

Bride Valley News

October 2010



Caterpillar Heaven !!

The Magazine of The Bride Valley Churches

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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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WEEKDAY SERVICES, OCTOBER 2010

For Sunday Services, see back cover

Fri	1 st	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	4 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	6 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, HolyCommunion
Thu	7 th	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	8 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	11 th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	13 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, HolyCommunion
Thu	14 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	15 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	18 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	20 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, HolyCommunion
Thu	21 st	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	22 nd	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	25 th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	27 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, HolyCommunion
Thu	28 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	29 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney



On 9th October Yvonne Buckland will be licenced in Salisbury as a Licenced Lay Minister (L.L.M) known to us for convenience as a Reader. She will therefore be joining Mike Read and James Webster in that particular ministry, as well as sharing in the ministry of the Clergy, the Pastoral Assistants and the Worship Leaders.

Silly me. Of course she is also sharing in the ministry of all the Baptized people of God, each one of whom has their own path to follow, just as she will be sharing in the ministry of how everything relates to everything else in the eyes of God as He looks on His creation.

All of which is beginning to sound so hopelessly inclusive that it will shortly mean nothing at all. But therein is the mess of trying to talk about God. To say anything about Him is to try to describe Him. To try to describe Him is to define Him. To define Him is to limit Him. To limit Him is to discover that you are no longer saying anything about Him at all.

But God does more than one thing at once. He loves all that He has made, and he loves Yvonne. He calls everything that has breath to the joy of his world, and that calling has fallen into Yvonne's heart for her being chosen in this special way. But the choice is not just for her, it is for all of us to whom God sends her, and for the world He loves. God in the one and the whole is not to be seen in a single picture or arrangement of images, or in a single person rather than a crowd. He is in everything and in every single thing, to be seen all at once, and the trick is to keep looking. We will be in the Cathedral on 9th October, and we will be looking hard, you may be sure, even if we have to dab at the eyes from time to time to see clearly.

WELCOME SERVICE.

On Sunday October 10th, the day after Yvonne has been licensed as a Reader, we will be having a service of welcome for her in the Bride Valley. It will be a Communion service and will be held at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock at 6.30pm. Yvonne has been working long and faithfully among us for some years now, both as a Worship Leader and as Pastoral Assistant. In welcoming her as a Reader we are to make a new recognition of God in her. We are there to give thanks and to praise God and to hold ourselves in readiness to help Yvonne fulfil her ministry among us.

Please do gather, one and all, from up and down the Valley and bring the Parishes together for what I am sure will be a memorable celebration.

Bob Thorn.



TO ALL BRIDE VALLEY RESIDENTS!

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
IN THE BVN THIS DECEMBER!**

I will again be organising the greetings' page this year. If you would like to send me a donation your name(s) will be included in a list of all contributors on a dedicated page(s) in the BVN. The list of names will be below a **collective** Christmas greeting message to friends and neighbours (sadly, we are not able to include individual messages).

Donations will be distributed between the BVN & The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) who, at the time of writing, are supporting the Pakistan Fund. The Committee is made up of 13 aid charities (among them *Christian Aid, Oxfam, Tear Fund, The Red Cross, CAFOD*).

At the beginning of September nearly 47 million pounds had been sent for the relief of the victims of the Pakistan flood. More news of the **DEC**, together with their latest relief details, can be found on www.dec.org.uk

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

***Cheques should be made payable to
'The Bride Valley Team Council.'***

I need this information, ***along with your donation no later than Friday 5th November*** in order to catch the deadline for the December issue.

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

MARRIAGE

During a break in the summer rain the wedding of **IPOPO POTTER** and **LUCINDA JAYNE JONES** was celebrated at Puncknowle Church on 7th August.

Over forty members of the family, together with friends, came to share in this happy day and to witness the couple making their promises to one another. The bells rang out as Ilopo and Lucinda left the church and everyone gathered in the sunshine in the church grounds for the photos.

The couple will continue to live in their home in Napier Close and we pray that their home will be filled with ongoing joy.



BAPTISM



During the August Bank Holiday Weekend, on Sunday 29th, Daniel and Claire Sorrell of St Andrew's Rd Bridport brought their son **JOSEPH DANIEL SORRELL** to Shipton Gorge Church for a private service of Holy Baptism.

With some sixty adults and more than a dozen children the church echoed in joyful praises with the songs "He's got the little tiny baby in his hands" and "One more step along the world I go". Well, what do you expect when half the congregation had travelled over from Wales!

Joseph chuckled for most of the service, though looked somewhat accusingly at the point when water was poured on his head. But then he smiled again as he grabbed the offending man's beard.

After the service the family gathered in one of the Manor Farm fields for food and refreshments.

We pray for Daniel Claire and Joseph to know God's blessings on them as a family in future days

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



VALLEY NOTES

BIBLE QUIZZES

Six boys and four girls enjoyed a training/fun day in August in preparation for the quizzes in November. In addition to studying Jonah and eating together, they went on a treasure hunt, played games, built models on the beach and gave a concert, all on a Jonah theme.

Litton Cheney children produced an hilarious T.V interview with the “big fish” and his mother. Burton Bradstock and Puncknowle teams provided realistic swallowing and vomiting scenes and some convincing Jonahs.

These young people, plus others, will have further training and then on, Sunday November 21st, at Shipton Gorge Village Hall, will compete for the Junior Village Shield and the Schools Cup. The matches will start promptly at 2.30pm so please come and support these youngsters and let them impress you with their knowledge of Jonah. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information contact Heather Rogers on 897780



Do you have difficulty using or accessing local bus services? Are you an elderly person? Do you have a mobility problem? Then why not try the

AXE VALLEY & WEST DORSET RING & RIDE

SHOPPING TRIPS IN ZONE 6

(Burton Bradstock, Chilcombe, Litton Cheney, Puncknowle, Shipton Gorge, Swyre)

OCTOBER

Thursday 7th, Bridport: Thursday 14th, Dorchester: Thursday 21st,
Bridport: Thursday 28th, Bridport.

NOVEMBER

Thursday 4th, Weymouth: Thursday 11th, Bridport: Thursday 18th,
Bridport: Thursday 25th, Dorchester.

DECEMBER

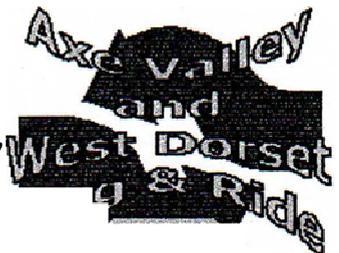
Thursday 2nd, Bridport: Thursday 9th, Bridport: Thursday 16th,
Dorchester: Thursday 23rd, Bridport.

First pick up 9.00am:
return 12.00pm (times approximate)

Fare: £4.00 Single or Return

To book your journey or enquire about the service, ring 01404 46520

The bus mobile number (for out of office hours use only) is 07563 718712



RING & RIDE PASSENGER CLUB

TRIPS FOR 2010 - ZONE 6

Please pay for your trip on the day directly to the driver. First pick up:
1.30pm Return: 5pm (Times are approximate)

OCTOBER

Wednesday 6th Lyme Regis £5

Drop off at the top of town and pick up at the bottom!

