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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, JANUARY 2011

For Sunday Services, see back cover

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

VALLEY NOTES

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

There are two sets of Bible Notes available from the Fellowship:

GUIDELINES – offers in-depth study, drawing on the insights of current scholarship. Its intention is to enable all its readers to interpret and apply the biblical text with confidence in today's world.

NEW DAYLIGHT – provides daily Bible readings and comment, with a regular team of contributors drawn from a range of church backgrounds. It is ideal for anyone wanting an accessible and yet stimulating aid to spending time with God each day, deepening their faith and knowledge of Scripture.

The group subscription for both Guidelines and New Daylight is £11.70 for 2011/2012.

The first issue comes out in May, but requirements need to be lodged in mid-February. Anyone wishing to have these notes, please be in touch with me before 10th February. Copies for those already on my list will be ordered unless I hear to the contrary.

Hilary Mousley, BRF Group Secretary, The Red House, Middle Street, Burton Bradstock. 01308897849

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

Applications are invited for the position of Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer to the Shipton Gorge Parish Council. Applicants should have good all round administrative skills, some experience of working in a financial setting and be IT literate.

This post is Part Time but attendance at six Parish Council meetings per year, in the evening is a requirement. Salary is payable at a rate of £1152 per annum.

Further details, including full job description, are available direct from Richard Cunningham, Chairman, Shipton Gorge Parish Council - 01308 897928.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We hope that by the time you read this, you will have had a good warm, Christmas with family, friends and others. We hope you were warm and happy.

For some reason our December entry was not printed, so I just note that in December some of us went to the Sherborne

Abbey Carol Service, there was the Christmas lunch at the Golf Club and we heard from Peter Walton on "Lawrence of Arabia" - very exciting!

Our Speaker at the meeting on January 11th will be Rob Curtis on "**Smuggling Tales and Trails**". Dont forget the winter time of 2.15pm, rather than the evening.

In January we have the usual groups meeting: the Walking group, the Mahjong, Reading groups and Embroidery group. Please check the notice board outside the WI Hall for dates.

The President and her Committee wish all our members a healthy, happy, fulfilling New Year - do feel free to come along to one of our meetings to see if they are for you.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

The next **Social Evening** at The Three Horseshoes, Burton Bradstock will be on Monday, 31st January at 7.30pm. £5 including supper.

Please inform Jim Reeves if you are attending - 01308 897091.

The **Annual Dinner** is to be held at The Bridport and West Dorset Golf Club on Monday, February 7th at 6.30pm, for 7.00pm

ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

The Branch is in urgent need of an Honorary Treasurer. If you can help please contact the Branch Chairman, John Perry (01305 871346).

At the **RBL Festival of Remembrance** at the Royal Albert Hall in November we were represented by our Branch Vice Chairman Terry Bown, Trish Warren, David Trickey and his wife Julie. It is an occasion for celebration and thanksgiving for the work of the RBL throughout the country. For example, Peter Dunning was on operations in Helmand, Afganistan when his vehicle was blown up by a homemade bomb. He lost both his legs when his 6-ton vehicle was blown 20 feet in the air. After a lengthy recovery Peter is still serving, living partly at home with his parents and partly in barracks. Home needed adaptations for basic functions. The Legion stepped in - "We've had the bathroom changed so that it's wheelchair friendly" says Peter, "we've requested funds and the Legion were great. Me, my mum and dad are totally and utterly grateful for the Legion's help. People's perception of the charity is that it's for older veterans - and I thought so too - but they just stood up and said, yes we'll help, no problem. It's helped me to live my life as best I can by making my day-to-day living easier."

The RBL Dorset **County Conference** will be held at the Corn Exchange, Blandford on Sunday 9th January. Our Branch delegate is secretary Steve

James. Notify the writer if you wish to share transport to the event.

On Monday 10th January at 7.00pm. We meet at the Swan Inn, Abbotsbury for an inter-branch **skittles match**. Supper will be available at £3.50 a head. Let me know you are coming, if possible.

The Branch Quarterly **Committee Meeting** will take place at Portesham Methodist Hall at 7.30pm, Thursday 20th January.

By popular request we are having an afternoon meeting at 2.30pm on Thursday 17th February at Portesham Methodist Hall, when the speaker will be **Ronald Parham** from Bridport who will be displaying some of his meticulous engineering skills in the shape of an exhibit - don't miss it! Visitors welcome at £2.50.

The **Branch Annual Dinner** takes place in March: date and venue yet to be fixed.

The **Moscow Ballet** (La Classique) will perform "**Coppelia**" at Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre on Monday 28th March. We have a limited number of tickets for this event, offered on a first come, first served basis - members £22.50 (non-members add £2.50 booking fee)(payment with bookings please). Transport at cost, depending on numbers travelling.

Des Baker, Entertainments Chairman (01305 267617)

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

A new term and a new year, so firstly we would like to wish you all the best for this coming year, may you enjoy good health and happiness throughout the year. We hope that you all had a fantastic holiday.

We have obviously performed our Christmas Concert to a very appreciative audience. Thank you if you were there.

The performance was enjoyed by all the pupils, it amazes me that so many children volunteer to take on solo roles and do so well - some even give us a



surprise in how confident they are. There are times we do not realise that a child has that talent because they are shy or quiet in school. What a delight it is for us to see talents and confidence develop over time. This year the Key Stage 1 children performed a



play which has been written by one of our year 2 pupils with the help of their teacher and an ex pupil. Well done to all of you it certainly was unique.

Earlier in the term we held a non uniform day in aid of Children in Need and covered Pudsey Bears in coins. Along with money raised at the Bingo evening we were able to send £154 off to the appeal. Thank you to everyone who made a contribution.

Just after half-term we collected 45 Shoeboxes to send to children less fortunate than ourselves - filled with lots of lovely toys, toiletries, sweets and warm hats, gloves and scarves. Well done to everyone who sent in a contribution: we are hoping to find out more about where they were sent and who received them later in the term, as one of the volunteers is coming into school. If you would like to join us for that assembly, watch this space or check our website calendar for details.

Alison Johnstone, Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

Good news - the Clothes Auction held on November 9th made approximately £250 to go towards our much needed funds. Thanks to all who joined in. More on our big Auction of Promises next time - the date and venue were changed to 10th December at the White Horse, which was published in the Bridport News. More next time too about our children's Christmas Party.



Activities have been varied - on 6th December we were visited by a policewoman who talked about road safety/crossing the road. We made gingerbread men, and a stained glass cookie, as part of our Christmas cooking, and also made a calendar with a photo on for our parents.

The new committee had a meeting on 16th November, and the next one will be on Tuesday 18th January at the White Horse - time 8.00pm - so please come along if you can, parents.

Our pre-school is open to children from all the Bride Valley villages including Burton Bradstock, so please ring Fiona Evans for any information on 482410 or just drop in - you will be very welcome.

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR from FLEDGLINGS

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

What a month December turned out to be! Snow, snow and more snow. The children were delighted that the school was closed for a day, and they could spend the time sledging, building snowmen and throwing snowballs. Never has a decision been more popular!

As I write this report on the 6th December the school is a hive of excitement and festive cheer. The class with the youngest children is awash with glitter, which will cling to the carpet until at least next July, children in

Boats class make very convincing shepherds and angels and the older children are busy producing Christmas art and craft to sell at our Christmas Fayre. Such a glow from inside the school, warm enough to melt the frost from the rooftops!

As you read this report in January the festive celebrations will be over, the nativity costumes packed away for another year but the carpets will still twinkle with glitter. We will be looking forward to a successful 2011 and all that the new year brings.

The staff and children of the school wish you a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!

