cheese, onion, filo pastry. In

the Greek salad was salad, spring onions, feta cheese, olives. We had a really fun time and really enjoyed it. We can't wait to eat it! It looks really nice. The kitchen was really cool. If we were asked again if we could go we'd all say yes! (Written by Henry)



Since the beginning of June we have been using the hall for our PE sessions and as we have added a colourful climbing frame the children have thought that this is 'brill', 'cool' and after the first session some of the younger pupils even said it had been the best day of their lives! The hall is making a huge difference to PE as there is so much more space. As I took a visitor through school and into the new hall it really struck us the contrast between the two halls ... a bit like chalk and cheese.

All of the children took part in a Design and Technology workshop where they designed moving models. It was obvious which class was making the models as there was that enthusiastic hush around them. All the children were challenged and were thoroughly engrossed in making their models and reported the day as 'being fantastic', a change from 'normal' lessons and 'fun'. (Isn't school always fun I ask?)



One day last week we also had a visit from some Morris dancers and all the children were able to have a go at the different skills involved. Bredy were using sticks while Eggardon used hankies and Chesil were dancing in different shapes. Surprisingly a few children found this difficult while others who have good co-ordination skills picked up all the moves easily. Many of our older pupils enjoy

Maypole Dancing so we felt this was a good complement and yet a slightly different style of step.

Alison Johnstone, Headteacher

100 CLUB WINNERS:

Both school parents:

£15 Lisa Wilkinson

£10 Caroline Cox

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP



This half term we are continuing with topics to do with "Growing", healthy eating and bodies, so growing more vegetables will also help understand about them as food. We are very lucky to have a new raised planting bed for our plants - thanks to Darren and Martin. In it, children have planted runner beans, herbs, lettuce, and sunflowers grown from seed, as well as baby onions, melons, beetroot and cauliflowers, plus sweet peas and petunias. The best part for the children is watering! Always willing to help with this job.

The new play house and climbing frame are in place now, and are enjoyed greatly by the children. They also have a "Muddy Corner".

The children are all in training now for School Sports Day, with which they join in, and have begun to use the new Hall for their indoor physical exercises and games.

The playgroup website is soon going to be updated by John Lockett with new photos of children on it - by kind permission of parents.

The Summer Outing this year is on July 9th to the Sea Life Centre in Weymouth so - hoping for good weather for that.

The fund-raising "Bit of a Do" on 7th June went very well with lots of visitors coming along to see the classic cars, have a cream tea, buy plants and/or cakes and listen to some cool Jazz. Many thanks to all who helped in any capacity to make the afternoon a success. The event raised a total profit of £501.59. Recently we also raised £68 from the sale of Playgroup Calendars which was donated to LATCH.

Pre-school children have been taking part in activities relevant to them as a separate little group - borrowing books to take home, own work folders and writing books, in preparation for starting school in September. They are Abbie, Amos, Bobbie, Harrison, Jacob, James, Marcus P, Phoebe, Ruby, and Toby. Happily we have at least 5 new children starting next term to join the younger group.

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.



CAN YOU HELP?

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

We 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!

Please contact Denise Hunt (Group Scout Leader)

01308 485007



COMMUNITY ALERT ON PUBS - MEETING OUTCOME



Just to report that the meeting in Lyme Regis on June 5th - mentioned in last month's issue - to try to save the Three Cups Hotel from dilapidation or worse - ended in a unanimous vote of 235 to 0 (including one young man aged 10 who is doing a school project on it!) in favour of the WDDC compulsorily purchasing the Hotel and selling it on to a

hotelier to re-open as a *hotel* and so help redress the massive shortage of hotel beds in Lyme.

John Grantham 07990-583167.

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

We had an excellent attendance at our A.G.M. which lasted only 25 minutes and we were then entertained with a fascinating history of topiary given by Mrs. Harriet Sykes of Bellamont Nurseries and a wonderful demonstration on shaping different box shrubs executed by her son Eyre who runs the Nurseries. Finally cheese and wine was served and enjoyed by all. We now look forward to our talk in June on Low Maintenance Gardening.



Our Mini Flower and Produce Show is on Saturday July 4th at the Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall. Our members will bring their flowers and produce in the morning then from 2.00 to 3.30pm our visitors will have the chance to view the exhibits and will be asked to judge using the voting sheets; the winners will be from popular choice. The doors open at 2.00pm and entrance is Free. We will be serving teas, scones and cakes and be running a raffle. All are welcome. At 4.00pm the cups and prizes will be awarded by our President, Brian Prentice.