Wednesday 13th Otter Nurseries Garden Centre £5

Wednesday 20th Shopping in Dorchester £5

Wednesday 27th Yandles Woodworking Centre, Martock £5

Showroom and wood yard, lovely craft gallery and restaurant.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 3rd Shopping in Sidmouth £5

Wednesday 10th Shopping in Sherborne £5

Wednesday 17th Shopping in Chard £5

Wednesday 24th Mystery trip ending up in a town for tea £5

DECEMBER

Wednesday 1st Christmas shopping in Yeovil £5

Wednesday 8th Otter Nurseries Garden Centre £5

Wednesday 15th Shopping in Taunton £5

Wednesday 22nd Shopping in Sidmouth £5

*Axe Valley and W. Dorset Ring and Ride Service Ltd, Parish Office, St Paul's Church, High Street, Honiton, EX14 1PE. Tel: 01404 46520
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BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

Well Autumn is really upon us, with the trees turning a beautiful colour, and at the end of the month the clocks change yet again, meaning we have darker evenings, oh dear. Our Speaker for October will be Anne Gray, on "Dancing and Dalliance in Tudor/Medieval Times" - this is on Tuesday, 12th October at 7.30pm.



The Autumn Council Meeting takes place on the 21st October at Poole, with Ann Widdicombe as the main speaker: several representatives will be going along with one delegate. The usual Walking group, Tapestry, Mahjong and Reading groups will be held, please check the notice board outside the hall for dates.

There is to be an Outing on the 26th November to see "Nutcracker" at Yeovil: please contact Noreen if you are interested in this. The Christmas lunch has been booked for 10th December at the Golf club as usual. We will also be organising a coach to go to the joint Carol Service at the wonderful Sherborne Abbey - more of this next time.

If you are new to the area, please feel free to come along to one of our meetings and see if it is for you.

EARLY WARNING - *book the date!!!!*

PRE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SAT. NOVEMBER 6th - 10.30am - 12.30pm

**MAKE A START ON ALL THOSE GIFTS YOU HAVE TO BUY -
HAND MADE**

**CRAFTS, DECORATIONS, BOOKS, FANCY GOODS,
RAFFLE AND PLANTS.**

Entance £1 to include coffee/biscuits - free to children up to 12

W. I. HALL, BURTON BRADSTOCK.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

4th October, 2010

Social evening at The Three Horseshoes, Burton Bradstock 7.30pm

22nd October, 2010

Band Concert featuring The St. Swithun's Band in the Village Hall in aid of The Poppy Appeal.

An evening of music which incorporates tunes from the shows as well as traditional Silver Band music. Tickets available at £5 from the Burton Bradstock Post Office

November 1st, 2010

Annual General Meeting at 6.30pm in the Reading Room and followed by a **Social evening** at The Three Horseshoes at 7.30pm £5 including supper.



POLICE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS WESTERN VALLEY

Well, the summer has come to an end. It was busy but only a few things to report for your area. There have been several break-ins to sheds and outbuildings with gardening equipment such as lawnmowers and strimmers being taken. Just to reiterate, it is important that you are happy with the security of your sheds

and outbuildings. I am happy to come out and offer security advice.

Poppy and I have visited all the villages in our area over the summer. It has been nice to see so many of the residents out and about and enjoying where they live. Children and teenagers also seemed to enjoy the summer holidays and were out playing, cycling and skateboarding. However, due to pavements being few and far between in some villages, there have been some near misses involving vehicles and children/teenagers. The problem seems to be that children play where there are parked cars and drivers don't always notice them until the last minute. I urge you to keep your wits about you when driving through villages and narrow streets. Can I also ask that you remind your children about the dangers of the road.

It's coming to the end of the busy summer months, but that doesn't mean we should forget our basic home security. When you leave your home, ensure your doors and windows are secured and locked .

Home security is the best way to reduce your chances of being burgled. A lot of burglaries are spur of the moment, carried out by opportunist thieves who don't even have to use force- they get through an open door, window or easy point of entry and take their chance.

Here are some basic tips to avoid the Distraction Burglar:

- LOCK- keep your front and back doors locked even when you are at home
- STOP- before you answer, stop and think if you are expecting anyone. Check through the spyhole to see if you know who it is
- CHAIN- If you decide to open the door, put the chain or door bar on first. Speak to them whilst the bar or chain is still on.
- CHECK- Even if they have a pre-arranged appointment, check their identity card first. Never agree to have work done by passers by. Get several quotes before you agree to having work done. If you have any doubts, **keep them out!**

If you would like a home safety check please contact either myself or PCSO Poppy Wheeler on 01305 226930.

Sarah Corrin

EASTERN VALLEY SECURITY ITEMS

Your Safer Neighbourhood Teams at Dorchester Police Station have taken delivery of a case of security devices. These include purse chains; personal, garage and shed alarms; alarmed padlocks and many other useful items.

There is a website, www.streetwise.org.uk which will furnish you with more information about these items and enable you to place orders. Also we can visit any groups or associations so that the devices can be seen and their use demonstrated. Order forms can also be provided during such

visits.

Although these security devices will not stop anyone from being a target you will have the peace of mind of knowing you have made your home and surroundings as alarmed and secure as possible.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch, details as below

Sarah Pilcher

CONTACT NUMBERS

Please check and make sure the contact details you have for your Safer Neighbourhood Team are up to date:

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or via Dorset Police 01202/01305 222 222.

Team mobile: 07500 816292

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Sara.h.pilcher@dorset.pnn.police.uk

Western Valley

Team members are

PC 2441 Sarah Corrin and PCSO Poppy Wheeler
telephone: 01305 226930.

email: Sarah.Corrin@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk or
Poppy.Wheeler@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk

(NB. Poppy will soon be leaving us, and will be replaced by PCSO Andy Burdett who will be visiting the area to meet everyone in the near future. Our thanks go to Poppy for her work in the past, as do our best wishes for her forthcoming travels and the new posting when she returns.)

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

Some of us got our photos in the Bridport News having fun in Punccknowle Playing Field at the end of last term. Hope you saw them. Thank you to First Steps Toddler Group for their contribution of play equipment. We have 10 children who have started this term including three new ones, and more to come.

The last fund-raiser in July was a Clothes Swap/Pampered Chef party at Carol Krosnar's house, which raised £180 - thanks to those who organised this and all who brought along clothes. Playgroup got a mixing bowl and safety knife freebies.

Children's activities so far have included a Teddy Bears Day and a Mexican Day.



Our opening hours are 9.00am to 3.15pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lunch Club is from 11.45am to 12.45pm. Session prices are £8 per session/unfunded, £9 per session/funded and Lunch Club is £2.20 from September 2010.

The A.G.M. was held on 21st September - more on this next time.

For more information re Fledglings, do not hesitate to ring Fiona Evans on 01308 482410.

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Autumn term has started on a very positive note with the children returning to school happy and refreshed after their Summer holiday. We have four new families who join the school this term and we welcome them into our school community. We also welcome 13 new children into our Reception class who will join us for mornings only until January when they become full-time. I have been extremely impressed with how quickly they have settled into the routines of the school and it is a joy to see their smiley faces and hear their bubbly voices throughout the day. At present we have 96 children on roll.

