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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy
ST PETER: Long Bredy **CHILCOMBE (Dedication unknown)**
ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle
ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge **Holy Trinity: Swyre**

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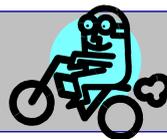
WEEKDAY SERVICES, MAY 2010

For Sunday Services, see back cover

Mon 3rd	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed 5th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
	10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thu 6th	9.00am	Swyre
Fri 7th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon 10th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed 12th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
	10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thu 13th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri 14th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon 17th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed 19th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
	10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thu 20th	9.00am	Swyre
Fri 21st	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon 24th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed 26th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
	10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thu 27th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri 28th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon 31st	9.00am	Long Bredy

FROM THE RECTORY

THE RECTORY,
BURTON BRADSTOCK, DT6 4QS
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I am writing in April about the warmth of May, and hoping that I am right in saying goodbye to the long, cold and wet Winter. And welcome back to the subtle scented, rose blown month of May. Last year May was so warm I flopped into the sea near the end of the month and survived to tell the tale. And last year, still recovering, I missed climbing up a hill in the late afternoon to celebrate the feast of the Ascension.

But I remember well climbing up from St. Peter's, Long Bredy, a year or three back now, under the gaze of curious cows until we stood over St. Peter's Church. Sitting in its bowl below us, it seemed a hand's reach away. We were there when the mist moved in from the West covering the tumuli up over the hill and wrapping the valley in mystery.

And I remember, too, the delight of a Communion service we held on the Knoll, having strolled up from St. Mary's, Puncknowle, when the breeze busted along from Lyme, and the coast, all the way round from Portland to Dartmoor, stood out clear around the bay.

This year I am catching up on going up a hill in search of another such a rare and holy moment. We have thought that it would be good to be up at Chilcombe, up by the little triangle where we turn off to park in the field above the Church. The keen ones will be walking, no doubt, from here and there up and down the Valley. Then we might stay there, or else wander up Shipton hill from the East, depending on the weather and how we feel. But we will celebrate communion, and remember again the vision of our Lord ascended in glory, which, when we get our remembrance right, will not seem so very far away.

Times and details will be talked over and announced in due course. But for now the preparation is in remembering things that we have seen, and others that are yet to be.

Bob Thorn.

FROM THE REGISTERS

On Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31st, the funeral took place in St. Martin's, Shipton Gorge, of Ambrose Branton Smith. Ambrose was a brave man, having flown agents and equipment into occupied France during the war, before becoming a Pathfinder pilot – one of those who went first over a target to mark it with flares for following bomber squadrons. People in



the Valley, and in his beloved Shipton Gorge, remember him for his fund of stories borne of the jolly, impish humour that marked the delight with which he looked upon the world. Ambrose's nephew, Hamish, spoke at the service of the life of his uncle, remembering his devoted Christian faith, and his love of the Church in which we were gathered.

Ambrose was a bell ringer, well known in the towers of the Valley and the surrounding area. There was therefore a goodly crowd of ringers to ring before the service, and again after Ambrose was laid to rest in the Churchyard. They also stayed to drink his health in a bottle of whisky he had instructed to be set aside for ringers at his funeral.

He was also a keen beagler, and following the funeral a horn was blown over the churchyard, making the call "coming home." A sound that will echo long in the memories of those many friends and family who had come to pray for the repose of his soul.

May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.

BEYOND THE VALLEY



THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

A recent letter of appeal from this charity, has prompted me to invite local residents who have themselves – or their partners – suffered from a heart condition – to join the Bridport Heart Support Group – The Hearties Club

Monthly meetings are held at Bridport Christian Fellowship Hall, King Square (through East Street car park) on the third Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Speakers cover a variety of subjects – not all with a "medical " background.

A BBQ at March Barn in July, a picnic in Mountfield's grounds in August, a Games Night in November, are just a few of the alternatives to more serious talks. Light refreshments are included, and a warm welcome to new members. Further information from Margaret Lewis (01308 - 456706) or David Barnikel (01308-897375)

MAY EVENTS AT THE OTHONA COMMUNITY

CREAM TEAS AND A SEA VIEW

Sunday 23rd May, 2.00–5.00pm

Come and treat yourself. Sample a luscious home-made cream tea on our terrace overlooking the sea. Take a stroll round our grounds, wander through the woods then enjoy a cuppa plus home-baked scones with thick cream and our own preserves (£3.50 with two scones). What a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon – bring your friends too!



ONE WORLD WORSHIP

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

Join us on Sunday 2nd May as we welcome many of our local friends for an informal, open-to-all service followed by simple soup and bread supper. Together we celebrate the Wonders of Creation, the Common Ground of Humanity, the Wisdom of many spiritual traditions, the Longing for Peace. Our mission is to welcome, involve and learn from people of all faiths and none, exploring together the relationship between faith and life.

Do come along. No need to book, just turn up! We're on the B3157 between Burton Bradstock and Swyre. For more information, phone 01308 897130.

GOOD BOOKS

St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL, Tel: 01308 420483 Email: 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.

Extraordinary Women is the theme of our Open House on Tuesday 25th May. Special guests will talk about the women who have inspired them – we hope you'll join us to share your inspirational women too. There'll be elderflower cordial, tea & cake and books by, about and for extraordinary women! Once again, we'll be open through till 2.00pm.

Our Book Club's choice in March was The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver, the story of an American missionary family who travel to Africa just as the Congo is on the brink of civil war. Highly recommended, a 5 star read. April's choice was A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry, set in India – another fine novel. New members most welcome.



COMPANION DOG SHOW

Sunday 30th May, West Bay Showground, Bridport.

Organised by The Rotary Club of Brit Valley, gates open at 12noon. Funds raised will go to Help for Heroes, Guide Dogs for the Blind and Wessex Heartbeat. The show is sponsored by Richardson Gill Estate Agents of Bridport.

The Dog Show will include ten pedigree classes and eleven novelty classes including fancy dress, (dog and handler), dog with the waggiest tail, dog most like its owner and many more. Come along and win a rosette or even a cup!

Shows in the main ring will include the Police Dog Display Team, a display of dogsgility by the Portland Dog Agility Club



and other attractions.

Refreshments, both hot and cold, will be served on the field. Entry fee is £2.50 per adult and children under sixteen are free. Parking is also free. For further details please ring 01308 423318.

SPONSORED MUSIC-A-THON

**Saturday 12th June, Bridport United Church,
9.00am-5.00pm**



Welcome to Bridport's 2nd MusicAthon! Last year over 80 people took part and £1800+ was raised for charity. We need YOU to sing, play or perform, individually or in small groups, for up to 10 minutes. Collect a sponsor form from Good Books in Gundry Lane (or e-mail for one) and call or e-mail to book your time slot. Come and have some fun, get as many sponsors as you can and encourage family and friends to take part as well or come along to support on the day.

The money raised will be shared between: the Fortuneswell Trust, supporting the Fortuneswell Chemo Unit & cancer care at Dorchester County Hospital, WAWA (a local charity working with some of Peru's poorest children in remote Andean communities) and Uparo Dispensary Project, a local charity supporting 24 hour health care & combating communicable diseases in a rural village in N.Tanzania.

Jo O'Farrell 01308 427851, e-mail: jo@jovian.co.uk



BRIDPORT COMMUNITY LUNCH

You are warmly invited to the next lunch which will be held on Wednesday 12th May 12.30-2.00pm at Bridport United Church Hall

An informal quarterly bring-and-share lunch where members of local voluntary and community groups and charities in Bridport and the surrounding area can meet & chat and share ideas & information.

RSVP: Jo on 01308 427851, jo@jovian.co.uk or Karen Jones on 07918639012, karen.jones12@btconnect.com

BRIDPORT & DISTRICT U3A

Members of Bridport & District U3A have made two important historic finds in the past month: a previously unknown section of an 11th century abbey which has been dug up in a member's back garden, and a rare fossil.