On Monday July 20th we will be having a talk by a local organic

gardener on Growing Vegetables for Winter, now being the time to plan for the winter months.

The gardening club is going from strength to strength and we welcome all visitors and new members.

JOBS TO DO:

Continue harvesting soft fruit and cut out fruited stems of summer raspberries (after all the berries have been picked!). Harvest vegetables regularly particularly courgettes and beans. Take cuttings of dianthus and osteospermum and sow seeds of biennials. Make sure birds have regular access to fresh water.

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

JULY EVENTS AT THE OTHONA COMMUNITY CREAM TEAS AND A SEA VIEW.

Friday 24th July, 2.00 – 5.00pm

Another chance to enjoy a luscious home-made cream tea on our terrace overlooking the sea. 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 a lovely way to spend a summer afternoon – bring your friends too!



ONE WORLD WORSHIP

First Sunday of every month, 7.00pm, at the Othona Community
July date: Sunday 5th July.

Join us this month on Sunday 5th, as we welcome many of our local friends for an informal, open-to-all service followed by simple soup and bread supper. 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, exploring together the relationship between faith and life.

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

PARTNERSHIP FOR OLDER PEOPLE PROJECT

My name is Angelica Kennard, and I am the POPP Community Leader for the villages east of Bridport, including the whole of the Bride Valley. My role is to facilitate the starting of new projects, and the expansion of existing projects for older people - "Older" in this case



meaning over 50. We are funded to work 7 hours per week.

I am trying to get a full picture of what exists already in my patch and I would like to invite readers to let me know about any activities for the over 50's going on in their area. I can be contacted on 07825 206058 or by email at angelica.kennard@helpandcare.org.uk.

I would also like to invite readers to contact me if they have a need for something to be started up near them; e.g. exercise classes, social/lunch clubs, bus journeys for outings etc.

Since its inception in 2006 POPP has funded many events and groups which have helped the older section of their community, eg. local bus routes, dance/exercise clubs, hospital transport schemes, neighbourhood schemes to help people when just coming out from hospital, lunch clubs (including the Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Lunch Club, which meets monthly in the village hall in Puncknowle), health services etc.

OTHER USEFUL ORGANISATIONS FOR THE OVER 50'S ARE:

SENIOR FORUMS are local independent action groups for people over the age of 50. They aim to influence the planning, development and delivery of local services by getting their member's voices heard at key planning groups across Dorset. They also provide a valued social and communication network for many isolated older people.

Bridport Area Older People's Forum Contact: Margaret Harrington
Telephone: 01308 456441 Email: elainestubbs@tiscali.co.uk

CHANCERY HOUSE DAY & SOCIAL CENTRE *(Reg Charity no 229199)*

Chancery Lane, Bridport, Dorset DT6 3JT

Is open Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9:00am to 2:30pm, Wednesday - 9:00am to 2.00pm, Thursday & Saturday 9:30am to 11:30am.

This is a Drop in Centre for the over 50's, and provides lunch clubs, art/exercise/social clubs/music. Contact Chancery House on 01308 424357 or E-mail bridport424@btinternet.com

WESTERN AREA TRANSPORT ACTION GROUP (WATAG)

The objectives of this group are to seek and achieve sustainable improvement in transport systems in the area. Meetings are usually held in Bridport once every two months.

WATAG Secretary: Joy Michaud, email: joy.michaud@btinternet.com:
Tel: 01308 897892

QUANGLE WANGLE CHOIR SING AT NEW COMMUNITY HALL

The Quangle Wangle Choir will perform at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall on Saturday, 11th July, at 7.30pm. The unique concerts of this popular Weymouth based community choir cater for a wide variety of

musical tastes. From African spiritual to Abba, the intricate harmonies of the acappella style songs are interspersed with poetry and a sprinkling of Quangle humour!

On display will be the dazzling 'star-quangled banner' made by the choir members and the stunning new embroidery piece, 'Let the sunlight in'. Juliet Harwood, musical director, commented, "The choir is truly looking forward to visiting the beautiful new hall in Litton Cheney".

Admission costs £6 and is free for accompanied children, and refreshments are included. Tickets can be reserved in advance from Juliet on 01305 814940 or purchased on the door. For more information about the choir contact Juliet or visit the choir's website at www.qwchoir.co.uk



St James the Least of All

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

On the hazards of the Summer Picnic

*The Rectory
St. James the Least*

My dear Nephew Darren

It was lovely to see you and your curate friends last week when you came for your Summer picnic in the countryside. I was delighted when you said you were bringing Chardonnay, but somewhat disconcerted to discover that what I assumed would be coming in bottles, arrived in a pink track suit. I had the white wine glasses all ready. I presume your baptismal register is full of Claret Smiths, Burgundy Jones and Beaujolais Browns.