We also have a few changes amongst our staff this term. We are very pleased to have Miss Varndell join us as the Class 3 teacher. We have an additional teaching assistant in our Sails class, Mrs Turner, and Mrs Pimbley has joined us as a kitchen assistant. We hope that they will be very happy at our school.

As the Summer draws to a close we are now turning our thoughts to the Autumn and are starting to think about our Harvest Festival. This will take place on Friday 15th October at 9.15am in St Mary's Church. All are warmly invited to attend.

Claire Staple, Headteacher

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

By the time you read this we will be back into normal routines and summer holidays will be a memory. We are pleased to say that the new pupils, Reception and 'others' have all settled well into school, finding friends easily. Well done to all the Thorner's children who have made them feel so welcome. It is delightful to watch how our pupils make new children feel so welcome and integrate them into their social circles. There are not many schools where this is so obvious so thank you for making the task easier for all of us. It is always a worry to parents about how their child will cope with the change whether it is from Fledglings to Reception or from another school.

This term also sees the AGM's of both the Governing Body and



Thorner's School Association. Both groups of people are excellent role models for our pupils in that they give up time, are committed, work well together as part of the team supporting the school in many different ways and it maybe this which filters through to the children. Without your support and caring attitudes we could not be the school we are so thank you.

Alison Johnstone, Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Our August meeting comprised a fascinating tour of the Chilli Farm in West Bexington. Everyone reported back on how interesting and enjoyable this trip was. We are now looking forward to the last meeting of the Club's year on 18th October, when Dr. Sue Eden will be talking about Dormice in our Gardens to be followed by a cheese and wine social.



This is being written during the hot spell at the end of the summer so it is difficult to envisage the winter garden. But don't forget that there are some bedding plants which can flower in mild spells in winter when they are planted in the autumn. The most reliable are pansies and violas but polyanthus and primroses are also a good choice.

JOBS TO DO.

October is an ideal time to plant most trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants. Remove leaves and net ponds for winter and cut back marginal plants. To propagate evergreen shrubs take semi-ripe cuttings now. Cut out fruited canes of hybrid berries and tie in the new growth and plant strawberry plants.

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

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

POPPY APPEAL BAND CONCERT

Featuring

The St. Swithun's Band

At the Village Hall, Burton Bradstock

On Friday, 22nd October, 2010 at 7.30 pm

Tickets available from the Burton Bradstock Post Office £5

BEYOND THE VALLEY

HOSPITAL SUNDAY

17th October

Every year around St. Luke's tide (18th October) parishes around the country remember their hospitals in special services and by their intercessory prayers.

If you have any connection with Bridport Community Hospital whether as a patient, outpatient, employee or visitor, then you are warmly invited to come to our Hospital Sunday service at 6.30pm on Sunday 17th October at St. Mary's Church, South Street, Bridport. The service will be followed by refreshments.

Whether you have a direct connection with our Hospital or not but would like to join us and give thanks to God for all who work in medicine and healthcare today, then you would be made very welcome, so come yourself and bring a friend.

For further information please contact me on 01308 425774.

Reverend Philip Ringer, Chaplain Bridport Community Hospital

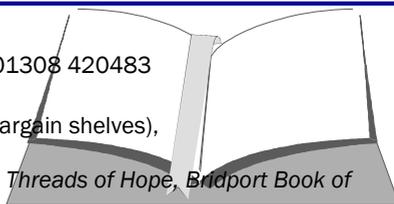
GOOD BOOKS

St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL, Tel: 01308 420483
email: orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk

Good Books: for Christian books (including 2nd hand bargain shelves), cards, gifts and church supplies.

Home of *Bridport Good Neighbours/Pathways to Care*, *Threads of Hope*, *Bridport Book of Hours*.

Good Books opening hours: Monday-Friday 9.00am-1.00pm, Saturday 10.00am-12.00noon
AND for tea & chat afternoons by arrangement.



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

To celebrate this day, our Open House this month on Thursday 7th from 10.00am-2.00pm, will include readings from the *Bridport Book of Hours* – please join us and bring along your favourite poem(s) to share. There'll be the usual tasty and poetic snacks (ever heard of The Bread Poet's Society??) and good company. The Book of Hours will be on display all week for you to browse through.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Is from 5 to-11th October is, and as always we'll have a variety of children's books on display for that birthday or special occasion coming up.

SACRED SPACE

happens on Fridays in our Quiet Corner at 12.00noon: a time of quiet prayer & meditation on a theme.

Veronica would like to thank everyone who came to her birthday bash, for all the cards, gifts and good wishes – it was a lovely occasion.

And we'll be at the first Bridport **CHRISTMAS CARD FAIR**, on Saturday 30th October, at Bridport United Church Hall

GOOD BOOKS URGENTLY NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEER STAFF, for Mondays 11.00am-1.00pm, and for the relief rota to cover for sickness and holidays. Do call us/call in for more details.

BRIDPORT & DISTRICT U3A THREE MORE NEW GROUPS LAUNCHED



Here's a clue about a new group to be launched by Bridport & District U3A: it will appeal to all those who like doing crosswords.

Anyone interested in joining the **Cryptic Crosswords** group should call John Burgass on 01308 455741. It will be held on Mondays, with the frequency of the meetings to be agreed by the members.

Two other new groups being started by U3A, which also covers Beaminster, Burton Bradstock and surrounding villages, are **Arts and Crafts** (led by Roberta Bee, 01308 861404) and **Homeopathy and Nutrition for Optimum Health** (leader Jenny Malyon-Roberts, 07932 192908).

More than 20 people have put their names down to join the 'Singing for the Terrified' group which is full even before the first meeting takes place on September 27th at premises at the Dorset Pedlar in South Street, Bridport. For those who worry that their singing is about as attractive as a burglar alarm, the new group will set out to give them confidence and help them find their own voice. It is being led by sound therapist Lucy Starchild.

For more information on U3A interest groups contact Lesley Archibald on 01308 456079. To join U3A contact Diana Coleridge on 01308 424431.

A talk on **AIDS and AIDS charities** will be given by Robin Miller, who served with the British Army for 34 years before retiring to live in Dorset, at the monthly meeting on Tuesday October 26th at the Christian Fellowship Hall, Kings Square (East Street car park), Bridport at 2.00pm.

Rob Wells, Bridport & District U3A, tel: 01308 863347

In mathematics you don't understand things. You just get used to them.

Johann von Neumann

If a `religion' is defined to be a system of ideas that contains unprovable statements, then Godel taught us that mathematics is not only a religion, it is the only religion that can prove itself to be one.

John D. Barrow

MAIDEN NEWTON ART GROUP ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION MAIDEN NEWTON VILLAGE HALL

Friday 22nd October – 6.00pm to 9.00pm
Refreshments – no charge

Saturday 23rd October – 10.00am to 4.00pm
Light Lunch is available to buy

Soup, sandwiches, cakes, biscuits and beverages

All are welcome to our Exhibition and Sale of Paintings
plus Local Crafts

And a chance to try your luck at Tombola
& Admission is Free

LITTON CHENEY

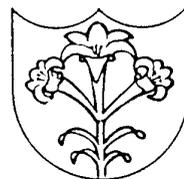
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Will be celebrated at the Family Service on 3rd October at 11.00am (usual harvest offerings will be welcome); the service will be followed by a "bring and share" lunch in the Church - please bring a plate of "finger food", savoury or sweet.