Claire Staple, Headteacher

WATERCOLOUR PAINTING CLASS AT LATCH

These classes will start again on Monday, 10th January 2011, from 9.45 to 11:45am - developing watercolour skills with an emphasis on techniques for beginners and those aiming to widen their understanding of this superb painting media.

A more advanced class also runs at Loders on Thursday afternoons. Learn about washes, wet in wet, dry brush, glazing techniques and much more. Group is restricted to 10 places.

To find out more please contact Lynda (01305 871178).

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

Following the postponement due to December's snow, we are finally showing:

THE YOUNG VICTORIA

Thursday 13th January. 'A beautiful story'. Cert.PG 1.5 hrs.

From Academy Award winners Graham King and Martin Scorsese and written by Julian Fellowes, comes the story of Queen Victoria's early rise to power. From an object of a royal power-struggle into her romantic courtship and legendary marriage to Prince Albert, Emily Blunt gives a stunning performance as the young Victoria. Winner of the Academy Award for Best Costume Design.



Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)

For February the final choice will follow knowledge of the Christmas TV schedules, so please look out for details in the BVN, on posters and on the website for confirmation, but we plan to show...

THE GHOST

Wednesday, 16th February. 'A tense political thriller' Cert. 15 2 hrs.

A ghost writer stumbles onto a secret that places his life in danger as he takes down the life story of a former U.K. prime minister in Roman Polanski's adaptation of the Robert Harris novel.

Convinced by his agent that he's been granted a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, talented British screenwriter "The Ghost" (Ewan McGregor) agrees to aid British prime minister Adam Lang (Pierce Brosnan) in completing his memoirs after the leader's former aide dies in mysterious circumstances.



Almost immediately after The Ghost arrives at a remote mansion in the U.S. to begin working with the Prime Minister, Lang is accused of committing a war crime by a former British cabinet minister. Amidst a deluge of protestors and reporters, The Ghost delves into the unfinished manuscript and comes to the terrifying conclusion that his predecessor died because he discovered a link between Prime Minister Lang and the CIA. The more information The Ghost uncovers, the more convinced he becomes that his life could be in danger as well.

Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine).

Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door if available. (All nos. 01308).

“THE WOLVES OF WILLOUGHBY CHASE”



Friday 4th February at LATCH 7.30 p.m. Doors open 6.45 p.m.

After last year's sell-out show, Forest Forge return with their new winter production - a beautiful and mad-cap winter storytelling performance featuring live music and animation, based on the classic children's novel. It is recommended for children age 6+ and their families.

The Box Office opens Monday 10th January. All seats are numbered and can be reserved. Phone 01308 482748.



BRIDE VALLEY BIBLE QUIZZES

Shipton Gorge Village Hall was comfortably full of competitors and supporters on November 21st for the Quiz matches.

The village teams were very evenly matched because Puncknowle beat Litton Cheney who beat Burton Bradstock who beat Puncknowle! Puncknowle won on points to carry away the John Paul Junior Shield, Theo Jones (Captain) with Wilf and Clara Jevons making up the winning team.

There were no senior village matches this year but hopefully next time there will be village seniors ready to challenge the four Susans who won the Berdoe Shield last time.

The Schools Derby was a nail biting event with Thorners retaining the cup, narrowly beating the Burton Bradstock School team. Well done Wilf (Captain) William and Clara. Well tried Maisie (Captain), Libby, Seamus and James.

Thanks to Susan Paul, Sue Linford and Liz Orsa for posing the questions, David Butler and Ian Ibbotson for score keeping and to all those at Shipton Gorge and from elsewhere for providing the delicious refreshments.

Tea & Chat

Eastern end of the Bride Valley

Tuesday 11th January 3-5.00pm

Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney

Please do come and have tea and enjoy a little social gathering at a boring time of year.



Saturday 15th January

at LATCH, from 10.30am to 12.30pm

The Village Cafe

Farmhouse Breakfast

Cakes for sale Local Produce Raffle

run by Thorners School Association

LITTON CHENEY

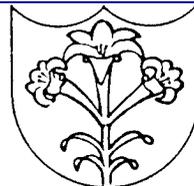
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ST. MARY'S PCC

On the first Thursday of each month throughout the year we are planning a morning work party for regular maintenance of the Church and churchyard. Tasks will vary according to the time of year. The first of these will be on Thursday 6th January starting at 9.30am.

Refreshments will be provided. If you are able to spare us some time, you would be very welcome.



A THANK YOU NOTE FROM PEGGY

A thank you to my friends and neighbours for visiting me in hospital and bringing me delicious fruit, biscuits and sweets. Thankfully I am now on the road to recovery - very slowly. Best wishes, *Peggy*



EVENTS AT LATCH IN JANUARY

Tai Chi resumes on Wednesday 5th. **Yoga** (Fridays) and **Pilates** (Mondays) will also continue as will **Short Mat Bowls** (Tuesdays) and **Table Tennis** (Wednesdays).
Phone 01308 482532 for further details.

Keep Dancing, Saturday 8th

Film Night, Thursday 13th - - "The Young Victoria" 8.00pm. Doors open 7.30. Bar.

Village Café, Saturday 15th - run by Thorner's School Association

"The Wolves of Willoughby Chase" Friday 4th February at LATCH, 7.30pm. Details in Valley Notes.

LATCH 2011 Calendars - these beautiful calendars can be yours for the princely sum of £4, or, amazingly, 3 for £10. It's not too late to have the wonderful views of the Bride Valley adorning a wall near you. Contact John Firrell (482313), Ron Davidson (482661) or David Taylor (482532): also available at Modbury Farm Shop, Burton Bradstock Post Office and Bride Valley Farm Shop, Abbotsbury.

For more news about events at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall visit www.littoncheney.org.uk

Thank you to all those who attended or supported in any way the Bingo

evening last November, making it such a successful and enjoyable evening. Our special thanks also go to Lois and Bev from the Social Committee for running the bar and to Gordon for Calling. We raised a fantastic total of £520 to be shared between Thorner's Primary School, LATCH and Children in Need.



LITTON CHENEY - CHILDREN IN NEED

A donation from the Social Committee and sponsorship raised by those who took part in the Village Walk in November, meant we were able to send £263 to the Children In Need appeal 2010.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who took part. Thank you

Lesley Salvetti

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Litton Cheney Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 11th January at 7.30pm, LATCH. Local residents are welcome and indeed very much encouraged to attend.

THE LITTON CHENEY RELIEF IN NEED TRUST FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IN DIFFICULTY.

The Trustees of this Charity invite applications from individual residents of Litton Cheney who in the main have to rely on State Retirement Pensions or Benefits.

If you think you qualify or know of someone that could qualify, apply in confidence on or before 15th January 2011. Application forms can be obtained from Mary Anderson (Talisman, Main Street) or Brian Prentice (Steddings, Chalk Pit Lane).

GETTING THE BEST FROM YOUR DIGITAL CAMERA?

Would you like to learn how to use your digital camera to take great photos? Or are you struggling to store, share, send or copy your pictures? If so, this is the course for you. The course is aimed at people who are starting out with a digital camera or those who just wish to improve their skills with a camera.

It will be run over eight weeks at Litton Cheney Village Hall starting on 20th January. Class sizes will be kept small in order to allow for individual tuition. The charge is only £40 for the full eight weeks if paid on the first session or £6 per session if paid weekly.



