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**TO ALL BRIDE VALLEY
RESIDENTS!**

ONLY 7 DAYS LEFT

**IF YOU WANT TO HAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS IN THE BVN THIS DECEMBER!**

Simply send me a donation, in return for which, your name(s) will be included in a list of all contributors on a dedicated page(s) in the BVN. The list of names will be below a **collective** Christmas greeting message to friends and neighbours (sadly, we are not able to include individual messages). Donations will be split between the **BVN & Julia's House** (the Dorset Children's Hospice).

If you would like to participate, please give me your name (s), as you would like it/them to appear in the BVN list, plus your donation.

*Cheques should be made payable to
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I need this information, **along with the donation**, **no later than 7th November**, in order to catch the deadline for the December issue, so there's no time to lose!

Susan Paul. Old Walls, Mill St. Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QZ

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

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FROM THE RECTORY

THE RECTORY,

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SUNDAY November 1st is All Saints Day, and along with our regular Sunday services in the Churches of the Valley there will be an additional one at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock. It is a memorial service for the families of

those of the Valley who have been bereaved over the last year, their friends and families. And it is also open to anyone who wishes to remember before God someone from years past. The service is a very simple one, and quite short. We usually have a couple of hymns, a reading and prayers. Then there is a time of remembrance, when we read out the names of those of the Valley who have died over the past year, we light a candle in their memory, give thanks for their life and pray for their soul at rest. Afterwards, there will be refreshments, and a time to relax a bit before making our way home.

In the past when we have held this service, it has been a chance for me to catch up with some of the families for whose relatives I or Ryder have conducted a funeral. This year I have not been so much in evidence in this regard – indeed I might have been one of the names being remembered. So we are inviting members of the Clergy and others who have kindly conducted these services for us over the past year to come, if possible, and themselves catch up with those people with whom they came into contact.

All are most welcome to this service. If you would like a name remembered in addition to the names of those whose funeral has been during the last year, please let me know, or get in touch with our Pastoral Assistants, Ann Read, Lesley Dove and Pauline Woodford, who will be pleased to hear from you.
God Bless. Bob.

FROM THE REGISTERS

On Wednesday

16th September the family of the late Joseph and Constance

Bowles gathered in the Churchyard of St Mary's, Burton Bradstock. There the ashes of Constance and Joseph were laid to rest together, as they had been in life. They lived in a number of places around Lyme Bay before coming to Burton Bradstock. N later years they moved to be nearer family, but always with the intention that Burton Bradstock would be the place of their resurrection.



On Saturday

morning, 26th of September the ashes of the late Frank Morton Randall were placed in a

family grave at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock, so as to be with the mortal remains of his late wife. Frank lived in the village and was for some years harbourmaster at West. Bay. The family remembered them both lovingly, and marked how the grave, at the S.W. corner of the churchyard is so placed as to catch, on clear evenings, the sound of the sea.

The printing of the BVN comes too soon in the month for this edition to carry an account of the funeral of the late Deb Wordsworth, held on Monday the 12th of October. A remembrance will be made in the December issue.

LITTLEBREDY

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Thanks and congratulations to Jim and Annie Armstrong, who took part on a tandem bike in the Dorset Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride in September. Their contribution to our Church (a half share of the total sponsorship they raised) is not known yet, but was hard earned. Well done to them both.



Jim was also responsible for locating the steeplejack whom some may have seen roped to the Church spire recently. Various minor repairs have been carried out much more economically than if expensive scaffolding had needed to be hired.

Last month we recorded the departure of the Neills from 2, Yew Tree Cottages for Bridport. In fact, Ryan has already gone much further afield, having enlisted with the Queen's Royal Hussars. He has begun his training at Winchester, and we wish him all the best for his military career.



In the opposite direction, The Old Parsonage now has a new resident, namely Ben Pentreath, whose architectural practice is in London, but who has had a home at Bellamont House in Long Bredy before his move. He is hoping to meet as many as possible of his neighbours soon, and will probably create the opportunity himself. We hope his time here will be long and fulfilling.



This goes to press too early to comment on the Club's October Social Evening, but the next event to remind readers of is the **BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS EVENING ON THE CORRECT DATE OF THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**. Please contribute fireworks or cash in lieu to the Baxters in order to create a great display. The fire will be lit at about 6.00pm and the fireworks shortly afterwards. (Appropriate insurance is in place, by the way.) The Hall will provide its customary hospitality at the end.

Advance Notice too of the Social Club's December Event, which will be a **SOCIAL EVENING WITH SUPPER IN THE HALL ON FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER**, and will include the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BEGINNING AT 7.30pm**. As many members and supporters as possible are urged to be there to support Ed and Christine and the committee in their endeavours for the Club.

LONG BREDY

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ST PETERS CHURCH

The Pet Service for Harvest Festival went very well. The dogs behaved beautifully, thank you to Janet and Sue for a lovely service. The produce was then taken to the Chancery Day Centre in Bridport, who were delighted with the fresh fruit and veg. Thank you to all who helped with the Church decorating.



The Ploughmans and crumble lunch which followed the service was well attended. It was good to see the hall so busy and we hope that we can have this event again next year.

FAMILY TREASURES

Do you have an heirloom (or object of interest) and want to know more about its history? Richard Batten (Battens jewellers) and Guy Schwinge (Duke's Auctioneers) will be at

*Long Bredy Village Hall on
Thursday 12th November to enlighten you.*

*Bring along your treasures – you may have some surprises.
Hot buffet supper. £8 per person to include a glass of wine.*

*Limited tickets, advance booking necessary, from:
Sara Winter (482637) or Elinor Frost (482269)*

Farewell to Chris, Tracey and Sophie Linwood who have lived at the School House for 8 years.

Thank you Tracey for all your help with the church. We hope you enjoy your new home at Shipton Gorge.



Welcome

to Michael and Jacqueline (Jac)
Felce who have come to the Old
School House from Hampshire plus a friendly Spaniel.

Open letter to the ladies of the village and elsewhere.

On behalf of my (new) husband and I, we would like to say a huge, heartfelt thanks to all of you who put in so much effort, and in some cases, literally put limbs on the line, to make St Peter's Church such a stunning location for our wedding at the end of June. Amongst the many highlights of the weekend, I will always remember walking into the church on the Friday evening and seeing the flowers for the first time, which moved me to tears.

It was not just the beauty of the flowers, which matched our "theme" of a traditional but relaxed country wedding perfectly, nor the glorious peal of bells after the service, but the way in which so many of you, who in some cases have known me since I was christened in the same church some thirty years earlier, had put in so much time and love to add to the magic of our weekend.

Words really cannot express how much this meant to Trevor and me and, if ever there was an advert for village community spirit, this surely was it.

We are settling into married life at RAF Lyneham very well and it is wonderful now that we finally have time to sit back and reflect on a perfect weekend, which would not have been the same without the help of the village.

Thank you!

Kate Batey (née Milne)

A further open letter to the villagers of Long Bredy:

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

We wish to express our gratitude for all the support during our troubled times with the "mysterious" disappearance and subsequent death of our much loved family pet. It restores some of our faith in the decency of humans. So thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Liza Adams-Smith, 10 Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS: ?



ST MARY'S MISSION FUNDRAISING

There may be global financial uncertainty, yet the deep hearts (and hungry stomachs!) of Burton Bradstock came together once again, this time achieving £1,319.32 for charitable good causes both locally and overseas.