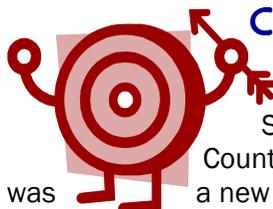


TOWER OPEN EVENING

Monday 4th October from 7.30

A chance to go up the tower, see the bells and have a go at chiming.
Wendy Taylor (482532)

CONGRATULATIONS



Well done to the Litton archers who have continued their successful season. Jenny and William Stazicker both won County titles at the Dorset and Wilts County Championships at Devizes. Jenny's winning score was a new National record.

Jenny Stazicker and Reuben Kingston were selected for the Dorset and Wilts Junior team which won the South West Junior Inter-

Counties ahead of Devon and Cornwall, Somerset and Gloucestershire. Reuben and Jenny won the trophy for the best longbow/barebow team and Jenny set yet another National record.

There was further success in the July ‘Nationals’, a competition run by Archery GB, where clubs from all over Britain send in scores for relevant rounds. Jenny was first and Philippa Cleden third in under 12 girls barebow, Reuben first and William second in under 10 boys longbow and Anna Cleden third in under 10 girls barebow.

EVENTS AT LATCH

ARTSREACH PRESENTS “BRAGA TANGA”

Friday, 15th October

Following a successful spring tour, this toe-tapping group presents an exotic mix of world folk music, eastern European gypsy tunes and mesmerising melodies from lands near and far. *Braga Tanga* consists of four musicians with considerable musical and theatrical experience, who are seen regularly at the magnificent Eden Project in Cornwall.



Doors open 6.45pm. Performance starts 7.30pm. Wine, beer and soft drinks on sale. Adults £7.50, U18s £5.00, Family Ticket (4) £22.

Tickets: 01308 482532 or 482661. A limited number of tables for 6 may be reserved.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES continue as usual, see littoncheney.org.uk for details

Thursday 7th – **BV FILM NIGHT** – “Glorious 39”, see LC web site for details.

Saturday 9th - **KEEP DANCING** – Twinkle your toes and get ready for Strictly.

Saturday 16th - **VILLAGE CAFÉ** run by the Bride Valley Knitting Group.

Saturday 23rd - **WINE TASTING** with Steven Spurrier – The Rhone Valley

and coming shortly :-

SCREEN BITES - Thursday 4th November.

Local food producers’ tastings from Eggardon Rare Breeds, Washingpool Farm Shop, Barford Icecream, Blackmore Vale Dairy, Clipper Teas, Denhay Farms, Dorset Cereals, Fudges, Hall & Woodhouse, Homemade by Lizzie and Bekkie, Honeybuns, Leakers Bakery, National Trust, Nether Cerne Farms, Nether Cerne Herbs, Olives Et Al, Sea Spring Seeds and Peppers by Post, Woolserly Cheese etc.

There will be a short talk by Michael Michaud of Peppers by Post and Sea Spring Seeds, then a showing of the Oscar-winning film “Babette’s Feast”, widely recognised as the greatest food film ever.

Wine, beer and soft drinks on sale. Doors open 7.00pm.

Tickets £7.00 contact Samantha Stazicker 01308 482446

VILLAGE BARN DANCE

Saturday 13th November

More details on www.littoncheney.org.uk, November's BVN and this month's Social Committee's programme details.



DIGITAL CAMERA CLASSES AND TUITION

It is planned to run two courses on "Getting the best from your digital camera" starting at the beginning of October. There will be both an evening and an afternoon course covering the same subject. There will be eight sessions each two hours long run over eight weeks. The courses are aimed at people who are just starting out with a digital camera or those who just wish to improve their photography skills. Class sizes will be kept small in order to allow for individual tuition. Costs will be £40 for the full eight weeks if paid on the first session or £6 per session if paid weekly.

Please contact Steve Kourik on 01305 482552 for further information and to book a place.

NEW ART CLASS AT LATCH

Will start on Monday, 1st November 2010, from 10:00 to 11:30am. Aimed to suit all abilities to include experienced and the complete beginner, running for 6 weeks until 6th December. This is a great chance to learn how to paint with Lynda Connolly, a local artist and experienced tutor. Learn about intensive techniques for drawing, watercolour or acrylic painting, according to your personal choice and enjoyment.

It is hoped that there will be sufficient interest to get started and carry on during 2011 with further short courses.

Come to a free introductory information session on Monday, 18th October to learn more and find out if this course is for you. Please contact Lynda (01305 871178).

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish council elections will be held in May 2011. If you would like to serve as a parish councillor or know somebody who does then please inform the parish clerk John Firrell on 482313. Information about being a councillor can be found on www.dorsetforyou.com/elections and on village notice boards.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

VILLAGE BBQ

Anxious eyes scanned the weather forecasts leading up to the big day, but the sun broke through early afternoon of Sunday August 8th, the temperature soared, the breeze dropped and the weather was set just right

for a wonderful evening. The success of the previous year led to a BBQ ticket being the “must have” item, so SOLD OUT notices had to be posted. Well done everyone who bought their tickets early. A very wise decision, as very delicious salads accompanied the juicy, tasty barbecued foods. Not to mention the available ample quantities of wine, ale, lager and soft drinks. Rachel provided a great disco with the younger generation showing off their skills; and quite few of the more mature ones as well!!

It was great to see such a large number of people enjoying the opportunity to chat and generally have a good time. Thanks go to all who came, and especially to everyone who gave so generously of their time and enthusiasm to ensure that the evening was such an enjoyable one.

VILLAGE WALK

The August Village Walk had to be cancelled because of the rain but there will be one on October 9th at 10.00am at the bus shelter, instead of the Litter Pick

The November Village Walk will be a sponsored one in aid of **CHILDREN IN NEED**. It will be 5 miles and even if you do not walk this is an opportunity to sponsor someone who does! So keep this date free and start signing up sponsors!. More details in the November BVN and on the website.

LITTER PICK.

The organised litter pick over the past few years has already been changing to a self organising activity with individuals picking up litter as they see it, or doing it at a time more convenient to them. Additionally the Parish Council are now employing a Lengthsman so the committee has decided to stop formally organising it, switching the October and March dates to more walks.



BARN DANCE

This will be held on Saturday November 13th at the Hall with calling and music provided by excellent Casterbridge Band. The usual mouth watering finger buffet will be provided to help replace all that lost energy, and a bar will be available to stop dehydration! Tickets are going well so don't be disappointed, buy one early to join in what will be an excellent evening

Ron Davidson LCSC 482661

Mathematics may be defined as the subject in which we never know what we are talking about, nor whether what we are saying, is true.

Bertrand Russell

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St. Mary's Harvest Supper

Saturday 16th October

6.30 to 9.45pm

Burton Bradstock Village Hall



*Tickets (£5.00 to include first drink, £2.50 for children under 12)
will be available at the Post Office from the beginning of September*

As in the past we are asking you to bring either a sweet or savoury dish and your ticket will be marked according to your choice; we are most grateful to Gwen at the Village shop for agreeing to sell them. There will be some informal entertainment after supper. This is an occasion for all the family and everyone in the village is very welcome to join us. Harvest Thanksgiving is in church the following day

St.Mary's P.C.C.