For further information and to book a place please phone Steve Kourik on 01308 482552

SALLIE FIRRELL – GRATEFUL THANKS

Sallie died suddenly but peacefully aged 66 on 21st November and was laid to rest in the churchyard of St Mary's, Litton Cheney on Friday 3rd December 2010. To all the wonderful people who via superhuman efforts allowed the funeral to take place during the most horrendous weather conditions when seemingly nothing moved, to the scores of people who sent cards and letters of sympathy, and to my sons, their families and our friends in the village for being there in my moment of need – a gigantic Thank You. John Firrell.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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LAVENDER TRUST AT BREAST CANCER CARE “A TREASURY OF CHRISTMAS”

I would like to thank the people who supported the Flower Demonstration last Thursday, also all the people who helped to make it a success. I am able to send the Lavender Trust a cheque for £1,020.85



Firstly, a big big thank you from me personally to everyone who bought tickets for “A Treasury of Christmas”. Secondly an even bigger thank you to everyone who braved the awful weather conditions to get to the hall to help create such a lovely atmosphere. Thirdly, congratulations for helping to raise over £1,000 for the Lavender Trust.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Andrew

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

The former Exeter University Professor of Biology, Clive Kennedy, enthralled us with his in-depth knowledge of the life and habits of the Reindeer in Lapland. Reindeer can be viewed as either Venison or Pest. First and foremost he sought to disabuse us of the belief that these magnificent beasts pull Santa's sleigh: they don't. They can be induced to pull things, but only one at a time, and then only if they have been castrated. Some of us were, by then, already muttering, “Well I believe in Santa Claus”.

Laps live on and off reindeer and hence the nomadic lifestyle of the hardy people that inhabit the tundra of Norway and the Lands of the Midnight Sun - it was enlightening to know that their neighbours, the Fins, “don't actually do anything” and indeed, are actually dull! [He said it, not me! – *author.*]

Professor Kennedy showed a host of green and brown slides, dotted with boundary fence posts, explaining that this was the tundra and as such, was “the business” for a reindeer. We had a lively audience (not surprising with the abundance of opportunities for rather predictable quips about Laps dancing), which kept up questions for an almost record time. We learned that gadfly are the bane of a reindeer’s life; they nest in his nose (audience cracks about red noses...), then we got onto the analysis of reindeer faeces, which steadied everyone down a little.

More questions revealed that the Laps are mostly Christian or Eastern Orthodox [?? – *editor*], that Lap children learn herding at school, that there is no alternative to the nomadic lifestyle, for there is nothing else to do in the tundra and that reindeer just love mushrooms. The talk certainly put a new dimension on the perennial upper middle class New Year question, “Just what *does* one do with that piece of left over venison?”

Poor Tom James, in asking how Laps found their way across the tundra, rather walked into Ray West’s quick retort, “Lap Nav” – I count myself lucky to have been sitting almost next to him and thus doubly blessed: not only by the by Prof Kennedy’s excellent lecture, but also by the *obiter dicta* of this witty Chairman of the Royal British Legion.

Peter Broomhead spoke briefly about future outings to be organized by the Society - the 8th of June to Bath and the possibility of a very restricted trip to Highgrove in May – only 25 persons (no couples), £30 a head, further details of both to be promulgated in the New Year.

Dave Bellows has been asked to look into the Case of the Missing Projector (it has just vanished, with its wooden stand – clearly someone in the know).

The talk on 14th January will be about the Dorchester Hospital Radio Service and that on 11th February, “The 1941 German Invasion of Crete”. See you there!

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY 2011 OUTINGS

BATH

The Annual Outing will take place on Wednesday, 8th June and we will be visiting Bath. The coach will take us to the Assembly Rooms where tea/coffee will be available and everyone will be free to visit any of the many attractions of the city during the day and we will meet up again for afternoon tea near the Abbey. The coach will collect us from there. The exact cost has yet to be confirmed, but including the two lots of refreshment, is expected to be about £17 per person.

Please let me know if you would like to reserve a place between now and 1st March and confirmation of the details will be issued thereafter.

HIGHGROVE GARDEN

An additional Village Society trip will take place, on a day yet to be agreed, to Highgrove Garden. The arrangements for this are quite complex and will not be determined until February. The group is unfortunately limited to 25 people. The visit may be of interest to more people than we have space for and it has been decided that the fairest way to deal with this is by way of a ballot. If you would like your individual name to be included in the ballot, please let me know before the end of January and tell me of any dates when you would not be available. The cost will probably be in the order of £30 per person.

Would members please note that this, plus announcements at the monthly meetings, will be the only notification they will receive. There will not be a hand- delivered note, as has previously been the practice.

Peter Broomhead, Tel. 897408, email: peterbroomhead@tiscali.co.uk



BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

2011 is the Players' 30th Anniversary and we will be celebrating with a variety show, plus food and drink, on 3rd, 4th and 5th March in the Village Hall. The Box Office will open at the beginning of February – more details in the February edition.

John Tillman

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Please note that any bookings for the Village Hall should be made with the new Bookings Officer – David Edwards. David would like hirers to obtain a booking form with terms and conditions and other relevant information via the Burton Bradstock Online village web site burtonbradstock.org.uk and use the 'What's On', 'Village Hall Trust' links. The Hirer, if not a regular user, should contact David prior to completing the form to agree the hiring charge. Preferably he would like to be contacted via email on bbvht.bookings@gmail.com, however, anyone not 'online' can contact David on 01308 897673.



BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those who gave their support during 2010. All the money raised goes to maintaining and upgrading the fabric of the Village Hall and it is only with your continued support that the Village Hall can continue to function and serve the community. In 2010 the Management Committee completed Phase 1 of a two phase major refurbishment project and in 2011 will embark on Phase 2.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST AGM

The sixth BBVHT Annual General Meeting will be held in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Wednesday 19th January 2011 at 7.45 pm. This is a public meeting so please come along, hear all about the Village Hall Trust's past year and plans for the future and enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles. With David Edwards now becoming Bookings Officer and Jane Hill taking on the Treasurers role, the Management Committee continues to run at full strength.

Thanks must go to those retiring from the Committee at the January meeting; Bernard Chennells for his many years as Treasurer, Carolyn James for her hard work as Bookings Officer and Geoff Adderley for his many stints as Hall Manager.

Susan Moores - Chairman - Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust - 01308 897673

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL "200 CLUB"

WDDC Licence no: SLO080

December 2010 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£90.40	No 112:	Mrs Jan Clark
2 nd	£45.20	No 90:	Mr Tom James
3 rd	£22.10	No 150:	Mrs Mary Ibbotson

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the January 2011 draw should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £12. There are double prizes in the December draw.

ARTSREACH NEWS

The early winter arrival seemed to have reduced our audience for "PHILEAS P. SOUPER " on the 1st of December. Those that remained at home missed a wonderfully entertaining family show - better than any pantomime. The cast of six had driven from Newcastle bringing two feet of snow on their roof rack - to which was added six inches of the Dorset variety when they left!

Many thanks to the Rev. Bob and Jean for bedding and feeding three of the players - the other three spent the night at the Retreat, and were just as entertaining off stage!

The next Artsreach event will be on Friday 18th February, when Tim Dolling of the "New Rope String Band" will present his one man show "**THE UNHAPPY PRINCE**". Stories, poems, music and gentle comedy.

Put the date in your new diary NOW! More news in the February edition of the Bride Valley News

Norman Saunders-White' Artsreach Promoter for Burton Bradstock' 01308 897214





NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

By the time you are reading this the festivities will be history, so I will wish all readers a Happy 2011. So what's new: road signs into Burton letting the baddies know baddies are not welcome here.-

So as to avoid my being sued! I read in the "Daily Mail" about: For charities and against – (word for word):- avoid *chuggers* – these are people who grab you in the High St and try to persuade you to sign up to a charity: - direct debit! What they don't tell you is they are normally working for an agency and are paid around £10 per hour which is likely to eat up part of your donation. So if you want to start donating regularly, contact the charity direct and avoid paying a middle man. More on Christmas giving at www.thisismoney.co.uk/giving :- so there! Good advice from the "Daily Mail".