Sales at the Reading Room raised £693.24, while the summer cream teas generated £526.08. There was also an extremely generous donation of £100. The funds raised will be divided between Emmaus and the Tear Fund.

The contribution to Emmaus will be used to help homeless people in Exeter. The city has the fifth highest homeless figures in the UK and our donation will be used to develop a supportive community offering rough sleepers accommodation, work and the opportunity to rebuild their lives. Plans are for the unit to open in the next two years.



CHRISTIAN ACTION WITH THE WORLD'S POOR

Meanwhile, the Tear Fund donation will see the charity continue its mission to help the third world and the terrible conditions experienced by many. In 2006 the charity announced a ten year plan to help 50 million people escape physical and spiritual poverty. Our donation will enable the charity to take another small step along this road, helping change the lives of the world's very poorest and most at need.

Making these donations would not be possible without the generosity, time and effort put in by so many. Huge thanks go to all involved who so readily made these Burton events such a terrific success.

St Mary's Mission Sub Committee

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY



The recent concert given by the vocal group Quintessential raised £553 for the charity. We are very grateful to the young singers from London and Winchester who gave up their weekend to give us such a polished and varied choral programme.

ADVANCE NOTICE.

The Home Collection Boxes should be returned earlier this year, no later than the first week in November please. The Christingle Service will be held in the Church at 3.30pm on Friday 11th December and will be followed by a party in the Village Hall for Burton Bradstock School children. Other children in the village who are of school age are also welcome.



Finally, carol singing around the village, in aid of the charity, will be on Monday 14th December – meeting at 6pm outside the church. Any further details from Pauline Woodford (898327).

BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART

MEETING: "THE FUTURE OF THE FESTIVAL"

READING ROOM, TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2.30PM



The festival in August was undoubtedly a great success. There was music to suit all tastes, performed to the highest of standards in a friendly and informal atmosphere, and a colourful display of many artistic skills at the exhibition of fine paintings.

The music played by professional musicians who so enjoy coming to the village to perform, was very varied in form and style. David Juritz led the Festival Players in memorable chamber and orchestral concerts; it was an exciting evening of jazz with 6pac; splendid soloists gave us a wide range of wonderful recitals; youngsters enjoyed a workshop leading up to a family concert and a barn dance, which was a lot of fun finish off the week.

This year's festival maintained the traditions established from the outset by Mary Ryan and continued over the past twenty-nine years. Such is its unique character and high standard that it is now firmly set in the Dorset cultural calendar.

This eventful week requires much hard work by a small committee, which puts in considerable effort over three-quarters of the year in publicising, preparing, staging the event and tidying up afterwards. The support of the catering team and the ad hoc 'heavy gang' in stage rigging, chair shifting etc is vital, as is the accommodation provided by many

hospitable folk around the village. I am very grateful to everybody who has helped in these various ways.

Having been involved for a number of years, Anne and I feel the time has come to give up our central role in organising the Festival at the Burton end. (David Juritz and the London team put the programme of music together and engage the musicians.) Other members of the committee feel the same. We are prepared to do it for one more year but after that the Festival will cease unless others are prepared to take over the central responsibilities for directing the administration and doing the 'donkey work'.

There will be a meeting in the Reading Room at 2.30pm on Tuesday 24th November to explore if and how the Festival can continue beyond next year. You are urged to attend if you are concerned about the future of the Festival and are prepared to take an active part in keeping this splendid event happening in the years ahead. If you cannot attend this meeting but are ready to help as described, please contact me.

Next year's Festival will be from 15th to 21st August.

*Mike Southgate, Chairman
Burton Bradstock Festival Committee: 01308 897487*

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

The Library fund raising committee are hosting a Ploughmans Lunch on Saturday November 21st between 12.00 and 2.00pm. There will be a choice of Ploughmans ie. Cheese, Pate or Ham and a bar will also be available.



Tickets are £5.50 each from either Burton Bradstock Post Office or Sandy Adderley on 898358

Please come along and support your local Library.

Sandy Adderley Tel 01308 897440



BURTON BRADSTOCK HOME WATCH

Many people visited the Hall to see what could come to the village 'one day' on the important issue of traffic. From flower pots in the middle of the road, to painted trees on the road, many ideas were forthcoming. Sadly these days in 30mph zones it seems to be OK for some drivers to go at 40mph so I gather that most residents would like 20mph in Burton Bradstock. It would certainly make things easier for mums and children trying to go to the playground and shoppers risking their lives for a pint of milk etc. The frustrated Formula One drivers, who treat Burton as qualifying practice for the grid at a Grand Prix, must be stopped.

I await the 'powers' to inform us what they decide. Let's hope the outcome of their deliberation will make all our lives safer sooner.

An attempted break in was stopped by property owners coming home

In the evening just in time to scare off intruders who left the wheel barrow of goodies behind.

A man in a white van, with no real description obtainable, decided to sell fish on Sunday but was it 'fresh'?? My advice for autumn is be vigilant. PCs Poppy or Nigel or myself are always on tap for help on safety issues with your home security.

Finally, an article in the Western Gazette stated that Dorset County Council has asked local authorities for evaluation of the No Cold Callers pilot scheme – active until April 2010. There appear to be strong views for and against this aspect of Neighbourhood Watch. Certainly my view is that it has been very effective – saving one resident £3,500 for an unwanted and unsuitable burglar alarm plus stopping several 'foot-in-the-door' incidents. If you have any views either for or against then please give me a call.

Ian Pitt-Aikens: 01308-897440

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Village Society assembled *en masse* for its September lecture, which was "Don't be afraid of Virginia Woolf", given by Carole Bourne-Taylor, our resident Oxford don, who has written a book and many articles on the subject. It was quite the best one so far this season. Although I have heard much of this before, this is a lady I often listen to and shall never tire of her chattering French accent. What she said seemed to provoke much interest in that eccentric and eclectic group known to history as the "Bloomsbury

Group", but to its contemporary *cognoscenti* as "The Bloomsberries". The Pie Chart she showed at the end of her lecture, which made the numerous intimate connections between Bloomsbury personalities; colour-coded to represent participants' sexual proclivities, and which soon resembled a multi-coloured spider's web in its complexity, certainly seemed to summarize the content of her lecture as well as further sharpen the audience's interest (as if it had shown



any sign of flagging, during Carole's extraordinary catalogue of bed-hopping in Bloomsbury!).

For a change (!) there was a VW quiz afterwards (everybody groaned as Valerie announced it). The vote of thanks was given by her husband, who seemed to know something about the subject, too. And the raffle was, as usual, won by Parsons.

The next talk will be "The Atlantic to Peru via the Amazon" by Shirley Critchley, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 4th December. GBT

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Our November meeting will be on Tuesday 10th at 2.15pm. PLEASE NOTE THE WINTER TIMING OF OUR MEETINGS!!! Mrs. Pawley will be talking on the care and presentation of houseplants which should interest many people during the dark, damp days of winter. Advice on my orchids would be most welcome!

Our usual groups will take place, please look on the board outside our Village Hall on the green for dates of the Embroidery/Craft Group, the Walking group, the Reading group (a book a month and discussion) the Mahjong group, the Creative Writing group (where our tutor has had many books published) and occasional Art groups. Something for all, so do come along and enjoy a first visitor session free of charge, when our President Valerie Nicholls and all will give you a welcome!

SHIPTON GORGE

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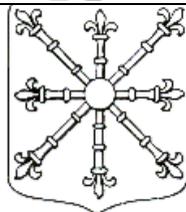


ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

FAMILY SERVICE AT ST MARTIN'S: 11.00am SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

This new service will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month. *(Those who came to the Family Harvest Festival and in October will know the service already)*

ALL WELCOME – COME AS YOU ARE!



EVENING PRAYER AT ST MARTIN'S: 3.30pm SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

This traditional service will continue as usual but at the new winter time of 3.30pm to allow everyone to get home in what is left of the daylight.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

St. Martin's Church was a joy to behold. The church sparkled and the churchyard looked immaculate. The flower and vegetable arrangements

were superb. The Service, which was conducted by James, gave us all "food" for thought. The PCC wishes to thank each and everyone who worked or contributed towards making the Harvest Festival Service so special.

James Webster

HARVEST SUPPER

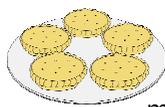
A good time was had by all and I personally wish to thank everyone for all their help from people setting out the hall, the cooking, serving, washing up and finally putting the hall to rights. A most heartfelt THANK YOU.

REMEMBRANCE DAY - 8th November 2009, 9.30am



Once again we will have a short service of quiet contemplation and reflection. This will be led as usual by Janet Lane. Everyone is welcome to this service. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Village Hall.

TEA & MINCE PIE MORNING - 20th November, 10.30am - 12 noon



Tea/coffee and mince pies will be served in the Village Hall. This is in aid of the West Window appeal. We will also be selling cakes, calendars and small items for Christmas. Lina is making us a special Christmas Cake which will be first prize in our raffle. Please come and support us and help the West Window Appeal.

ADVENT SUNDAY - 29th November 11.00am



This is the 5th Sunday in November and all the churches in the valley are invited to St. Martin's. The first Sunday in Advent is always a very special service and we look forward to welcoming everyone. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Village Hall.

CAROL SERVICE 20th December, 6.00pm



Once again we will be having our special service of Carols and Readings. Everyone is invited and assured of a very warm welcome. Wine and mince pies will be served afterwards in the Village Hall

Gillian Maxfield, Churchwarden

CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE



Thank you to all who helped with the tidy up of the churchyard on Saturday 26th September. Much was achieved and it all looked good for the Harvest Festival service. Very many thanks

Bob White

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our visit to London with "Big Bob" was a great success and we were able to visit some areas of the City following a "Legal, leafy and literary" theme. We particularly enjoyed a visit to the London legal Temples (thank-

you to Simon Cleveland for the insider's view) and an excellent lunch (especially the chips!) just off Fleet Street. In the New Year we hope to have a talk and slide show (Friday January 15th 2010) from the two visits which Bob has led. Look out for publicity about them, and come along if you feel that you might join the next trip.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS:

- The Fish and Chip Supper with quiz will be held in the Village Hall on Friday November 6th starting at 7.00pm. See Sally Parker (897168) for tickets.
- We hope to run a coach to Taunton races on Thursday November 12th leaving The New Inn at 11.15am and returning by about 5.30pm. Tickets, costing £20.00 include transport and entrance to the racecourse. Ring John Kent (897574) for more information.
- The annual Christmas shopping trip is on Thursday December 3rd, leaving Shipton Gorge for Exeter at 9.00am. See Sally Parker (897168) for tickets which will cost £10.00 per head.
- On the following Saturday (December 5th) there will be a coffee morning in the village Hall to help identify some of our archive photographs. Please come along at 10.30am and see if you recognise any faces or places on our pictures. We would particularly welcome visits from past residents or visitors to the village who may well have information that will help us to compile our village history.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!

Roisin and Steve Holt celebrated their wedding in Bridport on Saturday October 3rd. Our very best wishes go to them for a long and happy life together.

QUIZ

Pete's random quiz nights have re-started in The New Inn. These are quizzes for teams of 4 or 5 allocated on the night- they are self-marked. The emphasis is on enjoyment and an opportunity to mix and meet with different people. Look out for posters with information in the village.



SKITTLES

The Shipton Table skittles tournament has begun its autumn season. Matches are held on Mondays and Thursdays in The New Inn, followed by a "swindle" when anyone can play. An informed source reports that some teams have been seen training so this season could bring some surprises!

DORSET BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARDS

For those who have not yet heard, Shipton Gorge came second in the Small Village Best Kept Village section with a prize of £150. It also won the prize for the best new entrant which was £100. In addition Shipton Gorge was the winner of the West Dorset Seat for the highest marks in West Dorset. Certificates can be seen in the Village Hall and New Inn.

The small village winner was Briantspuddle and the competition was sponsored by W&S Recycling and West Dorset District Council.

Thank you to everyone for their support in keeping the Village neat and tidy

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th November commencing at 7.30pm.

ErnieThomas – Parish Clerk

PRE CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

Shipton Gorge villagers come and join in the Village “Pre Christmas Get Together” on Sunday 29th November, 12 - 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Please bring a bottle or two and some eats for the table.

This is a good opportunity to meet up with friends old and new and especially for all newcomers to the village to meet everyone and make new friends. If you need any further information please contact Christine or Robert Cornish on 897833

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST CYCLE RIDE &WALK.

Three sponsored groups took part in this important annual event on September 12th. The weather was perfect and we all enjoyed a great day out. Thanks to our very generous sponsors who support us every year we raised a grand total of £410, divided equally between St Martin’s church and the trust. So, well done everyone, and see you all next year!

Janet Lane

FRIENDS OF THE NEW INN, SPONSORED WALK

Despite some inclement weather at the start, Graham Daniels completed his sponsored walk of the 52 pubs in Devon, Somerset and Dorset, covering 250 miles in 13 days and raising £1,280 towards the cost of a new kitchen ventilation system for his adopted local, the New Inn at Shipton Gorge. He has photographs of each pub just to prove he was there!

Our local artist, John Rabbetts, donated a picture which was raffled at Graham’s homecoming raising a further £180 for the cause.

With help from Palmers Brewery we are now working together to achieve an early solution to the problem to ensure the five star food and

hygiene rating is maintained.

Graham and we would like to thank all of the sponsors for their support.

Friends of the New Inn

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

OCTOBER DRAW

£10	No 51	Sheila Stanton
£20	No 89	Stephen Symes

LITTON CHENEY

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LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL

YOGA FOR EVERYONE.



The regular yoga class continues on Friday mornings from 9.45 to 11.15am and is now open to all ages, either gender, and complete beginners. Please contact Alison Davidson, 482661, for further details.



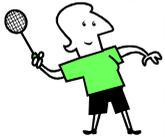
PILATES

continues on Mondays at 4.00pm. Please contact Claire Myers 01305 751984 for further details.



TABLE TENNIS

is continuing on Wednesdays at 3.30pm, and newcomers are welcome. Please contact Alison Davidson 482661 for further details.



BADMINTON

is also continuing at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings. Don't worry about previous experience, just come along. Ring Ron Davidson on 482661.



SHORT MAT BOWLS

every Tuesday 3.45pm Great fun. The good, the bad and the downright ugly (at bowls that is) are invited.



KEEP DANCING

Strictly in confidence, if you would like to know where you can twinkle your toes and feel like Fred and Ginger check out the Litton web site www.littoncheney.org.uk for details.

PANTOMIME

Ashputtel (Grimms take on Cinderella) will be performed in the Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 20th November by a well recognised professional touring company. This production is supported by ArtsReach. Please call Claire on 01308 482748 to book your tickets (all seats are numbered and reserved). Adults £7.50, U18's £5, Family ticket (2+2) £20. Tickets are selling like Cinderella's hot cakes so don't hesitate another moment – ring Claire.



CHRISTMAS VILLAGE CAFÉ

The highlight of the Producers' Markets was the Christmas Market in aid of Weldmar HospiceCare Trust. Well, the Christmas Market has metamorphosed into the Christmas Village Café and, wait for it, you are all welcome on Saturday 21st November (the day after the Panto) from 10.30am to 12.30pm to partake of some festive fare, gift stalls, charity cards, raffle and fun. We will be there. We hope you are too.



2010 BEAUTIFUL BRIDE VALLEY CALENDAR

Now in its fourth year, 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 at £4, or, gosh, £10 for 3! Available at Village Cafes, White Horse, Modbury, Bride Valley Farm Shop and other excellent outlets and via Ron Davidson (482661), Freddie Spicer (482617) or John Firrell (482313). Yours to enjoy!

For more information look at Events at the Hall on the village website, www.littoncheney.org.uk

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

There will be a **RAFFLE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN NEED** during the performance of Ashputtel – The Cinderella Story on November 20th in the Hall. This is your chance to win a Christmas turkey, a cash prize, Christmas stocking full of surprises and all in a good cause.



THE SEPTEMBER VILLAGE WALK

saw us driving to Powerstock and having a wonderful walk through fields without any view of houses overhead cables and roads. Just another magical morning in West Dorset. Not to mention a welcome pint at the Three Horse Shoes!

THE LITTER PICK

will be on November 14th meeting at 10.00am at the bus shelter. Do come along and help keep your village tidy as the verges die back.

CAROL SINGING

around the village will be on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December, meeting at 6.30pm by the Bus Shelter. We had a wonderful "choir" last year and welcome refreshments along the route.!



SWYRE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: SID MARSHALL
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smarshall@which.net tel: 897318



HOLY TRINITY, SWYRE.

SERVICES

We have a change to our pattern of services from 1st November as follows:

- 1st November : Evening Prayer at 3.30pm
- 8th November : Holy Communion at 11.00am
- 15th November : Morning Worship at 11.00am
- 22nd November : Holy Communion at 11.00am



COFFEE MORNING

Our next coffee morning will be on 28th November starting at 10.30am 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. I hope to see you all there.

There will be a short service to light the first Advent candle. Last year we were so pleased that so many of you came for this little ceremony which marked the start of the Christmas season. The other candles will be lit at each Sunday Service leading up to Christmas.



HARVEST AND SUPPER

We had a superb bring and share Harvest Supper evening on 3rd October. The party atmosphere made the evening so enjoyable including the cabaret acts. Many thanks to all who provided such delicious food, the entertainment, the organisation and the clearing up. Such good community togetherness made the evening so worthwhile. Hope to see you all again at next years gig.

The service on Sunday was very well attended and it was a pleasure to see our small Church full. Rev. Philip Ringer lead the service which all

enjoyed as the singing hit new heights. The Harvest loaf was consumed with relish after the service with cheese and wine with much chatter. It was lovely to see you all.

David Buckland - Church Warden

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

Many thanks to all who took part and those who sponsored them. We raised a record sum of £538.



HARVEST

Many thanks to those who contributed to our Harvest Celebration. A joyful service was followed by a splendid Bring and Share Lunch. The church decoration was supplemented by the tins from Thorners and afterwards everything was taken to Pilsdown Follow-on House in Dorchester.

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL AGM

The AGM will be held on 24th November at 7.30pm in the hall. Members of the management committee will be elected at whose first meeting the officers, including a new Chair and a new Treasurer, will be elected.

Anyone wishing to join the committee, especially if they are prepared to take over the Chair/Treasurer jobs, should get themselves nominated and seconded and contact the Secretary (Carol Bennett (897771) preferably no later than one week before the meeting (although nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting).



For bookings, telephone
01308 897724

BROADBAND ACCESS



Free Broadband Access continues on Wednesdays as before:

- 1st & 3rd Wednesday 4.00-7.00pm
- 2nd & 4th Wednesday 3.00-6.00pm
- 5th Wednesday, no access

For those who are interested but feel that getting their own computer too expensive a prospect, come along and see what it's all about. If the appetite is whetted, then the Rank Organisation is running a project to provide rural areas with low cost (refurbished) machines: look up

www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/projects/computers for rural people.

For those who already have a computer, but whose knowledge/expertise needs a boost, why not try www.alison.com and have a look at the free on-line courses. You can log in to the site with the username PSWBVH, password DT29zz (but unless you have deep pockets, do use a broadband connection).



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The nex lunch will be on 17th November in the village hall at 12.30pm. The menu is fruit juices, beef cobbler or chestnut casserole, chocolate bread and butter pudding or fruit salad, cheese and biscuits and tea or coffee. Any member who did not order their meal at the October lunch should telephone 897622 to order their lunch.

ONLINE SHOPPING

Don't forget www.buy.at/PuncknowleSwyreVillageHall - our online shopping site. All purchases will generate a donation for Village Hall funds.

AUTUMN FAIR

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL, SATURDAY NOV. 14TH, 2.00 - 5.00PM.

Celebrate the season before Christmas. Share your apple cake recipe together with pumpkin pie, flapjacks and other traditional food to be sold by the slice. There will be apple bobbing, demonstration and sale of country crafts for adults, practical workshops for children, a raffle and lots more to see, do or buy. We would be grateful for donations of apple cake etc with or without printed recipes. Proceeds to the Hall for urgent maintenance issues.



For more details contact Debbie 898506, Carol 897771 or Sue 898953.

When it is not necessary to make a decision, it is necessary not to make a decision.

Lord Falkland

An executive is a person who always decides; sometimes he decides correctly, but he always decides.

John H. Patterson

A weak man has doubts before a decision, a strong man has them afterwards.

Karl Kraus

There is no stigma attached to recognizing a bad decision in time to install a better one.

Laurence J. Peter

VALLEY NOTES



MOTHERS UNION.

Thursday 26th November at St. Catherine's Cross, Shipton Lane, Shipton Gorge. Time to be advised.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH)

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF THE POPPY APPEAL

Thursday, 5th November 10.30am, In Burton Bradstock Village Hall. With a raffle and various stalls.

See the Remembrance Posters drawn and painted by Burton Bradstock School pupils. Entrance £1



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER AT 10.45AM

At St. Mary the Virgin Church, Burton Bradstock.



BRIDE VALLEY CHOIR & FRIENDS

CONCERT FOR JULIA'S HOUSE

A concert of popular choral classics will take place on Saturday 14th November in Bridport United Church at 7.30pm, and will include such works as: *Jesu, joy of man's desiring*, and: *O, for the wings of a dove*. Entry will be by programme - price £6 - available from me, Janet Lane (tel: 897241) or at the door. Please come and support our local children's hospice, and enjoy a memorable, musical experience.

BURTON BRADSTOCK C of E, VC, PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER

It seems particularly appropriate at Harvest Time to be announcing that the Governors of Burton Bradstock School have great pleasure in announcing that they successfully filled the vacancy of the substantive Headteacher on 9th October. As you may remember this was created by the selection of Mr Mark Stratta, Headteacher 2003-2009, to be an Adviser with the Salisbury Diocese Board of Education.

"Are YOU going to be our Headmaster?" the children asked. "Well, there might be one or two things left to straighten out," said Mrs Claire Staple as she walked amongst the children.

Mrs Staple is currently Deputy Headteacher at Holy Trinity CofE, VC

Primary School in Weymouth and before that at Symondsburry Primary School, Bridport. She lives with her family in Bridport.