Six feet under the lawn at his home in Abbotsbury, Peter Laurie has unearthed what Dorset County Museum believes to be the ruins of an outbuilding of the former Benedictine Abbey. Peter, who leads the U3A's landscape archaeology group, thought there was a chance that there could be a Roman road running through his garden. So to test his theory he started digging with his 16-year-old grandson, Oscar.



They discovered a substantial freestone wall about one metre thick and one metre high, and among the first to see his find were fellow members of the landscape archaeology group. He plans to resume digging in the next few months. The abbey at Abbotsbury was dissolved during the reign of Henry V111 and the buildings were then demolished so that the stone could be reused.

Members of the fossil hunters group went to Monmouth Beach, east of Lyme Regis, where the most exciting find was a vertebra from a plesiosaur, an aquatic reptile from the Jurassic period. Other fossil finds included ammonites, brachiopods and belemnites.

Patrick Stokes, past chairman of the Jane Austen Society of the UK, will give a talk entitled 'The World of Jane Austen' at the U3A's monthly meeting at the Christian Fellowship Hall, Bridport, on May 25th at 2.00pm.

Rob Wells, Press Officer, Bridport & District U3A, 01308 863347



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH)

Our **Branch Annual Dinner** was held in March at Weymouth Golf Club. Guests included the Chairman of Weymouth Branch of the Royal Naval Asscn., and two serving T.A. soldiers of "The Rifles" and one of their partners. As part of the proceedings a County Shield was presented to Jeff Tucker (Branch Membership Secretary) in recognition of the Branch's recruitment achievements in the recent membership year - being the best record for a "small" branch in Dorset. A County Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Des Baker in recognition of his work both for our Branch and other duties at County level. Presentations were made by Michael Tuck B.E.M., J.P., County Vice President/County Treasurer. Towards the close of the proceedings the Chairman, John Perry, presented an envelope to each soldier, which on opening was found to contain an application form for RBL Membership - we never give up trying to gain new members, particularly from the younger generations

Committee Members are reminded of the quarterly **Branch Committee Meeting** at Portesham Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, 6th May.

Our **annual holiday**, to Snowdonia this time, is fully booked and goes ahead on 9th May, 2010.

Special Occasion: On Sunday, 6th June, our old Branch Standard is being laid up and the new Standard will be dedicated, at St. Peter's Church, Portesham. The service will be conducted by Rev. A. Whittock and begins at 3.00pm. The service will be followed by a parade from the church to Portesham Village Hall. It is hoped that many village residents of our area will wish to attend the service, not least former members and Poppy Appeal

collectors and their partners. Come and join us in celebrating 62 years of service given to the community by the Royal British Legion - a commitment which goes on just as compassionately today as ever. The event will conclude with light refreshments in the village hall. All are welcome.

Our **Annual Branch BBQ** will be held at Portesham Village Hall Patio on Friday, 23rd July. An addition to the evenings events this year will be a shove-ha'penny competition.

We still have a few tickets left for the **“Sound of Music”** on 23rd September, 2010, so if you hurry you just may be lucky.....! (Contact the writer).
Des Baker (Entertainments Chairman) 01305 267617

VALLEY NOTES



WORLD-WIDE MOTHER'S UNION MEETING

The World-Wide Mother's Union Meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock on Thursday, May 6th at 2.30pm. All branches in the Deanery will be present and non-members would be most welcome. The focus this year will be on Sudan and the Speaker is one of the Medical Link. After the service tea will be served and there will be a Bring and Buy stall in aid of Overseas Funds. *Pam Coventry*

CHURCH URBAN FUND

Mr Chris Howard, the Youth Worker at St Philip's, Kinson, supported by the Church Urban Fund will speak on the work of the charity at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, on Sunday, 6th June at the 9.30 and 11.00am services. All are welcome to attend.



CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Very many thanks to all box holders in the eastern end of the Valley, for your continuing support of the Children's Society. Thanks to your generosity we raised a total of £168.85 during the past year.

If anyone else would like to hold a box, please contact me, Pam Coventry, 897765



RECYCLING TO SAVE LIVES

Don't forget the recently installed "textile bank" in the yard of the Village Hall in Puncknowle. Please bag up your unwanted clothes, shoes (paired and tied together please!) and other textiles, and put them in the box. These will be collected and recycled, with all monies raised going to the Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance Service.





THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH)

The next social evening will be held at The Three Horseshoes on Monday 24th May, 2010, 7,00pm for 7.30pm. £5 including supper. Please telephone Jim Reeves 01308 897091 by 20th May if you wish to attend.

If any non-members would like to attend with a view to joining the Legion you will be most welcome, but please telephone Jim first.

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

We have decided to show one more film in our first season on the big screen at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall.

AN EDUCATION (Cert.12+, 1½ hrs.) will be screened on Thursday 20th May at 8.00pm (Doors open 7.30p.m.)

This Oscar nominated coming-of-age drama is set in 1960s London, adapted for the screen by novelist Nick Hornby from the memoirs of journalist Lynn Barber.

Jenny (Carey Mulligan) is an intelligent young woman on the brink of her 17th birthday, destined for a promising yet somewhat narrow future at Oxford University and beyond. Longing for romance and sophistication to inject some excitement into her humdrum schoolgirl existence, she finds herself caught in a



whirlwind romance with the mysterious and much older playboy David (Peter Sarsgaard). What will happen when he offers to show Jenny a new life? Will he be her undoing, or the person who helps her finally realize her true potential?

The supporting cast includes Alfred Molina, Dominic Cooper, Rosamund Pike and Emma Thompson.

Tickets (to include a glass of wine) from: Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Bella Spurrier 482367, Elizabeth Kingston 482162 or on the door if available.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our films. Look out for details of our autumn programme starting in September.

CASTERBRIDGE MALE VOICE CHOIR

Men Only!

The Casterbridge Male Voice Choir is holding an Open Evening/Singing Workshop at St Mary's Church, Dorchester on the 26th May at 7.15pm. Why not come along, you never know, you might enjoy it! More details next month or phone Geoff Faulkner on 01308 897275.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

It seems the weather is slowly improving and the days are getting longer. I hope you enjoyed a nice Easter break.

You may have seen signs placed at various places throughout the area stating "no excuse". This is a campaign to help make Dorset's roads and Dorset's road users the safest in the region. The road policing enforcement team is conducting both sustained high visibility policing and covert operations in order to deter and detect traffic offences. Activities that distract you whilst driving such as, using a mobile phone, smoking and eating/drinking etc are just some that are dangerous and can cause serious collisions. Please be aware of this campaign and for more details see www.dorset.police.uk



PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT)

We held our PACT meeting at the end of March and the following were voted as local priorities:-

- Young drivers in and around West Bay
- Pot holes
- Safety concerns about the Firch Lane junction (Walditch, A35)
- Parking concerns at Peas Hill, Shipton Gorge

"STOP THAT OIL"

This is a new anti-crime initiative and a proactive response to domestic heating oil thefts that have occurred in Bridport and surrounding areas. Selected oil installers are now able to supply and fit an alarm system to domestic heating oil tanks. Alarm installations are tailored to suit your individual requirements.

The four oil installers involved with Stop That Oil are:

- Guy Crabb Plumbers and Heating Ltd, Tel: 01308 420529
- Shaun Annetts, Tel:01308 867733
- A.P.Chant Building Services, Tel:01308 420170
- Dallimore & Sons Ltd Plumbing & Heating Engineers, Tel: 01308 863911

If you require any further information please contact 01305 226930.

PCSO Poppy Wheeler

PLANTS! PLANTS!

There will be a Plant Sale (perennial and bedding plants - some unusual ones) at The Red House, Middle Street, Burton Bradstock, on Friday, 14th May, 10.00am-1.00pm, the proceeds to be divided equally between the Church Mission Society (Charity No. 220297) and the Bible Society (Charity No. 232759).

This will be a good opportunity to replace plants lost in the harsh winter.

Hilary Mousley

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

So much has happened since last month! As promised Class 3 had a very successful residential trip to Leeson House Field Studies Centre. There was so much to do, but the highlight for me was the night-time walk across the fields. It is amazing how quiet a class of thirty children can be when they are pretending to be smugglers!

We have also taken part in the local Netball tournament and the Dance Festival at Freshwater. Well done to everyone who took part, you performed brilliantly and we were very proud of you.

In March we supported 'Sports Relief' and all donned our sports kit to take part in sporting challenges throughout the day. The children and staff paid contributions for the privilege and we raised £123.23 for this worthy cause.

Also this half term we turned back the clocks and returned to the 1940's where we celebrated VE day with a street party. The children in Years 3 and 4 came to school dressed as evacuees and spent the morning at the Hive Beach Cafe which had been transformed into a lively and colourful Second World War-themed activity area bedecked with bunting and union flags. The children took part in lots of different activities, the highlight of which was the wartime Jeep, supplied by Poppy Butcher from the Military Vehicle Trust in Weymouth. The morning ended with a VE-style tea party with sandwiches, cake, jelly and ice-cream. It was such a wonderful experience for the children and we thank the National Trust and the owners of the Hive Beach Cafe for organising this event.

The end of the Spring Term was marked with our Easter Service at St Mary's Church on the last day of term. Despite a miserable, wintry start to the week Thursday 1st April dawned with spring sunshine and the children walked across to the church amongst the golden daffodils and to the sound of the birds singing. The children entertained us with their beautiful singing and the band accompanied us perfectly. The youngest children told us about new life and shared the Easter bonnets they had made whilst the oldest children told us about the traditions of Maundy Thursday.

The famous annual Duck Race took place on Easter Sunday and what

a glorious event that was! Thankfully the weather was kind to us and over a thousand ducks sailed down the River Bride. Thank you to everyone who organised and supported this event. It was lovely to see children, parents and friends from the school but also to see so many new faces.

The next PTA event is a Jumble Sale at the school on Saturday 8th May.

Claire Staple, Headteacher

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

If the word 'scarecrow' was mentioned to some of us of a certain age, we would automatically think of Worzel Gummidge, but recently in our annual Book Week we were introduced to a new scarecrow character, Tattybogle. He is the creation of author Sandra Horn and her tales of him are enchanting. Sandra spent a day with us in school as our 'author in residence' reading her tales and inspiring the children in their own writing.



To link in with this, our theme for Dressing-up day this year was scarecrows, instead of our usual book characters, and the pupils appeared in the most wonderful assortment of scarecrow costumes. Just a pity that we forgot to ban straw; I think Mrs Peach can be grateful she was not on duty for cleaning the school that day! In the later part of the summer term we hope to perform 'Tattybogle', the musical.

Also during Book Week we enjoyed an excellent Mask-making day organised for us by Mrs Marshall. We kept the scarecrow theme for this day too and some marvellous models were created throughout the year groups. The children will be able to put the basic technique to good use for other characters. Bredy have already formed a whole Roman legion using this method.

Bedtime Story was a great success too, with pupils returning to school at 6.00pm, in pyjamas and with teddies, for stories and hot chocolate.

The Travelling Book Fair was here for the week too and thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we were able to spend a considerable amount of money on new books for each class.

On Tuesday 30th March we gave our Spring Concert and were delighted with the number of pupils who contributed. We had several enthusiastic bands, lively recorder players and a vast array of pupils who receive music tuition, playing their instruments. The concert ended with two lovely hymns chosen by pupils.

Recently several people have commented very favourably on the amount of varied experiences on offer at Thorner's and on how much the children achieve. This is a tribute to the hard work and enthusiasm of the pupils and of all the staff who work to inspire, encourage and enable them.

Maggie Hooper, Teacher

100 CLUB WINNERS

£15 Mrs Marion Harp

£10 Mrs Jill Neill

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

Older children in the group joined Thorner's children going to the Easter Service, while younger ones carried on with their Easter craft making, including Easter cards.



The Village Cafe event was successful and raised some money for playgroup - many thanks to all who helped on the day. Some lovely Big Breakfasts were enjoyed!

The next fund-raiser will be on Sunday 9th May at Litton Cheney Hall, with a Vintage Car Rally finishing at the hall, a Big Band to listen to and Cream Teas on offer - so make it a date for your diary.

This term children have started doing a bit of drama with Isla's mum on Tuesdays, which should be fun. The garden plants are starting to grow plus some popping up from last year, e.g. mint and chives. The spring bulb flowers were pretty. Cress and lettuce were also planted indoors.

The Ofsted Report was received at last - with a GOOD outcome. Some key points:

- ◆ "children make good progress in their learning and development because they are provided with high levels of care"
- ◆ "staff work successfully together as a well-knit team"
- ◆ "safeguarding procedures are robust"
- ◆ "there is a shared belief that children learn best through play and extending their thoughts and interests"
- ◆ "parents involvement is encouraged and valued"
- ◆ "there is a close partnership with the Reception Class on the same campus"
- ◆ "staff pick up on individual interests and encourage them to be active learners and to think critically".

So well done everybody! They were only one year late in coming to inspect so staff are very glad it happened at last.

For further information about Fledglings, please ring Fiona Evans, Manager, at school on 01308 482410

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Joy Michaud gave us some splendid ideas for new vegetables to grow at our opening meeting in March. We had a good turnout of existing members and were delighted to welcome several new members. Our next meeting on May 17th at 7.30pm will be on Climbing Plants, and we look



forward to having James Foster-Pegg from the Poundbury Garden Centre fill us in on the advantages of gardening vertically.

JOBS TO DO:

Sweet corn, runner beans and French beans can be sown directly into outdoor plots. Harden off summer bedding. Remove mildewed foliage of plants such as Pulmonaria. Cut to the base, water well and fresh leaves will regrow.

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



Come and enjoy an evening of dancing in Litton Cheney.
Ballroom - Sequence - Latin American - Jive - Salsa
A dance will be held at Litton and Thorners Community Hall on the second Saturday of every month during 2010.
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

LONG BREDY

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ST PETER'S CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the church look so beautiful for Easter



IN MEMORIAM



Maurice Toogood, former resident of Long Bredy, sadly passed away peacefully on 21st March in Dorchester Hospital. We send our condolences to Trevor & Liz Toogood and family.



WELCOME

Welcome to **MARTIN SWAIN** and **LESLEY SPEET** who have come to live at Abbotsbury Cottage, Long Bredy

WEST DORSET HOME START:

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

Mrs Juniper Greener kindly hosted the St Peter's Frugal Lunch at Langebride House on Thursday 11th March. Helen Horsley spoke of the work she is doing in West Dorset



establishing Home Start. This is a national organisation of volunteers who, after a period of training, give a few hours of their time each week assisting parents of young children who, because of various difficulties, find it difficult to cope and appreciate the joy of family life. Helen thanked those present for their donations, totalling £212, and asked that her continuing search for volunteers be made known throughout West Dorset.

If you have a few hours to spare, please phone her on 01308 800031.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of Long Bredy and Kingston Russell Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 12th May, at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The AGM will be followed by a Parish Council meeting. All are welcome.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday, 27th May, at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. This year the short meeting will be followed by a talk on the 'Dorset Flag'. If you have any issues you would like discussed at the meeting, please can you let the Parish Clerk know beforehand if possible. Wine, soft drinks and light refreshments are served and all are welcome including children. This is an excellent opportunity for everyone to get together so do please attend.

Gwen Kinghorn, Parish Clerk, 7 Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy 01308 482270

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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Last month's notes spoke ominously of the late arrival of the spring flowers, especially primroses, and this was sadly borne out when, for the first time in living memory, it proved unrealistic this year to decorate the church windowsills with Easter texts written in primrose bunches on beds of moss. The disproportionate effort which would have been needed to pick enough primroses, plus Good Friday's vile weather, put paid to that.

All the more credit, therefore, to those who still made the church look so lovely for Easter, using and arranging those flowers which were ready, unlike many spring blossoms as well as primroses. Congratulations to all.

Looking forward, it is hoped that all villagers (and many from outside too) will have **SATURDAY 19TH**

JUNE in their diary, the date of the **GRAND BARN DANCE** in aid of Church funds at **LONGLANDS FARM BARN**, thanks to the generosity of John and Patricia Barker. An organising committee is up and running to ensure it will be a

great success, but that can only happen if as many people as possible turn up to enjoy it. A reminder with further details will appear next month, but please can everyone make a note of the date.

BRIDE VALE CRICKET CLUB.

The Bride Vale C.C. players are beginning to limber up for the new season, but volunteer newcomers to the team are always welcome. Home games are played at the incomparably lovely Bridehead Cricket Ground at Littlebredy, with fixtures against a number of local villages and touring teams – the Club is not in any League.

New players, supporters and spectators are always welcome, and are invited to make themselves known to Cliff Payne on 07971 229797. To discover when home games are being played, a fixture list can be obtained by e-mailing pwbridehead@btinternet.com

If anyone reasonably local to Littlebredy is interested in a part-time occupation as groundsman, Cliff Payne (mobile number above) would love to hear from you. It will be a largely voluntary post, for a few hours each week in the summer, but a small honorarium can be negotiated as appropriate. Tools and machinery are provided.

SWYRE

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TRINITY WEEKEND AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

Saturday 29th May from 2.30pm

Afternoon Teas plus Raffle, Various Stalls and Sale of Art Books.

Anyone who can contribute to the running of this event in any way please contact David or Madeline. All contributions of produce (baking, preserves, produce, plants etc.) will be very much appreciated.



Sunday 30th May at 11.00am.

The United Valley Family Service will be held at Swyre Church in celebration of the festival of the Holy Trinity.



CHARITY WHIST DRIVE

To be held on Tuesday 18th May at 7.30pm prompt, in The Bull Inn, Swyre. Proceeds in aid of Dorset Air Ambulance and IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare)

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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PETER THORPE

Sheila Thorpe, Angela and Lawrence would like to send their heartfelt thanks and best wishes to all the very kind friends, colleagues and neighbours who have sent many cards and letters of sympathy to Sheila and family for the sad loss of Peter who died on 18th March.

ART CLUB

Jennifer inspired us all to talk on the book 'Drawn to Antarctica' by Francis Hatch. A journey on which the artist's paint often froze to the paper. The pictures and poetry were beautiful, however, and every one went home to paint seascapes and write poetry. These we continued with at our following meeting producing an interesting array of icebergs and penguins.



On May 14th we have a workshop with Philomena Harmsworth in Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall 9.30am for 10.00am-1.00pm. We will follow up this work on 28th May in The Bull.

Christine Malony

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

For bookings, telephone 01308 897724

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB



After a meal at the club there are hundreds of items including china, glass and cutlery as well as cooking equipment to be washed and wiped up. This chore takes



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several people a long time to finish, and although the club has been saving for some time to purchase a suitable dish washer, we are still about £600 short. If purchased it will be fixed in Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall and will be available to any of the hall hirers who have a large amount of washing up. We have already asked for donations from our members but if any individual or group would like to help, please forward your donations to the Treasurer, Madeline Marshall, Owl Bank, 3, Green Barton, Swyre.

Any member who has not already ordered a meal for Tuesday 18th May should ring 897622 before 14th May.

"100 CLUB"

Congratulations to the winners of the March draw:

Valerie Martin	£10
David Robbins	£ 5

The draw takes place in the Lunch Club on the third Tuesday of every month. Anybody wishing to join for the remainder of the year should pick up a form from the hall (it is open every Wednesday afternoon - see Broadband access times above), or contact Rob Reeks (897633).

BROADBAND ACCESS

Free Broadband Access continues at 3.00-6.00pm every Wednesday (except the fifth Wednesday of any month).

ONLINE SHOPPING - buy.at/PuncknowleSwyreVillageHall

Please support the Village Hall when you shop online. Popular retailers available on the site include Aviva, ebay, Sky, Play.com, Ethical Superstore, Amazon, Waterstones, Ryman and many more.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS SPRING:

TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 15th May, 2.30pm. Look out for posters and leaflets for more details nearer the time. Get ready to book your table and clear out your attics and garages. Contact Carol Bennett 897771 for further information.



SPRING CHICKEN EVENING: Saturday May 22nd, 7.30pm.

A fun evening with a chicken theme throughout – music, quiz sheet, food etc. Bring and share your favourite chicken dish or vegetarian option. We will provide pasta, potatoes and salad. Bring your own drinks. Entry £1.

For more details telephone Sue Brown on 8979053

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Tuesday 4th May at 7.30pm.

CAKE STALL

Bridport Charter Fayre, Saturday July 3rd

To raise money for the Playing Field, the Committee will be having a cake stall at the Charter Fair in Bridport on Saturday July 3rd. Donations of as many cakes and biscuits as possible to sell on the stall would be most gratefully received. The more money we can make the better play area we can have.

Please let me have any contributions by Friday July 2nd or, I can collect. Also, if there is anyone who would help me man the stall for any part of the morning it would be a great help.

Liz Slater 'Ruddles' Lytton Close 897751

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

A further reminder that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 14th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Burton Bradstock. All Members are cordially invited to attend.

In accordance with the Rules, nominations for the Committee must be received by the Hon. Secretary on or before the 10th May. The present Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer are all willing to continue to serve, if re-elected. There is a vacancy for someone to serve refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits) at our monthly meetings. You do not even have to join the Committee if you wish (though we are a very happy, harmonious group). If you are interested, could you please contact me on 897365. At the end of the AGM, there will be wine and refreshments.

Also forgive me for repeating my request for cakes and plants for our annual Coffee Morning the next day, Saturday 15th May from 10.15am to 12noon. Could you please bring any plants to the hall by 9.30am that day. Thank you all for your continuing warm support of our Society, we could not function without you.

Our Flower and Produce Show takes place every July and Sandy Adderley has organised it for several years. She is now looking for someone to understudy her this year, with a view to taking over the role in 2011. No special skills are required, just a keen interest in flowers and produce, village activities and people. The Show has been run successfully for very many years and it is a most enjoyable and rewarding task.

Carol Lumley, Honorary Secretary

There was another full house for Colin Varndell's talk to the Society's March meeting. Valerie McRadio got us off to a good start, some actually starting right off their chairs, with her convincing shriek of, "Fire," as part of her imaginary world of H&S procedures.

Colin Varndell's presentation style is well-honed dry humour, punctuated by the recital of apposite and amusing vignettes. The first was to illustrate the encouragement he had received as a child from his foster mother. He: "Did you know that the kingfisher is the easiest bird to photograph?"

She: "Yes, dear, now sit down and eat your tea."

To those anticipating a hobby such as this, requiring many long hours alone in a collapsible hide, he recommended watching paint dry as a more

rewarding pastime – this prompted a cheeky, if inevitable (and unanswered) question from Mrs Lumley, about what one does, alone in a tent, for so long...

Here are some of the tricks of the trade that were revealed:

- a) a cardboard cuckoo and a recording of its call does little to attract other birds, but fascinates passers-by;
- b) calling, “excuse me” to a fox will cause it to give the photographer the look he could only dream of;
- c) mirrors encourage males to display – rather like humans..
- d) entering and leaving a hide can be a complicated matter: birds are thought not to be able to count very well, so two people enter the hide – one wearing a bright yellow coat and red bobble hat – the other leaves carrying the bright clothing that the other wore to go in, on a coat hanger (it is strange that birds, though less numerate than might be expected, are sharp enough to notice the appalling dress sense of the “other” watcher...).

There were many delightful and unusual photographs and some stories of terns and shags that cannot be repeated in a magazine like this one (e.g. “That’s the nearest I’ve ever come to a tern”).

Having probably asked for it, came the question, “How do you photograph a mole?” (asked almost seriously). Colin patiently explained the routine:

1. screw a broom handle vertically to a board;
2. cover the board with a conical pile of sieved earth;
3. unscrew the broom handle;
4. find a dead mole.

Most were amused (again), but a serious questioner repeated it, to discover that you can’t (photograph a mole). Asked (by E. Fry) which he had enjoyed more, bird watching or his former profession, bricklaying, Varndell began to explain to those not in the know, “Well, I once worked for Eddy Fry...” “Only the once,” quipped Fry.

Philip Howse (not Howes as previously reported – sorry!) proposed the vote of thanks, particularly for the tips on how to dispose of a dead mole. We had had a most entertaining evening and some glorious, even stunning, pictures from a real professional; Colin Varndell knew his subject and so did we a little more, at the end. He will be judging the entries at the Village Flower and Produce Show later in the year.

BURTON BRADSTOCK ONLINE

We would like to thank those who attended the Burton Bradstock ONLINE (BBOL) Internet Security evening presented by Tim Linford & Chris Sundt recently, and also those who completed & submitted the PC Training Needs Questionnaire.



A brief analysis of the questionnaires indicates three broad areas of interest:

- a. Complete beginners who want a basic introduction
- b. Those with some familiarity who want to move on from the beginners' course
- c. Competent users with specific interests e.g. Buying & selling on E-Bay, Digital Photography etc.

Common requirements were for tutor led courses, and there was a high interest for a course on Digital Photography.

We are now discussing with Yarn Barton Training Centre on which specific courses we will be able to offer that can be run in the village. Once they are agreed, full details will be published to enable those who are interested to register.

Ken Pett -BBOL - 01308 897 550



FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 24th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Burton Bradstock. All members are cordially invited to attend.

In accordance with the constitution, nominations for 5 Trustees must be received by the Secretary in writing on or before 17th May. Any such proposal must be signed by a person entitled to vote at the meeting and also by the person proposed, as confirming her or his willingness to serve. All the current Trustees are willing to continue if elected.

The Secretary is Rosemary Daniels, Vine House, Shadrack, telephone 01308 898049.

Despite being frustratingly slow we are beginning to make real progress with our aims. Please come if you can, as we need your inputs and opinions as to our next steps.

Bob Hynds - Chairman of the Trustees

BURTON BRADSTOCK GRAND NATIONAL

On March 26th. the Friends held a fund raising event in the Burton Bradstock Village Hall entitled the Burton Bradstock Grand National. This involved 7 'races' and a sausage and mash supper. The evening was very successful both socially and financially. There was a happy atmosphere, the sausages and mash were excellent and a total of £747 was raised.

A number of people contributed to the organisation and running of the event. Sandy Adderley and her colleagues on the Fund Raising committee planned and carried out the whole event (including cooking the sausages!). Ian Wigglesworth excelled as the Clerk of the Course, Rosemary Daniels and Alan Pankhurst ran a very efficient Tote, Sandy Adderley, Carolyn James and Vicky Gibson laboured hard to keep the (large) dice rolling (and the horses

running). On behalf of the Friends I thank them all for their efforts.

On behalf of the Friends I would also like to thank those who generously sponsored each of the races. They were: The Three HorseShoes Pub, The Burton Bradstock Post Office, Burton Bradstock Cars, Volt Loud Speakers, Fresh Face Furniture, Chris and Andrea Wilkinson and Geoff and Sandy Adderley

THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

We will be having a GARDEN PARTY at Linden Cottage, 41 Grove Road, Burton Bradstock in aid of the above very worthy cause on Sunday, 27th June (2.00-4.00pm). There will be various stalls - books, cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, raffle, teas etc. and musical entertainment. Gifts for any of the stalls would be much appreciated (for collection please ring 897609). Do come and join us for a fun afternoon. We have ordered the weather but if wet bring a broly!



John and Veda Bull



THE BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART

The Festival kicks off on 7th May with a Spring Concert in the village hall featuring three Festival favourites: violinist David Juritz, cellist Adrian Bradbury and pianist Caroline Dowdle. They will perform music by, among others, Beethoven, Schubert and Tchaikovsky. Advance tickets are available from Gill Redford on 01308 897203 or at the village post office. Tickets will also be on sale at the door.

Tickets for the main Festival in August will be on sale in the Reading Room on Thursday 6th May (9.30am-12.00noon) and on Friday 7th May from 6.15pm in the Village Hall, before the Spring Concert.

The Festival will run from 16th to 21st August. It will include lunchtime and evening concerts, a children's workshop, a family concert, art exhibition and a family barn dance. Copies of the Festival brochure will be available from the Tourist Office in Bridport as well as the Post Office in Burton Bradstock from early May.

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Dates of meetings for the Burton Bradstock Parish Council for 2010/2011 will be as follows:

4th May 4th 2010 at 8.00pm, Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall

5th May 2010, Annual Parish Council Meeting

2nd June 2010

7th July 2010

1st Sept 2010

6th Oct 2010
3rd Nov 2010
1st Dec 2010
5th Jan 2011
2nd Feb 2011
2nd March 2011

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are in the Reading Room and start at 7.30pm.

Fel Moore; Clerk to the Council.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings - Telephone 01308 898222
Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust (BBVHT)



“200 CLUB” WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the April Draw winners:

1 st	£44.80	No 185	Mrs Margaret Webby
2 nd	£22.40	No 152	Mr Geoff Langwith
3 rd	£11.20	No 175	Mrs Judy Pearce

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the May-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £8 – one pound for each of the remaining 8 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

VILLAGE FAYRE

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will once again be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday 31st May. Your support last year made this event a great success and the money raised has allowed the Village Hall Committee to continue to maintain the hall and facilities. There will be many stalls and games with plenty for children to do; for example they can test their speed and agility over a fun Obstacle Course. Mr. Custard will be there to entertain and amuse and this year there will also be a Fencing demonstration led by a former Olympic Fencer.

In order to make this event a success we need volunteers to help with the stalls and games and we need donations for the stalls, the General Raffle and Bottle Tombola. If you can help in any way the people to contact are:

Fancy Goods – Carolyn James, tel 01308 898222: Carolyn would be grateful for any soaps, small pieces of china, costume jewellery, scarves, sewn items, embroidery etc. or anything suitable for a gift.

Children's Stall – Sheila Cullen, tel 01308 897137: Sheila will be grateful for any donations, toys, books, games, soft toys, crayons etc. (new or used) must be clean, in good condition and safe for young children.

Books – Archie Mackie, tel 01308 898668: The Parish Council will be

coordinating this stall which needs books, CDs, DVDs and Videos. There will be a box in the Library in the two weeks before the Fayre where you may leave any of the above items.

White Elephant – Cathy & John Lay-Flurrie, tel 01308 897281: people willing to offer any items for the White Elephant Stall should contact Cathy who will let them know time and place for delivery.

Plants and Produce – Pat Broomhead, tel 01308 897408: Pat will be pleased to receive any plants or produce in the Rectory Gardens on the morning of the Fayre between 10.00am and midday.

Filled Jars – Joan Allan, tel 01308 897511 and Noreen Short, tel 01308 897212: Joan and Noreen particularly need clean, empty, lidded jars for the 'Filled Jar' stall. If you wish to fill jars yourself with things for children to the value of 50p, eg a jar containing wrapped sweets or one containing pencils, eraser, pencil sharpener etc. please do so.

Cakes and Preserves – Chris Clarke, tel 01308 898117: The WI is organising this stall and they would be grateful for any donations and these can be brought to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fayre.

Burton Bradstock/Jurassic Coast – Heather Seadon, tel 01308 897639: Heather would like anything connected with Burton Bradstock, pictures, postcards, photographs, notelets etc.

Bottle Tombola – Rosemary Daniels, tel 01308 898049: Rosemary would like donations of any bottles or cans of alcoholic or soft drinks. She is willing to collect.

General Raffle – Valerie McRobert, tel 01308 897905: Valerie is organising the General Raffle and, along with needing stand alone items, it is hoped to put together hampers of food and fruit so even tins of food, packets of tea, coffee etc; will be much appreciated.

A lot of help will be needed on the day to set up, and man stalls and supervise games; if you wish to volunteer please contact Pat Raven (Stalls) tel 01308 897669 or Susan Moores (Games) tel 01308 897673.

Note: The Village Hall will be open from 9.30am to midday on Saturday 29th May to receive items for any of the stalls.

Susan Moores – Chair BB Village Hall Management Committee – 01308 897673

BURTON BRADSTOCK SCHOO DUCK RACE 2010: THE RESULTS

£1057 was raised on Easter Sunday for Burton Bradstock Primary School by the Easter Duck Race.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank The Anchor Pub, The

Three Horseshoes, Burton Bradstock Cars, The Post Office, & The Hive Café



for helping to sell the ducks, Frys for loaning the ducks, The Church for allowing us to use tables, The Village Hall for loaning the tombola, Maggie Barrett & Mrs Claire Staple for their support, John Noonan & “The Duck Management Committee” for their hard work in wellies, Steve & Debbie Attrill for their help with the tables at the last minute, Emma & her husband for their efforts with the marquee, Pauline Woodford for judging the Bonnets, Elaine Colbert for doing the face painting, everyone who had a stall, but especially Sumeeta Vij, Debbie Attrill, Nicky Davies, Sandra Carruthers, Suzanne Rourke, Liz Rice, Kerry Parsons, Becky, Emma & her husband, Nicola Herbert, Ashleigh & Tamsin, all who helped and all who came.

What a fantastic & amazing community effort! A great deal of fun was had by all & a great deal of money raised.

RESULTS JUST IN!

- 1st Duck Home: no. 827 Quinn c/o Jenny
- 2nd no. 990 Lyn Crisp
- 3rd no. 135 Oliver Bryant

Chief Duck, cream quackered & completely quacked out!

<p>LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: JOHN YATES 2, SUNNYSIDE COTTAGE, LITTON CHENEY john-and-sandra@hotmail.com Tel: 01308 482585</p>	
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LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

LITTER PICK

This went well, and the village has had its spring clean. Many thanks to all who were here for it and helped.



DUCK RACE



Following atrocious weather the clouds parted on Easter Sunday for the traditional Duck Race and gave everyone a chance to come out and enjoy the fun. Main Street was again crowded, with plenty of encouragement on the banks, as the ducks made their way down the torrent to the White Horse, where food and drink awaited the “backers”. Thankfully, not too many ducks knocked their heads on the “bridges”!!!

Clan Taylor were the big winners, with that surname on the first 3 ducks home!!!

Many thanks to all who helped, and to everyone who turned out .

VILLAGE WALK

This time to the Chapel in the Woods, is on May 8th, meeting at 10.00am at the bus shelter. We ILook forward to seeing you there.

AGM

The AGM will be on June 3rd, at 7.30pm in the Hall. This will be a brief and engaging run through the year's activities, followed by a FREE glass of wine before sitting back for Steve Kourik's talk on the Northern Lights, accompanied by slides from his recent trip.

LATCH

FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER

It's glorious June and one year on from when we first opened the doors to our brand new hall. On Friday 11th June, at 7.30pm, come to Litton and Thorner's Community Hall to celebrate our first full year of the Hall. The outlook is stunning, the weather set fair, there's scrummy food and the company nothing but the best.



A three-course dinner plus a cash bar, a few well-chosen words, some musical entertainment, plus a little dancing for those that care to, are all on offer. Tickets are £17.50 per person or a table for 6 at the discounted price of £96. For details of menu and bookings, please call 01308 482532 or email hall@thorners.dorset.sch.uk or visit www.littoncheney.org.uk

EVENTS AT THE HALL, MAY

YOGA continues every Friday through May at 9.45am in the Hall. Newcomers are very welcome, do come along and give it a try. Give Alison a ring on 482661 if you're new to Yoga.

Wednesday 5th May: **LATCH AGM**, 7.30pm. See VNB & www.littoncheney.org.uk

Thursday 6th May: **Election Day!** Voting in the Meeting Room 7.00am–10.00pm

Saturday 8th May: **Keep Dancing**, 7.30pm, 11.00pm.

Sunday 9th May: **"A Bit of a Do"**, Fledglings. Vintage cars, cream teas, jazz, fun.

Saturday 15th May: **Village Café** 10.30am–12.30pm. Come one, come all.

Sunday 16th May: **Rotary Frugal Lunch**, 12noon–3.00pm.

Thursday 20th May: Bride Valley Film Night, "An Education". See Valley Notes & VNB.

VILLAGE FETE

in aid of St. Mary's Church will be on Monday 31st May, 2.00pm at LATCH. Attractions include Maypole dancing, Bouncy Castle, teas and ice creams, coconut shy, pony rides, games and wonderful stalls. Entrance only £1 for adults, children FREE.

Grand Draw tickets are on sale throughout the village now and on the day with wonderful prizes to be won! We shall be very grateful to receive items for the stalls.

Cakes: (Wendy Taylor 482532) Lots of your beautiful baking, bring on the day please.

Also tray bakes, scones and cakes for Teas. (Irene Coville 482210)

House & Garden: Chairs, tables, lamps, lawnmowers, garden furniture, garden and general tools in working order. Please deliver well before the Fete to 2 Litton Hill from Wednesday, 19th May onwards or call Claire (482748) to arrange collection.

Gifts: get in touch with either Janet (897163) or Lois (482605) who are happy to collect.

Provisions: Diana Spicer (482617) fresh vegetables and produce on the day, please, as well as preserves, etc.

White Elephant: Jennie Prentice (482535). Items may be delivered in advance to Steddings, Chalk Pit Lane.

Books: Penny and Robert Dewar (482335).

Plants: (Ron & Alison Davidson 482661). Lots needed on the day, please label them so we know what they are!

Bottle Tombola: (Lesley & John Salvetti 482170). Collection round the village from 24th May.

Toys: Clean, complete and in working order, please deliver on the day.

Prizes for games and offers of help: Freddie Spicer (482617), 1 Litton Hill.

We looking forward to seeing you on the day!



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

When you think of the long and gloomy history of man, you will find more hideous crimes have been committed in the name of obedience than have ever been committed in the name of rebellion.

C. P. Snow

SHIPTON GORGE

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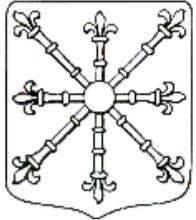


ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

EASTER SERVICES

The PCC wishes to thank all the people who put so much effort into making our church look so beautiful for Easter. The flowers were magnificent and all the brasses and pews gleamed.