I am still at loggerheads with Trading Standards Dorchester to stop issuing permits for "chuggers" on our door steps: - advice before foot is in door as it works with other pests, No! If you want to know which H.W. steward covers your area, names and addresses can be provided.

Finally many thanks to Jim Harding: - Home Watch Steward for Mill St/ Terrace area who is retiring, I am sure many have appreciated his loyalty and help over the years – we wish him well.

Ian Pitt-Aikens

WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP

will be held on Friday, 8th April, from 10.00am-to 4.00pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. The Tutor will be Jake Winkle, and the subject "Animals".

Cost £20.00. For further details and to reserve your place please ring 898084.

Joan Dady



Thank you to the kind person who handed in the wallet I dropped on the 8 November. It was not possible to say thank you directly so I am pleased to be able to say thank you through the Bride Valley News. *Norman Webber, Burton Bradstock*

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

The Council is currently reviewing the Parish Plan and have produced a report on the consultation meeting with parishioners. The report identifies that:

- Traffic issues continue to attract the most attention and generate the most supported actions for parishioners.
- Affordable housing continues to receive support
- Support has grown for a safe cycle route to Bridport, provision of youth facilities and for community renewable energy schemes.

- Actions that support local businesses and community health and safety are generally weak, and could do with stronger engagement with local businesses and agencies to generate sound actions.

Over the winter the Parish Council will be undertaking more consultations with local people and outside bodies to develop a number of significant projects that will form the basis for a new Parish Plan to be launched in Spring 2011. If you'd like to talk to the Parish Council contact fel_moore@hotmail.com. The full report on Parish Plan consultation can be found on the BBPC Website.

The Next Parish Council meeting is on 5th January at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.

Fel Moore Clerk to the Council

JOHN AND JOYCE

would like to thank everyone who sent good wishes and helped during John's recent stay in several local hospitals. The kindness shown has been exceptional and illustrates the benefit of living in a village like Burton Bradstock.

John is now comfortable and very pleased to be back at home.

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

BAROMETER, *n.*: An ingenious instrument which indicates what kind of weather we are having

WEATHER, *n.* The climate of the hour. A permanent topic of conversation among persons whom it does not interest, but who have inherited the tendency to chatter about it from naked arboreal ancestors whom it keenly concerned. The setting up official weather bureaus and their maintenance in mendacity prove that even governments are accessible to suasion by the rude forefathers of the jungle.



SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Our Service of Quiet Contemplation and Reflection was led by Janet Lane, who gave a moving tribute to the Few in this Battle of Britain 70th anniversary year. A congregation of some 40 people gathered to remember all those who gave their lives in past and present conflicts.



COFFEE & MINCE PIE MORNING

We are pleased to report that we raised £200 at the Coffee & Mince Pie Morning held in November. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported us. The PCC would like to give special thanks to Lina for her generosity in making the Christmas cake, which was the first prize in the raffle, and to Janet and Sue for their musical accompaniment.

CHRISTMAS TREE

The PCC wishes to thank Paul Sorrell for his generous donation of the Christmas Tree to help with our decorations in the Church. Thanks also to Colin Chambers for his assistance.

Vicky Thomas

THANK YOU

Gillian, Richard and Victoria wish to thank the people of Shipton Gorge, and the Bride Valley, for their prayers, support and good wishes during the past six weeks. We are happy to report that Victoria is making superb progress and her dearest wish is to be HOME in Shipton for Christmas.

Once again, Thank You to Everyone.

Gillian Maxfield

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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At the time of writing, the **Social Club's A.G.M.** has yet to take place, but it seems likely that the pre-announced resignations of Ed and Christine McFadden after Chairing the Club for a number of years will be followed by David Lowe's election as their successor. Enormous thanks are due to Ed and Christine, who have put immense amounts of time and work – practical as well as organisational - into everything that has been achieved during their time. And best of luck and success in the future to David as he assumes the mantle.



The first event of the new regime will be the Sassenach sharing of a **Burns Night Celebration** with our northern neighbours. This will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 22nd January, beginning at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8.00, which pays for the haggis supper, but not for drinks from the bar. Fancy dress (alias Caledonian costume) is optional.

This is being typed surrounded by a white landscape, and thanks are due to all who have struggled to keep traffic moving in the village during the snowy spell. The issue of the village hill at such times is a thorny one, especially when White Hill and Longlands Hill are also closed or dangerous, but no doubt a workable solution will emerge. In the meanwhile, all those who took part in the heroic efforts to get Richard Wakely's RAC van up the hill and into patrol state on the 2nd December will have been disappointed to hear of the accident that befell it (and 2 other RAC vans) elsewhere a few minutes later...

On a much happier note, we have welcomed Judi James and young Jason into No. 1, Riverside Cottage during December. She is familiar with the village, having been helping on Longlands Farm for a while now, so has now been able to move nearer this work whilst John Barker is indisposed. We hope her and Jason's time among us will be long and pleasant.

And the mention of John Barker means that all good wishes for a quick recovery from their separate injuries can belatedly be sent to him and also to Phil Hallett. Let's hope they are both fully better by now.

A VERY HAPPY AND FULFILLING 2011 TO ALL LITTLEBREDY RESIDENTS PAST AND PRESENT.

DRUIDS, n. Priests and ministers of an ancient Celtic religion which did not disdain to employ the humble allurements of human sacrifice. Very little is now known about the Druids and their faith. Pliny says their religion, originating in Britain, spread eastward as far as Persia. Caesar says those who desired to study its mysteries went to Britain. Caesar himself went to Britain, but does not appear to have obtained any high preferment in the Druidical Church, although his talent for human sacrifice was considerable. Druids performed their religious rites in groves, and knew nothing of church mortgages and the season-ticket system of pew rents. They were, in short, heathens and -- as they were once complacently catalogued by a distinguished prelate of the Church of England -- Dissenters.



LONG BREDY

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF LONG BREDY!

Apologies for no news appearing in your December issue, a technical 'hitch'!
Caroline Banham



ST PETER'S CHURCH

Rather belated reporting than usual, the Harvest Festival service and bring and share lunch in the village hall was very successful. Thank you to all who made St Peter's look so wonderful for Harvest Festival. It was good to see the church full, and thanks also to the visiting musicians and to Bob for such a jolly service.

100 CLUB: STARTING 1ST JANUARY 2011

Following a meeting on future fund-raising for the village, it was suggested that a 100 club should be started. This would enable people who have other commitments to contribute to the village if they wish.

Everyone will be invited to purchase a £1 share per month (more shares can be purchased). The numbers will be drawn at regular intervals to receive money prizes. The remainder will go to the upkeep of the Church, village hall and playing field.

POPPY APPEAL COLLECTION

Long Bredy and Kingston Russell collection raised £167.28. Thank you all very much.



WELCOME, to Sean & Julie Hannigan who have come to live at School Master's House with their sons Thomona (14) and Ronan who is at Exeter University. We hope they will enjoy life in Long Bredy.

LONG BREDY PLAYGROUND PARTY

Once again Long Bredy was lucky with the weather and the sun shone for the 'Playground Party', organised by the Parish Council, to celebrate the new equipment in the playing field. It was good to see so many children enjoying themselves on the new slide, the refurbished climbing frame, the

swings etc. After the cutting of the ribbons and an inaugural slide, both admirably performed by Rebecca Larkin, it was off to the village hall for hot dogs and cake.

The new slide, the new net and ladder for the climbing frame and the safety matting were made possible by grants from the West Dorset District Council and the Lottery Fund. Thanks to them and also to Ashley Chase Cheese Factory for sponsoring the party and to volunteers Adrian Harrison and his assistant Dave Cullingford who spend much of their spare time mowing the grass and doing all those odd jobs in the playing field which keep it neat, tidy and safe.