I was saddened to see that almost all of the group were wearing hearing aids, and assumed it must be a consequence of spending so much time with your noisy "music groups" in church. It was only when one of your friends asked me why I was bellowing at them all, that I discovered their hearing was perfect and that they were listening to music. How you manage to fit sets of records into one of those little machines, let alone squeeze in a turntable, is beyond me. And why call them eye-pods when they fit into your ear?

On another occasion, do remind your friends that a farmer's field differs from an inner city park. Fields do not

have benches, let alone picnic tables; power points for electric kettles and mobile phone chargers are not in every field corner; you sit on the grass and accommodate yourself around the sheep droppings. I know it will come as a surprise to some of your group, but farm animals are not trained to visit lavatories.

Neither are fields centrally heated; we have what are called hats, coats and scarves when enjoying the open air - anyway, it was not cold, it was bracing. And do remember that barbed wire has that name for a reason. Brandon's left jacket pocket can be retrieved from the fence next time he visits.

In our villages, we tend to think of the dangers lurking in inner city streets, but apparently they are nothing compared with the endless hazards you encounter in the countryside.

I was sorry that the day ended so suddenly. When I got one of our local farmers to let you use his field, it never occurred to me that he should be asked to clear it of his stock. I fully realise that the nearest your urban colleagues will have got to a sheep will have been in a supermarket among the lamb chops wrapped in cling film, but the panic that spread through them when the flock ambled over to see if they might be treated to the odd sandwich was something to behold. Sheep are perfectly amiable, they are most unlikely to trample you underfoot and I have never known anyone torn limb from limb by a crazed ewe. That sort of behaviour is only to be found at church jumble sales.

But it was your loss; it allowed me to finish off the picnic, with my own Chardonnay which was rather more elegantly clad in green glass - and your killer sheep thoroughly enjoyed the chocolate cake.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

IDLENESS, n.

A model farm where the devil experiments with seeds of new sins and promotes the growth of staple vices.



FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



TAKING & GIVING

If you look at a map of Israel you will see that there are two small inland seas. And if you look closely you will see that these two seas are linked by the River Jordan. The river starts in the northern hills and goes through the Sea of Galilee, then through the Jordan valley, and ends up in the Dead Sea. But even though

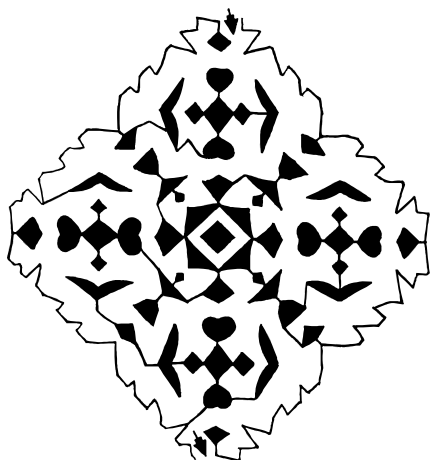
the water is all from the same river, the two seas are completely different.

All around the Sea of Galilee are towns and villages, trees and farms. The Dead Sea has no trees or farms: it is dead. What makes the difference? The Sea of Galilee is alive because it has an outlet. It passes the water on as quickly as it flows in. The Dead Sea is dead because it passes no water on.

In St Luke's Gospel we read what Jesus said about giving – 'Give to others, and God will give to you' (chapter 6, verses 27-28). Unlike the two seas we can choose how we want to be: to give and take and be alive. Or just to take - and become sad and lifeless.

IN & OUT

Can you find your way through this lacy maze?



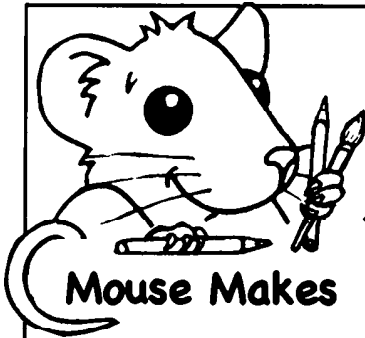
Did you hear about the slimy monster who was famous for his farmyard impressions?

He couldn't do the noises but he could do the smells.



And what about the monster who went shop-lifting?

He was crushed under Tesco's.

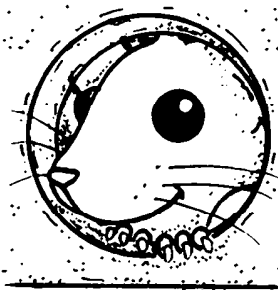


Mouse Makes

If you make a promise do you keep it?
GOD always keeps his promises!