FROM YOUR VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT

concerning the **DECEMBER** edition of BVN

My email will be out of action from 29/10/10 to 12/11/10 which is the period when I should be receiving emailed contributions for the **December** issue of the Bride Valley News.

Hand delivered information should reach me, Ian Ibbotson, before 29/10/2010. After that date you will have to email the stand-in village correspondent or ask a friend to do so on your behalf.

As you will see I have secured a reliable stand-in who will receive copy on email address well-out-of-order@hotmail.co.uk

To make it easy please name your emails and your attachments *yourtitleBVNDecember*

FROM THE EDITOR:

I have included the exchange of emails concerning this arrangement, so that all will understand that if anything goes awry, IT'S NOT MY FAULT!

to Corporal Lance David Bellows, Dun Breeding

Dear Lance,

My email will be out of action from 29/10/10 to 9/11/10 which is the period when I should be receiving emailed contributions for the December issue of the Bride Valley News.

For a stand in, I am looking for someone of good character with a firm approach to organization and I immediately thought of a ex-military man as being the obvious candidate. I understand that you are available by email but for unfortunate reasons (and I do not believe the story about Neighbourhoodwatch and ferret racing) you currently do not have a postal address.

regards

Ian Ibbotson, Burton Bradstock Correspondent.

From Lance Corporal Dave Bellows email well-out-of-order@hotmail.co.uk

Dear ibson,

I don't know about Lance, may be you think it is one of my brothers I have only got one as far as I no but this is well out of order and demans a public aplogy particly with the refrence to dun Breeding that i noticed strate away theres many a old trick left in me yet Ill 'ave you no. Bein' on planet earth to deal with issues that as they occer I am quite happy to deal with the Christmas issue for you on your holiday i spose your goin' off croosin' like that Mr Scope to Bomb Bay and Ceylon. make sur that they all no what to do to send thier stuff to me at the avobe email witch I shll aknwgle and sned on to mike wateverisnameis. I am a bit uneasy about using the date 9/11 for a deadline but spose it will focoss there mines.

Dave

PS My ferrits dont get out of my trousers very often thes days PC Pittrivers is in charge of nighborhod watch, so get on to 'im.



The
Children's
Society

'Home Boxes' are due for the Annual Return to The Children's Society at the end of November. If you have a box please return it to me, in the church, at the School or at The Bramleys, as early in November as possible. Many thanks, Pauline Woodford 898327

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

NEW PROGRAMME

Many members will have already attended the first talk, from Eddie Colfox, a Paragliding Instructor and explorer, **"Birdmen of the Karakorum"**; we look forward to a glowing account of this seductive title.

From then on in, on Fridays in each month, through to April, beginning at 7.30pm the following programme will unfold:

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| 15 th October | "Vermeer's Women" | : David Hutchinson
(Tate Gallery) |
| 12 th November | "The Tristan da Cunha Islands" | Richard Cundy |
| 3 rd December | "A Biologist among the Reindeer in Lapland" | Clive Kennedy |
| 14 th January | "Turn on the Wireless" | Peter Foster (Dorchester Hospital Radio) |
| 11 th February | "The 1941 German Invasion of Crete" | Robin Miller (retired Army Officer) |

11th March

“Camera Obscure” Scenes of Dorset
John Miles (Writer and photographer)

15th April

“The World of Jane Austen”

Patricia Stokes (former Chairman, Jane Austen Soc)

Entry to the talks is just a £1 for members; £3 for guests/non members: a snip.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be on 20th May, followed the next day, by the traditional, very successful, **Coffee Morning** from 10.15am to Noon.

ANNUAL FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

As always, the year’s activities will be crowned by the show, which will take place on 16th July.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

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



TREASURER – NEEDED URGENTLY

At our AGM in January 2011, our Treasurer, Bernard Chennells will retire from the Village Hall Committee. Having someone undertaking the role of Treasurer is crucial to the Hall Management Committee continuing to exist. To date we have nobody come forward to consider the role. In the absence of someone coming forward the Committee will have to ‘employ’ an accountant. The cost would have to be met from Hall funds and would take away from the maintenance budget which could threaten the sustainability of the Trust’s management of the Hall. We are looking for someone to volunteer to take on this role and to shadow Bernard for the last few months of what is the Hall’s financial year (January to December). If you are interested in finding out more about what the role entails, please contact Bernard (Chennells) – 01308 897066 or Susan (Moores) – 01308 897673

At the same AGM, Carolyn James our Bookings Officer is also retiring. Fortunately, David Edwards has volunteered to take over this role for a period of two years.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKING SLOTS AVAILABLE

As the Playgroup in Burton Bradstock has had to close, there are sessions available for booking on Monday (morning and afternoon, Wednesday (morning and evening from 7.45 pm) and Friday (morning and afternoon). If anyone is interested in booking any of these sessions on a regular or ad hoc basis please contact Carolyn James on 01308 898222.

If anyone is interested in starting up a Badminton Group would you please contact Pat Raven on 01308 897669.

VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 4th December; 10.30am - 1.00pm

Come to Burton Bradstock Village Hall for freshly brewed coffee and pastries and browse around festive stalls. The adult entrance fee, payable at the door, is £2.00 which includes the first cup of coffee and a pastry; children 50p to include juice and a pastry. Additional coffee and pastries will be on sale.

If you would like a stall, contact Susan Moores on 01308 897673: the cost will be £5, payable on the day. Look out for posters around the Village.

VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Saturday, 18th December 7.30pm

The Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee is putting on its seasonal quiz in Burton Bradstock Village Hall, with a 7.45 prompt start for the quiz. In order to achieve comfortable seating arrangements bring along a team of 8, or join a team on the night. Enjoy not only a fun quiz but also complimentary nibbles and a light supper. There will be prizes for quiz winners, a Raffle and a Bar and, if previous years' Christmas events are anything to go by, a great evening will be had by all. Tickets will be available from Burton Bradstock Post Office, priced £5.00 each, from Saturday 27th November. Posters will be put up around the Village advertising the event.

Susan Moores - *Chairman - Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust*

“200 CLUB” WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners of the September Draw:

1 st	£45.00	No 22:	Mrs Jean Sexton
2 nd	£22.50	No 109:	Mrs Pam Record
3 rd	£11.25	No 194:	Mr Justin & Mrs Juliana Mallinson

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

ARTSREACH NEWS

Here are some early notices of planned shows for the Autumn at Burton Bradstock Village Hall

- Saturday 13th November: Pangottic presents **"Full Twist"** and **"Anytime Now"**. An award winning circus/theatre company.
- Wednesday 1st December: **"Phileas P. Souper"**. Five musicians and two miming clown artists.
- Friday 18th February 2011. Tim Dalling presents **"The Unhappy**



King". Tim, from New Rope String Band, on his own!

- Friday 25th March 2011: Publick Transport presents "**The Department of Smelling Pistakes.**" Inspired by a Gogol story and other writers, "Publick Transport" deals with two civil servants jostling for power. Absurdist humour. Wonderful!
- More news of these later. Put the dates in your diaries!

Norman Saunders-White, Artsreach Promoter for Burton Bradstock. 01308 897214

HARDY IN BURTON BRADSTOCK

I can't claim that the German family seated behind me at the Burton Bradstock Players' production of Thomas Hardy's 'Far from the Madding Crowd' had come to Dorset specially to see this production (though I understand many in the audience did make a special trip from a distance) but they said "We know of Mr Hardy and when we saw his play advertised we booked. We are lucky to see it in his countryside, and we understood most of it". That they did – given that there was a Dorset accents challenge for them too - must have been down to excellent acting by the Players.

Daphne Ekins' production glided through Hardy's customary trail of coincidences and unusual twists, including a Valentine card mischievously delivered to Mr Boldwood, for whom it was impossible not to have sympathy – especially given the well-executed and annoying advances of one Sergeant Troy. Sympathy too was well won by Gabriel for his ever-enduring patience, there were many 'cameo' impressions that stay in the mind – one being from the aptly-named Joseph Poorgrass. The costumes, staging and music, including a fine group rendition of Hardy's 'Great Things', brought us truly into Hardy's day.

Congratulations to every person who made a contribution to this production. And a special set of good wishes to Emma Batchelor who played Bathsheba – her acting and expressions were, I feel sure, an important part of the German family's understanding, and that of all of us, and we wish her well at her imminent School of Drama course in Birmingham.

The last word goes to a Burton Bradstock resident who went out of his way to tell me "I know Hardy, I knew the story, I knew the ending, I knew it would finish with Bathsheba and Gabriel coming together, and yet I can honestly say that when their hands met my eyes glistened."

Roll on the next production from the Players, please!

John Grantham



I would just like to send you and your readers a resounding THANKYOU for getting me in touch with my friend Marie. The lady who lives at Merlyns cottage rang me and the grapevine began – others read the article

you kindly printed in the village magazine too, and I think my friend was contacted en mass!

She has since been in touch with me and is happily married and living in your part of the country, the most idyllic and beautiful part of England I must say.

I cannot put into words all the 'thank-yous' and 'gratefulnesses' and oh thank the Lord for your taking the time to help me find dear Marie. It means so much to me.

Bless you and again, thank you

*Angela McCarthy-Young Ewell Court Shipton Lane
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

REMEMBER TO LOCK UP YOUR SHEDS

With the changing season, I would suggest you walk around your premises. Put summer tools – ladders etc – away safely. If you are fortunate enough to have a shed/outhouse then make sure the bolts and locks work. Check the drains are clear for the winter months ahead to stop water or ice causing dangerous or expensive problems.

Last month there were two recorded thefts – a transit van was broken into and expensive machinery was stolen in the Walditch area. Also horses' tack was stolen locally.

Finally, there has only been one objection by a local resident about the 'No Cold Calling' area we have here. It would seem that the vast majority of you are in favour of the scheme continuing. Again, any comment or query on any issues I'm here!!

Ian Pitt-Aikens: 01308-897440

BURTON BRADSTOCK'S FIRST

"POP-UP" RESTAURANT

(100% of proceeds will go direct to Multiple Sclerosis)

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

a restaurant will pop-up in Burton Bradstock. It will appear on Tuesday 23rd November at 7.30pm and disappear at midnight. To be part of this special charity event you will need to book your place as quickly as possible as space is limited.

In order to make your booking you will need to email us on PopUpRestaurant@rocketmail.com or telephone 01308 897905 when we will be happy to send you menu choices.

A £10.00 per person reservation will be required (by cheque or cash) and you will be asked to make a generous contribution at the end of the evening. Wine will be on a "BYO" basis.

LONG BREDY

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ST PETERS CHURCH

Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 31st October at 11.00am. It is a 5th Sunday United Valley service.

Gifts of any sorts of foods (tins, veg, fruit etc) brought to the service will be given to the Chancery House Day Centre in Bridport.

The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch at the village hall. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided. All are welcome for this coffee or lunch whether attending church or not. It will be a very good opportunity for a happy village gathering. Bring any food items you would like to share!



Many congratulations to Rory Smith who attained 10 A stars and 1 A grade at GCSE. He continues at Colyton Grammar school to study A levels in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths and Further Maths.

THREE GARDEN SAFARI

We made £1,600 this year, of which £100 will go to the playground, £200 to the village hall, and the remainder to the upkeep of the church. Fund raising for next year needs to be planned very soon. The church, hall and playground constantly need funds. We are a small village so it is difficult.

Have you any ideas? Everyone welcome to a village meeting at Long Bredy Hall on Tuesday 19th October, at 8.00pm.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

PLAYING FIELD

We are nearly ready to launch the arrival of the exciting new play equipment which is currently being installed in our Playing Field. The Parish Council has made this possible with the help of grants from the Lottery and the West Dorset District Council. All Children - please organise your families and keep Saturday 13th November clear at lunchtime when we will have 'a bit of a do'. One lucky child will be celebrity for the day, but more on that later.

DOG FOULING

Did you know that exposure to dog and cat faeces may cause toxocara worm infection and that tapeworm infestation is also a threat? There are 6.8 million dogs in the UK, we just love our dogs, but they produce 900 tonnes of faeces daily. C Ovis, or sheep measles stems from a canine tape worm which can survive on pasture for six months before being ingested by and thereby infecting sheep.

Please worm your pets every three to six months and keep our children safe. And they do like to roll in anything redolent of fox or badger don't they. Remember to wear rubber gloves when washing and rinse with a mild disinfectant.

There are three areas in the village which seem to be getting worse not better and these are alongside the Bedford Terraces, around the spring near Lattice Cottage and along the lane to the church.

Please clean up after your dog and keep the village pleasant for everyone.



CLEAN IT UP!

LITTLEBREDY

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THESE NOTES are written too early to comment on the Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Harvest Supper at the end of September, but not too early to know that a great deal of work and generosity will have been put in by church decorators and contributors to the supper, all of whom are owed many thanks and congratulations.

THE SOCIAL CLUB resumes activity after its summer break with a **Family Darts Night and Social Evening** in the Village Hall on Friday 15th October, when the bar will open at 7.30p.m.

LITTLEBREDY RESIDENTS and visitors (temporary members) are warmly invited to come and make up a darts team (no special skill required, as previous such events have shown) and/or enjoy the evening away from the oche.

TWITCHERS (or ordinary visitors, for that matter) arriving at the Bridehead Lake at the end of August may have noticed a rare (in fact unprecedented in living memory, it is believed) specimen also present



on the opposite bank, namely a white egret, casting a beady eye over any possible meals beneath the surface. A beautiful sight.

BRIDE VALE CRICKET CLUB.

The cricket season will be over by the time these notes are read, but there are still a couple of games to come at the time of writing. Since the last report, the Club has won twice and won two silver medals...

The defeats came against Phené Philanderers, in the 25th annual fixture against our longest-standing touring visitors from London, and against Winfrith, whose courage in turning up on a very rainy day was rewarded with an afternoon fine enough for a shortened game to take place, with over 250 runs scored – unfortunately, the majority by them!

Victories were recorded against Hooke & Powerstock, whose 94 all out fell well short of Bride Vale's score of 162, and against Milton Abbas, who must wish they had never heard of us this year. On their own ground, as was recorded last time, their 2nd highest ever score was eclipsed by BVCC who won by 10 wickets; on our ground in August it was Bride Vale's turn to post what is probably the highest ever total at Bridehead (292 for 5 declared: Rod Gay 155) and also to record the biggest ever margin of victory (251 runs) after our slightly depleted visitors could muster only 41 in reply.