LONG BREDY HOME WATCH



Following a successful meeting in the village hall, plans are under way to start a home watch scheme in the village. A

number of people have come forward to act as co-ordinators but the success will depend on input from as many residents as possible. If you are interested in being involved in any way please contact Alan Kinghorn on 01308 482270.

An initial set up meeting is being arranged with the police after which we should be operational. More news soon.

DATES FOR YOUR 2011 DIARY!

Long Bredy has the following dates marked for village socials:

FAMILY BINGO, Friday January 21st in Long Bredy village hall, eyes down 7.30pm. The first 100 Club winner will be announced, so get your 100 club number before January 14th.

LUNCH AND TEAS being served in the village hall on Sunday February 27th and Sunday March 13th

FETE/SAFARI on Sunday 17th July

PROMISE AUCTION on Friday November 18th

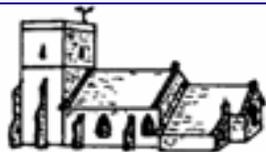
FAMILY BINGO
Friday January 21st
in Long Bredy Village Hall
Eyes down 7.30pm.

**The first 100 Club draw will be announced
at this event!**



SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SWYRE

Epiphany Carols of Praise will be held on 9th January at 3.30pm. This service is our traditional carol service of the 8 most popular carols chosen by the Church congregation.

The service will be followed by tea and cake for all to enjoy.

David Buckland



COFFEE MORNING 4TH DECEMBER

A few hardy souls came to share coffee and a chat with us on 4th December. We did not expect anyone to brave the inclement weather if they had problems being mobile in the ice and snow, but lo and behold, we served coffee and some of us settled down to soup and rolls with mince pies to follow.

We dedicated the new heating system, the new hymn books and the works to repair roof and gutters, and celebrated the beginning of Advent.

Many thanks to David, Yvonne, Vera and Peter for providing the food and to all who came to the Church. By the way the new heating system works!

When you read this Christmas will be over, and so we wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope to see you at the Epiphany songs of Praise.

All on the PCC

PUNCKNOWLE & W. BEXINGTON

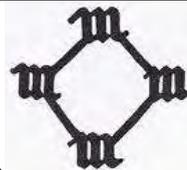
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The annual Christingle Service will take place on Sunday 23rd January at 11.00am in St Mary's, Puncknowle, with a collection in aid of the Society. We hope you will join us - with a special invitation to all children.



PCC MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 24th January at 7.30pm, at Lytton Close.

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP



We are very grateful to David and Mary Cantrille for such a wonderful photographic show, their pictures are just stunning.

The following meeting was a chance to paint together and make plans for 2011.

Our AGM is on January 7th.

We are always pleased to see any new members who may wish to join the group: our next meeting is on January 21st. at The Bull.

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

For bookings, telephone 01308 897724



AGM

As advertised, the AGM was held in the Hall on 19th November. In spite of the offer of free wine and some cheese to nibble, attendance was limited to existing committee members, and the wife of a committee member.

The normal business was completed with the accounts being approved and the same committee being re-elected en-bloc. In accordance with the Constitution, Officers were selected at the first meeting of the “new” committee. The Committee now comprises: Carol Bennett (Secretary), Mike Brown (Chair), Chris Elgar, Anna Lovell, Sid Marshall, Ken Martin, Penny Pither (Bookings Secretary), Rob Reeks, Liz Slater, and Peter Upjohn. Please feel free to contact any one of them if you have any issues and/or ideas concerning the management or use of the Hall.

You will notice that there is NO Treasurer. This is obviously a vital rôle and the vacancy must be filled at the earliest opportunity, so if anybody feels that they can step into this breach, or who knows someone who will, please let a committee member know as soon as possible.

Given the lack of attendance at the AGM, it would be quite understandable if the present committee felt somewhat discouraged, whilst at the same time recognising a challenge. The poor response to the AGM may be due to:

- the cold weather
- total satisfaction with everything concerning the Hall,
- a lack of interest in anything to do with the Hall, or
- the Committee not meeting the requirements/aspirations of the people of the three villages.

The first, no doubt, was a contributory factor on the night. I have to confess the second seems unlikely, and the third we can do very little about.

So, what are we not doing right? What needs to be done to allow the Hall to become the facility that the villages called for in the consultation

process that instigated the conversion from Church Hall to Village Hall? A great deal of time and effort was expended in forging a community facility for the benefit of the three villages, but its use is very limited, and barely self sustaining.

Something is broke, and we need to know what people need/want from it in order to fix it. We have obviously not got it right! So what do the villages need from their Village Hall? If you have any suggestions or ideas that may contribute to this repair process, please contact a committee member or write/email me direct.

*Mike Brown, 30 Springfield
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BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the book club will be on January 5th at 7.30pm in the Hall.

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The first lunch of 2011 will be on 18th January. Any member who was not at the Christmas Lunch, and anyone wishing to join the club - it is open to any resident or former resident (over the age of 50) of the three villages - should ring 897622 to join up and/or order their lunch.



NOVEMBER DRAW WINNERS

£15	Peter Bunyan
£10	Carol Bennett

THE NAPPER CHARITY TRUST

INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

The Napper Charity Trust raises a small fund each year to be used for the benefit of residents of Puncknowle and awards from it are now available on application – either in the form of grants to individuals or to groups. (The full terms of the Charity are available on request - see below.)

In order to indicate how such awards may be distributed, the following are just some of the uses to which the fund may be considered:-

- providing help to individual residents towards costs for moving over to Digital TV;
- providing assistance to families or students towards educational needs eg the purchase of books, school uniforms, trips/excursions, or other items;
- giving financial support to community groups who provide social and cultural amenities in Puncknowle.

The above list is not intended to be limiting but rather to offer some ideas on how best this small fund may benefit the community. Any person or

group can make an application for a share of these funds.

Please apply in confidence to the Clerk of Puncknowle Parish Council, telephone 01308-897726, or contact any of the Parish Councillors for further details. **ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

FROM THE RECTORY

THE RECTORY,
BURTON BRADSTOCK, DT6 4QS
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I was thinking about a Happy New Year and about looking forward with confidence to the hopes we have for blessings and the world's good; about how they might at last work themselves into the way we live for our commonwealth together.

And then I thought about the new year itself. The start is pretty arbitrary, we know. The Western Christian Church started the new year on the 28th November, Advent Sunday. Other Christian Churches do other dates. Other cultures mark the start on different days, and some on different dates each year.

And then I thought that it is not really a new year so much as the start of another one. At school I needed a new exercise book from time to time (not very often, I confess). Every time I said to myself that this was going to be my best exercise book without blots or even mistakes, and lots of ticks to show I had tried hard. New does not last long I discovered; less than a page in my case. A new year, is very soon going to feel like a continuation of the last one; which does not matter in the slightest if last year was good because we made sure it was. If it was dismal because we were, the newness of the new year is not likely of itself to make January very much of a change.

Which brings me to happy – an odd thing to be wishing. If I really thought that something new, which was not really new, like a new brand of soap powder, was going to make my friends happy, or that the change of a date would be the beginnings of inner contentment, then I would think my friends to be pretty shallow people, and would further have to acknowledge that I was trying to manipulate their emotions in a pretty contemptible manner by urging happiness upon them.

I will not wish. I will pray for our “change of date wellbeing” however it comes to be measured, trusting you know me well enough to know what I mean, and that I mean whatever it was I meant.

God bless us all.

Bob.

THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1, Godlessness. 9, Egotism. 10, After. 11, Eat. 13, Sort. 16, Plan. 17, Escape. 18, Odds. 20, Idem. 21, No fear. 22, Idle. 23, Abet. 25, All. 28, Eaves. 29, Achieve. 30, Grasshopper. **DOWN**: 2, Odour. 3, Lair. 4, Same. 5, Neat. 6, Settled. 7, Gershonites. 8, Grandmother. 12, Apples. 14, TES. 15, Octopl. 19, Deliver. 20, Ira. 24, Breve. 25, As is. 26, Lash. 27, Whip.

ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

On how to deal with your church's correspondence

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

You may have had several years of intensive training on biblical interpretation, preaching and church history, but theological courses never seem to cover the most important matters in parish life: how to evade disgruntled parishioners, run a tight jumble sale and, in your case at the moment, deal with correspondence.

The accepted practice is to read all the letters you receive and then discard them. If the matter is truly important, you will receive a second one, to which you respond; more likely, the sender will either have forgotten all about his first letter after the second month, or will write to some other cleric instead. In either case, you will be saved a great deal of trouble.

You only need two folders for your filing system. The first is for complaints; they are to be filed and ignored, no matter how many duplicates you are sent. Should you be confronted personally, you simply say that the matter has been passed on to the bishop. Those truly dogged complainants who pursue the matter will eventually receive an episcopal reply saying he knows nothing of the matter, for which you then blame the postal system. After letters will have ricocheted round the country for many months, the person complaining will either have lost energy to pursue the matter, or the will to live.

The second file receives all other correspondence chronologically. The earliest letters will be at the bottom of the pile and the most recent on the top. In my experience, this file only needs attention when it reaches a height of about two feet and becomes unstable. The practice then is to discard the lower 6 inches and allow it to continue its steady growth until the process is repeated. If the stack is kept in the church vestry, then mice usually attend to the papers on the bottom of the pile in their own omnivorous way.

Sadly, your own church, with its electronic systems for filing, sorting and retrieving correspondence and with your parish secretaries, removes all of these blessings at a stroke.

You have therefore no excuses for not dealing instantly with every note that comes your way. As ye sow, so shall ye reap.

May I also remind you that not even St. Paul, that unflagging letter-writer, ever ended one of his letters with a request for a prompt reply. Need I say more?

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

Rubbish and kerbside recycling arrangements for Christmas and New Year 2010/11

Normal day	Rearranged day
Monday 27 December	Wednesday 29 December
Tuesday 28 December	Thursday 30 December
Wednesday 29 December	Friday 31 December
Thursday 30 December	Tuesday 4 January
Friday 31 December	Wednesday 5 January
Monday 3 January	Thursday 6 January
Tuesday 4 January	Friday 7 January
Wednesday 5 January	Saturday 8 January
Thursday 6 January	Monday 10 January
Friday 7 January	Tuesday 11 January
Monday 10 January	Wednesday 12 January
Tuesday 11 January	Thursday 13 January
Wednesday 12 January	Friday 14 January
Thursday 13 January	Saturday 15 January
Friday 14 January	Monday 17 January
Monday 17 January	Tuesday 18 January
Tuesday 18 January	Wednesday 19 January
Wednesday 19 January	Thursday 20 January
Thursday 20 January	Friday 21 January
Friday 21 January	Saturday 22 January

Normal collections resume on Monday 24 January 2011. If your collection falls on any other bank holiday during the year it will happen as normal.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PUBLISHES LATEST STATISTICS

The Church of England has published its latest information about parish income and expenditure and trends in ministry numbers in Church Statistics 2008/9.



PARISH INCOME

Despite the difficult economic times, parishioners' tax-efficient planned giving continued to increase in 2008, reaching an average of £9.77 a week, while the total income of parishes exceeded £900 million for the first time at £925 million. Total voluntary income rose to £505 million or £8.31 per electoral roll member per week. At the same time, total parish expenditure rose to £874 million, with nearly £52 million of this being donations made by parishes to external charities.

Dr John Preston, the Church's National Stewardship and Resources Officer, said:

"Giving to parishes in 2008 saw an increase to record levels, a sign of the high level of commitment that so many have to supporting their local parish church. Legacy giving has also bucked the national trend - reaching the highest ever level - of £48.1 million."

ORDINATION CANDIDATES

Another 491 candidates were accepted to train as future clergy in 2009, making a total of 1338 in training. In total, 564 new clergy were ordained in 2009, 10 less than in 2008 and 77 more than in 2006 (the lowest in recent years). Of those, 309 were entering full-time paid ministry, compared with 321 in 2008 and 226 in 2006.

At the end of 2009, there were some 28,000 licensed and authorised ministers, ordained and lay, active in the Church of England.

The latest statistics have been added to the Church of England website, at www.cofe.anglican.org/info/statistics/churchstats2008/

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY UPDATE PUBLISHED

The fourth edition of Protecting All God's Children, the Church of England's child protection policy since 1995, has been published. The latest version builds on the work of past editions, updated with regard to the recent government legislation and guidance (most notably the Children Act 2004 and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2010).

The policy is freely available at

www.cofe.anglican.org/info/papers/protecting_all_gods_children .

CONFESSIONS OF A LAPSED CATHOLIC

By Sheila Cassidy, DLT, £14.99

Sheila Cassidy's honest and wise books on suffering and healing have made her one of the UK's best-loved and most popular writers on pastoral care and personal growth. She is widely known for her work in the hospice movement, and as a young doctor who survived torture for daring to give medical care to an opponent of the Pinochet regime in Chile.

Her Catholic faith has led, comforted and sustained her for over sixty years. Now, in *Confessions of a Lapsed Catholic*, Cassidy writes: 'I no longer attend Mass, I no longer avail myself of the sacraments, those "outward signs of inward grace" which sustained me in my earlier years. God is to be found outside the Church even more than in it: in nature, in people, in animals, in poetry and in all the wild and wonderful works of the Divine. God is everywhere, in everything shining forth, if we only care to look.'



OVER THE GARDEN WALL

by Perry Scope

Now that the Christmas and New Year's parties are over, there is that problem of how best to recycle the screw top Sauvignon that the Hall-Porters brought on Boxing Day; fortunately, in the village, there seems to be a never-ending stream of parties, even on week days. But whatever you do, don't leave the recycling exercise too long: there is a high risk that you'll forget who brought it; best, if you do leave it too long, to admit defeat and donate to the next British Legion Raffle at the "Shoes". To keep up appearances, it is useful, on such occasions, to swap the label with the one you soaked off the rather nice '92 Chateau Batailley that you *did* drink over Christmas. To the advancing ticket winner, a decent label will eclipse the screw top, as he scans the table for the best value for his 20p stake. A particular problem can be presented when you need to recycle a box of cheap chocolates: this can be virtually impossible if the contents are easily identifiable - replica Christmas puddings for example. This actually happened to us, though I admit, in the first place, we gave 18 replicas and 17 came back (skilfully rearranged in their packing and resealed in the box) - it was thoughtful of the donor to have tried one before passing them on ...

So you arrive at the Fetlock-Witherses with the Hall-Porters' screw top Sauvignon, to find that the latter are also invited. If you're lucky, they won't notice, unless it was particularly frightful or - horror of horrors - Miles Fetlock-Withers actually serves it, remarking (tongue-in-cheek) about how nice some screw tops are these days. In a small circle there is just a slim chance of conspiracy if the Fetlock-Witherses took it to the

Hall-Porters in the first place! The worst scenario is forgetting who brought the said screw top Sauvignon to you and returning it direct to them on the return match a month or two later. Recycle as soon as possible is the Golden Rule.

And then there is Pyramid Partying. If one is adept, one can make a profit: three couples each bring a bottle - average price say, £10 (well, our guests usually bring half-decent stuff!), and chocolates at £5. They each drink three glasses of your cleverly decanted Sauvignon screw top (at the most - they won't manage much more of this stuff!); give them chocolates or Turkish delight on a sweetie plate (you can make one packet go two dinner parties). With a little resourcefulness, this will return a profit of three or four pounds on each couple.