"The LORD your GOD has given you all the good things that he promised. Every promise he made has been kept, not one has failed."
 Joshua 23:14

God helps you



"GOD is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble" *Psalm 46:1*

Cut out and keep these cards to remind you of God's promises.

God hears you



"The LORD is near to all who call on him" *Psalm 145:18*

God knows what you need



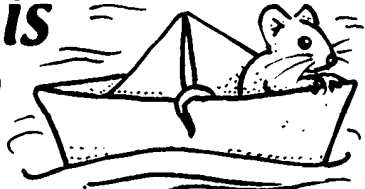
"Your FATHER knows what you need before you ask HIM" *Matthew 6:8*

God cares for you



"Leave all your worries with HIM because he cares for you" *1 Peter 5:7*

God is with you

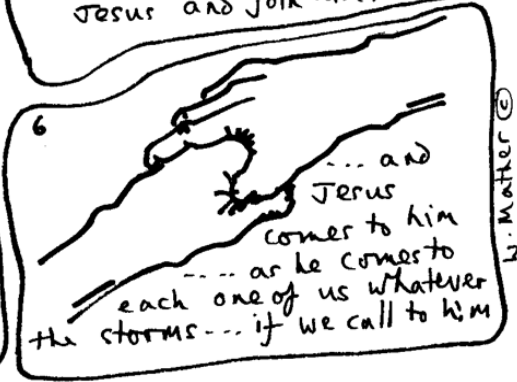


"Be strong and courageous... for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go" *Joshua 1:9*

Bible Sketchbook

Jesus brings peace to our storms...

Jesus was praying but his followers nearly sank in a terrible storm... Jesus came walking on the water... Peter tried too... He lost his courage and started to sink... He called to Jesus... And was rescued!
(Read more about it in Mark 6: 45-52)



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WORDSEARCH

As it is St. Swithun's day on 15th July, we've compiled a puzzle which contains words associated to the saint and the legends which surround him.

ABOUT ST. SWITHUN

St Swithun was the Bishop of Winchester until his death in 862 and he is still the patron of city's Cathedral. Famously known to be the rain-bearing saint, on his deathbed Swithun requested that he be buried outside so that the rain could fall on him. Nine years later, however, it was decided that his remains should be moved indoors, at which time a period of incessant rain fell. It was felt that this bad weather was Swithun showing his displeasure at the move. Now, legend has it that the weather on St Swithun's day will predict the forecast for the forty days and nights which follow. It's St Swithun's day on the 15th July, not because that is the date of his birth or death, but because that was the date his remains were removed. His most famous miracle was said to be the restoration of a woman's basket of broken eggs which had been maliciously broken. Surprisingly, Swithun is remembered more for his apples than his eggs, with many growers believing that if it rains on St Swithun's day, he is christening the apples on the branches, and those will be the fruits which fully ripen.

Below are the words hidden in the grid. You can find them spelt forwards, backwards, straight, across or diagonal. Good luck!

Winchester, Raindrops, Downpour, St Swithun, Apples, Storm, Umbrella, Grey, Eggs, Patron, Puddles, Wet, Clouds, Anorak, Weather, Torrent, Drizzle, Shower, Cathedral, Wellington Boots.