Staff, governors, parent representatives, Mr Hunwick, whom we have been fortunate to have as Acting Head Teacher this term, Mr Stratta, representatives from both Shipton Gorge and Burton Bradstock, together with some of the Head Teachers of schools within the Bridport "Pyramid"-all met the two final candidates in the evening, on Thursday 8th at Norburton Hall, by very kind invitation of Mr and Mrs David Venn. It was a delightful occasion and everyone enjoyed and appreciated the warmth of the reception. Mrs Sharpe welcomed the opportunities it gave her to meet some of the folk who will be her future colleagues and supporters from 1st January 2010, when she takes up her responsibilities as Headteacher of the School. We were all very grateful to David and Karen, herself a former governor of the School, for their hospitality.

We congratulate Mrs Staple and look forward very much to welcoming her to lead our School and to the new exciting era that lies ahead for us all.

Christine Hynds. Chair of Governors

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP

The playgroup would like to wish a warm welcome to Charlie Irving-Bell and Kai Kenway and their families to the group. We hope you all enjoy your time with us.



This term we have been focusing on Autumn. Here are just a few examples of the activities that have been provided; making harvest soup, clay leaf imprints, outing to the park, making sandwiches, creating vegetable people and many autumn walks. Additionally, the children have had a learning environment that has reflected the Diwali celebrations. Thankyou Sumeeta for sharing your culture with us. Many thanks to the Anchor for their continued donations.

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.

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Earlier this week I was reminded about how many people in the valley actually receive this magazine and do read it from cover to cover because they are genuinely interested in what is going on. I have been writing these articles for 10 years



now and often sit down in front of the computer wondering what I can say that is different and what you the readers want to know about school. I apologise if I repeat myself year on year, but some things such as Harvest Festival and Christmas do appear regularly, so feel free to skip bits if you are getting bored.

At the beginning of term a cooking club was started by Mrs Neil with the help of a grant from the Let's get Cooking initiative to purchase basic items and ingredients. A large number of the children in school wanted to take part and so we hope during the year that they will all have the opportunity to take part.



It is really encouraging to see how enthusiastic they all are when it comes to tasting different cheeses, making different dishes which they can then eat can you see the common theme here? Eating!

Most children love eating and now we have our allotment, they are becoming more interested in how we can grow and prepare food and vegetables in particular. It is becoming more fashionable to cook for yourselves rather than purchase ready meals from the supermarket, I am pleased to say, and many of the children are becoming aware of how much tastier vegetables are when they are fresh from the garden.

Working on the allotment with Mrs Cox and attending cooking club are extra activities offered by the school in addition to the cooking sessions during curriculum time, because we are trying to give the children choices of how they live in the future by sowing the seeds early. We hope we will provide the children with some of the very basic skills to take with them as they grow older.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are very aware that the hot school meals service we offer in school is very reliant on one person and we would like to build up a bank of local interested people who could help out in an emergency due to illness etc. We would offer professional training ... especially for the use of the big oven in the hall which could prove useful at other times and in other situations. If you feel you could offer help please get in touch with the school office. (01308 482410)

Alison Johnstone, Headteacher

100 CLUB WINNERS:

September	£15 Marion Harp
	£10 Sarah Hannam
October	£15 Faye Avery
	£10 Debbie Legge

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP



A Big Welcome to Sonny who has started at Fledglings.

Topics and outings will be based around “Autumn” - we will be going on lots of walks and noticing the changes in nature. During trips to the Discovery Area, we have been looking at changes and also collecting natural materials to use in art. In the next few weeks we will be working at clay modelling down in the Discovery Area, looking at natural forms.

We have been looking at caring for our teeth, and brushing them at pre-school after our visit from the Dental Unit at Dorchester Hospital.

The children have been making fairy cakes, flapjacks, and jelly during cooking with Maureen. Changes in form eg liquids into solids have been noted and talked about while cooking. Health and hygiene have also been put into practice.

Small groups of children have been taking part in gymnastics with Emma, who has been observing skills to help extend children’s gross motor skills in movement.

Sad to say Emma Green has left us - she will be greatly missed. Flowers and presents were given on October 8th, her last day, but another Emma, Emma Christmas, is now working at playgroup instead.

She sounds like a good person to help with the next **CHRISTKINDLMARKT** on Saturday 28th November. Put the date in your diary and come along. Even bigger and better this year!

Our website can now be viewed via the Thorner’s school link, where you can see new photos, newsletters and policies. There were no changes to Committee Officers at the AGM - all agreed to stay on for another year - many thanks to all - they know who they are.

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**.

BRIDE VALLEY STAY & PLAY

01308 482126

WEDNESDAYS,

10.00—11.30AM

LONG BREDY VILLAGE
HALL

£1.50 INCLUDING
REFRESHMENTS



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Although we had many members away on holiday, we were pleasantly surprised by the good attendance at our September meeting when Cyril Whitlock from Groves Nurseries gave us hints and tips on Christmas and Spring Bulb Planting. We learnt that putting old oases into pots for bulbs and hanging baskets help to keep the soil moist and how important it was to feed bulbs to get the best blooms.



JOBS TO DO

Manure and dig plots. Plant garlic cloves. Complete dividing and replanting perennials. Complete planting out tulips. Plant bare rooted trees, shrubs and roses.

Sylvia Delves, Chair. E-mail: sylvia@delvesuk.freeserve.co.uk

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



SOCIAL EVENING AT "THE SHOES"

7TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

Hello all.

As autumn is upon us, the evenings are rapidly getting darker and the temperature getting colder. Please be neighbourly and look out for the elderly and those most vulnerable.

As mentioned in last month's edition, I am looking to recruit members of the public onto the Ringmaster scheme. It enables the local community to receive crime information as it relates to their area of residence. The information is circulated by Dorset Police. It really is a fantastic system and

if you are interested in joining the Home Watch scheme, then please contact me on 01305 226930 and I can tell you more about it.

Several members of the public have asked me about the payphone being out of use in Burton Bradstock. In brief, I have made contact with BT and they have converted it into cashless calls only due to low usage and high maintenance costs. Where a payphone is converted in this way, users will be able to make the following types of calls; Debit and Credit cards (which necessitates the inputting of the account number and not the insertion of the card), BT Chargecard, prepaid calling card, to the BT operator (100), 999 emergency and freephone calls (0800) and reverse charged calls. I hope this answers the question.

For those that are IT friendly, please remember to use the Dorset Police website. www.dorset.police.uk. It is regularly updated with local meetings that you can attend and local news stories.

Poppy

THE PILSDON COMMUNITY

VOLUNTARY TREASURER TO THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Pilsdon Community are seeking a new Voluntary Treasurer following the retirement of their present advisor. The Treasurer liaises with the administrator/bookkeeper and presents the Community's accounts at Trustee meetings. He/she also advises them of any relevant issues. A fee of £12.50 per hour is paid for any time worked over 100 voluntary hours per year.



The Treasurer, who may become a Trustee in due course, ideally should:

- *be a qualified accountant
- *live locally
- *have email access
- *be in sympathy with the objectives with the community
- *offer character references if asked and undergo a CRB check
- *preferably offer commitment for at least three years

The Pilsdon Community is a residential charity established over 50 years ago in a Jacobean manor house near Bridport, Dorset. While the Community embraces Anglican Christianity, people of all denominations (and none) are welcome as guests.

The community offers help to some 20 guests needing space in their lives to recover from any sort of difficulty. Currently Pilsdon is undertaking a large building project to improve its facilities.

Please telephone Alan Frost 01308 868308. for an application form and information pack or Hilary Joyce 01297 560298 if you wish to discuss the post further

You may also wish to visit www.pilsdon.org.uk.

Keeeeeep dancing

Enjoy an evening of Ballroom - Sequence - Latin American dancing
At Litton Cheney Hall, on the following Saturdays, 7:30 until 11.00pm

14th November 2009

12th December 2009

And every second Saturday of the month in 2010

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

BEYOND THE VALLEY

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH)

The Branch was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Major Peter Hoare (Rtd) in early October. Peter was a much liked, jovial member of the Branch Committee and importantly was the area Poppy Appeal Organiser. He brought a wealth of experience to bear on our committee's deliberations, often providing a useful insight into the mindset of the military.



Members are reminded that our Branch Annual General Meeting commences at 7.30pm on Friday, 6th November, at Portesham Methodist Hall, Back Street, when the important business of elections concerning varying Branch posts will be held: your vote is vital in shaping the future course of the Branch, so please be there! Refreshments to follow.

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on 8th November, when our commemoration consists of two parts: at 10.00am all are welcome to the short ceremony of wreath laying at the Portesham War Memorial in St. Peter's Churchyard. At 10.30am at St. Nicholas Church, Abbotsbury, there will be Divine Service, led by our new Padre the Rev. Ada Whitlock with an address by Rev. Dr. John Travell. For this event we are seeking the services of a musician to play the Last Post & Reveille.

This year we have decided to combine a **Day at the Races** with

Christmas Shopping on Friday 20th November. The venue is Ascot Racecourse for the Allied Irish Bank Meeting, featuring the *Coral Ascot Hurdle* (2 miles 3.5 furlongs worth £100,000). As well as a full race card there will be about 35 stalls forming a Christmas Market. Also for your pleasure the “Murphy’s Marbles” Band will be performing.

Grandstand admission tickets (normally £15) must be pre-booked and pre-paid for through me @ £8.50 (+£1 for non-Members) by 12th November. Coach departures as follows: Abbotsbury Square 8.55am, Portesham Green 9.05am, Dorchester 9.30am, fare not exceeding £20. Reservations up until 19th October.

Our last social event of the year is our **PIE & MASH SUPPER** at 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Tuesday, 1st December in Portesham Village Hall. This 2 - course meal plus entertainment costs just £6.75 (+£1 for non-Members). There will also be a Grand Draw. Hot drinks will be provided, but if you prefer something stronger please bring your own bottle and glasses. If you are thinking of joining our organisation this would be a good place to start: once again I remind readers that it is not necessary to have been a member of H.M. Forces to become member of the Legion - it fact the majority of us have never served - but our role is to support those who have!

I am now finalising arrangements for a 5 day tour of **Snowdonia** in May next year. An itinerary is available without obligation from the writer.

Des Baker (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.

Good Books now has a wide range of Christmas cards and Advent calendars in stock, as well as the popular Lion Christmas Promotion of children’s books at very reasonable prices for presents.

Good Books is a collecting point for Shoe Boxes for **SAMARITAN’S PURSE**. If you haven’t filled one yet for the children, you can pick up a guide leaflet in the shop and bring your filled boxes in by 19th November.

Also we’re still looking for a volunteer in the shop for Wednesday mornings 9.00-11.00am – could this be you?

Can you spare some time occasionally? Pathways to Care has taken over the running of the **Bridport Good Neighbours** scheme and is looking for more volunteers to help with requests. This could involve providing transport to local surgeries or hospitals, visiting people on their own, occasional

shopping, collecting prescriptions, little tasks not provided by other services. The scheme is based at Good Books and you can call into the shop or contact 01308 420483 initially for more details and an application form. Thank you.

Dead Man Walking – have you seen this Oscar-winning film starring Susan Sarandon, about Sr Helen Prejean and her work on Death Row in USA? On Tuesday 17th November there is an amazing opportunity to actually see and hear Sr Helen herself at Westpoint, Exeter at 7.00pm. Booking forms are available at Good Books or you can call 01392 671320 for more details - there are cars going from Bridport. The DVD and Sr Helen's book can also be borrowed from Good Books – her life is a testimony as to how small acts of love can become a source of redemption and liberation.



ROTARY CLUB OF BRIDPORT

Invites you to

SING SANKEY

With Weymouth Salvation Army Band
at the United Church, East Street, Bridport
Saturday 28th 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



CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS

Would you consider inviting an unknown guest to share your Christmas? HOST is a well-established charity looking for invitations from volunteers willing to welcome an international student at a UK university for a short stay in their home over Christmas or New

Year (or any weekend). An excellent opportunity to spread goodwill on earth! See www.hostuk.org or call 0207 739 6292.

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER



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for peace, justice and
reconciliation

www.invitationtoprayer.org

Over the Garden Wall

By Perry Scope

Our holiday this Summer was probably like everybody else's. Reading the last couple of pages of my Anita Brookner just to check, at the outset, that the story would *not* indeed develop, I settled down for some relaxation. But it was not long before I became absorbed by the foibles of our group.

Dave was the most competitive; always at the front of the queue for everything, always in the front seat of the charabanc, a combination of the conceited "Cheeky Chappie" and the garden gnome, at every crossing, he would fling himself (like Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro), before the oncoming traffic: not to ensure our safety, but as a kind of "police activity" joke, in pursuit of the tolerant smiles, which progressively faded from our faces daily until Thursday, by which time we all sincerely hoped he might become another statistic in the path of the surging traffic (now, in 99 words, *that's* what I call a sentence worth parsing!).

There was Mrs Complacent, who had an endless (and, for me, irritating) repertoire of inane platitudes: "I'm just stepping of this kerb, assuming I'll end up in one piece" (she did...); "Well, Rome wasn't built in a day" (this *in Italy!*!); "These are called melon balls" (Really?); "My husband is a very good cook, he can follow a recipe to a fraction of an ounce."

Bragging, bellowing Brunhilde bounced breathlessly to breakfast each morning; her repertoire: cruise stories. Bad ankles, but danced everyone else off their feet on the final night; frightening even the hotel staff gigolo to death. At a strangely egotistical level, very interesting; unmoved by even the most blatant snub.

And the two old dears, squabbling like Siamese kittens in a basket all day (Cynthia Widow taking herself off ostentatiously, mid-journey, to sit elsewhere in the coach), yet like Siamese twins by the evening.

But the point I am coming to, is the depressing evidence there is, everywhere, of a growing selfishness and narcissism. Why does everyone seem to just speak of themselves endlessly? Why do they have such a lack of interest in others? Where did this *id*-cult begin? (Clearly in their sub-conscious, you might jest).

Within the group there were a non stipendiary priest, a church warden, a Christian scientist (not a Christian Scientist) and many other, on-the-face-of-it, nice people. But not one of them had anything to talk about but their grandchildren, their new granite kitchens, their plasma screens or their school fees. In blank amusement, Mrs S and I spent the whole week in complete anonymity! Maybe we were desperate to talk about *ourselves!*

Where are the six "W"s these days (Why? When? What? Who? How? Which?)? Asking questions about others is so revealing and pleasing for both parties. And the result is that you come away from the encounter feeling so much more loved!

St James the Least of All

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

On the ferocity of the church's Bridge drive

The Rectory
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Your suggestion that we should hold a sponsored hymn-singing bicycle ride through the village as a way of raising money was well-meant, but I am not wholly convinced it would suit our clientele here at St. James the Least. While you certainly raised some money, I feel that £5.43, along with assorted foreign coins no longer in use, may mean that the purchase of your pneumatically adjustable stage for liturgical dance, along with equipment for producing holograms of the Holy Land to illustrate sermons, may be somewhat delayed. It makes our fund-raising to repair the tea urn seem somewhat mundane.

You may have musical bike rides, but we have Bridge drives, which are generally as amiable and peaceful as bear baiting. Half of those attending will see the afternoon as an opportunity to catch up on local gossip and to exchange knitting patterns, the game of cards being a minor hindrance to these other activities. The other half arrive primed for a battle to the death, reluctantly conceding that eye-gouging is not allowed. They will demand total silence - which is wholly ignored by those at the tables discovering what Mrs Trumpington confided to Lady Driver half way through "Onward Christian Soldiers" at last Sunday's Mattins. The congregation is eternally grateful to Mrs Mitchell, who as a former mill worker is able to lip read.

Refreshments are regarded by one half as an opportunity to put jam on the cards, spill tea on the score cards and make sure that the other tables get the egg and cress sandwiches while they corner the boiled ham; the others see it as an unwelcome interruption to the serious business of slaughtering their opponents.

Drawing the raffle is the adult equivalent of ringing the school bell at going-home time. Half the players will immediately dash off to relay newly-mined seams of gossip throughout the village, leaving the

others holding reproachful post-mortems with their partners over their bidding mistakes.

Reproaches are never too violent, however, since the chances are that they will all be meeting again the following afternoon round card tables at another location for yet another re-enactment of the slaughter at Agincourt, the only difference being that the French and English were not entertained with tea and sandwiches at half time.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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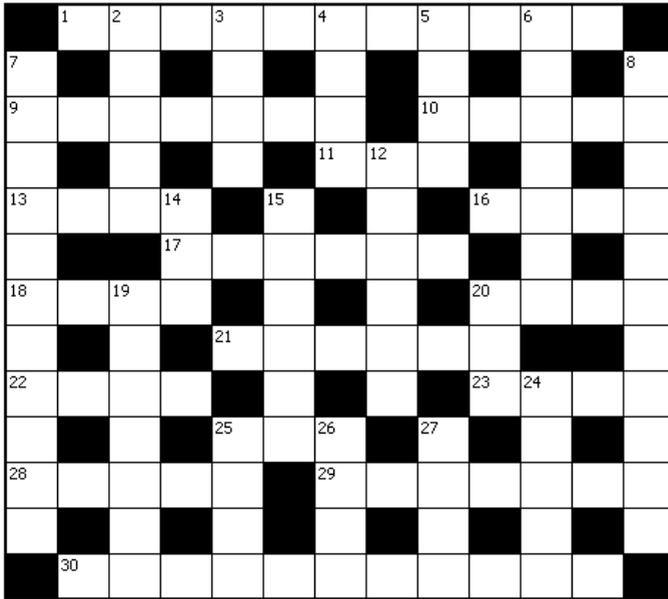
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Solutions
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CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible
(Solution on p.34)

- 23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
- 25 Tree (3)
- 28 No fear of me should — you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you' (Job 33:7) (5)
- 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
- 30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

ACROSS

- 1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all — , Lord of all — , whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy' (11,3)
- 9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you — your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7)
- 10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline — (2,3)
- 11 'At even — the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay' (3)
- 13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)
- 16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but — for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
- 17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
- 18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must — God rather than men!' (Acts 5:29) (4)
- 20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, — Eareckson Tada (4)
- 21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
- 22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat — — ' (Matthew 13:2) (2,2)

DOWN

- 2 'O Jerusalem... how — I have longed to gather your children together' (Matthew 23:37) (5)
- 3 Way out (4)
- 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (7)
- 5 Done (anag.) (4)
- 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
- 7 Concerning the study of God (11)
- 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
- 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
- 14 Frozen (3)
- 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
- 19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
- 20 See 1 Across
- 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
- 25 Time (anag.) (4)
- 26 Lists choice of meals (4)
- 27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the — of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)

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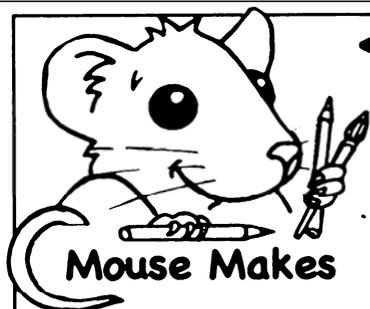
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FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



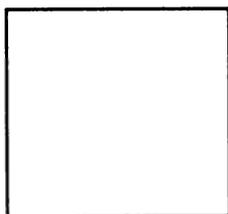
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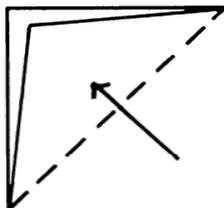
Just like the stars that shine in the dark and light the way for us to see, so God sent Jesus **'the light of God'** to light the way and show us the path to God.

The Bible tells us to **'shine like stars'** too so we can show our friends the way to Jesus and the path to God.

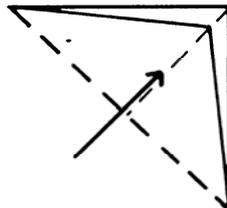
See: *Matthew 5:16* and *Phillipians 2:14-15*



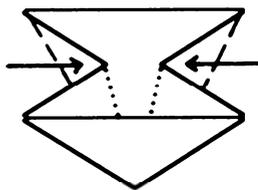
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2. Take one of the squares and fold in half diagonally

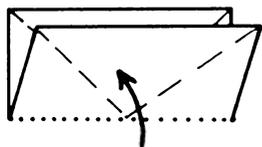


3. Open out then fold in half diagonally the other way

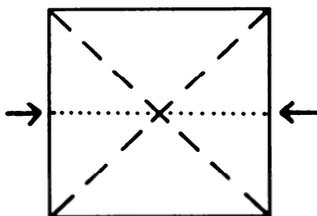


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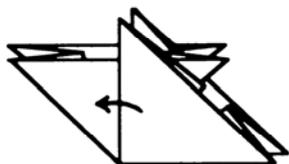
6. Go back to step 2 and make all 8 triangles



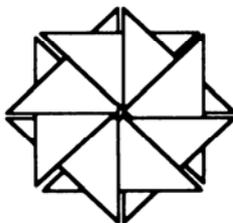
4. TURN OVER then fold in half



5. Open out then push the sides together....



7. Slot and glue each triangle in turn to make a star.



Make lots of stars to hang up for Christmas

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

On a clear night look up at the stars. The red stars are the coolest then orange, yellow, yellow-white and the hottest stars shine blue-white.



POPPIES

Poppies flower in the summer, don't they? So why poppies in November? You will see them everywhere in the next week or so, and everyone from the smallest Rainbow or Beaver to the Queen will be wearing a poppy on Remembrance Sunday.

We wear poppies because, among all the mud and chaos of the battlefields of the Great War, men were amazed to see the humble field flower of home spring up where the earth was disturbed – a blood red splash of colour in a sea of khaki.



When the British Legion started an appeal to help those whose bodies or minds had been smashed by war, the poppy seemed an ideal symbol. And even now, when World War I and II seem so far away, our troops are fighting, being wounded and dying; reminding us that the poppy is also a symbol of sacrifice.

PRINT A POPPY

How? Well the answer lies in your own hands. You will need a white paper plate, red and black finger or poster paint and two margarine lids or saucers to put the paint on. Put some newspaper on the table and start. Squeeze some red paint onto one lid or saucer and put black paint on the other one. Put your thumb into the red paint and use it to make 5 overlapping petals in a circle on the edge of your plate. Put your index finger into the black paint and use it to stamp a centre for your poppy. Continue printing poppies all round the edge of your plate to make a wreath. Leave it to dry and then you can write 'Lest We Forget' or 'Remembrance' in the middle of the plate. You could hang the plate in your front window to share with others.



When is the first food fight mentioned in the Bible?

'I looked and behold a flying roll!' (Zech 5:1 KJV)

Do you know the phone number for the Garden of Eden?

Adam 8-1-2

Did you know that Paul was the 1st surfer in the Bible?

Remember in Acts when he 'came ashore on a board'?

Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

Saying Goodnight

Sharing a room with a sister,
Who's older and thinks she has rights,
Isn't easy when rights are unequal,
And she has control of the lights.

Because she was born first she chooses
If we should talk, read or fight,
But I won't go to sleep till I know that I've been
The last one to whisper, *Goodnight*.

No I won't go to sleep till I know that I've been
The last one to whisper, *Goodnight*.

It starts when she switches the light off,
And calls out *Goodnight*. I reply.
Each of us knows that we *must* say it last,
Though neither really knows why.

The *Goodnights* fly to the ceiling,
They bounce quickly down to the floor
For at least half an hour the *Goodnights* come and go,
Passing bookcase and wardrobe and door.

I wait till she thinks that I'm sleeping,
Till she thinks that her victory's complete,
Then I whisper *Goodnight*, and the real truth is known
By the darkness and me and the sheet.

Yes I whisper *Goodnight*, and the real truth is known
By the darkness and me and the sheet.



GOODNIGHT!

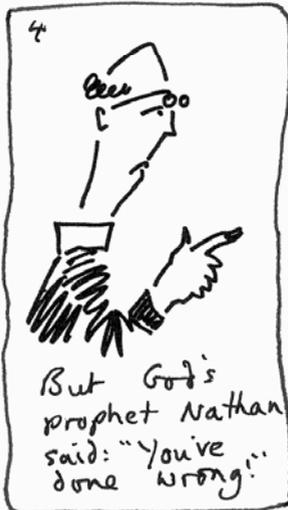
Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all, and servant of all.
(Mark 9:30 NRSV)

Poem by Daphne Kitching, Picture by Elaine Hill, Coloured by

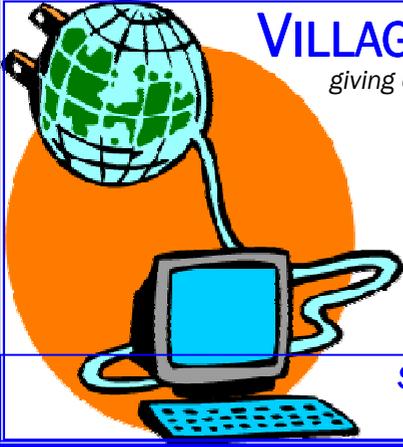
Bible Sketchbook

David's Big Mistake....

If we think we can get away with doing wrong things – have another think! King David thought he could deceive God and other people but God sent a prophet to expose all his sins. David listened and came back to God saying he was really sorry – and became a good king. Read all about it in 2 Samuel 11 and 12 and in Psalm 51.



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VILLAGE WEBSITES

giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc

www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk

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

DIARY OF EVENTS: NOVEMBER 2009

Sun	1	7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon	2	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	3	10.00am National Trust "Drop-in Surgery"	Hive Cafe
		7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council Meeting	PSWB Village Hall
		3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	4	4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	5	10.30am Poppy Appeal Coffee Marning - RBL(BB)	BBVillage Hall
		6.00pm Bonfire Night	Littlebredy Village Hall
		7.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	6	7.00pm Fish & Chips Supper + Quiz	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
		7.30pm RBL (A&P) AGM	Portesham Methodist Hall
		9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Mon	9	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	10	10.30am Tea & Mince Pie Morning	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
		2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Chehey
		2.15pm Women's Institute Meeting	BB Village Hall
		3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	11	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm Shipton Gorge Parish Council meeting	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Thu	12	11.15am Taunton Races outing	
		Family Treasures	Long Bredy Village Hall
Fri	13	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Sat	14	10.00am Litter Pick	Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney
		2.00pm Autumn Fair	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm BV Choir Concert for Julia's House	Bridport United Church
		7.30pm Keeeeeep Dancing	LATCH
Mon	16	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	17	12.30pm PSWB Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
		3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	18	4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	19	7.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	20	7.30pm Pantomime "Ashputtel"	LATCH
		9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		Day at Races & Christmas Shopping (RBL(A&P))	
Sat	21	10.30am Christmas Village Cafe	LATCH
		12.00am BB Library Ploughman's Lunch	BB Village Hall
Mon	23	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	24	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Chehey
		2.30pm Future of Festival Meeting	BB Reading Room
		3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
		7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall AGM	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	25	3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	26	? MU Meeting	St Catherines Cross

*LC: Litton Cheney, SG: Shipton Gorge, BB: Burton Bradstock, LB: Long Bredy, Lb: Littlebredy
PSWB: Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington, BV: Bride Valley*

Fri	27	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Sat	28	10.30am Coffee Morning + Lighting of 1st Advent Candle	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		7.00pm "Sing Sankey" (Rotary Club of Bridport)	Bridport United Church
	28	? Christkindlmarkt (BV Fledgings)	LATCH
Sun	29	12.00noon Pre Christmas Get-Together	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Mon	30	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH

NORMAL DAY	REARRANGED DAY	WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL REFUSE AND KERBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2009/10 Normal collections resume on Monday 18 January 2010
Friday, 25 December	Tuesday, 29 December	
Monday, 28 December	Wednesday, 30 December	
Tuesday, 29 December	Thursday, 31 December	
Wednesday, 30 December	Saturday, 2 January	
Thursday, 31 December	Monday, 4 January	
Friday, 1 January	Tuesday, 5 January	
Monday, 4 January	Wednesday, 6 January	
Tuesday, 5 January	Thursday, 7 January	
Wednesday, 6 January	Friday, 8 January	
Thursday, 7 January	Saturday, 9 January	
Friday, 8 January	Monday, 11 January	
Monday, 11 January	Tuesday, 12 January	
Tuesday, 12 January	Wednesday, 13 January	
Wednesday, 13 January	Thursday, 14 January	
Thursday, 14 January	Friday, 15 January	
Friday, 15 January	Saturday, 16 January	

WEEKDAY SERVICES, NOVEMBER 2009			
Mon	2 nd	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	4 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thu	5 th	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	6 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	9 th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	11 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thu	12 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	13 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	16 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	18 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thu	19 th	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	20 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	23 rd	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	25 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thu	26 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	27 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	30 th	9.00am	Long Bredy

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES November 2009

	1 st Sunday 1 st Nov All Saints	2 nd Sunday 8 th Nov Remembrance	3 rd Sunday 15 th Nov 23 rd after Trinity	4 th Sunday 22 nd Nov Christ the King	5 th Sunday 29 th Nov 1 st of Advent
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion. 9.30 Family Service. 11.00 Songs of Praise 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 10.45 RBL Remembrance 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion & Baptism 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Prayers of Remembrance	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service 3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 United Valley Service
Chilcombe					
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service	
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service		9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		10.45 Remembrance		11.00 Holy Communion	