My grand daughter asked Mrs S for an example of a rhetorical question. "Asking your Grandad if he would like lentil soup," she replied, without a moment's reflection.

WELL-OUT-OF-ORDER

I caught site of Mr Scope's piece for this month ('e shoudn't of left it liyin' around in the librey) and I 'ave to say that some of 'is comments was well-out-of-order! Apart from encouragin' our readers (and there *are* some young ones) to attend drinkin' partys (sounds like the Mac Radios are at it again), worse! 'e is suggestin' all kinds of frawd on the Royal British Legion of all people! I can't bleive it. Mind you, 'e lets himself down with 'is comment about the twenty pee stake. Ottie and me, for one, would never eat somethink that cheap (cheep stake, that's a good one!) We find that Franton's burgers are much nicer at that end of the market.

Talkin' about good food, we went to a fantastic blow out just before Christmas, up in the bungalows. The food was by a firm called Scoff; delish! They do some of the cakes at the Hive. I've suggested that my brother, Ron (known as Egg-on Ronny Bellows) does an occasional piecec on eatin' out in Dorset, might go down well (as they say) [watch this space - Ed]

Fancy steamin' off wine labels; I can remember swappin' the margarene rappers with the butter in the war, but that was because my Dad kep usin' it for 'the bottom brakket ball barin's in 'is bike, mum quite ritely siad it was a waist and war effort or not, it was better on bred.

I've 'ad an issue on the old e mail (address below): people not attendin' to the wrong end of your four legged friends (he'll never let you down, as Roy Rogers used to yodel - tho' 'e was talkin' about somethin' bigger and with a much more acceptable by product); it can't be the tourists this time of year! Well-out-of-order and not a Site to Behold, pertickly in the Drain, off Annings Lane, late at night!

Now thats is a good New Year resolution that dosn't need bags of enthusiasm. Well, actually it needs bags and enthusiasm!

D. Bellows L/Cpl (ret'd)

Little Breeding

Well-out-of-order@hotmail.co.uk

BEYOND THE VALLEY

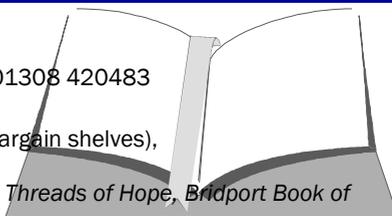
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SOLUTIONS TO THIS MONTH'S SUDOKU

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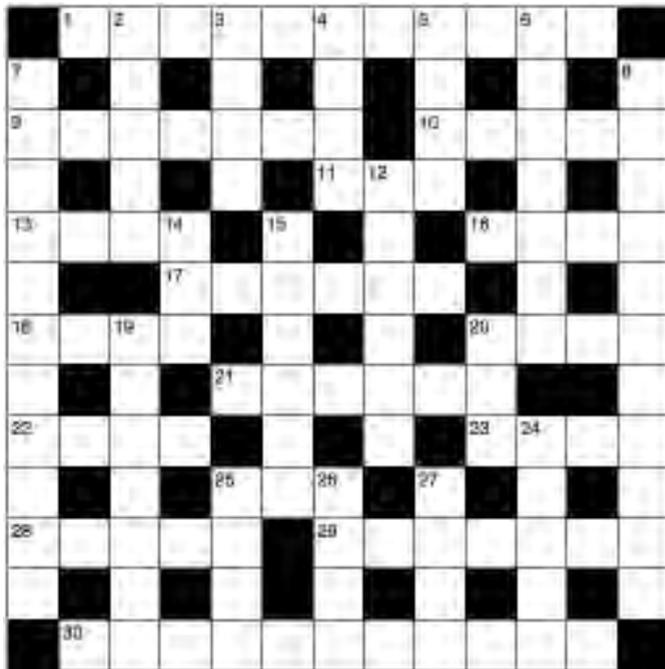
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COWARD, *n.* One who in a perilous emergency thinks
 with his legs.



CROSSWORD

*Use the NIV Bible
(Solution on p.26)*



- 23 Beat (anag.) (4)
- 25 To trouble or afflict (Job 16:3) (3)
- 28 Part of a roof (1 Kings 7:9) (5)
- 29 Attain (Job 5:12) (7)
- 30 Insect noted for its gymnastic ability (Psalm 78:46) (11)

DOWN

- 2 Smell (John 11:39) (5)
- 3 Lion's home (Jeremiah 25:38) (4)
- 4 'Jesus Christ is the — yesterday and today and for ever' (Hebrews 13:8) (4)

ACROSS

- 1 Paul said the wrath of God 'is being revealed from heaven' against this (Romans 1:18) (11)
- 9 Go smite (anag.) (7) 10
- 10 'But — I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee' (Matthew 26:32) (5)
- 11 'Take and —; this is my body' (Matthew 26:26) (3) 13
- 13 Type (2 Thessalonians 2:10) (4)
- 16 'Woe to those who — iniquity' (Micah 2:1) (4)
- 17 'How shall we — if we ignore such a great salvation?' (Hebrews 2:3) (6)
- 18 Opposite of evens (4)
- 20 Previously cited (Latin) (4)
- 21 'There is surely — — of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife' (Genesis :11) (2,4)
- 22 The Thessalonians were warned to keep away from every brother who was this (2 Thessalonians 3:6) (4)

- 5 Tidy (4)
- 6 Made their home (Genesis 47:27) (7)
- 7 Their task was to carry the curtains of the tabernacle (Numbers 4:25–26) (11)
- 8 Timothy's was called Lois (2 Timothy 1:5) (11)
- 12 The Lover likened the fragrance of the Beloved's breath to these (Song of Songs 7:8) (6)
- 14 Times Educational Supplement (1,1,1)
- 15 Eight-tentacled sea creatures (6)
- 19 'And lead us not into temptation, but — us from the evil one' (Matthew 6:13) (7)
- 20 D.L. Moody's legendary song leader, — D. Sankey (3)
- 24 Rarely used musical note (5)
- 25 'Your will be done on earth — it — in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,2)
- 26 and 27 'The Lord Almighty will — them with a —, as when he struck down Midian at the rock of Oreb' (Isaiah 10:26) (4,4)

S U D O K U

Solutions
on p. 32

Easy



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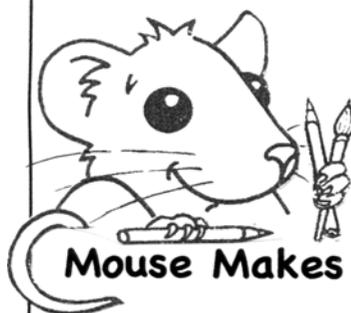
Intermediate



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Mouse Makes

Read this parable in
Matthew 7:24-27
and Luke 6:47-49

Jesus taught his disciples:
"Anyone who hears
these words of mine
and obeys them is like
a man who built
his house on rock.