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DIARY OF EVENTS: JULY 2009

Wed	1	3.00pm	Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm	Shipton Gorge Parish Council meeting	SG Village Hall
Thu	2	2.30pm	G of H Meditation & Healing Group	Othona Community
Fri	3	7.00pm	Concert in aid of Children's Society	BB Village Hall
Sat	4	2.00pm	BVGC Mini Flower & Produce Show	PSWB Village Hall
		7.00pm	One World Worship	Othona Community
Sun	5	1.00pm	Picnic in the Park	K George Playing Field
Tue	7	10.00am	National Trust "Drop-in Surgery"	Hive Cafe
		7.30pm	Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council mtg	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	8	10.30am	MU Playgroup Summer Garden Party	The Rectory, BB
		2.00pm	Threads of Hope	Good Books, Bridport
		3.00pm	Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Fri	10	10.30am	Puncknowle Art Group	Maureen's
Sat	11	10.00am	Village Walk	LC Bus Shelter
		10.00am	Churchyard clean up	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		2.00pm	Church Fete & Novelty Dog Show	Shipton Gorge VH
		7.30pm	Quangle-Wangle Choir Cpnert	LATCH
Sun	12	2.00pm	Long Bredy Village Fete	Langebride House LB
Tue	14	10.30pm	Sale in aid of Lavender Trust	BB Reading Room
		7.30pm	Litton Cheney Parish Council meeting	LATCH
Wed	15	3.00pm	Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	16	2.30pm	G of H Meditation & Healing Group	Othona Community
Mon	20	2.30pm	Chai & Chat	Good Books, Bridport
		7.30pm	BVGC "Growing Vegetables for Winter"	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	21	12.30pm	PSWB Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	22	10.00am	Bridport Art Society Exhibition starts	Bridport Arts Centre
		3.00pm	Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm	Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	23	10.00am	Produce Sale for Tearfund & Emmaus	BB Reading Room
Fri	24	10.30am	Puncknowle Art Group	The Bull, Swyre
		2.00pm	Cream Tea & a Sea View	Othona Community
		6.30pm	RBL (A'bury) Summer BBQ	Portesham Village Hall
		6.45pm	Bride Valley Discovery Challenge	White Horse, LC
Sat	25	2.30pm	Puncknowle Garden Fete	The Manor, Puncknowle
Mon	27	10.30am	MU Wave of Prayer	St Catherine's Cross, SG
Wed	29	3.00pm	Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	30	10.00am	Produce Sale for Tearfund & Emmaus	BB Reading Room
??		9.00pm	Music at the New Inn	New Inn, SG

DIARY OF EVENTS: AUGUST 2009

Sat	1	2.00pm	Village Flower & Produce Show	SG Village Hall
Sun	2	7.00pm	One World Worship Celebration of Flowers starts	Othona Community St Mary's, BB
Tue	4	10.00am	National Trust "Drop-in Surgery"	Hive Cafe
		7.30pm	Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council Mtg	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	5	3.00pm	Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	6	2.00pm	St Mary's Church Fete	The Rectory, BB
		2.30pm	G of H Meditation & Healing Group	Othona Community
Sun	9		Burton Bradstock Festival of Music starts	
Wed	12	3.00pm	Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	13	10.00am	Produce Sale in aid of Tearfund & Emmaus	BB Reading Room
Sat	15	2.00pm	Shipton Gorge Village Fair Summer BBQ	SG Village Hall LATCH
Wed	19	3.00pm	Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm	Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	20	10.00am	Produce Sale in aid of Tearfund & Emmaus	BB Reading Room
		2.30pm	G of H Meditation & Healing Group	Othona Community
Wed	26	3.00pm	Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Sat	29	7.30pm	Live Music Night, with "The Vintage"	PSWB Village Hall

LC: *Litten Cheney*
Lb: *Littlebredy*

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

BB: *Burton Bradstock*

LB: *Long Bredy*
BV: *Bride Valley*

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Solution next Month

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR JULY/AUGUST

PRINCIPAL FESTIVALS & PRINCIPAL HOLY DAYS

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

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*
- 29 *Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of our Lord*
- 30 *William Wilberforce, Social Reformer*
- 31 *Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus*

AUGUST

- 4 *Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide*
- 5 *Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr*
- 6 **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**
- 7 *John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer*
- 8 *Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers*
- 9 *Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union*
- 10 *Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr*
- 11 *Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares)*
- 11 *John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian*
- 13 *Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith*
- 13 *Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer*
- 13 *Octavia Hill, Social Reformer*
- 14 *Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr*
- 15 **THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- 20 *Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith*
- 20 *William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army*
- 24 **BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE**
- 27 *Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo*
- 28 *Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith*
- 29 *The Beheading of John the Baptist*
- 30 *John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer*
- 31 *Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary*

THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

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, JULY 2009

Wed	1 st	10.00am	Burton Bradstock (Holy Communion)
Thurs	2 nd	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	3 rd	10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	6 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	8 th	10.00am	Burton Bradstock (Holy Communion)
Thurs	9 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	10 th	10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	13 th	9.00am	Little Bredy
Wed	15 th	10.00am	Burton Bradstock (Holy Communion)
Thurs	16 th	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	17 th	10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	20 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	22 nd	10.00am	Burton Bradstock (Holy Communion)
Thurs	23 rd	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	24 th	10.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	27 th	9.00am	Little Bredy
Wed	29 th	10.00am	Burton Bradstock (Holy Communion)
Thurs	30 th	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	31 st	10.00am	Shipton Gorge

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

July 2009

Parish	Date 1 st Sunday 5 th July 4 th after Trinity	2 nd Sunday 12 th July 5 th after Trinity	3 rd Sunday 19 th July 6 th after Trinity	4 th Sunday 26 th July 7 th after Trinity
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 1030 Parade Service 630 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 11.00 Morning Prayer 630 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 630 Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer	
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Morning 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	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