The services during Easter were well attended, Matins on Maunday Thursday, the Litany on Good Friday, culminating in the Easter Communion on the Sunday.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

We have two services this Sunday, a more modern Family Service at 11.00am and the traditional Evensong which has now reverted to its normal time of 6.30p.m. We look forward to welcoming you to either of these services.

CHURCH HILL

Will everyone please take great care when parking on Church Hill. Due to the recent bad weather, the grass has become very badly churned and is extremely muddy.

ADVANCE NOTICES

CHURCH FETE

This is at an earlier date of June 26th this year. We are looking for volunteers to help on the stalls. If you feel you would like to help, please contact a committee member.

OPEN GARDEN & CREAM TEAS

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Langran are opening their cottage garden and serving cream teas at their home Church View, on Saturday 12th June. They will also be having a Plant stall. Everyone is welcome.

Gillian Maxfield – Churchwarden

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

MARCH DRAW

£10	No 13	Edward Burt
£20	No 66	John Bredemear

OVER THE GARDEN WALL BY PERRY SCOPE

First and foremost, I should like to thank Dave Bellows for filling in for me in the last B.V.N.: I have had some very positive feedback (as they say), so may risk it again. One compliment was that he is so much more in touch than your's truly and that's a fair comment. I confess that whilst I cannot deny my own snobbishness, neither can I conceal my disdain for the lesser exponents of it! Which reminds me of the words that Harold Wilson used to describe Jim Callaghan: "posing as a poseur."

We have some friends who have houses, they claim, in Regents Park and in Devon. They actually live in Camden Town (still very nice, even so) and in a fraction of a notable house in the West Country, where they have no front door at their end and climb through the large kitchen window to access (one of those noun-verbs...ugh!) the beautiful communal gardens. They are lovely people, but, as a default mode, will fall back on snobbishness, thriving on the put-down.

Meeting them at a cocktail party recently, Mrs S. remarked, "Hello, W. Are you wearing Diorissimo?"

"Oh no," she replied archly, "this is a very English perfume" - this from a lady who studiously says, 'looking glass' when she means 'mirror' and always listens to the 'wireless' (there's another memory, Nancy Mitford's "U and non-U")!

O.K., so *convallaria majalis* may be common to most of Northern India and Europe, but the point was that Diorissimo is possibly the only scent that truly captures the fragrance of that delightful plant, which can also be found in shaded corners of almost every English Garden; it was just a compliment. (I see you can get a small bottle at Amazon for £673.33). Mrs S. commented later, "I was trying to be sweet, yet she was keener to be one up, than appreciate my flattery!" [Before our holiday, we went to Superdrug to ask if they stocked "Deet"; "Is that a new perfume?" asked the young lady at the counter. "No, it's mosquito repellent, actually".]

Amongst others at the cocktail party was Ken Livingstone, whom Mrs S. thought charming, intelligent and amusing. Seeing an introduction to him looming, "W" and her husband made as if to clamber out of an open window and almost instantly disappeared to "powder their noses" - more likely, to restore their composure with a line of sal volatile. Maybe that's what W...was wearing all along!

Here's a good tip for drivers: keep a small bottle of sal volatile (smelling salts) in the car: a sniff will keep you awake on night journeys; in fact, if you take a big sniff, it will keep you awake for the next few days.

DAVE BELLOWS OPINES.....

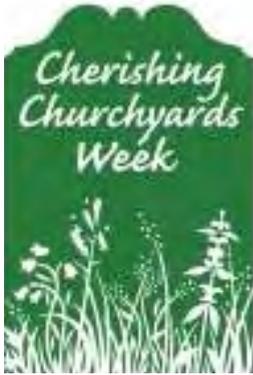
"What a brill yent do that Grand National Race Night was! Once again Geoff and Sandy Adderley conspired to give the whole village (it looked like it!) a great evening. The Clerk of the Course, Ian Wiggles, made up most of the rules as he went along - 'Like floggin' a dead horse,' 'e jested (Well Out Of Order, if rather funny!), but that just seemed to make everythink even more exciting. I 'ave a perticuler passion for Bangers an' Mash and these was worthy of Nigella Lawson! My Missus made a fortune, winnin' four races on the trot (joke!) - wot a pity there weren't an accumulator. An' I just don't know 'ow Vicky kept goin', shaking those huge dice out of that bucket all evenin' (watched from the sidelines by PC Aitkens). The hole thing reminded me of a day out at Taunton with Grantham, but minus the rain, and with better food. Not forgettin' that this was in aid of our great Village Library - thanks to the efforts of Professor Bob (I do love people with activity names). That Library needs supportin' all we can, or where am I goin' to get the latest Proost omnibus?"

SNOWDROPS

A breath of Spring bursts upon the scene
Thrusting through hard earth, winter to redeem,
From their mantle of green they shake themselves free
Nodding their heads for us all to see;
Perfume so fragrant lingers on the air
Bringing light to our hearts, in a moment rare,
As their faces touched by the warmth of the sun
Openly smile, as they've always done.
A new beginning, a fresh start each year,
The chance of love with freedom from fear,
Such a delicate flower three petals at most,
God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Magaret Baxter (Member of "Holy Fools"





TIME TO CHERISH OUR CHURCHYARD!

Thousands of churches are preparing to celebrate Cherishing Churchyards Week this June as part of the UN's International Year of Biodiversity.

The nationwide project is being run by conservation charity Caring for God's Acre (CfGA) and is supported by the CofE's national environmental campaign Shrinking the Footprint. There are an estimated 12,000 CofE churchyards. Around half of them already run biodiversity projects, in rural and urban areas, while remaining respectful to their users, particularly family and friends of those buried there.

During the week (Friday June 18 to Sunday June 27) CfGA is encouraging churches to run an event to raise awareness and celebrate the treasures of their churchyard. Last year, activities included; church tower tours, scything workshops, guided walks and talks, flower identification, family events and storytelling.

Shrinking the Footprint is encouraging churches to submit wildlife discoveries and projects as part of a new central database.

Churchyards are unique and special places. Each one is packed full of interesting natural and built features ranging from the beautiful ancient yew trees to the gravestones telling the stories of past Parish inhabitants. David Shreeve, the CofE's environment adviser, said: "With its thousands of churchyards in both urban and rural settings, the Church has a major national park involving a vast amount of biodiversity in its care for the whole community. As this is a special year for biodiversity, we would like to start recording this so that we can make everyone aware and appreciate just how important the country's churchyards are for both nature and people."

St James the Least of All

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

On the perils of a Scout camp

My dear Nephew Darren

It seems that the basics of parish ministry are no longer taught in theological colleges. Don't you know anything about consulting your diary in public? When you are asked if you are free on a certain date, accepted practice is to open it so that the enquirer cannot quite see. You then shake your head sadly, saying you are committed to bless-

ing a new tea urn, or on some other vital ecclesiastical activity that day. Then you regretfully give your apologies. You do not open the thing in full view of your enquirer, so he can see the blank pages! Really, it serves you right that you are now committed to going on Scout camp.

The last time I agreed to pay the Scouts a visit was when I found that there was a splendid restaurant only a mile away from their camp. I arrived and parked my car by the side of the river where they were all canoeing, wound down the car window and made encouraging noises for some minutes before explaining I had to find a garage for petrol. Several hours later, after an excellent lunch, I drove to where they were now rock climbing, wound down the car window and made encouraging noises for some minutes before explaining that I had a standing committee to return to that evening. It was a splendid day.

You, however, will experience the charms of two days under canvas. Whatever site for your tent you choose will be the one that floods first. The early hours will undoubtedly find you wading about in water in the pitch dark, retrieving your sleeping bag and clothes - which you will then have to wear for the rest of the day. Watch out for the food, as well: All camp food contains grass and usually sheep droppings. This will make you ill, though for some reason Scouts thrive on it.

Whatever the weather and whatever activities you do each day, you will end up wet, chilled and bruised. At least your evenings will be warm - for you are bound to spend them at Casualty, with youngsters suffering from sprained ankles or dislocated shoulders.

My only advice is to use those hours in Casualty to practise the art of opening your diary in a way that only YOU can see it.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

You see things; and you say, 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say, "Why not?"

George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950), *'Back to Methuselah'* (1921), pt 1, act 1

S U D O K U

Solutions
on p. 38

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Intermediate



WHAT'S IT FOR?

What would you do with these things? All the words are in the Bible but are rarely heard today. Answers at the bottom of the page.

UNDER THE SIGN OF THE CROSS



In the month of May we can remember two very different men who fought under the sign of the cross.

On the night before a great battle, the Roman Emperor Constantine dreamt of a cross in the sky and the words 'in this sign conquer'. After his victory, Constantine ended 300 years of persecution and Romans were allowed to become Christians. Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire. Constantine died on 22nd May in the year 337.

Some 1,500 years later, Jean Henry Dunant (who was born on 8th May 1828) was horrified to see the dreadful suffering after the Battle of Solferino. He spent the rest of his life working for the casualties of war, fighting under the banner of the Red Cross to relieve world-wide suffering.

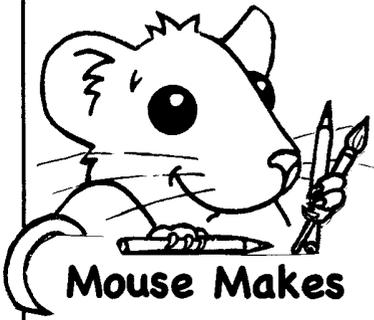
1. KNOP a) polish it
 b) eat it
 c) harness it
2. DARIC a) herd it
 b) sharpen it
 c) spend it
3. HYSOPP a) carry it
 b) cultivate it
 c) dig with it
4. SHOFAR a) drive it
 b) play it
 c) prune it



**Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
Some poems rhyme,
This one doesn't.**



Answers: 1. a) polish it, it is an ornamental knob, part of the lamp-stands in the tabernacle. 2. c) spend it, it's gold coin 3. b) cultivate it, it's a type of plant 4. b) play it, it is musical instrument made from a ram's horn.



Mouse Makes

What happened at
PENTECOST?
 READ Acts 2:1-42

"They were all filled with the **HOLY SPIRIT**"
 Acts 2:4

1. Glue onto coloured paper.
2. Cut out and cut along '.....' diagonal lines
3. Bend out a paperclip. Tape onto wooden stick
4. Push clip end through centre 'x'
5. Bend each corner with a 'o' to centre 'x' and push over end of clip
6. Bend over clip end to secure.



Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.



School Visit

Like a visitor from another world
Came the cuckoo to our assembly.
He should never have been there at all
But we were glad he was.

A voice without a body
Had been the cuckoo, to us, till then.
That day they came to school together,
And we met mystery.

Stunned by our window
His faulty radar delivered him to us,
And for a moment, between maths and playtime
We shared our lives.

He was large and grey and wonderful,
We were stilled and awed and mesmerised,
Gazing at the invisible,
Aware of the privilege.

Until, regaining strength,
He left us,
And re-entered his own kingdom,
And all of us and everything was different.



Sol says:
"The world is
full of wonderful
things! Which is your
favourite?"

God created... every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. (Gen. 1:21b NIV)

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

Bible Sketchbook

Doesn't she look
gorgeous



Help—no wine!
Ask Jesus to help!!



Great wedding but what do you do when the wine runs out? Jesus' mum says: "Tell Jesus!"



And Jesus says: "Fill those big jars with water" and
Well guess what?



Yes—the water turns into wine. And it was the best of the day! This was the first miracle Jesus did.



And even now if we do what Jesus says, miracles will happen for us too.

Read all about it in John 2: 1-10

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**SUDOKU
SOLUTIONS**

DIARY OF EVENTS: MAY 2010

Sun	2	12.30pm BV Churches Bring & Share Lunch	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
		7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon	3	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	4	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
		3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
		7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	PSWB Village Hall
		8.00pm Annual Parish Meeting	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Wed	5	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
		3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
		7.30pm Annual Parish Council Meeting	Burton Bradstock Reading Room
		7.30pm LATCH AGM	LATCH
Thu	6	ELECTION DAY	
		2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
		2.30pm World Wide MU Meeting "Sudan"	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
		7.30pm Badminton	LATCH
		7.30pm RBL (A&P) Branch Committee Mtg	Portesham Methodist Hall
Fri	7	6.00pm Bride Valley Youth Alpha	"Ennis", W. Bexington
		9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		Spring Concert	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Sat	8	7.30pm Keeeeeeep Dancing	LATCH
Sun	9	"A Bit of a Do" (BV Fledgelings)	LATCH
Mon	10	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	11	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	12	10.45am Community Partnership Vehicle	Puncknowle, Church Street
		12noon Community Partnership Vehicle	Annings Lane, BB
		12.30pm Bridport Community Lunch	Bridport United Church
		2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
		3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		3.15pm Community Partnership Vehicle	West Bexington, Car Park
		3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
		7.00pm LB&KR Parish Council AGM	Long Bredy Village Hall
		7.30pm Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
		9.30am Community Partnership Vehicle	Shipton Gorge, New Inn
Thu	13	7.30pm Badminton	LATCH

Fri	14	10.00am Plant Sale	Red House, Burton Bradstock
	14	6.00pm Bride Valley Youth Alpha	"Ennis", W. Bexington
	14	9.30am Puncknowle Art Club Workshop	PSWB Village Hall
	14	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Sat	15	10.30am Village Cafe	LATCH
	15	2.30pm Table Top Sale	PSWB Village Hall
Sun	16	12noon Rotary Frugal Lunch	LATCH
Mon	17	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
		7.30pm BV Gardening Club "Climbing Plants"	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	18	12.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
		2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
		3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
		7.30pm Charity Whist Drive	The Bull, Swyre
Wed	19	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
		3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Thu	20	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
		7.30pm British Heart Foundation Meeting	Bridport Christian F'ship Hall
		7.30pm Badminton	LATCH
		7.30pm BV Films " An Education"	LATCH
Fri	21	6.00pm Bride Valley Youth Alpha	"Ennis", W. Bexington
		9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Sat	22	7.30pm Spring Chicken Evening	PSWB Village Hall
Sun	23	2.00pm Cream Teas & Sea View	Othona Community
Mon	24	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
		7.30pm Friends Of BB Library AGM	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Tue	25	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
		7.00pm RBL(BV) Social Evening	Three Horseshoes, BB
		Good Books Open House	Good Books, Bridport
Wed	26	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
		3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
		7.15pm Casterbridge Choir Open Evening	St Mary's, Dorchester
Thu	27	7.00pm LB&KR Annual Parish Meeting	Long Bredy Village Hall
		7.30pm Badminton	LATCH
Fri	28	10.00am Puncknowle Art Club W'shop followup	The Bull, Swyre
		6.00pm Bride Valley Youth Alpha	"Ennis", W. Bexington
		9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Sat	29	2.30pm Holy Trinity Weekend	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sun	30	12noon Companion Dog Show (Rotary Club)	West Bay Showground
Mon	31	2.00pm Litton Cheney Village Fete	LATCH
		2.00pm Village Fayre	Rectory Gardens, BB

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES May 2010

	1st Sunday 2nd May Easter 5	2nd Sunday 9th May Easter 6	3rd Sunday 16th May Sunday after Ascension	4th Sunday 23rd May Pentecost	5th Sunday 30th May Trinity Sunday
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Songs of Praise. 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	11.00 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer		
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 United Service
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	11.00 Family Service	
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	8.00 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		11.00 Family Service		11.00 Holy Communion	