*The rain poured down,
the rivers overflowed,
and the wind blew hard
against that house,
But it did not fall,
because it was
built on rock.*

But anyone who
hears these words of
mine and does not obey
them is like a foolish man
who built his house on
sand. *The rain poured
down, the rivers
overflowed, the
wind blew hard against
that house, and it fell.*

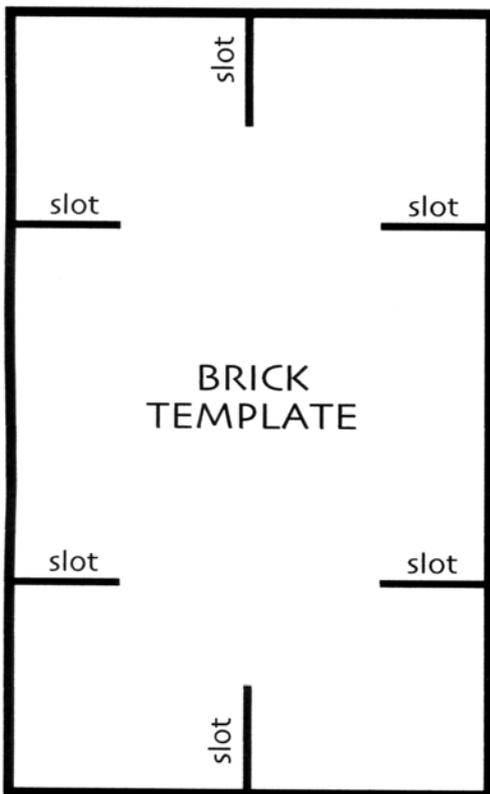
**And what a terrible
fall that was!**

Listen to Jesus,
Follow his ways,
To build good foundations,
Do what he says!

Can you build a strong house?

← Cut out the brick template.
Gather together all
your old Christmas
cards and use the
template on the cards
to cut out lots of 'bricks'

Cut down slots.
Slot the bricks
together to build
the strongest
house or tower
you can!





JANUARY COLD

Is it cold or snowing while you are reading this? January is the coldest month of the year and traditionally 14th January is supposed to be the coldest day in the year.

On at least 2 occasions on 14th January, the River Thames froze in London. In 1716 and again in 1814, Londoners held Frost Fairs on the frozen river. There were ox-roasts, stalls, tents and sports on the ice – even a printing press was set up on the ice! When the thaw came some people were drowned and lots of equipment floated out to sea.

One of the ways of warming up is to light a bonfire. In some country areas bonfires were lit on the bare fields, one to represent Our Lord and one each for the 11 apostles.

Sometimes a thirteenth bonfire was lit, representing Judas Iscariot, it was stamped out just after being lit.



JANUARY SAINT

The answer to each question is the name of a person in the Bible. When you have all the answers, rearrange the first letter of each name to make the name of a saint whose festival is celebrated in January. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. He built the Ark (Genesis 6)
2. Paul's assistant (Acts 19)
3. Father of Jacob and Esau (Genesis 21)
4. King Saul's father (1 Samuel 9)
5. Eunice's son (2 Timothy 1)
6. Ruth's mother in law (Ruth)
7. Laban's daughter, mother of Joseph (Genesis 29)
8. Giant killed by David (1 Samuel 17)
9. The first woman (Genesis 3)

Who invented the first fire place?

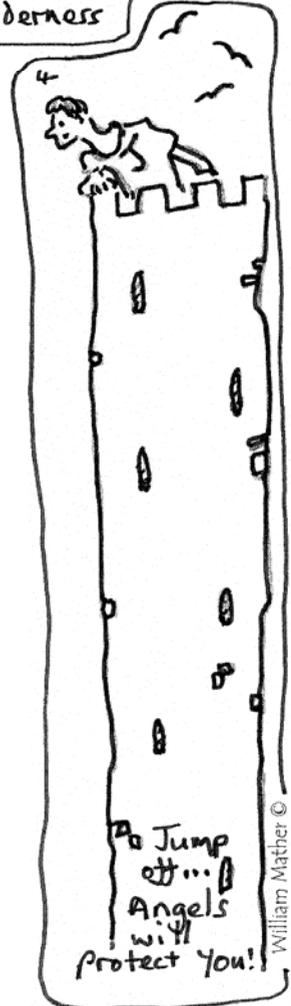
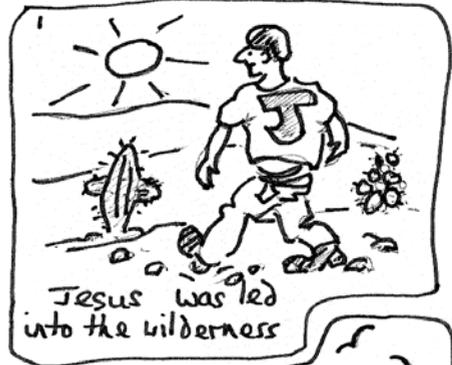
Alfred the Grate.

celebrated on 14th January.
 the church at Glasgow, whose day is
 (also known as Mungo) founder of
 The letters spell out KENTIGERN
 Goliath 9 Eve.
 Timothy 6 Naomi 7 Rachel 8
 1 Noah 2 Erastus 3 Isaac 4 Kish 5

Answers:

Bible Sketchbook

Resist it!!



Led by the Spirit?
Easy?
Not for Jesus...
Into the wilderness...
A devilish place,
Tempted, tempted...
Tempted to feast,
To seek power,
To gain huge wealth...
To jump from a
Great height...
"The angels will
Protect you..."
The voice said.
Jesus resisted
And so must we...
Temptation
Is real,
The devil active.
But Jesus is
More powerful...
Resistance with him
Gives strength
And power...

...To bring
GOOD News to
the poor!
LIBERTY to the
captives!
SIGHT to the
blind!
And ... to SAVE
his people!

Read more in Luke 4: 1-22 and James 4: 7-10

DIARY OF EVENTS: JANUARY 2011

Sun	2	7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Wed	5	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
	5	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
	5	7.30pm Burton Bradstock Parish Council	B B'stock Reading Room
Thu	6	9.30am Church Working Party	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Fri	7	10.15am Puncknowle Art Club AGM	The Bull, Swyre
	7	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Sat	8	7.30pm Keeeeeep Dancing	LATCH
Sun	9	RBL Dorset County Conference	Corn Exchange, Blandford
Mon	10	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
	10	7.00pm RBL(A&P) Skittles Match	The Swan, Abbotsbury
Tue	11	2.15pm WI " <i>Smuggling Tales & Trails</i> "	B Bradstock Village Hall
	11	3.00pm Tea & Chat	Baglake Farm, L Cheney
	11	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
	11	7.30pm Litton Cheney Parish Council	LATCH
Wed	12	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
	12	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
	12	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	13	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
	13	7.30pm BVF " <i>The Young Victoria</i> "	LATCH
Fri	14	7.30pm BBVS " <i>Dorchester Hospital Radio Service</i> "	B Bradstock Village Hall
	14	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Sat	15	10.30am Farmhouse Breakfast (Thorners)	LATCH
Mon	17	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	18	12.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
	18	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
	18	7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
Wed	19	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
	19	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
	19	7.30pm Team Benefice Meeting	PSWB Village Hall
	19	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
	19	7.45pm BBVHT AGM	B Bradstock Village Hall
Thu	20	7.30pm RBL(A&P) Branch Quarterly Meeting	Portesham Methodist Hall
Fri	21	10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	
	21	7.30pm Family Bingo	Long Bredy Village Hall
	21	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Sat	22	7.30pm Burns Night	Littlebredy Village Hall
Sun	23	11.00am Christingle Service	St Mary's, Puncknowle
Mon	24	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
	24	7.30pm St Mary's PCC Meeting	Lyton Close, Puncknowle
Tue	25	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
	25	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	26	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
	26	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
	26	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	27	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	28	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Sun	30	11.00am United Valley Service	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Mon	31	7.30pm RBL(BV) Social Evening	Three Horseshoes, BB

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

January 2011

	1 st Sunday 2 January Christmas 2	2 nd Sunday 9 January Epiphany 1	3 rd Sunday 16 January Epiphany 2	4 th Sunday 23 January Epiphany 3	5 th Sunday 30 January Epiphany 4
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) 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Holy 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	
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	3.30 Epiphany Carols	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service & Christingle	
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 United Service
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		11.00am Family Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion	