

# **Bride Valley News**

## **October 2009**



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## 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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### FROM THE RECTORY

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**October** is upon us, which means that we are in the middle of the Harvest Festival season in the Churches of the Valley. Fruit and vegetables and flowers will be carefully placed and arranged to delight the eyes and gladden the hearts of all who either visit or gather for worship. Part of the joy of this festival is to look about and see how many little things change over the years, and still the overall picture is the same.

Grain is now often stalks of maize, where once there were stooks of corn. And Wow! for a moment of astonishment in seeing the word "stooks" come up on my computer as a mis-spelling. That is how rarely the word is used, and how rare the stooks themselves have become. I know there is someone who has noted this change as I have, because when we first arrived in the Rectory there was a stook of corn that someone had lovingly and carefully put in one of the attic rooms for safe keeping. It must have been a picture of harvest one year and seemed too good to waste. By the time we found it so had the mice, and it had been stripped to stalks. But my, how the mice had fun tickling about behind the lath and plaster that first winter.

The grain changes, as do some of the fruits and flowers. The root vegetables tend not to be as muddy and clumpy as I remember them (sitting sulking on a distant window ledge, and not allowed near their more glamorous



rivals). But the urge to say thank you for all that we have and have become still is the same. And the means of saying thank you, of offering and giving, is seen, as it will be next year and every year, in the explosion of harvest scents and colours which will fill the air when we walk through the doors of the Churches of the Valley this harvest season.

As for our mice, they were very sorry, they said, but they were going.

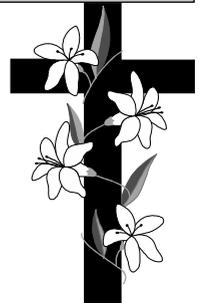
They were hungry and had become fed up of stealing the dog food. They were off to find a new future, we know not where; except that up in the attic we later found “thanks” scrawled in little round letters on the nibbled edge of a discarded packet of pop corn.



## FROM THE REGISTERS

On Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, the funeral of **DENNIS JOHN BULLOCK** was

held at St Mary’s Church, Burton Bradstock. It was attended by many friends and family from the village, where he was born, grew up and lived his life, and by colleagues from the electricity board, as it once was, where he worked from an early age. The mourning was led by his widow, Sheila, and their daughters, Sonia and Lisa. Memories brought to mind were of his playing football as a youth, fishing from his boyhood, and from Sheila, of dancing with him on the front at West Bay on Summer evenings – the life of a happy man of good fellowship and easy laughter. We left the Church to a favourite song “He raised me up”, following which he was borne to the cemetery to be laid to rest.



## EDITOR’S GROVEL

Sincere apologies if any feathers were ruffled by last month’s howler. The church in Shipton Gorge is, of course, dedicated to St. Martin and not St. Peter as shown in last month’s “From The Clergy”.

Surprisingly enough, only one person felt the need to put me right!!



Back in harness - Bob blessing the new cross at St Peter's, Shipton Gorge, which has been erected to replace one

When you leave college, there are thousands of people out there with the same degree you have; when you get a job, there will be thousands of people doing what you want to do for a living. But you are the only person alive who has sole custody of your life.

*Anna Quindlen A Short Guide to a Happy Life*

## LONG BREDY

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## ST PETERS

October is a quieter month for both Church and the village and so a good time to thank all those who help with the flowers, brass cleaning, music and especially the hard working mowing and strimming team who keep the churchyard looking so nice.



How lovely it is to have Bob and Jean taking services, what a wonderful recovery Bob has made. We wish them well.

## 2009 FETE

Apologies for a misprint in last month's BVN: the donation to the Village Hall from the Fete was £300 (not £800).



## ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON,

Mark Banham of No. 2 Long Bredy, is running the Royal Parks Half Marathon on October 11<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for the Dorset County Hospital's Special Care Baby Unit. Having had first hand experience of the wonderful care they gave when Mark's son was cared for by the unit in 2007, he would welcome anyone who feels they can support him with sponsorship for his run. If you would be able to support Mark please contact on 482757, or at No.2 or call in to Palmers wine store in Bridport where Mark also has a sponsor form.

Thanks very much,

*Caroline Banham*

## LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAMILY TREASURES

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 in Long Bredy Village Hall, when Richard Batten (Batten's Jewellers) and Guy Schwinge (Duke's Auctioneers) will enlighten you about the history-and even value-of your jewellery and other (small) favourite pieces.

Open to all villages. Make a note in your diary now! Further details to follow in November BVN.

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**ALLIANCE.** n. In international politics, the union of two thieves who have their hands so deeply inserted in each other's pockets that they cannot separately plunder a third

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# PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH

### FETE MEETING

There will be a meeting at 8.00pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October to start planning for the 2010 fete which will be held on Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to get involved with the planning, you are invited to the meeting at Geoffrey Fry's, 2, Sawbridge Cottages. Telephone 898068 or Liz Slater 897751



## PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

On September 4<sup>th</sup> we returned to 'The Bull' to judge our holiday painting competition. This was won by Sue who will keep the trophy for one year.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> will be an outing to Art West and 16<sup>th</sup> will be a talk by Pat on Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

*Christine Molony*

## PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

### MUSIC NIGHT



A great evening was had by all who came along on the night of August 29<sup>th</sup> when "The Vintage Blues Band" came to entertain in the Village Hall, which they did as a Hall Fundraiser. Around £410 was raised by ticket sales and another £55 by the Raffle so it was a successful night all round.

Thanks to all who helped, donated raffle prizes or bought a ticket - and many thanks to John from the Crown for manning, and to Glynn for organising the bar.

The floor held up despite much dancing! And the weather stayed fine and warm - which was fortunate as we had to seat some people outside.

*Carol Bennett*



For bookings, telephone  
01308 897724

## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the club will be held at Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm. Nominations will be required for the Officers and Committee of the club for the coming year.

Members who did not attend the September lunch should telephone for this month only 898492 to order their meal.



## BROADBAND ACCESS

Free broadband access continues every Wednesday, as follows:

1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month 4.00-7.00pm

2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month, 3.00-6.00pm

5th Wednesday, no access



**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

## SATURDAY MORNING DISPLAY AND SALE

24<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30 –12.30 ,  
in the Village Hall, Puncknowle

Please come and see what we have in stock, and browse through the Traidcraft catalogue where you will find many Christmas ideas. As well as foodstuffs, Traidcraft markets clothing, jewellery, toys and many other consumables.

**Hi Tec- Lo Tec :** The computers and the broadband connection will also be up and running at the same time as the Traidcraft display on the 24<sup>th</sup> October. Either use the computers we have or bring along your own lap top. There will be someone available to help with advice and support.

**Come for a better than usual cup of coffee and a chat.**

## ONLINE SHOPPING

If you're into on-line shopping, please look at our webshop at [www.buy.at/PuncknowleSwyreVillageHall](http://www.buy.at/PuncknowleSwyreVillageHall) as all purchases will generate a donation for Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall. CDs, DVDs, books, groceries, insurance, flights, short breaks, toys and gifts are all available from retailers such as, Asda, B&Q, Amazon, M&S, Littlewoods, Eurooffice, National Express, Legal & General and many, many more.

## SWYRE

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## HOLY TRINITY, SWYRE.

### SONGS OF PRAISE

Another very successful songs of praise season has now come to an end. I would like to thank Paul Cheater for playing for us and all those involved in choosing the hymns. I hope all who came enjoyed themselves and thanks to you for singing so well. Make a note for next year when we will be coming together again during August.





## WORKING PARTY

The October Church working party will be on 10<sup>th</sup> October for work you can see needs doing for your Church. I am usually there most Saturday mornings so anyone interested in keeping the Church and its environs in good order will be most welcome, it would be lovely to see you. I have cleared the stream of overgrown vegetation and hope to get on top of the overgrown grass areas. Paintwork on gate and the grave railings will need to be cleaned, in addition to our usual cleaning rota.

## SERVICES

Following the Songs of Praise season we are back to our normal pattern of services :

- 4<sup>th</sup> October: Evening Prayer and Harvest Festival
- 11<sup>th</sup> October: Morning Worship
- 18<sup>th</sup> October: Holy Communion
- 25<sup>th</sup> October: Holy Communion by extension

## COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who came to our last coffee morning when we raised over £100 towards the new heating system fund.



Our next coffee morning will be on 28<sup>th</sup> November raising funds for a new heating system for the Church. Everyone will be most welcome to come and enjoy teas or coffees a chat and purchase all the goodies on offer. Hope to see you all there.

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival will be celebrated at the Family Service at 11.00am on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October and will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch (finger food) in the Church.

## THE VILLAGE CAFÉ

This month's Café, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00 am to noon, will be hosted by St Mary's Church. Bacon butties, stalls, social chat as usual plus an opportunity to catch up with the latest news of the Church's new access and re-ordering due to start in January.

*St Mary's PCC*



## FAREWELL TO THE LINDSAYS

After 28 years at the Old Rectory it was sad to say goodbye to Hugh and Carol Lindsay who throughout their time here have been dedicated supporters of the village and the Bride Valley. We shall all miss them but it is

good to know they've not gone far.

They will be especially missed at the Church and the PCC entertained them to a memorable farewell lunch in August at which it was nice to welcome back Bob and Jean. Sincere thanks and good wishes to Hugh and Carol from all at Litton Cheney. FS

## LATCH - FORTHCOMING EVENTS & 2010 CALENDAR

**STARS OVER THE BRIDE VALLEY** - is an evening, led by Steve Kourik, studying the night sky on Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. The evening is aimed at giving people, young and old, an opportunity to use an astronomical telescope and learn about the sky above us. This stargazing will be accompanied by a brief talk about astronomy illustrated with video and live weblinks. A light hearted quiz will also provide more information!!



If anyone can bring along an astronomical telescope or good binoculars this will allow more people to view the sky at any one time. Also anyone with a knowledge of astronomy and who would like to help with the evening give Steve a call on 482552.

Admission is £2.50 for adults and £1 for under 14's. There will be refreshments available to keep out the chill.

**PILATES AND YOGA** - are continuing (on Mondays and Fridays respectively) and **TAI CHI** has recently started 2 to 3.00pm on Wednesday. Details from Alison Davidson (482661).

**SHORT MAT BOWLS** - is played every Tuesday from 3.45pm to around 5.00pm. This is fun and caters for all levels of expertise. If you were good at Marbles, then this might be your vocation. All ages welcome.

**LADYBIRDS** - are opening their November meeting to anyone interested in hearing the award winning grower Charles Groves describe his work on Violet cultivation and breeding at 8.00pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Further details in the November BVN.

**BREAKING NEWS** - The pantomime "Ashputtel", Grimm's Fairytale version of Cinderella, will be performed in the Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November by a well recognised professional touring company. This production is supported by ArtsReach. The box office will be open from Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - please call Claire on 01308 482748 to book your tickets (all seats are

numbered and can be reserved). Adults £7.50, U18's £5, Family ticket(2+2) £20. Check out [www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk) for updates and more information. Does your foot fit the glass slipper?

**2010 BEAUTIFUL BRIDE VALLEY CALENDAR** – now in its fourth year, and this is the best yet! If you have friends and family you wish to remind about the beautiful valley that we live in then this is for you. This really is a labour of love and the proof of the pudding is in the eating, if you can forgive the mixed metaphors. Also extremely attractive is the price @ £4, or, wait for it, £10 for 3. Available at Village Cafes, White Horse, Modbury and other excellent outlets and via Ron Davidson (482661), Freddie Spicer (482617) or John Firrell (482313). Yours to enjoy!

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The August **VILLAGE WALK** was along the slope below the A35, across to Long Bredy, back along the ridge and all accompanied by several fly pasts of the Red Arrows!. It also included many interesting paths which most of us had not covered before, and the final stretch was through a “jungle” of maize where a couple of intrepid explorers decided to go their own way....they have been spotted! With the very warm sun, and humidity, it was good to be back in tropical Litton.



The next Village Walk will be on October 10<sup>th</sup> starting from the Bus Shelter.



By overwhelming consent the **SUMMER BARBEQUE** was the best in recent memory. Approaching 90 adults and children came along to enjoy the food, drinks, music, sunshine, and wonderful facilities at the Hall. Expectations had obviously been raised by the publicity tactics of ever-changing dates, which also fooled the sun into appearing!! Whilst there was sufficient food and drinks for everyone we could not have coped with any more, so it is wise to buy your tickets in advance to allow the committee to plan the food quantities and avoid disappointment!!

It was great to see so many there and the dancing exhibitions by some of the boys will be long remembered! Thanks are due to all those who supplied and prepared the food, set up and cleared away. A most enjoyable event in every way.

Unfortunately, and much to the disappointment of the committee, the **BARN DANCE** planned for October 3<sup>rd</sup> has had to be cancelled. This is because of an unexpected clash with another event which would have significantly reduced the attendance. But you can try out the superb floor by going along to the dance evening in the Hall on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Ron Davidson 01038 482661 Litton Cheney Social Committee*

# SHIPTON GORGE

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## PARISH COUNCIL

We will be having a maintenance session in the PLAYING FIELD from 10am until mid-day on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Any help would be appreciated very much.  
*Playing Field Committee*

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our **TRIP TO SALISBURY** was a great success. Many of us visited the Cathedral and Mompesson House (some took the opportunity to shop!). The weather was kind, and the racecourse easily accessed for an afternoon's flat racing (Day one of the Salisbury Festival). No one actually lost their shirt, but no-one made a fortune either, and a good day was had by all.

The **VILLAGE FAIR** was held in and around the Village Hall. It stopped raining and stalls were well attended. Bridport Dog Training Club was a major attraction and, as usual, they performed impeccably (even their owners!). Over £500 was raised to go towards future events.

