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THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

ST MARY THE VIRGIN: 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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please telephone the Team Office on 01308 898799*

WEEKDAY SERVICES, JANUARY 2010

For Sunday Services, see back cover

Fri	1	9.00am	Shipton Gorge	
Mon	4	9.00am	Little Bredy	
Wed	6	9.30am	Burton Bradstock	
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thur	7	9.00am	Puncknowle	
Fri	8	9.00am	Litton Cheney	
Mon	11	9.00am	Long Bredy	
Wed	13	9.30am	Burton Bradstock	
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thur	14	9.00am	Swyre	
Fri	15	9.00am	Shipton Gorge	
Mon	8	9.00am	Little Bredy	
Wed	20	9.30am	Burton Bradstock	
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thur	21	9.00am	Puncknowle	
Fri	22	9.00am	Litton Cheney	
Mon	25	9.00am	Long Bredy	
Wed	27	9.30am	Burton Bradstock	
		10.00am	BurtonBradstock	Holy Communion
Thur	28	9.00am	Swyre	
Fri	29	9.00am	Shipton Gorge	

This is by way of a thank you to Lesley Dove, who has worked for the past five years as administrator for the Bride Valley.

She started the work shortly after I arrived and whilst the way the Parishes were working together was changing. In a way she had to invent her own job, and in particular the management of Weddings and Funerals, the arrangements and the fees. This involves a wide range of contacts throughout the Valley, among bell ringers, people who arrange flowers, organists, funeral directors, couples to be married and not least Clergy (never the easiest people to try to organise).

It was during my illness last year that Lesley really came into her own. Jean reported to me in hospital – one of the few things I remember of the early days there – that all the Christmas services had taken place without either of us being there to conduct them. That was a huge effort to ring around in an emergency and find Clergy for services on Christmas Day. But the work kept on, finding cover for Easter and right up through until August. And in between, for the funerals and the weddings, the Baptisms and other services that come regularly around.

Of course, Lesley was helped by the generous efforts of the Revd Ryder Rogers, James Webster and Mike Read, our Lay Worship leaders and the work of retired Clergy in the area in the leading of worship. Ministry in the Valley continued through these people, the Pastoral Assistants and many others. I am glad to add here that Churchwardens and Church officers throughout the Valley worked long and hard to make sure that the life of the Church in the Valley not only kept going, but flourished.

And it was Lesley who kept the contacts going and made the whole thing work together; who was at the end of the phone when people wanted to know what was happening. Now she is stepping down, and we will be looking for someone to carry on the good work. I will have to promise not to be ill again suddenly and with no notice, which I am happy to do. There will be new things to learn about and new ways of working. But for now, a big thank you to Lesley who set up this job and kept it going through some very difficult times.

Thank you.

Bob Thorn.

Look not mournfully into the past. It comes not back again.

Wisely improve the present. It is thine. Go forth to meet

the shadowy future, without fear.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

FROM THE REGISTERS

The Baptism

of Thomas Henry Caplen took place on Sunday 15th November 2009 at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. Son of Julian and Caroline, baby Thomas came to the 11.00am service at St Mary's, with the intention of teaching the regular congregations something of what it means to become a Christian and be baptized. In this he set a brave example, standing no nonsense with the Rector's glasses which he flung to the floor to the delight of the assembled company. The more serious matter of getting wet he undertook with a calm and radiant confidence, being thoroughly in command of the occasion. We all left Church better people for having enjoyed the privilege of receiving his witness.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

MURIEL POLDEN, whose ashes were interred on Saturday 31st October 2009

RAYMOND EDGAR (RAY) LEE, whose ashes were interred in the churchyard of St Mary's, Puncknowle on Friday 6th November.

FREDERICK THOMAS (FRED) WHITE, whose funeral was held at Weymouth crematorium on Friday 6th November.

MICHAEL JOHN SMITH of Long Bredy, whose funeral was held at Weymouth crematorium on Wednesday 11th November. A service of thanksgiving for the gift of his life was held in the afternoon at St Peter's Church, Long Bredy.

DEREK RONALD MAUDE, whose funeral service was held at Weymouth crematorium on Friday 27th November.

GERALD JOHN CUZENS, whose funeral service was held at St Mary's church, Litton Cheney on Friday 4th December, followed by a ceremony at Weymouth crematorium in the afternoon.

PHYLLIS WHITE, whose funeral service was held on Monday 14th December at St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney. After the service she was buried in the churchyard, when her mortal remains were laid to rest in the grave of her late husband.

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

LONG BREDY

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL IN LONG BREDY!

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone for helping with the Poppy Appeal for 2009. Long Bredy and Kingston Russell raised a total of £161.28. Thank you very much to all.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



FAMILY TREASURES EVENING

Thanks to Clive's expert chimney sweeping dislodging a solid chimney of old birds' nests, we were able to have a welcoming open fire for our Family Treasures evening. With a full Hall it was good to welcome so many people from nearby villages to a hot buffet supper, followed by a discussion of the very varied items brought along for inspection. Richard Batten had to cancel at the last moment due to a sudden double tooth extraction so it all fell to Guy Schwinge, who entertained us royally, giving us some fascinating information about the provenance and possible value of everything. Thank you Guy for making the evening such a success, it was a tour de force.

Thanks are also due to all the helpers and those who made such delicious desserts.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next PCC meeting will be held on Monday 11th January, 7.30pm at Freshfields, Long Bredy.

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

EPIPHANY CAROLS OF PRAISE

Followed by Tea and Cake, 3rd January at 3.30pm.

COFFEE MORNING 28TH NOVEMBER

Stalwarts arrived in the wind and rain to join us for coffee, and to purchase cakes and other goodies. Together we raised funds to add to our savings to update the heating system in the Church. Our grateful thanks to those who provided and those who purchased. Our next coffee morning will be on the 6th February, please make a note in your diary



Churchwardens

LITTLEBREDY

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At the beginning of January, we welcome Madeleine Preston to No. 2, Yew Tree Cottages. She has been becoming increasingly familiar with the village in recent months, and is now able to move here. We hope her time among us will be contented and fulfilling for her.

Even before moving in, she has found herself (with David Lowe and Mike Luddington) elected as additional members of the Social Club's committee at the AGM held at the end of November. Ed and Christine Mcfadden, and all the old committee, remain in post, with these additions. We wish them all well, as they plan and carry out the Club's programme in 2010.

This will begin with a repeat of last year's popular and successful **BURNS NIGHT**, which will be celebrated in the Village Hall beginning around 7.30pm on Saturday 23rd January. Scottish fancy dress encouraged but not essential. To cover the cost of the excellent supper (including haggis, neaps and tipsy trifle), there will be an entrance charge of £5 per head. Single malt whisky will be available to buy at the bar, alongside the more customary tipples of the south of England. To help the catering arrangements, please could those wanting to attend let Ed or Christine know in advance a.s.a.p.: phone: 482784 or e-mail: emcfadden@gmail.com

**AND IN THE MEANWHILE, OF COURSE, A VERY HAPPY,
PROSPEROUS AND ENJOYABLE NEW YEAR TO ALL
LITTLEBREDY RESIDENTS, PAST AND PRESENT.**

SHIPTON GORGE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: BARBARA CHAMBERS

WEST COURT, BROOK STREET, SHIPTON GORGE

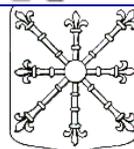
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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

BELL RINGING

The PCC of St Martin's Church wishes to thank the bell ringers of the Bride Valley for standing in for Christine & Colin Green whilst they were away on holiday. Our bells rang out joyfully every Sunday.





COFFEE & MINCE PIE MORNING

We are pleased to report that we raised over £304 toward the West Window Appeal. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported us. The PCC wishes to give special thanks to Lina for her generosity in making the Christmas cake which was the 1st prize in the raffle, and also to Gary (Landlord of the New Inn) for selling raffle tickets for us.

Thank you everyone!

CHRISTMAS TREE

The PCC wishes to thank Paul Sorrell for his generous donation of the Christmas Tree to help with our decorations in the Church. A special thank you also to Colin Chambers for organising and transporting this to St Martin's.



WEST WINDOW APPEAL

The appeal is progressing well and we have passed the halfway mark in raising the funds we need. The builder has informed us that he is hoping to commence work in February, but due to scaffolding being erected in the Bell Chamber, our bells will be unable to be rung for a few weeks.

The PCC will keep everyone informed as to the progress of this work.

Gillian Maxfield - Churchwarden

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH CLERK

I wish to advise you that after 4 years of committed service to the Parish Council, Ernie Thomas has retired as our Parish Clerk. I would like to thank Ernie for his support over this time and acknowledge the skills and dedicated service that he always applied to his duties, we all owe him a vote of thanks.

I am also pleased to advise you that at the November meeting of the Parish Council a new clerk was appointed, contact details are as follow:

Tom Grace, The Old Lime Kiln, Peas Hill, Shipton Gorge, DT6 4LT
Telephone: 01308 897559

David Smith. Chairman

MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on 13th January 2010 in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Tom Grace

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

The Village Society would like to thank everyone who attended the Shipton Gorge Past & Present Coffee morning, and for their contributions whether it was bringing photographs or memories to add to the Archive. A

good time appeared to be had by all, browsing the pictures and comparing stories, locations and names. We will follow up the contacts for more information in due course.

Peter Gates

THE FISH & CHIP quiz and visit to Taunton Races were both successful, and well attended despite poor weather on both occasions. It was particularly enjoyable that friends from other villages in the Bride Valley joined with us.

Forthcoming attractions : (both in the Village Hall)

"LONDON REVISITED" - a talk and slideshow by Bob Ayers Friday 15th January 2010 at 7.30pm- this will be of particular interest to those who have accompanied Bob on our last two trips to London, or those who might be tempted to join us on the next!

CHEESE PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER AND QUIZ.: Saturday 6th February.

John Kent



MUSICAL COFFEE MORNING

IN AID OF JULIA'S HOUSE

29th January, 10.30am to 12noon

This will be run by members of the Bride Valley Ladies Choir and friends. Please see Valley Notes for details, or contact Janet : 897241 if you can donate items for this event - all will be gratefully received.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

DECEMBER DRAW

£10	No 87	Peter Varney
£10	No 57	Nesta Symes
£10	No 73	Bob Cornish
£20	No 51	Sheila Stanton
£50	No 80	Steve Larcombe

PILATES

Claire Myers' Monday Pilates classes will be running on January 11th, 18th, and 25th and on February 1st and 8th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Costs for these classes are £7 per class (book in advance for a discounted price of £6.00 per class).

After this the class will combine with Litton Cheney's while Claire develops her knowledge and teaching skills within the Pilates discipline. They will be held at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall on Mondays at 4.00pm. Classes will resume at Shipton when Claire has completed her studies.

Please contact her on 01305 751984 for further details.

LITTON CHENEY

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LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a meeting of Litton Cheney Parish Council on Tuesday 12th January 2010 at 7.30pm held in the Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. Members of the public are welcome and indeed encouraged to attend.

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE CAFÉ

Thank you to all who came and supported this event on November 21st in aid of the Weldmar HospiceCare Trust. We donated proceeds in excess of £200 to this worthy charity.

LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL



JANUARY EVENTS

These activities are open to ALL residents of the Bride Valley, so do come along! New Year resolutions are not essential.

Short Mat Bowls will be bowling along every Tuesday (from 5th January) at 3.45.pm. Start off the New Year with some gentle exercise and good company.

Tai-Chi on Wednesday afternoons (from 6th January) at 2 pm.

Table Tennis is continuing on Wednesdays (from 6th January) at 3.30. pm. Bats, balls and of course tables are available! Give your back hand chop an outing!

Badminton is now on Thursdays (from 7th January) at 7.30.pm. Check out your stamina, speed, agility and co-ordination BEFORE going to The White Horse!

Yoga classes restart on Friday 8th Jan. at 9.30 a.m. If you would like to join please ring 482661 for more details.

Pilates are continuing Monday 11th January at 4 pm.

Trampoline – A new course starts on Friday 8th January at 3.30 pm. Contact Paul Kingston on 482162 for details.

Calligraphy with Eileen Dearden is on Jan.18th 1.30 to 3.30pm. Newcomers are welcome to join this small dedicated group. Please ring 482661 for more details.

VILLAGE CAFE - this month's café, on Saturday 16th January, from 10.30am to 12.30pm will be hosted by Thorner's School Association (TSA). The TSA raises funds to provide the children with opportunities to enhance their education.

The TSA will be serving a Thorner's Farmhouse Breakfast in addition to bacon butties, coffee, tea, biscuits and cake. Now in it's eleventh year Thorner's Farmhouse Breakfast is an annual event which Thorner's pupils enjoy in school, and we would like everyone to come and enjoy a local breakfast in the new hall, read the newspapers, enjoy a chat and have fun!

If you would like your organisation to run a village café and help with your fund raising, contact Wendy Taylor on 482532.

FILM NIGHT- Making use of the state of the art audio/visual facilities at the hall, the Bride Valley Film Club is launching its 2010 Big Screen Extravaganza on Thursday 21st January with "**A Bunch of Amateurs**" starring Burt Reynolds, Derek Jacobi and Imelda Staunton. Full details by separate leaflet drop on a doormat near you

BOOKING CLERK- LATCH are on the look out for a booking clerk to take over from Wendy Taylor who has done a sterling jobs since the opening of the hall in May 2009. As usual with jobs of this nature your reward will be in Heaven, but you will have the satisfaction of knowing that the success of the hall will very much be down to the super efficient job that you do. For more details please contact David or Wendy Taylor on 482532.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

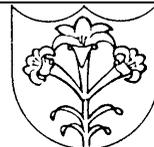
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ST MARY'S CHURCH

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The annual Christingle Service will take place on Sunday 24th January at 11.00am in St Mary's, Puncknowle, with a collection in aid of the Society. We hope you will join us - with a special invitation to all children.



ART CLUB

We had two mornings on Charles Rennie Mackintosh. The first was an illustrated talk and the second a workshop on colouring a design on glass. Many thanks to Pat for putting in



so much work on the preparation and to Doreen for showing us her lovely collection of glass painting.

Christine Molony

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th January at 7.30pm.