As ever, new players, supporters and spectators are always welcome to make themselves known to Cliff Payne on 07971 229797. To discover when home games are being played at Bridehead next season, a fixture list can be obtained by e-mailing pwbridehead@btinternet.com (but please leave it till next spring or summer!)

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Dates for your diaries

2nd October **SWYRE HARVEST PARTY**, Village Hall 7.30pm
Villagers will by now have had the circular letter, it may not be too late to join us, just give me a ring. Madeline on 01308 897318.

3rd October, **HARVEST SERVICE** at 6.30pm

10th October, **YVONNE BUCKLAND**, will be welcomed and presented at St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock at 6.30pm, this follows her licensing at Salisbury Cathedral on the 9th October.



BUILDING WORKS ON CHURCH

The new heating system should be installed in the Church by the time this is read and hopefully working. The new power cable is laid and apologies for the state of the Churchyard but the mess was I feel unavoidable. The heaters which needed this new supply should be giving much needed respite from the cold weather for us all.

Gutters etc. these were in a much poorer state than first thought and all the supports have now been refixed and painted. Some of the gutters were in such bad repair they are being replaced and being painted dark green to match the gates. With a little work on the tower roof I hope we will be waterproof for a few years now.

David Buckland

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

FLAG FLYING

Some people may have wondered why St. Martin's Church flew The Union 'Jack' flag from 12th to 20th September. The Government decided to commemorate the Battle of Britain Day on the 19th September, but historians debate the date, some say the deciding date should have been 15th September; so I took a decision and asked my Flag Captain to fly the flag for one week, (after all the battle took several months).

I give to you the immortal words of a great man, "*Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few*". What else can I say, except, "Shipton Gorge paid honour to 'The Few'."



HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Service will be held on Sunday 3rd October. Everyone is welcome. If anyone has any flowers, or produce to give to the church, will they please contact Kate Kent on 897574.

We have a wedding in the afternoon of the 2nd October and the bride will have mainly harvest flowers, with just a few slight alterations. We have agreed not to put the fruit and veg. in until after the service, so please will everyone liaise with Kate.

HARVEST SUPPER

This year it is on a different day, Monday 4th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Please see the PCC members and get your tickets. This year we

are having Danny Sorrell's beef as well as the gorgeous ham from Balson's butchers in Bridport. Unfortunately I will not be with you owing to family commitments, so please order your tickets from Vicky 898648, Kate 89574, Linda 898278, Elizabeth 897207, or James 898657.

Gillian Maxfield - Churchwarden

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY.

We are very grateful to all those who donated prizes and bought (and sold) tickets for our Grand Draw which raised just under £600.

The winning ticket details are as follows:

1st	£100	2722	Grayham Rosamond
2nd	£50	2311	Peter Addison
3rd	£25	4087	Colin Gayle
4th	Weekend Autumn		
Break at	Lancombes House	975	Ty Love
5th	£20 Theatre Token	545	Jill Curtis
6th	Champagne	127	Geoff Adderley
7th	Whisky	4038	Peter & Liz Gates

THE VILLAGE WALK

was held on Saturday September 4th, and we were blessed with fine weather for it! Twenty villagers and seven dogs enjoyed a walk from The New Inn through our delightful countryside down to Burton Bradstock, then up to St Catherine's and finally past St Martin's Church, through the Village Orchard and back to the pub for welcome refreshments in the garden! Our thanks go to Vicky Thomas for planning and leading the walk.

COMING SOON:-

Saturday 2nd October – Dance to *One Night Stand* at the Village Hall – ring Phyl Webster (898657) for more information.

Wednesday 6th October – Village Bingo – Eyes down for a full house with special prizes – ring Sally Parker (897168) for more information .

Monday 11th October – A full day in Salisbury or morning in the city and free entry to the racecourse in the afternoon for those who wish to go racing. contact John Kent (897574)

Saturday 6th November - Stew & Dumpling Quiz – contact Sally Parker (897168)

Thursday 2nd December - Christmas Shopping Trip details to follow

Wednesday 8th December - Casterbridge Choir Carol Concert in St Martin's Church details to follow.

SHIPTON GORGE LTD

We are planning to plant a further seven fruit trees during this coming November - 5 apple, 1 damson and 1 Victoria plum. When it was first decided that the village wanted the land to become an orchard, quite a few people expressed an interest in donating a tree. If anybody wishes to do so now we would be very grateful to receive a donation towards the cost as each tree costs in the region of £25. Please contact me on 897482 if you would still like to help.

Barbara Chambers

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will meet on Wednesday 10th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

THANK YOU

Doris Benselin and family would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind offers of help since Gerald's death on Sunday 5th September. Gerald was a popular and well-loved member of the village who had been very active in many aspects of village life until his stroke a few years ago. He will be missed by everybody who knew him.

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB.

SEPTEMBER DRAW

£20	No 42	John Epplestone
£10	No 98	Colin Green

PUNCKNOWLE & W. BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

We will be having carols by candlelight on Sunday 12th December at 5.00pm at which we will hear the Christmas Story, sing carols and assemble the crib. Afterwards please stay and enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies. All are most welcome.



Sue Brown



PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

The season began with a look at the results of our holiday painting task which was - 'Inspired by spirit to be viewed with imagination'. Voting then took place and The Bembridge Trophy was awarded to Sallie - many congratulations.

Our open workshop at The Bull on October 1st is open to those who would like to try an easy way to paint. Materials are available free of charge. On October 15th there will be a workshop in Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall with Ronnie Creswell 9.30am for 10.00am to 1.00pm.

October 29th will be a workshop, in Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall, with Annabel Wilson at 9.30am for 10.00am to 1.00pm. *Christine Molony*



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Robert Dickinson and Afua Kyei who have announced their engagement to be married. Robert and Afua met at University in Oxford and will be making their home in London where they both work. *Bill Dickinson*

VILLAGE HALL FUND-

RAISER SAVED BY LOCAL BOY



The beat went on after all on Saturday 28th August when London Rhythm and Blues Band, *The Vintage*, came to play in the Village Hall, Puncknowle - minus their regular drummer who had to drop out at the last minute.

Bridport Music Shop put them in touch with local drummer **Ryan Halsey**, who joined them at 6.30pm to play along and provide the beat for the dancing to begin at 8.00pm. A great night was had by all who came along, thanks to Ryan.

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

For bookings, telephone 01308 897724

BOOK CLUB



The next meeting of the PSWB Reading Group will be on Wednesday 6th October in the hall at 7.30pm. The book we are reading and which is to be discussed, is "The Peppered Moth" by Margaret Drabble.

We pay £1 per meeting to cover the cost of the hall and refreshments, and also share information about other books we have read - if you want to come along ring Carol Bennett on 897771.

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND W. BEXINGTON LUNCHEON CLUB

After a visit from the West Dorset Food Hygiene Inspector the Club was awarded 5 Stars (Excellent) which is the highest possible score and an increase of one star over last year.



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Club will

take place at the Village Hall on the 19th October at 1.30 pm. A report and the accounts will be considered and the Officers and Committee elected for the following year.

Members wishing to order a meal on the 19th October who were not at the last lunch should ring 897622 by the 15th October. Anyone needing further information about the club should contact the same number.

Ken Martin, Chairman

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CURRY EVENING:: 13th November 2010. Bring and share your favourite curries – meat fish and vegetarian or bring a pudding for afters. Rice, naan and poppadoms provided. Bring your own drinks or buy at the bar. This will take a similar form to the successful chicken evening where food will be interwoven with a quiz. Entrance £1. Further details from Carol Bennett 897771, or Sue Brown 898953.

HISTORY MORNING: Saturday November 20th 10-30 – 12.30. Come and delve into your family history and the history of the local villages. Computers available and support to guide you through the web. Or just come for a coffee and a chat. Contact Debbie Legge 898506

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Sunday December 12th. Father Christmas will be visiting with presents for the children. There will be fun and games for both adults and children, presents to buy for Christmas, cakes, chocolate, mulled wine and refreshments.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, mop with orange handle, mop with a plain wooden handle and a hand brush with orange bristles, have been left in the large cupboard in the kitchen of the Hall. Unfortunately there is insufficient room in the cupboard for additional cleaning tools. If they belong to you will you please remove them. If they are still there on the 31st October they will be removed and sold for the benefit of the hall.

TREASURER

The Committee is still looking for someone to take over as Treasurer when Sid Marshall relinquishes the rôle at this year's AGM. If you feel that you could take this on please contact a committee member. *Committee*

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Has two vacancies:-

A PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR SWYRE, and

A PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR PUNCKNOWLE

If you are willing to fill either of these vacancies or would like more details of what the role of a Parish Councillor involves please contact Tony Edwards (Chairman) on 01308 897435 or Carolyn Buckland (Clerk) on 01308 897726.

ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

Beware what lurks in the church vestry...

*The Rectory
St. James the Least of All*

My dear Nephew Darren

I am unsurprised that the cleaning lady took exception to you dismantling your motorbike in the church vestry. Clergy vestries are the final repositories of rotting hymn books, ancient cassocks with a certain aroma, buckets with holes in which are kept "just in case" and dead animals in various states of decomposition; but they are no place for bike chains, disc brakes and inner tubes.

I will concede that vestries seem to attract all those objects no one quite knows what to do with, but which parishioners can't bear to throw away, as iron filings race towards a magnet. But flower arrangers looking for space for boxes of twine, decorators hoping to store cribs and Easter gardens and choirmasters for overspill for anthems must be repelled vigorously.

Only hardy souls should enter a vestry. You will be confronted with all of your predecessors staring down at you reproachfully. The most recent, in colour, will stare smugly, knowing full well that you cannot equal their standards. Earlier incumbents, in black and white, will look mildly reproachful, reminding you that your abilities have fallen well short of their intellectual stature. Those from previous centuries, hand drawn and looking as if they have recently ingested a pint of vinegar, will tell you that, whoever you are and whatever you may become, you are a disappointment. I am already rehearsing my own look of pained forgiveness for my leaving photo that will stare down on my own successor and perpetually irritate him.

It also seems to be a tradition that retiring clergy donate their robes for their successors, probably because it spares them a walk to the dustbin. So, a five foot, 18 stone incumbent will leave a cassock for his six foot, ten stone successor - and then will let his disappointment be known that the new arrival is not using his kind gift. There will also be a spare 1960's nylon surplice hanging on the back of the vestry door, to remind you that should you ever forget your own, then

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this is the horror you will be obliged to wear throughout Evensong.

Notices on the walls will tell you that marriage fees in the 1920s were seven shillings and sixpence, that Communion wine can be obtained from a shop that closed down a generation ago and there will be a copy of the prayer of thanksgiving to be used on the relief of Mafeking.

My only advice is to remove your bike before it gets bundled up with the Scouts' tents - although you may try claiming that the engine oil was brought in for anointing the sick.

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

DIARY OF EVENTS: OCTOBER 2010

Fri	1	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		10.00am Puncknowle Art Group Open Workshop	The Bull, Swyre
Sat	2	7.30pm Village Harvest Party	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm Dance to "One Night Stand"	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Sun	3	11.00am Harvest Service & Bring and Share Lunch	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
		11.00am Harvest Festival Service	St Martin's, Shipton Gorge
		6.30pm Harvest Service	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon	4	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
		7.30pm RBL(BV) Social Evening	Three Horseshoes, BB
		7.30pm Tower Open Evening	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Tue	5	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
		3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
		7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
		7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	6	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
		3.00pm Open Broadband Session	PSWB Village Hall
		3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
		7.30pm Puncknowle Reading group	PSWB Village Hall
		Village Bingo	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Thu	7	10.00am National Poetry Day Open House	Good Books, Bridport
		2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
		7.30pm Badminton	LATCH
		BV Film Night "Glorious 39"	LATCH
Fri	8	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	PSWB Village Hall
		12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport

	Licensing of Yvonne Buckland	Salisbury Cathedral
Sat 9	10.00am Village Walk	Litton Cheney Bus Shelter
	7.30pm Keeeeeep Dancing	LATCH
Sun 10	6.30pm BV Welcome Service for Yvonne Buckland	St. Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Mon 11	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue 12	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
	7.30pm WI "Dancing & Dalliance in Mediæval Times"	BB Village Hall
Wed 13	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Thu 14	7.30pm Badminton	LATCH
Fri 15	9.30am Puncknowle Art Group Workshop	PSWB Village Hall
	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
	6.45pm "Braga Tanga"	LATCH
	7.30pm BBVS "Vermeer's Women"	BB Village Hall
	7.30pm Family Darts Night & Social Evening	Littlebredy Village Hall
Sat 16	Village Cafe (Knitting Grooup)	LATCH
Sun 17	6.30pm Hospital Sunday Service	St Mary's, Bridport
Mon 18	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
	7.30pm BVGC "Dormice in the Garden"	PSWB Village Hall
Tue 19	12.30pm PSWB Lunch Club + AGM	PSWB Village Hall
	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
	7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
Wed 20	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
	3.00pm Open Broadband Session	PSWB Village Hall
	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Thu 21	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
	7.30pm Badminton	LATCH
	7.30pm British Heart Foundation Meeting	Bridport Christian F'ship Hall
Fri 22	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
	10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	PSWB Village Hall
	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
	7.30pm Poppy Appeal Band Concert	BB Village Hall
Sat 23	6.30pm Wine Tasting with Stephen Spurrier	LATCH
Mon 25	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue 26	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed 27	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Thu 28	7.30pm Badminton	LATCH
Fri 29	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
	9.30am Puncknowle Art Group Workshop	PSWB Village Hall
Sat 30	Christmas Card Fair	B'port United Church Hall
Sun 31	11.00am Harvest Service & Bring and Share Lunch	St Peter's, Long Bredy

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

October 2010

	1 st Sunday 3 rd Oct Trinity 18	2 nd Sunday 10 th Oct Trinity 19	3 rd Sunday 17 th Oct St Luke	4 th Sunday 24 th Oct Bible Sunday	5 th Sunday 31 st Oct All Saints
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 Celebration of Reader Ministry	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion ALL Harvest Celebrations	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Harvest Service	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer		
Swyre	6.30 Harvest Service	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service	
Litton Cheney	11.00 Harvest Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship		11am United Harvest Celebration
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)		11.00 Holy Communion	