The exhibition of the display from the **CALOR VILLAGE OF THE YEAR** judging was staged at the Melplash Show. The village marquee was erected just inside the Countryside area so that almost everyone had to go past it! Many people paused to view the exhibits and to make comment. We were visited by the show's President, Anne Crutchley and Chairman, George Rendell as well as Oliver Letwin. Several of the archive photographs were identified as people recognised faces and places. (One lady spotted several ex-suitors in a team photograph!!) The Dorset Community Action team had a stand in with us, and were able to make contact with other villages who were interested in participating in the competition, in Dorset and other counties. All in all an enjoyable and successful day.

As we go to press we are looking forward to our trip to **LEGAL, LEAFY AND LITERARY LONDON**, guided by "Big Bob" Ayers, and on October 7<sup>th</sup> we have an evening of Bingo in the village hall, starting at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing some of you there!



**THANKS** - John and Kate Kent would like to say a huge thank-you to everyone for their kind thoughts, good wishes and practical help during John's recent illness. He is well on the road to recovery now.

# SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

## ENTERTAINMENT AT SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 31st October. John Follett sings and plays guitar with Theresa on keyboard. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

There will be a raffle during the evening with any profit going to the air ambulance. Tickets only £3 from Jill Parsons on 898636. Doors open at 7.30. Hope to see you there.

*Brian Puttock*



## BINGO

Eyes down for a full house on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm

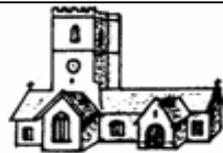
## 100 CLUB

### September Draw

£10	No 31	Richard Cunningham
£20	No 14	Anthony Kilroy

## BURTON BRADSTOCK

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS: ?



## WORK AFFECTING MILL STREET

During October essential work, upgrading pipes, will be carried out by Wessex Water in Mill Street, Burton Bradstock. This will necessitate considerable construction work but please be assured that both the Post Office and Three Horseshoes will be open for business as normal!

As a result of this work parking in Mill Street may be restricted, which will affect some of you who visit the Post Office or the Three Horseshoes by car.

Three Horseshoes car park will be fully open as normal for patrons throughout the period of works. Pam and Paul at the Horseshoes have kindly offered that during this time Post Office customers may also use their car park if parking on Mill Street is not available.

If you need further clarification the phone numbers are: The Three Horseshoes Pub & Restaurant - 01308 897259, Burton Bradstock Post Office & Shop - 01308 897243.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

We are pleased to announce that our February show will be "Goody Two Shoes", a pantomime by Paul Reakes,



to be directed by Mike Read. Please come along to the Village Hall on the following dates if you are interested in taking part or helping with this production:

Reading Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 7.45pm

Auditions Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45 pm

If you are unable to come along on these dates but want to take part, please contact Mike Read on 897445.

Also, if there are any choreographers hiding in the Bride Valley that we don't know about, please own up and give me a ring! (Many thanks to all the men who got in touch after my last plea!!)

*Daphne Ekins, Hon. Secretary: 01308 897415*

## FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

Our Ploughman's Lunch this year will be on Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>. Tickets will be available from the end of October from the Burton Bradstock Post Office or from Sandy Adderley on 898358. For further details check your BVN next month and posters that will be placed around the village.



*Sandy Adderley*



*Lavender Trust  
Breast Cancer Care*

## LAVENDER TRUST

A film slide evening will be held in the Village hall Burton Bradstock on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7,30pm. Everyone welcome to support the Lavender Trust.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

*For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222*

### “200 CLUB”

*SWDDC Licence no: SL0080*

**September 2009 Draw: congratulations to the winners:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	£44.80	No 55:	Mr Al Palmer
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£22.40	No 169:	Mrs Pat Raven
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£11.20	No 16:	Mr Lionel Bailey

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the October-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £3 – one pound for each of the remaining 3 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.



## ARTSREACH NEWS

Doesn't time fly? Autumn already and very little of Summer to remember. Never mind. Here's some news of forthcoming events to cheer you up!

"**MOONFLEET**" presented by Angel Exit Company will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Angel Exit was founded by Tamsin Fessey born in Dorset, who studied at the famous Le Coq school in Paris. She will be weaving together local legend, sea shanties, stories and the hidden history of the area of Falkner's novel. "So much vivid theatricality and inventiveness" said Lyn Gardner of the Guardian. Don't miss it!

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November brings "**PAPER CINEMA**" devised by Nic Beard who combines everyday objects plus video technology and produces puppets and marionettes, plus live music. A show for all the family.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December we have **THE MELLSTOCK BAND**. Christmas music from the English tradition. Even further ahead- on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010 there will be Public Transport with "**20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE OFFICE!**" More information later. Put the dates in your diaries.

*Norman Saunders-White Promoter, Artsreach 01308 897214*

### **VILLAGE TREASURE TRAIL WALK & CREAM TEAS HELD 30<sup>TH</sup> AUG.**

This was the first time this event had been run. Despite dreadful weather, there was a pleasing turnout and over £200 was raised to go towards maintaining the Village Hall. Grateful thanks go to Gill Redford and her team for putting on the Cream Teas. We hope to repeat this event at sometime in the future.

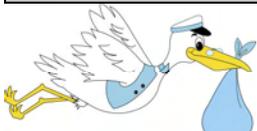
### **THANKYOU**

Heather Rogers wishes to thank all those who gave so generously to sponsor her on her 50mile cycle ride. As it stands now, approximately £700 has been sent to the well project to provide a deep bore well in India, and £300 to Macmillam Nurses. I am very grateful.



*Heather*

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 **Congratulations** to **EMMA AND DANIEL BARRETT** on the birth of little Jude at the end of August, a brother for **MATILDA**. Before he is eight weeks old, **JUDE** will already have had two Littlebredy homes, as he and the family will have moved from 2 Riverside Cottages to Gardens Cottage, following the slightly delayed departure of Carol and Colin Armistead for pastures new in Poundbury.

**The Barretts** will be succeeded at 2, Riverside by Mike and Mandy Ludington, who are moving here from Hampshire. Mandy is



already familiar with the village through helping Liz Eaton in the Walled Gardens. We hope all concerned will be very happy in their new homes.

## That applies

too to **CHRIS AND KIM NEILL AND THE BOYS**, who departed from 2, Yew Tree Cottages in September. Chris and Kim's new home will be in Bothenhampton, and we hope they will retain fond memories of Littlebredy after nearly a decade here.



## The Social Club

will be organising a Social Evening in the Village Hall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. The bar will be open from about 7.00pm, and snacks will be provided. If anyone has more photographs of interest for the Village Album which Ed and Christine are compiling, please bring them along. We hope this will be well attended, to justify the hard work which the Club's Committee puts in.

## Early Notice

too that the customary spectacular bonfire and fireworks display will take place on the Village Green on the appropriate date of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November. The fire will be lit at about 6.00pm, with fireworks shortly afterwards. Please provide a substantial firework (which must be in date, please!) or cash equivalent if you intend to come, to be delivered to the Baxters at 2, Stonehills Cottages in advance or on the night. The Village Hall will be open as usual afterwards.

## BEYOND THE VALLEY



Hungry for One World is the theme of this year's One World Week from 18-25<sup>th</sup> October.

Join us for an **INDIAN SUPPER**

on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 7.00pm at Bridport United Church Hall with guests from Don Bosco Ashalayam' Street Children in Calcutta. Tickets from Good Books in Gundry Lane, 01308 420483.

And would you or your group like a stall at our **COFFEE FOR ONE WORLD** on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am-2.00pm at Church House, Bridport? Contact Churches Together 01308 427851.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

The Inter-faith Week of Prayer for World Peace runs alongside One World Week. Join us for:

**PEACE GATHERING**, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 12.00 midday in the Peace Garden, Bridport Quaker Meeting House.



**PEACE PRAYERS**, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 10.30am at Bridport Quaker Meeting House.

**UNITED SERVICE** for Peace & One World Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm St Mary's Church Bridport.

## SUNDAY TEA & CHAT.

The next Tea & Chat (for anyone lonely or on their own at weekends) is on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 3pm at Bridport United Church Hall. If you need transport or would like to help, contact Tom on 455674.

## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Will be at 12.00 midday for anyone on their own. Names for invitations (and offers of help) to Grant on 01308 456066.

## CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME OCCASIONALLY?

Pathways to Care is looking for volunteers to help with Good Neighbours requests – transport to surgery or hospital, visiting, occasional shopping etc. Contact 01308 420483 for more details.

### GOOD BOOKS

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

Tel: 01308 420483 E-mail: [orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk](mailto:orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk)

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

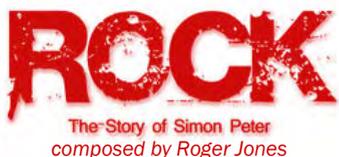
**Opening hours:** Monday-Friday 9am-1.00pm, Saturday 10.00am-12.00noon, and for tea and chat on most Monday and Wednesday afternoons

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



Good Books has had a busy summer at fetes, shows and garden parties – thanks for the invitations and support. We're already planning ahead for Advent & Christmas stock! We're also looking for a volunteer in the shop for Wednesday mornings 9.00-11.00am – could this be you?

Next **CHAI & CHAT** (West Dorset Africa network) Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2.30-4.30pm.



**ROCK** will be performed at Bridport United Church on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm as part of its national tour. It is the 21<sup>st</sup> musical composed by Roger Jones, director of Christian Music Ministries based in Birmingham. Roger's musicals have been performed all over the world, from India to Hawaii, and this will be a much anticipated return to Bridport following the performance of Wildfire in 2007. **ROCK** will be a lively, colourful performance conducted by the composer, with a large local choir, the original cast from the album, dancers and instrumentalists.

The story follows the story of Simon Peter, from the Bible, and how his life was turned upside down when he met Jesus.

Tickets are £8 or £6 (concessions ) and are available from Ann Gordon on 01308 861070.



## ROTARY CLUB OF BRIDPORT

Invites you to

# SING SANKEY

With Weymouth Salvation Army Band  
at the United Church, East Street, Bridport  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.00pm

Programme £5.00 (incl refreshments)  
(In aid of Julia's House and Chancery House Day Care Centre)

From: - Julia's House Shop, West Street Bridport  
or phone 01308 458816



## FRIENDS OF WELDMAR HOSPIECECARE TRUST

'INFORMATION OPEN DAY': Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2009

The Friends of Weldmar HospiceCare Trust are to run an 'Information Open Day' on Saturday 31 October at Cerne Abbas Village Hall <http://www.cerneabbasvillagehall.org.uk/>  
All are welcome and the event, including refreshments, is

**free of charge** and runs from 12-noon until 2.30pm.

Starting with coffee at 12 noon there will be a short introduction outlining the role of the Friends in relation to Weldmar HospiceCare Trust. This is followed by a showing of our promotional DVD which is scripted by Oscar winning writer Julian Fellowes and presented by Martin Clunes; it defines the Trust with great clarity. Some existing Friend's Area groups from many different parts of Dorset will be there to explain their role and how they help the Friends to help the Trust.

We are offering some pre-Christmas 'shopping' with a mixture of stalls selling Cards, jewellery and general gifts. A complimentary sandwich lunch will be available and this will be followed by an informative chat by Chief Executive to the Trust, Alison Ryan. The day finishes at 2.30pm after a demonstration of Christmas decorations and ideas by Castle Gardens of Sherborne.

**Do join us** - your only costs will be whatever shopping you are tempted by!

We urgently need more people to be aware of the work we do to sup-

port the Trust which is so vital to the citizens of Dorset. Weldmar Hospice-care Trust is a charity covering North, West and South Dorset, offering wonderful support to those with cancer and other progressive diseases, providing a seamless service delivered free to the patients in their homes and in the day and in-patient hospices.

Please help us with our catering numbers by registering your anticipated attendance on 01308 862955 or on email to [sallyi@btinternet.com](mailto:sallyi@btinternet.com)  
(Sally Inchbald - Chairman of the Friends of Weldmar HospiceCare Trust)

## VALLEY NOTES



### MOTHERS' UNION.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.  
2.30pm at Westfield. Shipton Lane. Burton Bradstock.

Yvette Smith. 898219.

## TANZANIAN TRAVELS

On Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm  
at Bridehead, Littlebredy

Dr Catherine Pouncey will show photos of her visit to Tanzania  
and her work at the Anglican Health Centre in Njombe

If you would like to attend, please phone: 01308 482232

Or email: [pwbridehead@btinternet.com](mailto:pwbridehead@btinternet.com) Entry free

Donations to Dr Pouncey's Njombe AHC fund much appreciated

### OTHONA THE HIDDEN GOSPEL

AN EVENING WITH SPIRITUALITY TEACHER NEIL DOUGLAS-KLOTZ  
Litton Cheney Community Hall, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 8.00 p.m.



Othona  
WEST DORSET



Othona  
WEST DORSET

"Has the original life-enhancing message of Yeshua (as Jesus was called in his mother tongue, Aramaic) been hidden? Not by conspiracy (sorry Dan Brown!), but by languages and concepts he never used? What emerges if we scrape away centuries of misunderstanding?" Neil Douglas-Klotz is a world class scholar, author, spirituality teacher and founder of the Dances of Universal Peace network.

Neil is a Sufi (they are sometimes called the mystical branch of Islam) who is now catching the ear of many Christians and others. By re-connecting

with the Aramaic language and meditative practices of Jesus, he uncovers seriously good news: a message and spirituality that transcend the rivalries which have so bedevilled the great religions. This evening will include a talk, questions and gentle 'body prayer'. (Neil's weekend workshop at the Othona Community has attracted more people than we can possibly fit in, so we offer this evening in addition and hope to see you).

Cost is £8: booking essential – contact 01308 897130 or [mail@othona-bb.org.uk](mailto:mail@othona-bb.org.uk)

## ONE WORLD WORSHIP at OTHONA

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm

This month our regular OWW slot welcomes back storyteller Anthony Nanson with The Voyage of St Brendan. Join us in our chapel at 7.00pm followed by a simple, home-cooked supper of soup and bread.

## WILL HE? WON'T HE? *(fall off the stage)*

One of the most enjoyable evenings in the Bride Valley at this time of year is the Band Night in aid of the Poppy Appeal. The St Swithins Band turn up every year to perform for this wonderful event **free of charge**. And what an evening it always is! Not only are there many, many old favourites and arrangements of popular music, the visual impact of this splendidly uniformed band puffing and wheezing through the tunes to which we just love to tap our feet, but there is the added *frisson* of whether the band leader will, this year, actually step back, off the stage, into the audience! It is in an incredible act of balance and bravery that he can cling, almost sloth-like by his toes on the very edge of the stage. So, for whatever reason, put Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October in your diary now. This is not only £5 well-spent, but a considerable donation to one of our most deserving charities.



**The Royal British Legion, Bride Valley Branch Present**

## **A Band Concert in aid of the Poppy Appeal**

**Featuring**

**The St. Swithun's Silver Band**

**At the Village Hall, Burton Bradstock on**

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2009 at 7.30 pm**

**Popular music from the shows and films as well as traditional Silver  
Band Music**

**Tickets available from the Post Office £5**

## BRIDE VALLEY KNITTERS

The recently founded Bride Valley Knitting Group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month (October 6th & 20<sup>th</sup>, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>) from 2.00-4.00pm at Ourganics in Litton Cheney.

Do come along if you are interested in knitting or crocheting, no matter which level or age! A knitting tutor will be available (donations welcome). We are looking forward to seeing you!

For more details or directions ring Doris 01308 897 685 or Pat at Ourganics 01308 482 455.



## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at the Puncknowle Village Hall sees the last of our Club's gardening year with a show from Colin Varndell on the gardens of Dorset which he has been photographing and writing articles on for the last thirty years. This will be followed by mulled wine and non-alcoholic punch.

For this evening only we will restrict attendance to members only.

As members of the Castle Gardens Gold Club we will have the 25% discount vouchers, which have been offered us for use at Poundbury Garden Centre in Dorchester, to be handed out at this meeting.

### **JOBS TO DO:**

Sow overwintering broad beans. Plant garlic. Complete planting of spring-flowering bulbs.

Prune climbing roses. Take hardwood cuttings. Make leaf piles for hibernating mammals.

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

## BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

A Big Welcome to new Fledglings - Edward Maston, Frieda Krosnar, Harriet Belfield, plus Jessica and Lily Fry.

This term, we will be looking at ways of "staying safe" and "eating healthily", with a visit from the dental clinic at Dorchester Hospital on 14<sup>th</sup> September - as well as practising brushing our teeth at preschool. Children will be making a display on staying healthy and what exercise they like to do. They will be making signs to go around preschool and thinking of ways to stay safe themselves.

Our garden plants grew and grew - and grew some more during the summer holidays, thanks to sun and lots of rain. Big tomatoes and runner beans - cabbages got eaten by the wildlife i.e. snails and slugs. The herbs were very tall as were the sunflowers. We have some straw in the garden so



will be making a scarecrow - probably too late for this year!

At the end of last term Fledglings were able to use the school swimming pool with proper adult supervision.

Playgroup A.G.M. was held on 15<sup>th</sup> September in the new LATCH Hall, so more news about any changes to the Committee next time.

## NESTLINGS :

Open to parents, babies, and toddlers to join in playgroup activities, play with resources, meet others, become familiar with the Fledglings environment, find out information re playgroup and school, have a snack & a drink. Just drop in on Thursday afternoons at 1.45pm - only £1.50 - and join in the fun.

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

**BRIDE VALLEY STAY & PLAY**  
**01308 482126**

**WEDNESDAYS,**  
**10.00—11.30AM**

**LONG BREDY VILLAGE**  
**HALL**

**£1.50 INCLUDING**  
**REFRESHMENTS**



## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

The school has made a lovely start to the new academic year, the children have quickly adapted to the routines of school after the summer break and the new reception children have settled very quickly.

The big change here at Burton Bradstock has been the arrival of me after Mark Stratta left for his new post at the end of the summer term! I have taken up the post of acting head teacher for the term and have thoroughly enjoyed the warm welcome I have received from the staff, governors, parents and children. I am very much looking forward to my time at the school.

As a staff we have been looking at the expectations we have for our children, as you may have seen we have made a display of this in school and

in St Mary's Church. We would welcome your views on this and do ask people to add to, annotate or ask questions about any of the statements on display. We are very conscious that we are a church school serving the community and would appreciate the involvement of our community.

We shall be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am, with the children's gifts being put in church the on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October so they can be part of the parish display.

*Daniel Hunwick acting head teacher*

## THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL



The month of September is a busy time, Reception pupils have started and we are glad to report they are all settling well into school life and new routines.



During the summer holidays all the children seem to grow and come back to school with enthusiasm, eager to learn more and wanting to share their experiences with us all.

This year in particular it has been quite a long break and with the weather not being so good it was good to catch up with friends. All the children have settled well and are enjoying new friendships and we are looking forward to a fantastic year. Later in the month we celebrated Harvest, bringing in produce grown in our gardens and allotments for which we are very grateful. Thank you to everyone who sent in produce, tins and coins. When you see pictures from around the world we realise how lucky we are, we have food to eat and we are able to grow many varieties of fruit and vegetables locally, including the school allotment which has had a very productive season.

During October Eggardon are planning a Tudor day in school to help understand what life was like in that period, we enjoyed the afternoon of Tudor archaeology in September where we discovered methods used to find out why and what happened. Hopefully these opportunities will bring the Tudor period to life for the class and they will gain a lot of understanding of how events have influenced our lives today.

*Alison Johnstone: Headteacher*

## JOLLYTOTS

got off to a good start for the Autumn Term, the new time and new venue being very popular. We have plenty of room for more babies and toddlers at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, every Monday 9.30-11.00am. At £1.50, in-



cluding refreshments for adults, this is very good value. Come and join us.  
For more details contact Natasha (898313) or Heather (897780)



## SAFER NEIGHBOUR HOODS

During the months of July and August we experienced several breaks to churches with offenders targeting the safes. The churches were not secure at the time and the vestry doors in two of the churches were not locked.

Thieves gained access to the safes by drilling.

In view of the above we have started **CHURCH WATCH**. This works in the same way as Home Watch. If you are interested in joining the Church Watch scheme then please contact me on 01305 226930.

I am currently looking to get more **HOME WATCH** members enrolled on the Ringmaster scheme. This enables the local community to receive crime information as it relates to their area of residence. The information is circulated by Dorset Police. If you are interested in joining the Home Watch scheme then please contact me on 01305 226930.

We have our **HOMEWATCH CO-ORDINATORS MEETING** on 27<sup>th</sup> October in Bridport. If you co-ordinate an area in the Homewatch scheme then please come along. Invitations to those that we have on our system will be sent out nearer to the time.

### “START SPREADING THE NEWS!”

Following input from Inspector Chris Naughton from Special Branch, Nigel and I created and circulated a 40-page information pack to over 100 farms on our area of responsibility. The pack contained advice about the safe storage of fertiliser, what to look out for, together with crime prevention information. It also contained a news story outlining the actions of Nicky Reilly who was responsible for the a failed bomb attempt at the Giraffe restaurant in Exeter. Exeter is less than 40 miles away from this part of rural Dorset.

We also visited 80 of the farmers, all of whom were very responsive to the information we had given them. All agreed to become members of the **Key Individual Network system**.

This was followed up by a seminar in August with presentations from Special Branch, Crime Reduction Officer Mark Harper and PC Tim Poole from Beaminster SNT who spoke about “ Stop that thief” and “selectadna” property marking.

We felt the project was a great success, for anybody that wasn't able to attend the seminar but would like any crime prevention advice, please feel free to contact us:- 01305 226930 or poppy.wheeler@dorset.pnn.police.uk

*PCSO Poppy Wheeler*

## HANDY VAN

HELP THE AGED WE WILL

Help the Aged/Age Concern are providing a subsidised home repair service which they call Handy Van. Our handy man in a van in West Dorset is Ricky Trevor. He sounds very nice on the phone and is keen to help. If you have any queries do ring him.

**AGE**  
*Concern*

He has sent me the following information:-

*HandyVan is a unique home support service from Help the Aged and Age Concern to help you feel safer in your home in West Dorset*

*We supply and fit new locks, free smoke alarms, free carbon monoxide alarms, aids and adaptations such as grab rails, handrails and steps and also minor diy and repair jobs around the home.*

The work is carried out by a fully qualified carpenter who is CRB checked. The scheme is funded by West Dorset council and is available to people over sixty that live in the West Dorset area.

If you would benefit from the Help the Aged Handyvan service, or you know someone that would then please phone one of the following numbers:

Ricky Trevor on 07850949540

0845 026 1055 head office

01255 473999 clacton administration team

07740 039142 handyvan team manager

Or email [handyvan@helptheaged.org.uk](mailto:handyvan@helptheaged.org.uk)

If you have a computer visit the website [helptheaged.org.uk](http://helptheaged.org.uk) to find out more about the service and/or fill in the online form.



## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### Bride Valley Branch.

23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2009 Band Concert (see advert on page 19)

26<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 Social Evening at "The Three Horse-shoes" Burton Bradstock, 7 for 7.30pm. £5 including supper.

5<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 Poppy Appeal Coffee morning in Village Hall, £1 entrance including coffee. The Poppy Appeal posters painted by the School will be on display

## PULPIT AND PEW PLAY VITAL ROLE

Chief Executive Paul Chandler sets out his core message:

Traidcraft was founded 30 years ago as a Christian response to the scandal of world

poverty and as a practical action towards establishing justice in the world of trade.



**Traidcraft**

From our first transactions with craftspeople in a handful of villages,

Traidcraft – with the support of churches across the UK – has grown to deal with over 100 producer groups in 30 different countries. The fair trade movement, which we helped establish, now provides support to some seven million producers, bringing hope and opportunity where little existed before.

The work of our charity Traidcraft Exchange, has done much to promote wider trade justice agendas and establish greater corporate accountability, as well as leading to a wide range of successful development projects.

But ironically, we are also victims of our own success. By getting big companies to enter into the fair trade arena – always, rightly, one of our goals – we have conjured into existence powerful competitors, who are cannibalising many of our traditional markets, on which we continue to depend. Having encouraged people to buy fair trade in supermarkets in order to get big companies interested – a real success story – we now need Christians to prioritise buying Traidcraft branded products directly or through church stalls to ensure our distinctive Christian voice is not extinguished. We also need to obtain more church support for the work of our charity.

In the Bride Valley, a Traidcraft Fair Trade stall has been up and running once a month for the last two years, at St. Mary's Burton Bradstock. In this anniversary year it would be a very positive step to invite the other churches of the valley to take advantage of the Traidcraft stock. To this end a Saturday Morning Display and Sale will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall in Puncknowle (see advert on page 7). Please come, Look at what we have in stock, and browse through the Traidcraft catalogue – many Christmas ideas here. As well as foodstuffs, Traidcraft markets clothing, jewellery, toys and many other consumables. If any of the other churches would like a regular stall, this would be an deal opportunity to make arrangements. Local contact Elizabeth Orza 01308 897451.

To find out more about Traidcraft visit [www.traidcraft.org.uk](http://www.traidcraft.org.uk)

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There was no report of our July meeting, but it was great fun with Roger Snook giving a talk on "Hat Mania" with many hats to show and try on!! Great stuff Roger!!

Now the summer seems to have left us and today again we are under a sea mist/fog at the time of writing - very depressing I find. We hope you have had good summer times with your families either here or away - a wonderful time to get together with our grandchildren in hopefully sunshine! Exhausting I find, but what a blessing!

At the time of writing our September meeting has not yet taken place, but we will be hearing from Jane Silver Corren on "My Jewish Home".



Next month our meeting will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm, when Rob Curtis will talk on "Dorset Curiosities".

We will then be holding our Autumn Coffee Morning on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the WI Hall as usual, with many stalls, and tea and cakes available. Do come along and start getting those Christmas presents in!

During the month our usual groups will meet - Mahjong,, Reading Group, Creative writing group, the Embroidery group and the walking group. Please check on the Board outside the hall for times of these meetings.

Do come along and see if this is for you - we welcome new members at our meetings!

## BRIDE VALLEY INTER CHURCH/COMMUNITY BIBLE QUIZZES

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, Shipton Gorge, Swyre & West Bexington United, and the Four Susans, competed with great gusto in the first three matches which were exciting and sometimes breathless!

On Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> we shall be holding the next Quiz Event at 7.00pm in Shipton Gorge Village Hall, when again three matches will take place between Long & Little Bredy, Shipton Gorge, and The Eggheads. There will be refreshemnts in the intervals! Please come and cheer on your local team (or favourites).

This time there are fewer events. Probably one in November, then the finals on Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall - which will also include the children's teams.

Please book these dates and come



## Keeeeeep dancing

Enjoy an evening of Ballroom - Sequence - Latin American dancing  
At Litton Cheney Hall, on the following Saturdays, 7:30 until 11pm

10th October 2009

14th November 2009

12th December 2009

All ages and levels welcome. £3 per person per night.  
Bring your own refreshments - Tea and coffee available.

For more information and tickets in advance  
Ring David 01308 482532 John 01308 482170

# St James the Least of All

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

## On what to do about swine flu in church

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

The concern you show for the welfare of your parishioners during the current 'flu epidemic does you credit - although I am unsure of the continued effectiveness of your 'ministry of welcome', when those beaming smiles of your 'welcomers' will be hidden behind surgical masks. And surely, disinfecting the hymn books after each service is a little too enthusiastic? Won't the pages simply dissolve in the end?

Also, must you condemn those with even slight sniffles to sit encased in large plastic bags behind glass screens? That is unlikely to make newcomers feel that they are being warmly greeted. And I have never before heard of passing the peace with gardening gloves on. Won't people think it odd?

Finally, I must observe that obliging your entire congregation to paddle through a disinfectant pool as they leave the church is an unusual practice. It will make people feel they are in the public baths - although I concede that the architecture of the two buildings has much in common.

We take a rather more robust attitude to viral attack here at St. James the Least. The use of the chalice was only reluctantly suspended during the Black Death and - apart from the one Sunday when Mrs Clapton lost her teeth in it, has been used at every service since. Colonel Addleshaw is safe from the virus, since it could never survive the alcohol levels in his blood stream and a glare from Lady Millcheam would freeze any unwelcome visitor at a hundred yards.

Dear, romantic Miss Mompesson suggested we hold future services in the open air, but the thought of Mr Charnley losing his wig yet again in anything greater than a light breeze and the choir looking like galleons in full sail, made the idea unworkable - especially as it would oblige Lord Melchett to sit with everyone else and not in the family pew, where he can read the Sunday papers unobserved by the rest of the congregation.

There have, however, been some unintended benefits to the health scare. It has enabled me to cancel the coming visit of the bishop, explaining that we are far too concerned for his

health. Also, as a way of containing the spread of the contagion, I have stopped visiting parishioners and do not allow anyone to call at the rectory. All evening meetings are suspended, I refuse to visit the village school and risk contaminating the children and I have made it clear that not stopping to talk to villagers in the street saves them from being ravaged by the disease.

Should the 'flu epidemic continue for some time, it would be a sadness I could learn to bear.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

## MISCELLANY

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

As I walked up Annings Lane the other day, behind a local Lurcher and his Licensee, I couldn't help but notice the resemblance, from the rear, that this dog had, to an elegant Queen Anne wine table. As it tippy-toed along, occasionally glancing up to his boss, I could just see a glass of Amontillado balanced above those finely carved, slightly bowed legs.



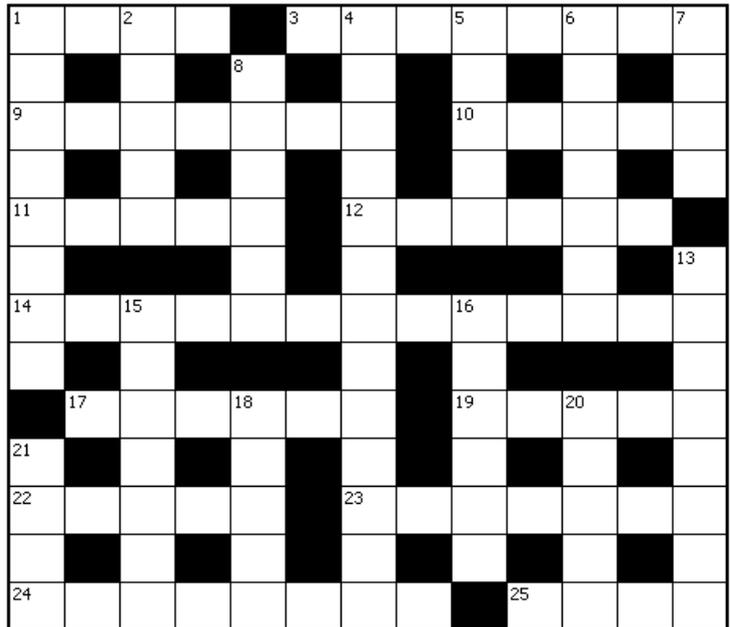
It got me thinking about other dogs in the village. I have got myself rather a name for canine matters since my research on the cliff top (and have been banned by Mrs S. from writing any more about *that*), but there are some beautiful beasts around. A few doors down, there is a Collie with a tail like a Life Guard's plume; there is the dumpy little Westie that I encounter on the river bank, its tail, a happy propeller, slowly and contentedly revolving in unison with his clockwork waddle; and today (incredibly, on the cliff top!) I saw an ancient wire-haired Daschund in his push chair, Mum pushing *him*, Mum pulling *Dad*, on his crutches, behind – if only I had had a camera with me..... There is the explosion that is Howard's Border Collie, as he gleefully spatters everything (you, me, the whole shop) with mud, but mostly affection, absolutely thrilled to bits to see *anyone*: I love his complete innocence and happy welcome, whatever the circumstances.

The shivering hound looking down from the Rectory wall, the contented golden Labradors, the black ones, with or without a tricycling follower. And George, the sweetest Greyhound (well, black, actually) – another tiptoe-er, who just cannot spend a penny unless there is grass (“That’s enough,” says Mrs S.). George understands precisely what is said to him, is saintly with cats, and loves nothing better than lying beneath the “bed” in the ‘Shoes. Like all hounds, his back-end is like a piece of fine furniture, in his case, a Victorian jardinière, but, at the other end, his eyes are more expressive than many humans! Speak to him, in any language, and he just seems to say, “That’s O.K.”

# CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible

(Solution on p.)



## ACROSS

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

## DOWN

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

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### KING & SAINT

If there is one date that nearly everyone knows it is 1066 when the Normans invaded England, William the Conqueror became king when he invaded the country after Edward the Confessor died.

Edward was King of England but he wasn't like most rulers of the time; he was a peace-loving man of God who put all his energies into building churches. His most famous church was Westminster Abbey. It was built on marshy land by the River Thames in London and it was Edward's chief delight to watch the building grow. And when he died he was buried in his new church – as lots of kings and queens and famous people have been in the centuries which followed.

Lots of rulers have nicknames: Edward I was the Hammer of the Scots, Richard I was the Lionheart, all very warlike. But Edward was called the Confessor because of the way he lived his life witnessing to his belief in Christ. So each year on 13<sup>th</sup> October we remember the king who was a saint.

### NICKNAMES or NOT?

All of these are nicknames of real rulers from the past – apart from 2 which I put in to confuse you. Which ones are made up?

Charles the Bald

Eric Bloodaxe

Ivailo the Cabbage

Boleslaw the Curly

William the Beetroot

Pippin the Short

Niall of the Nine Hostages

Glun the Green

Ragnar Hairy Britches

Louis the Stammerer



**What do Eric the Red and Winnie the Pooh have in common?**

They have the same middle name.

**What did Vikings use for secret messages?**

Norse Code.



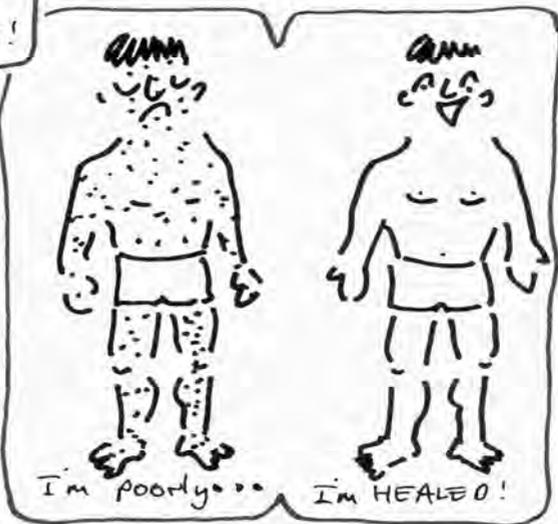
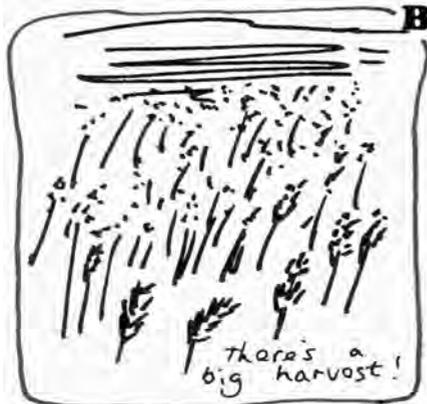
Answers: all real, however unlikely, apart from William the Beetroot and Glun the Green (there was a Viking king of Dublin called Glun the Iron Knee but I don't think he was into recycling).



## Bible Sketchbook

### *It's People Harvest time!*

For Jesus the harvest wasn't just corn it was people! He said we need to pray for people with authority to harvest all those people. So he gave them - as he gives us! - authority to preach about his Kingdom, to heal the sick, raise the dead and cast out demons. Read all about it in Matthew 9: 35 to 10: 1-8.



## DIARY OF EVENTS: OCTOBER 2009

Thu	1	7.45pm Burton Bradstock Players, Auditions	BB Village Hall
Fri	2	9.30am Yoga 10.30am Art West	LATCH
Sun	4	11.00am Harvest Service + Bring and Share Lunch 7.00pm One World Worship	St. Mary's, Litton Cheney Othona Community
Mon	5	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	6	10.00am National Trust "Drop-in Surgery" 2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group 3.45pm Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council Meeting	Hive Cafe Ourganics, Litton Chehey LATCH PSWB Village Hall
Wed	7	7.45pm Burton Bradstock Players, Auditions 2.00pm Tai Chi 4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access 7.30pm Bingo	BB Village Hall LATCH PSWB Village Hall SG Village Hall
Fri	9	7.30pm Lavender trust Slide Show 8.00pm "The Hidden Gospel" 9.30am Yoga	BB Village Hall LATCH LATCH
Sat	10	10.00am Village Walk 10.30am Churchyard Working Party 7.30pm Keeeeeeep Dancing	LC Bus Shelter Holy Trinity, Swyre LATCH
Mon	12	4.00pm Pilates 8.00pm Fete Planning Meeting	LATCH 2 Sawbridge Cott, Puncknowle
Tue	13	2.30pm WI Meeting "Dorset Curiosities" 3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	BB Village Hall LATCH
Wed	14	2.00pm Tai Chi 3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access 7.00pm Inter Churcg/Community Quiz 7.30pm Book Club	LATCH PSWB Village Hall Shipton Gorge Village Hall PSWB Village Hall
Thu	15	4.30pm Dr Pouncey "Tanzanian Travels"	Bridehead, Littlebredy
Fri	16	10.30am Art Club 7.00pm Social Evening 9.30am Yoga	The Bull Littlebredy Village Hall LATCH
Sat	17	10.00am Village Cafe hosted by St Mary's Church "MOONFLEET"	LATCH BB Village Hall
Sun	18	12noon One World Week - Peace Gathering 3.00pm Sunday Tea & Chat	Quaker Mtg House, Bridport Bridport United Church
Mon	19	2.30pm Chai& Chat 4.00pm Pilates 7.30pm BVGC "Dorset Gardens" by Colin Varndell	God Books, Bridport LATCH PSWB Village Hall

LC: Litton Cheney

SG: Shipton Gorge

BB: Burton Bradstock

LB: Long Bredy

Lb: Littlebredy

PSWB: Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington

BV: Bride Valley

LATCH: Litton Cheney Community Hall

BVGC: Bride Valley Gardening Club

Tue	20	1.30pm PSWB Lunch Club (+ AGM) 2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group 3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	PSWB Village Hall Ourganics, Litton Chehey LATCH
Wed	21	10.30am One World Week - Peace prayers 2.00pm Tai Chi 4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access 7.00pm One World Week - Indian Supper	Quaker Mtng House, Bridport LATCH PSWB Village Hall Bridport United Church
Thu	22	2.30pm MU Meeting	Westfield, Burton Bradstock
Fri	23	9.30am Yoga 7.30pm RBL Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning	LATCH BB Village Hall
Sat	24	10.00am Traid Craft Coffee morning 10.00am One World Week - Coffee Morning 10.00am Playing Field Working Party	PSWB Village Hall Church House, Bridport SG Playing Field
Sun	25	6.30pm Utd. Service for Peace & One World Sunday	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Mon	26	4.00pm Pilates 7.00pm RBL Social Evening 7.30pm ROCK	LATCH Three Horseshoes, BB Bridport United Church
Tue	27	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls 7.00pm "Stars over the Bride Valley"	LATCH LATCH
Wed	28	2.00pm Tai Chi 3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	LATCH PSWB Village Hall
Fri	30	9.30am Yoga	LATCH
Sat	31	12noon Weldmar Information Open Day 7.30pm John Follett sings	Cerne Abbas Village Hall SG Village Hall

## WEEKDAY SERVICES, OCTOBER 2009

ONE WORLD WEEK	Thurs	1st	9.00am	Puncknowle	
	Fri	2nd	9.00am	Litton Cheney	
	Mon	5th	9.00am	Long Bredy	
	Wed	7th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock	
			10.00am	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
	Thurs	8th	9.00am	Swyre	
	Fri	9th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge	
	Mon	12th	9.00am	Little Bredy	
	Wed	14th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock	
			10.00am	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
	Thurs	15th	9.00am	Puncknowle	
	Fri	16th	9.00am	Litton Cheney	
	Mon	19th	9.00am	Long Bredy	
	Wed	21st	9.30am	Burton Bradstock	
			10.00am	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
	Thurs	22nd	9.00am	Swyre	
	Fri	23rd	9.00am	Shipton Gorge	
	Mon	26th	9.00am	Little Bredy	
	Wed	28th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock	
			10.00am	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thurs	29th	9.00am	Puncknowle		
Fri	30th	9.00am	Litton Cheney		

# SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

October 2009

	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 19 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity St Luke the Evangelist	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity Bible Sunday (BST ends)
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Songs of Praise  6.30 Evening Prayer	<b>Harvest</b> 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion  6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer  6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Chilcombe</b>			6.30 Evening Prayer	
<b>Swyre</b>	6.30 Evening Prayer for Harvest	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)
<b>Puncknowle</b>	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	11.00 Harvest Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
<b>Long Bredy</b>	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	
<b>Littlebredy</b>		11.00 Family Service		11.00 Holy Communion