THE NAPPER CHARITY TRUST

The Napper Charity Trust is a Charity Fund for the people of Puncknowle. This small fund is available as Grants to individuals or groups.

Any person or group can make an application for a share of these funds by applying in confidence to the Clerk of Puncknowle Parish Council, telephone 01308-897726, or by contacting any of the Parish Councillors for further details.

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

For bookings, telephone 01308 897724



Reg Charity No. 1105233

“100 CLUB”

Anybody wishing to join the club for next year should pick up a form from the hall (it is open every Wednesday afternoon - see Broadband access times below), or contact Rob Reeks (897633).

BROADBAND ACCESS

Free Broadband Access continues on Wednesdays as before (but *not* on January 6th):

1st & 3rd Wednesday 4.00-7.00pm

2nd & 4th Wednesday 3.00-6.00pm

In February timing will revert 3.00–6.00pm every Wednesday (except the fifth Wednesday of any month).

PUNCKNOWLE HOTSPOT



Beginning in the second week of January, the broadband connection in the Hall will be permanently switched on, thereby effectively establishing an internet “hotspot” in Puncknowle.

When in the vicinity of the Hall, anyone with a wireless enabled computer will be able to connect to the internet via the Hall’s network, free of charge.

The connection is secure, so anyone wishing to make use of this facility will need to telephone Mike Brown on 897953, who in exchange for their name, address and telephone number, will provide the information necessary to establish the connection.

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The first lunch of 2010 will be on 19th January. Any member who was not at the Christmas lunch, and anyone wishing to join the club, should ring 897622 to join up and/or order their lunch.



ONLINE SHOPPING

Support Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall when you shop online this Christmas and we could win £1000! Popular retailers include Next, M&S, Amazon, ebay, Sky, Play.com and Ethical Superstore.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS: ?



NEWS

By the time you read this I hope that you will have enjoyed the "Mellstock Band" on December 11th.

Because of the timing of the Bride Valley News I am giving you a reminder for the next Artsreach event on February 5th, 2010 (it seems a long way off as I am writing this in December!). We have a Company called Public Transport who will present "**20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE OFFICE**" on Friday 5th February 2010, in Burton Bradstock Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

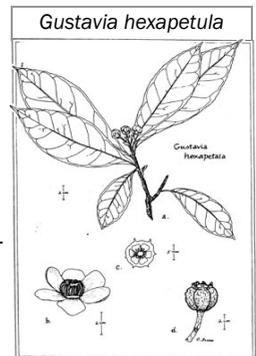
It is a very funny show of crazy humour which I am sure you will all enjoy - "entertainingly absurd..." said "The Scotsman" - so put it in your diary now! Tickets when available will be £8 , under 18's £6 , family ticket £25

Norman Saunders-White, Artsreach Promoter for Burton Bradstock

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Friday 13th was a very fortunate one for all of us who braved the terrible weather to hear **SIR IAN PRANCE**'s November talk about the Rain Forest.

Though his distinguished background, including Kew Gardens, New York Botanical Garden and Fellowship of the Royal Society, did daunt some of us by the depth of knowledge that was thus displayed - he was able to rattle off names ("which even some botanists cannot pronounce") such as lecythidaceae of which *Gustavia hexapetula* (the Brazilian nut tree) is one of a number of the species - we were more impressed with his pictures, which were beautiful and interesting.



We learned about the cannonball tree, the monkey pots and those orchid bees with such long tongues; that Guarana is a useful alternative to coffee; that there are over 2,200 species of pineapple. It was horrifying to also hear about the tribes that are being lost in the Amazon and yet how the superstition of local inhabitants is one of the best protectors of the forests.

This was a top class lecture from a top class speaker. In his own words, the talk was, “not too anthropocentric” and we agreed.

SHIRLEY CRITCHLEY’s talk (on the 4th December), a most stimulating presentation, was given in her usual (almost) inimitable style: Reminding us that she had now managed seven expeditions in eight years with John Blashford-Snell, there were some disarmingly varied slides with which she illustrated her talk about the journey of four reed boats from the Andes to the Atlantic!

Every moment was a great adventure by the sound of it, from a mountain road producing 100 deaths a month; horses bitten by vampire bats; Weil’s Disease in the rivers and mountains “like a bar of Toblerone”. She even showed us a slide of a man, “doing something despicable” (peeing, actually...) in the river: “I didn’t realise, or I wouldn’t have taken the picture”, she pleaded, but showed it anyway! – “he made me some cocoa”. There was a lady wearing “some leopard skin thing, which was a little bit risky” and a tree that literally walks across the jungle – 2 metres a year! We saw a deadly, yet edible, snake and the remains of Hitler’s photographer’s hut.

Pictures of Miss Critchley riding pillion on a motor scooter (“can’t do that in Bridport”) and a gold-digging machine, heralded her alarming video of the boats on rapids - “the occupants being tossed off, like being in a washing machine” was her apt description - and finally, a beautiful dolphin. We knew it was the end when she cried, “So, there you go folks! Did somebody say something about mulled wine?”

John Grantham who gave the vote of thanks, jested that he had misread the title to be a talk about Red Boots, observing that walking trees would be useful alibis in cases of dangerous driving. To the most significant question, Shirley conceded that the boats had, in fact, made it: “I quite forgot to tell you that!” she quipped.

Hearing finally that Miss Critchley had just been selected to play for the GB Veterans’ team at Wimbledon, we filed out breathless, but euphoric, into that wet and windy night,

The January meeting, on Friday 15th, will be “Tracing Roman Roads in West Dorset” by Peter Lawrie.

My education was dismal. I went to a series of schools for mentally disturbed teachers.

Woody Allen

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222



BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST AGM

The fifth BBVHT Annual General Meeting will be held in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Friday 22nd January 2010 at 7.30 pm. This is a public meeting so please come along, hear all about the Village Hall Trust's past year and plans for the future and enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles.

Audrey Smith , Admin Secretary, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee 01308 897227

“200 CLUB”

December 2009 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£90.40	No 149:	Mrs Elaine Tame
2 nd	£45.20	No 12:	Mr John Lamble
3 rd	£22.60	No 176:	Mrs Sheila Cullen

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the January 2010 draw should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £12. There are double prizes in the December draw.

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those who gave their support during 2009. All the money raised goes to maintaining and upgrading the fabric of the Village Hall and it is only with your continued support that the Village Hall can continue to function and serve the community.



BARN DANCE - SATURDAY

David Powell & The Bride Valley Band will be returning to the Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 6th February 2010. Come along and enjoy what will be a fun experience at the Village Hall and see your friends attempt to keep up with David's calling!

Tickets will cost - £5.00 Adult, £2.50 U14 and are available from Burton Bradstock Post Office from Saturday 9th January. You will need to move quickly to buy your tickets as the Band's reputation goes before them. There will be a cash bar put please feel free to bring your own nibbles.

Susan Moores - 01308 897673

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

A big thankyou to everyone that came along to our Ploughmans Lunch on Saturday 21st November. It was a very well supported event and all profits will go into the fund for maintaining Burton Bradstock Library.

Our next fund raiser will be a race night on 26th March 2010 . More information nearer the time. Thank you all once again.

Sandy Adderley 01308 898358



BURTON BRADSTOCK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

So here we are in 2010. I hope you all had an enjoyable festive season.

As I am writing this at the beginning of December, I can only report back to you about the windy November goings on. There were numerous cases of liquid gold (petrol) being drained from our car tanks. Some cars were damaged due to force being used. My advice is to park your car as near to your home as possible with the fuel cap facing your windows. If not then leave your car with the fuel cap on the road side so it can be seen by passing traffic.

Again, there have been cold callers visiting us. Please do not contribute to charities such as 'Send a Cow' when someone calls that you do not know. I'm sure you have your own special charities that you give to and your money will reach its destination safely!!

There are also some companies who appear to be legitimate, such as Scottish Power, cold calling. Please do not give bank details at the door as there is no guaranteed that the person acting on behalf of the company is trustworthy. Please call me and let me know the name of any company doing this and keep any literature they might give you. I can then phone the company and have Burton Bradstock removed from their cold calling list. If you are interested in their offer you could always fill in the form they should leave you and post it. Far safer.

Any questions or problems just give me or PCs Poppy or Nigel a call.

Ian Pitt-Aikens 01308-89744



BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC & ART THE FUTURE OF THE FESTIVAL MEETING :

The meeting held on 24th November, to discuss the future of the Music Festival, came up with lots of good ideas to ensure it survives beyond the leadership of Mike and Anne Southgate. Another meeting has been arranged in the Reading Room at 11.00am on Saturday 9th January, and everyone who is interested in the Festival is invited to call in for coffee and biscuits to see how we can progress.

As well as forming a committee to do most of the work, we would also like to set up a 'Friends of the Festival' to involve people more and to help with some of the fundraising. It is also hoped that some of the 'Friends' might be willing to help with the smaller organisational tasks. This does not mean you have to be committed to taking on onerous tasks, or indeed, any task at all, but we are trying to meet more supporters for their ideas and input. Such brilliant music would be a great loss to the village if it didn't continue. Please come and join us for coffee and a chat on the 9th.

Future Friends of the Festival 898749



BURTON BRADSTOCK ONLINE

DIGITAL PHOTO COMPETITION RESULTS FOR 2009

*Theme: The Humorous and Unusual
in Burton Bradstock*

At the Burton Bradstock Village Society's coffee morning on Saturday, 5th December, 2009, the judges announced the winners of the 2009 Digital Photo Competition. From 70 acceptable entries in the Adult section, they chose the following prize winner:

Adults:

1st (£50) Richard Cook,
Equal 2nd (£25each) Valerie McRobert, Matthew Spencer-Smith and Colin Crabb

Under 16s:

Sadly, there were not many entries in the under-16 section, so the judges decided to limit the number of prizes. However the winning picture "Postman Pat visiting Burton Bradstock Post Office" by Nia Kanelaki was declared the winner

To see all the photos go to www.burtonbradstock.org.uk and click on photo competition on the opening page.

Adults 1st prize: Jurassic Man?



Richard Cook receives his award from two of the judges, David Barnikel and Mike Southgate



Under 16s winner



PERORATION, n.

The explosion of an oratorical rocket. It dazzles, but to an observer having the wrong kind of nose its most conspicuous peculiarity is the smell of the several kinds of powder used in preparing it.



VALLEY NOTES

MOTHERS UNION. A.G.M.

Saint Catherine's Cross on Thursday January 28th at 2.30pm



DEANERY SPEAKERS DAY

"YOUTH" Church House, Bridport on Friday January 29th from 12.30pm to 3.30pm on . Please bring packed lunch. *Yvette Smith. 898219*



BIBLE READING

The Bible Reading Fellowship provides Notes as follows:

GUIDELINES: Offers in-depth study. The daily readings are arranged in weekly sections, each including an introduction and points for thought and prayer.

NEW DAYLIGHT: Offers a fresh, devotional approach to Bible reading. It contains a Bible passage, a comment and a short prayer or reflection for each day. The Group price for both Bible reading aids (three issues a year) is £11.40 p.a.

The new subscription year begins in May 2010 but I need to place an order in February. The Notes will be ordered automatically for those already on the list unless I am informed otherwise. Any others who would like to have these Notes please be in touch with me (Hilary Mousley, The Red House, Middle Street, Burton Bradstock Tel: 01308 897849) by 13th February. Samples are available and copies of the current issue can be obtained.

Hilary Mousley; B.R.F Group Secretary

JULIA'S HOUSE FUNDRAISING CONCERT

This took place last month in the United Church, Bridport and raised £801 altogether - many thanks to our friends in the Bride Valley who came along to support this concert, given by the Bride Valley Choir and friends.



COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF JULIA'S HOUSE

Friday 29th January, 10.30am - 12noon in Shipton Gorge Village Hall

This will be run by the ladies of the Bride Valley Choir and friends, and will include a Bring and Buy stall including cakes, biscuits etc, and unwanted Christmas gifts! There will be a Grand Whisky Draw (not to be missed!) and there will be live music to entertain you

as you enjoy delicious home-made goodies with your coffee.

Bring your friends and chase away those January blues - we look forward to your company!

Janet Lane

BRIDE VALLEY INTERCHURCH/COMMUNITY QUIZZES

These quizzes culminated in a packed event at Burton Bradstock Village Hall when four very different matches took place.

The 'Four Susans' (not the 4 Seasons!) had been invincible, winning all their games; conversely Long Bredy & Littlebredy, known as The EastEnders, had not won a match. Imagine the excitement as they played against each other in the last of the heats and to everyone's amazement (and the 4 Susans chagrin) the EastEnders with only three team members beat them, so ending their unbroken run, and establishing themselves as a force to be reckoned with.



After much needed refreshments, the Junior Teams from Puncknowle and Litton Cheney did battle, winning one game each and drawing in the third game. They all excelled themselves with Litton Cheney beating Puncknowle on points by 130 to 105. Congratulations to James (cap), William and Dan on their win and commiserations to Theo(cap), Wilf and Millie on doing so well.

Then the final of the Seniors games was played - a scintillating match - when the 'Four Susans' beat Shipton Gorge. Well done, all of you.

The John Paul shield was presented to Litton Cheney by Susan Pauland the Burdoo Shield by Ann Read to the '4 Susans'. Thorners School retained the Schools Cup.

Thanks to Celia, Derek and Heather (editorial addition) who asked the questions: to David, Colin, Malcolm, Charlie and Ryder for score keeping over the series. Mention must also be made of Geoffrey Seward who at 89yrs captained the Eggheads, making such a wide age range of participants. Next time no one can say 'I'm too young' or 'I'm too old.'

Now comes a well earned rest for all the teams, for whom Exodus will never be the same!

Heather Rogers



BURTON BRADSTOCK W I

We hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas with your family and friends and are now ready to take on a New Year. I love this Season, but for many I know it is not a happy time and they dread it coming - so best wishes to all for the New Year.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 12th January at

2.15pm - do remember the winter timing. Our speaker this month will be Joyce Lee - "Sketchbook to Chequebook". It will be a behind the scene look at the world of couture!! Sounds very interesting and a world away from us in the Bride valley!

The usual groups will take place, do check on the Notice board outside the WI hall to check on dates - we have the Embroidery group, the Mahjong group, the Walking group, the Reading group, an Art group and a Writing group - surely something for everyone!

As we have not had our December meeting at the time of writing I cannot say who won the Photographic competition - next time!

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

The Christkindlmarkt fund-raiser was held on 28th November in the new LATCH Hall in Litton Cheney, with other covered areas for stalls outside. Father Christmas was "at home" in the yurt - the hall was very bright and cheerful - jam-packed at times with stalls, sellers and buyers. Outdoors was another matter - it rained - then harder, then the wind howled, the rain stopped - then started again with no let up! The children did not seem to mind getting wet going round the stalls outside but the awful weather put paid to the Carol singing and Nativity scenes beside the lovingly prepared stable plus sheep, and the straw bale seats got very wet. The band played bravely sitting in a tent style shelter - later there was more Christmas music in the hall. In the Grand Draw, the winner of the luxury hamper was Mrs Jill Maltby, and approximately £1000 was raised for Fledglings during the evening. All the organisers worked extremely hard before and during the event - and afterwards to dismantle and clear up! So a great vote of thanks to them all.



On the last day of term, after walking to church for the Church Service with Thorner's school in the morning, Fledglings children sang the songs and carols they had learned for the Nativity to their parents - this was followed by the lunch-time Christmas Party.

NESTLINGS

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

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

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Firstly I would like to start by wishing you all a Very Happy New Year, hoping that this year is an improvement on last year. I am expecting the children to come back into school full of excitement about all the things they have done over the holiday and presents they received as well as family and friends they have seen.



Christmas is a time when we do catch up with people we have lost touch with, spending time listening to the things which they have been doing during the year and sharing our lives with them. It is quite hard for many children to understand that they are not the centre of everything and the world does not revolve around them, it is something we try to 'teach' by example and through SEAL (for those of you unsure what this stands for it is Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) a fairly new subject in the curriculum but one which many teachers have 'taught' without even realising how important it is.

Many children when they start school find it hard to share the adults with others, waiting for their turn to speak, listening to others and being polite. These need to be taught, as does the fact that we all have rights and with those rights there also come responsibilities.

I would like to think that before they leave Thorner's all children have an understanding of how to behave in society as well as a good grounding in many areas of the curriculum.

In the run up to Christmas many of the families filled 55 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, the council members sold star wishes to hang on our 'Christmas Wishes Tree' and had a collection after the concert in aid of 'Starlight', an organisation who help make wishes come true for many seriously ill children. We thank you all for your contributions and are very grateful you make the effort to encourage your children to think of others at a time like this.

Alison Johnstone: Headteacher

100 CLUB WINNERS

December

£15

Valerie Shepherd

£10

Sarah Nobes

BRIDE VALLEY EASTERN END CHRISTMAS PARTY

Over 60 children attended the party on Sunday 6th December 2009, the first in the new hall in Litton Cheney. Thank you to everyone who ensured the tradition was continued – the generous donation from the hard working Litton Cheney Bellringers and from the Litton Cheney Social Committee and for the support from the LATCH committee. Thank you to

Mrs Harp, Rachel and Jo for selling tickets before the event, the jelly makers in Puncknowle, Alison for manning the door, Jill and Mandy for their kitchen skills, Samantha and Jonathon for supervising the older children's games, Julie for providing activities for the younger children, Hilary for the craft activities, Father Christmas, Heather, Lyn and Sue our helpers without children and our teenage helpers Jack, Jason, Lewis, Rachel and Rebecca, and everyone who helped in anyway to ensure a lovely afternoon for the children.

We hope to continue the tradition next year - on the first Sunday in December. Katharine Jones (Coo) 898553, Elizabeth Kingston (Higgy) 482162

BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH, ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

So much has happened since my last write up. You'll of heard about the success of the Band Nite – not to be missed next year (don't worry, I'll remind you in good time), the Branch had a great Social Evening in the Shoes, your actual Poppy Appeal and the Annual General Meeting.



By the time you read this, you will probably find Christmas gorging will have rendered my report of the October Social, biliously repellent (nice phrase, that, worthy of Mr Scope...) – and, in fact, we shall have had yet another one. At the Three Horse Shoes, we had a fantastic mess night with 26 present of all ranks and genders. The forage, that would have made the Army Catering Corps' (check trousers or no check trousers) eyes water, was, as my old R.S.M used to say, "A spectacle to behold!" (though this was usually a description of tram-lines on the trousers of a less-than-perfect young officer). Not only did I have my usual belly-full (to use a technical phrase, probably more associated with the Corporals' Mess), but there was the substantial doggy bag (or rather nosebag, since I am using Cavalryman's jargon for the time being), to smuggle out when we left.



Poppy Week was all it should be, with even more raised for this National and pre-eminent cause: a total, this year, of £4,755. The Coffee Morning was one to Remember, Remember - the Fi'th of November. We saw the winners of the children's art competition for Remembrance Day. I confess, I was, as always, wiping away tears of emotion as I read some of the heart-felt messages from the kids. Of course, it's only natural that their concept of war is coloured by television etc - but the words were from the heart!

These kids are being brought up with the proper sense of respect and reverence; we should all be thankful for that! Once again, the entire Village flocked to St Mary's for the Remembrance Service.

Brass Monkeys avoided a chilly evening later in November (they've got more sense), for the Annual General Meeting; indeed, the 12 attendees (as they call them these days: what's wrong with "attenders", that's what I want to know!) had to rely on the hot air of the Officers to warm up the Reading Room (I certainly wouldn't want to do much reading in there, I can tell you!). Despite Jim Harding and Tom James trying to sneak in unostentatiously during the Exhortation (I ask you, how is it possible to sneak in quietly with a sticky squeaky door and the howling gale that follows you in?), business was despatched briskly.

We are now looking forward to a Social Evening (at the Shoes) on the 18th Jan (be there) and the Annual Dinner (*the* function of the year) at the Golf Club on 8th Feb. May I say, on behalf of all of us, if you're not a member of the British Legion (despite all you may expect of it), you're missing one of the best and most civilized local clubs there is and one of the easiest ways to do your good deed while enjoying yourself! Must fly, as the Brylcreem Boys used to say,

*Dave Bellows, late Lance Corporal of Horse,
Essex Ablutionary Reconnaissance Regt. (The "Thunderboxes").*

PS. I take issue with Major Pitt-Aikens using spam as a visual aid for Crime Prevention (see p.28, December BVN). I'm afraid Spam is ring-fenced for the RBL, Ian!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS PAGE

Very many thanks to all those who inserted their Season's Greetings in the December issue. The sum of over £930 was raised; your support for Julia's House and the BVN is much appreciated.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP VEHICLE

The Community Partnership vehicle will be visiting the Bride Valley on the following Wednesdays next year: 13th January, 10th February, 10th March, 7th April, 12th May and 9th June. The time table for each day will be:

- 0930-1030- Shipton Gorge- The New Inn car park
- 1045-1145- Puncknowle- Outside the Church
- 1200-1300- Burton Bradstock- Annings Lane
- 1515-1615- West Bexington- Beach Car park

REASONABLE, adj

Accessible to the infection of our own opinions.
Hospitable to persuasion, dissuasion and evasion



GOOD BOOKS

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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.



Keeeeeep dancing

Come and enjoy an evening of dancing in Litton Cheney.

Ballroom - Sequence - Latin American - Jive - Salsa

A dance is held every month on the second Saturday throughout 2010.

At the Litton and Thorners Community Hall.

We dance from 7:30 until 11pm with a break for tea and coffee.

All ages and levels welcome. £3 per person per night.

You can bring your own refreshments.

For more information ring David 01308 482532 or

John 01308 482170

PAST, n. That part of Eternity with some small fraction of which, we have a slight and regrettable acquaintance. A moving line called the Present parts it from an imaginary period known as the Future. These two grand divisions of Eternity, of which the one is continually effacing the other, are entirely unlike. The one is dark with sorrow and disappointment, the other bright with prosperity and joy. The Past is the region of sobs, the Future is the realm of song. In the one crouches Memory, clad in sackcloth and ashes, mumbling penitential prayer; in the sunshine of the other, Hope flies with a free wing, beckoning to temples of success and bowers of ease. Yet the Past is the Future of yesterday, the Future is the Past of to-morrow. They are one -- the knowledge and the dream.



The Devil's Dictionary
(Ambrose Bierce)

MISCELLANY

FINDING YOUR FUTURE – THE SECOND TIME AROUND

By Peter Shaw, DLT, £9.99

Broken your New Year's resolutions?

Using our failures rather than ignoring them, Peter Shaw draws on Christian traditions and his experience as a life coach to create a spiritually sound strategy for moving forwards.



Why are we so afraid of failure? Why has it become something that we ignore and distance ourselves from as quickly as possible, rather than accepting it as part of our life experience, and something that we can build on?

In this self-help book with a difference, executive life coach Peter Shaw takes failure as a starting point and shows how we can use it to find new beginnings. Using his extensive experience, powerful images and stories from Christian traditions, real-life examples and inspirational quotes from a huge variety of sources, Shaw equips the reader with the tools for finding their future - again. This book is a practical resource for anyone looking at where they are now, and thinking again about where they want to go.

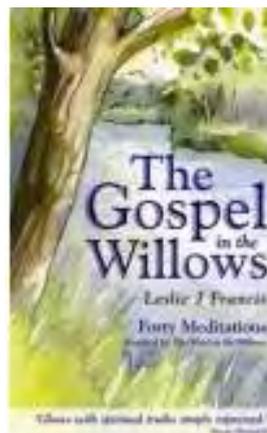
THE GOSPEL IN THE WILLOWS FORTY MEDITATIONS BASED ON KENNETH GRAHAME'S THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

BRF, £5.95

This beautiful book, which may be used as a daily devotional through Lent or any other period of the year, reopens Kenneth Grahame's classic children's novel *The Wind in the Willows* for a new audience.

Combining a daily reading from the literary classic with a gospel passage, a short meditation by Leslie Francis and a prayer, *The Gospel in the Willows* takes us on a journey through the Christian life, exploring themes such as The Call, Shaking the Dust, Finding Acceptance, Divided Loyalties, Real Repentance, Facing Temptation, The Lost Son and Accepting Release.

The much-loved characters of Mole, Rat and Toad become the perfect allegory for the grand adventure of faith, from our terrifying first steps into and beyond the riverbank, to the challenges, temptations and triumphs that await us as we journey into the world, with Jesus by our side



OVER THE GARDEN WALL

by Perrier Scope

Overheard, on the bus, recently: “I was like hello”. The sentence is gibberish; let me punctuate it: “I was, like, ‘Hello?’”. The young lady who was bawling it down her mobile telephone had managed to encapsulate so much in that short, snappy sentence. It had all the exasperation, the flavour of the moment, the lifestyle, included in those brief, accurate words.

What a joy it is to have such a flexible language! But driving to Sturminster Newton, thinking it would take only twenty minutes, I absentmindedly turned on the car radio, to be hypnotized, yet demoralized, by a current affairs programme that took me further down the linguistics trail. I just wonder how programme editors can produce such stuff without injury – I mean to their brains, rather than from their bosses (or do I mean line-managers?).

The programme was such tosh that I have lost track completely of the subject matter. My notes hint that it was based upon customer “reesearch”, described as, “very internet savvy”. The listener was assured by the reporter that we should “ashoom” that “this drive through” (or should that be, “drive thru”?) was absolutely “joined-up” and that after the “gennelection”, the “footfall” might improve.

Phew! I pulled over to jot down these gems. Why does no one say, “Yes,” any more? The posh ones say, “Indeed” or, “absolutely”; the others are reduced to, “That’s right” or, “Defnally”. To disagree, one starts with, “Dare I say”, mixing in a few, “More importantly”. Is this gobbledegook brought on by having a microphone shoved up one’s nose and the desire not to make an idiot of oneself, or lack of education?

Oneself? Hark at me! “Myself” is the other one: “my brother is not as clever as myself”, or the estate agents’ special, “we trust this will be agreeable to yourselves”. I must stop now, before a reader accuses me of being unkind.

Did anyone spot the latest, “must have”? I actually don’t mind (or do I mean, “I have no issue with”?) the phrase itself, but ‘must have’ invariably prefaces something that is the very antithesis of necessity. On this occasion, it was the iconic (they said) Hermès Birkin. So what is this ‘must have’ Birkin? Easy: it’s the pale green alligator skin handbag (named after that English (French) icon, Jane Birkin) that was recently sold for a mere £19,000, thankfully, for charity.



Now that I’ve managed to twist the subject towards French, I have just

Ed.: *Never mind the charity auction! The Hermes 'Birkin' bag is indeed becoming popular again, and the retail price starts at at \$6,000 and goes up to \$30,000. Please note, if you fancy one, there is a waiting list!*

source: cjaysee.blogspot.com



one other gripe: at Christmas, Mrs S gave me a box of “French” chocolate truffles described seductively as “cocoa dusted” (I think I spotted them later, on the shelves at Morrison’s). I quote the chatty and irrelevant story on the side of the box, which talks about Monty Bojangles. Who is Monty Bojangles? Why, the cat in charge, they tell me. Of course! it’s all so clear now

I come to think of it: such an obvious name for a cat; and what else, but a cat, would I find in charge of a sweet factory? (I have a whole repertoire of cat stories that I must keep for another time).

Then the weasel language: “These truffles are lovingly made in France”; then, “our chocolatiers practice their art by emulating the traditional French artistry of homemade truffle making without losing any of the expertise, passion and care that the original French house-wives once used” (notice *emulating*, and *once* - so, how much is the factory actually to do with France?); and *savoir faire* would have been nice instead of the almost tautologous *artistry*..... Then, “After all,” they say, “les grande pensées viennent de l’estomac”. (No ‘s’ on grande, I notice!) I don’t really think this is a French product, at all. Final piece of small print: “Cookie pieces: 9%”. No wonder I had so much trouble finding many actual truffles. The weight on the box said 100gms. I weighed the residual “exquisite” cocoa dust, - all 50gms of it.....

St James the Least of All

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace:'

On how to mix town and country – or not

*The Rectory
St. James the Least*

My dear Nephew Darren

Your idea for our two churches to hold a combined New Year’s Day walk was an admirable one, although I could sense a certain clash of cultures when your party arrived at the starting point with boots, waterproofs and GPS equipment. Our own group, rather anticipating tottering between tea shops, with a little light shopping in between, sported tweed suits, shopping bags and furled umbrellas.

Even the two sets of dogs seemed bemused with one another, with your Westies and King Charles spaniels making enough noise to scare all the wildlife in the county, and our Retrievers puzzled why the pheasants were not dropping from the sky. Dear Miss Mill's miniature poodle, with the painted toenails, will probably need life-long counselling; the furthest she had walked previously was from her bed to beside the dining room table.

The electronic navigation equipment brought by members of your group made me think that if only the wise men had had these blessings, they wouldn't have had to follow anything as unreliable as a star. Although I suppose that instead of gold, frankincense and myrrh, they would then have arrived with an MP3 player, a mobile phone which would have been obsolete before Jesus' first birthday and a CD of Madonna's greatest hits.

I do concede that our two congregations learned much from one another. Our ladies were most interested to hear about the latest in personal trainers, while yours discovered how to bring a pan of jam to a rolling boil. Your men seemed impressed to hear of squirrel shooting while ours gathered useful tips for caravanning abroad. And poor Miss Mill's poodle learned that the great outdoors was a parallel and hostile universe.

By mid-afternoon, however, the balance of power shifted. When the leader of the walk from your group lost his SatNav, our members felt the need to assert themselves. The gentlemen navigated using wind direction, moss on trees and angles of the sun, while our ladies, with tweed skirts furred somewhat higher than one would have wished, showed yours how to wade through peat bog without complaining.

Perhaps town and country really can learn from one another. But if Major Bullock's wife arrives for Mattins next Sunday sporting the latest gym gear, you will have much to answer for.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible
(Solution on p.34)

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- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) 4
- 4 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
- 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
- 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2-4) (8)
- 11 Loyally (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
- 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
- 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
- 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
- 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
- 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
- 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
- 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

- fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
- 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
- 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
- 5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
- 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
- 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
- 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
- 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
- 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
- 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
- 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
- 19 Pans (anag.) (4)

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St BATHILD: 30th January

No, I hadn't heard of her before either but Bathild, whose feast day is 30th January, had a very interesting life.

She was born in England in the 7th century and while only a young girl she was carried off by pirates and sold into slavery in France. She was bought by Erchinoald who worked for the king of the Western Franks, Clovis II.



Bathild must have been very unusual because, in time, Clovis made her his wife. When her husband died she became Regent for

their son. She built monasteries and nunneries, and did all that she could to stop the slave trade which had brought her to France.

From a slave to a queen is a big step. When her son became king Bathild joined one of the nunneries she had founded. From, a slave to a queen, to a servant of God.

WHICH RULER

Quite a few kings and queens are mentioned in the Bible. Do you know which one is....

1. the title of the Egyptian ruler who argued with Moses?
2. the queen who visited King Solomon?
3. the shepherd boy who became a king and wrote psalms?
4. was king at the time that Jesus was born?
5. a queen who came from Phoenicia, worshipped idols and fed hundreds of pagan prophets of Baal at her table?
6. the Roman Emperor mentioned in Acts?
7. a queen who has a whole book of the Bible that tells her story?

Answers at the bottom of the page.



King Henry VIII went to heaven. St Peter said, 'Tell me, why did you have so many different wives?' Henry said, 'I like to chop and change.'



ANSWERS: 1. pharaoh 2. Queen of Sheba 3. David 4. Herod 5. Jezebel 6. Claudius 7. Esther

WORDSEARCH

January brings us Epiphany and a New Year – 2010. What resolutions have you made for 2010? We all have dreams and plans for the year ahead - here's hoping that yours come true! How many words can you find that have to do with the start of a New Year?

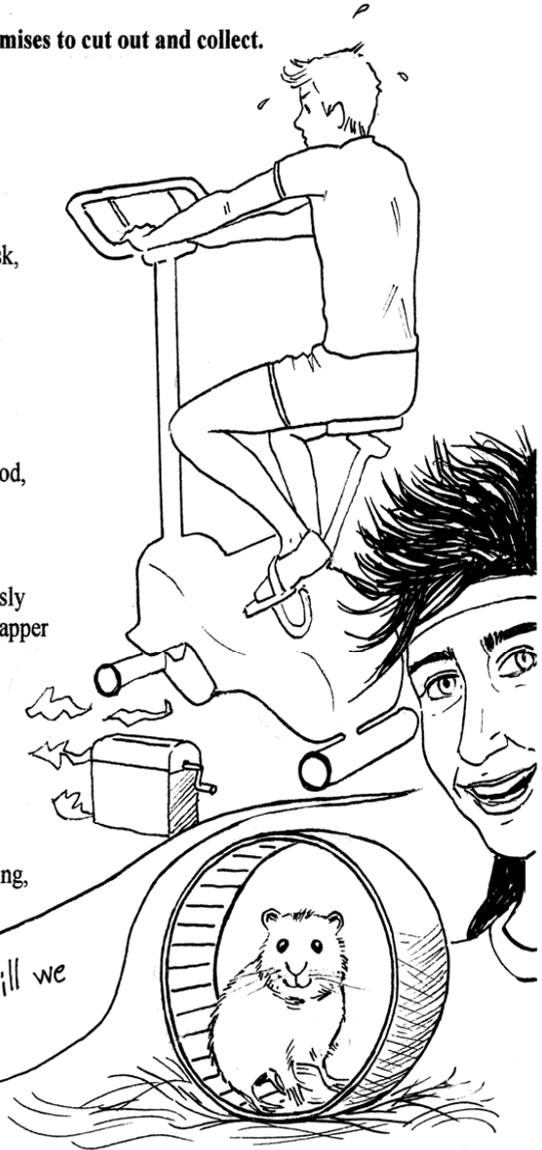


Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

We're very much alike

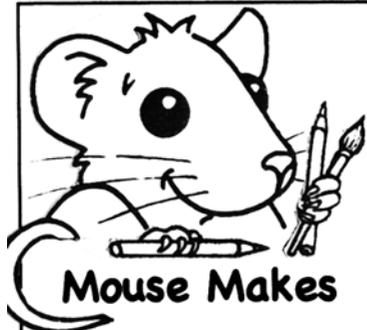
We're very much alike,
My owner and me.
He wakes up in the evening
After dozing through the day at his desk,
And he comes upstairs
Into the converted loft where I live.
He spends hours cycling aimlessly
On a bike that doesn't move,
Or rowing on a boat
Which has never seen water.
Then he takes out his secret store of food,
In his case, Mars Bars which he keeps
Hidden in the filing cabinet.
He nibbles away at them,
Twitching and glancing around anxiously
As he nibbles, before shredding the wrapper
So that no-one will ever know.
Then he tries to escape,
But instead of gnawing and rattling
The bars of his cage,
He switches on his computer
And escapes from the real world
Onto the Internet.
Exercising, chewing, shredding, escaping,
Oh yes, we're very much alike,
My owner and me.



"Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behaviour from their parents."

(Ephesians 5:1, The Message)

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



Mouse Makes

The **PSALMS** are hymns of **PRAYER** and **PRAISE** to God.

"I will **proclaim** your greatness, my God and king; I will **thank you** for ever and ever. Everyday I will **thank you**; I will **praise you** for ever and ever."

Psalm 145:1-2

Glory to God



"How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what he has done."

Psalm 19:1

Cut out and keep these cards to help you to thank and praise God.

God my guide



"Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path." *Psalm 119:105*

God's World

"The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord;



the earth and all who live on it are his." *Psalm 24:1*

Praise the Lord!

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord"
Psalm 150:6



Give Thanks!

"Your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will praise you. I will give you thanks as long as I live; I will raise my hands to you in prayer"

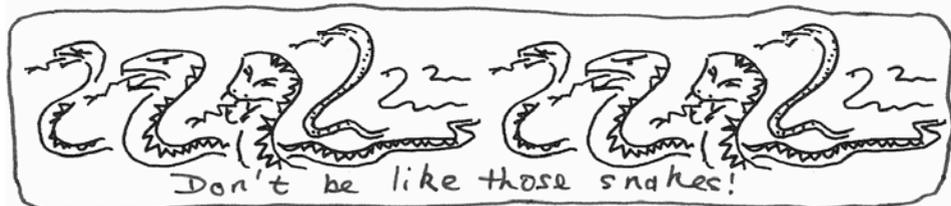
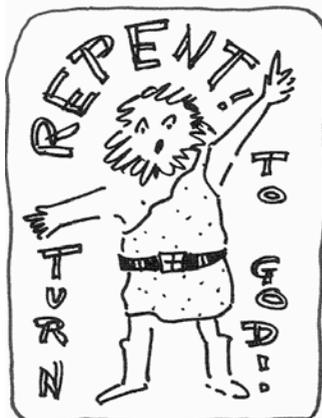
Psalm 63:3-4



Bible Sketchbook

The Kingdom of God is near!

What a challenge! John the Baptist was shouting: "Repent—the Kingdom of God is near." He was getting ready for Jesus and he knew some of the top leaders were like snakes—pretending to repent, but still full of venom! He told them God's judgement was coming and they would all be cut down—like big trees—if they did not turn to God...



... With Jesus around even the stones would shout "Help!". He said if we turn to Jesus we will experience the Holy Spirit and fire and when the great harvest comes we will be safe for ever. The choice is ours!

(Read: Matthew 3: 1-12)



DIARY OF EVENTS: JANUARY 2010

Sun	3	3.30pm Epiphany Carols	Holy Trinity, Swyre
	3	7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Tue	5	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
	5	7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council Mtg	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	6	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
	6	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Thu	7	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
	7	7.30pm Badminton	LATCH
Fri	8	9.30am Yoga	LATCH
	8	10.30am Puncknowle Art Club	The Bull, Swyre
Sat	9	11.00am "Future of the Festival" Meeting	BB Reading Room
	9	7.30pm Keeeeeep Dancing	LATCH
Mon	11	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
	11	7.30pm Long Bredy Parish Council Meeting	Freshfields, LB
Tue	12	2.15PM WI "Sketchbook to Chequebook"	BB Village Hall
	12	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
	12	7.30pm Litton Cheney Parish Council Meeting	LATCH
Wed	13	9.30am Community Partnership Vehicle visit	SG, New Inn
	13	10.45am Community Partnership Vehicle visit	Puncknowle, Church St
	13	12noon Community Partnership Vehicle visit	BB, Annings Lane
	13	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
	13	3.15pm Community Partnership Vehicle visit	W.Bexington, Car Park
	13	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
	13	4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
	13	7.30pm Shipton Gorge Parish Council Meeting	SG Village Hall
	13	9.30am Community Partnership Vehicle visit	SG, New Inn
Thu	14	7.30pm Badminton	LATCH
Fri	15	7.30pm Talk "London revisited", Bob Ayres	SG Village Hall
	15	9.30am Yoga	LATCH
Sat	16	10.30am Village Cafe by Thorner's School	LATCH
Wed	16	7.30pm Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
Mon	18	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
	18	RBL Social Evening	Three Horseshoes, BB
Tue	19	12.30pm PSWB Lunch Club	PSWBVH
	19	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	20	11.00am Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
	20	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
	20	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Thu	21	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
	21	7.30pm Film Night "A Bunch of Amateurs"	LATCH
	21	7.30pm Badminton	LATCH

Fri	22	10.30am	Puncknowle Art Club	The Bull, Swyre
	22	7.30pm	BB Village Hall Trust AGM	BB Village Hall
	22	9.30am	Yoga	LATCH
Sun	24	11.00am	Christingle Service	St Mary, Puncknowle
Mon	25	4.00pm	Pilates	LATCH
Tue	26	3.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	27	18.00pm	Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
	27	2.00pm	Tai Chi	LATCH
	27	3.30pm	Table Tennis	LATCH
Thu	28	2.30pm	MU AGM	St Catherine's Cross
	28	7.30pm	Badminton	LATCH
Fri	29	10.30am	Musical Coffee Morning for Julia's Hoys	SG Village Hall
	29	12.30pm	MU Deanery Speaker's Day	Church House, B'port
	29	9.30am	Yoga	LATCH

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2010

(Please consult your current BVN for any updates or alterations to this programme)

Friday 15 th January	London Revisited a talk and slide show by Bob Ayres
Saturday 6 th February	Cheese Ploughman's Supper and Quiz
Friday 5 th March	Home Guard Bash
w/c 15 th March	Trip to Yeovil Operatic Society production of "Mame"
Wednesday 14 th April	Bingo
Friday 7 th May	Stomping Dave Allen
Thursday 20 th May	Coach to Kingston Lacey and Japanese Garden
Saturday 29 th May	Garden Party
Sunday 13 th June	Village Foot Treasure Hunt
Saturday 24 th July	Picnic in the Park
Saturday 31 st July	Fruit & Vegetable Show
Saturday 21 st August	Village Society Fete
Saturday 4 th September	Village Walk
Saturday 2 nd October	One Night Stand
Wednesday 6 th October	Bingo
Saturday 6 th November	Stew & Dumpling Quiz
Thursday 2 nd December	Christmas Shopping Trip
Wed 9 th or 16 th Dec	Casterbridge Choir Carol Concert

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

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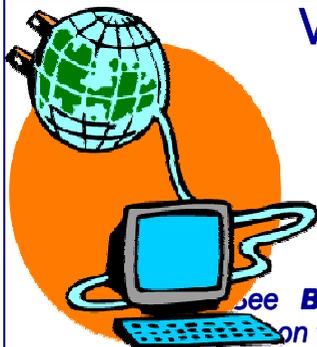
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SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

January 2010

	1 st Sunday 3 rd Jan Christmas 2	2 nd Sunday 10 th Jan Baptism of Christ	3 rd Sunday 17 th Jan 2 nd of Epiphany	4 th Sunday 24 th Jan 3 rd of Epiphany (end of week of Prayer for Christian Unity)	5 th Sunday 31 st Jan 4 th of Epiphany World Leprosy Day
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service. 11.00 Songs of Praise 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 11am Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (by extension) 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 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service 3.30 Evening Prayer	
Chilcombe					
Swyre	3.30 Epiphany Songs of Praise	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 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship		11.00 United Valley Service
Littlebredy		11.00 Family Service		11.00 Holy Communion	