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## THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

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

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### WEEKDAY SERVICES, MARCH 2011

*For Sunday Services, see back cover*

Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thu	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thu	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thu	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thu	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock
Thur	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Puncknowle

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### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

**THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH:-** Working party 9.30 a.m. All welcome! Please bring your own gardening equipment. Refreshments provided.

**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:-** Jennie and Brian Prentice invite you to a **Frugal Lunch** at Steddings, Chalk Pit Lane at 12.30pm in aid of The Lavender Trust (supporting young people with breast cancer).

**THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH:-** Bring your ideas and enthusiasm to a meeting in Church at 7.30pm to plan this year's Fete, to be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May. New ideas for stalls and entertainments would be much appreciated, as would offers of help!

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:-** the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7.30pm  
Being on the Church Electoral Roll enables you to attend this Annual Meeting, to be eligible to join the PCC and be part of the decision-making team that runs St. Mary's. If you would like to join the Electoral Roll, please contact me for a form.  
Wendy Taylor, PCC Secretary, 482532



### EVENTS AT LATCH FOR MARCH:

**Pilates** (Mon 4.00), **Short Mat Bowls** (Tues 3.45pm), **Tai Chi** (Wed 2.00pm), **Table Tennis** (Wed 3.45pm), **Yoga** (Fri 9.45am) all continue  
**Art class** (Mon 9.45am).

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – **School Fair** 2.00pm

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – **Keep Dancing** 7.30pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – **Renewable Heat Incentive Meeting** 7.00pm (See Valley Notes)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Film Night – **"Bright Star"** 8.00pm (See Valley Notes)

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> – **Village Café** 10.30am

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – **Easter Bingo** (TSA/LATCH) Doors open 6.30pm, Eyes down 7.00pm

**DON'T MISS!** – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April **"Jurassic Journey"** with Ben Osborne  
7.30pm Tickets 01308 482532 (see Valley Notes)

## LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the Litton Cheney Parish Council at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at LATCH. All welcome and indeed encouraged.

### COUNCIL ELECTIONS – COUNCILLORS WANTED

Council elections (including your Parish Council) take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May and over the coming months you will both receive more information concerning this event, and see posters on village notice boards. If you wish to put yourself forward as a prospective candidate, please read the notices and/or contact the Parish Clerk, John Firrell 482313. Qualities required – dedication, the wish to serve your community, common sense and social responsibility are but a few.

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

As mentioned in the last edition the Event Calendar is now on-line via the village website, and copies are also posted on all the notice boards. This is a small contribution to reducing the use of paper!

As a summary, the Village Walks are on the second Saturday of the month, 10.00am from the Bus shelter. **THE DUCK RACE** is on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April and the **BRIDE VALLEY NAVIGATIONAL CHALLENGE** on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May with the former ending at the White Horse and the latter both starting and ending there.

The **SUMMER BBQ** is on Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>, and the **BARN DANCE** on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> - both at the Hall. These last two events were sold out last year so do make a note of the dates, or you may miss a great evening.

Next **VILLAGE WALK**: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Do come along as I'm sure spring will be in the air. The garden will still be there when you get back!

*Ron Davidson. LCSC 482661*

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**ALL THIS MONTH'S NEWS** concerns the Social Club – past and future...



The **BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION** in the Village Hall was a very convivial affair, with Christine McFadden's haggis backed up by contributions from other Club stalwarts to create a most enjoyable evening for the benefit of the couple of dozen or so who came. Congratulations to all who put in the work to make it a good success.

March will see an innovation for the Club, which also deserves good support:

There will be a **“BRUNCH AND BOOK SALE”** in the Village Hall on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, from 10.30am till 2.00pm. Please come along to enjoy a delicious bacon or sausage bap, made from locally produced ingredients, with tea or coffee and fruit juice. There will also be some home made cakes. This will be combined with a book/magazine/CD/DVD sale for Club funds, so please donate any unwanted items or sell them on a 50/50 basis. Items can be left in the Hall porch in advance or brought on the day, but if you'd like them collected, please contact David Lowe in advance (482767) to arrange a suitable day time.

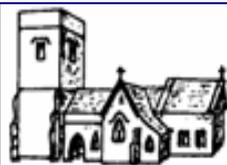
This event will obviously be open to non-members of the Club, but for those who are members and have not yet paid this year's subscription, it is now due (unbelievable – and frankly probably unsustainable – value at £5 per household) and can be paid over at the brunch or to David Lowe at Spring Cottage or Christine McFadden at Church Walk. Members are also encouraged to provide David with e-mail addresses, so that Club news can be circulated that way too.

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## ST PETER'S CHURCH

### FRUGAL LUNCH

The annual Frugal Lunch will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at Langebride, 12.45pm, kindly hosted by Juniper Greener.

### PCC A.G.M

The PCC A.G.M is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at Long Bredy village hall. This is an open meeting and any visitors are welcome.

### COFFEE, LUNCH AND TEAS

March 13<sup>th</sup> in Long Bredy village hall in aid of the upkeep of the church. Langebride garden is open in aid of the National garden scheme also on this day.



## LONG BREDY & KINGSTON RUSSELL PARISH COUNCIL

At a recent parish council meeting the severe weather conditions in December were discussed. The Parish Council would like to send their sincere thanks to the businesses and individuals that worked so hard during the bad weather to ensure the roads were kept open and paths were cleared for those unable to do it for themselves. Special thanks must be given to Martin Crabb at Ashley Chase Cheese Factory for arranging the gritting of the roads.

## THE PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

Parish council elections will be held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and Long Bredy and Kingston Russell need new councillors. If you have the local community at heart and can listen to and understand the views of local people, then this is your opportunity to get involved. If you would like further information on becoming a parish councillor please contact Gwen Kinghorn, Parish Clerk, 7 Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy, tel 01308 482270, who will be happy to talk through what is involved. Nomination forms will be available from the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and the closing date for nomination forms to be received by the District Council's Election Office is 12.00noon on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

## FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April (Parish Council meeting);  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May (Local Elections),  
Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May (AGM followed by Parish Council meeting);  
Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Meeting with refreshments).

At present all Parish Council meetings are held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Long Bredy. Please check the notice board nearer the date to ensure it has not been changed.

Please look out for posters detailing the Village Spring Clean in April.

The Annual Parish Meeting is your opportunity to hear what the Parish Council has been doing on your behalf and for you to have your say on village matters. This year, pictures of the village and the playing field party will be on display and a toast to celebrate the Royal Wedding will be given.

## 100 CLUB

January winners are:

David Peretz £25  
David Cain £15  
Valerie Cameron £5

It is never too late to join, profits to the Church, hall and playing field. Contact Andrew Bailey at Manor Cottage, Long Bredy for more information.

## BINGO

The January bingo held in the hall was a huge success, so many people attended we had to get extra chairs! Many thanks to all those who helped in any way, especially Margaret Elliot and her 'food team' (they know who they are!). Also to Rick Cook for calling the numbers as only he can!

£325.10 was raised for the Church, Hall and playing field.



## WELCOME

A belated welcome to Emma O'Dowd and her children Sophie, Sebastian and Abigail who have come to live at Honeylands.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK

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### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE FIESTA FOR MARDI GRAS.

At Grove House, Grove Road, kindly hosted by Celia Cummins, from 12.30pm until 2.00pm on March 8th.

Enjoy oven baked savoury pancake dishes, and all your favourite dessert pancake fillings, accompanied by a glass of wine, followed by tea or coffee, in the elegant ambience of Celia's lovely home.

Donations to this year's charities, **THE BIBLE SOCIETY** and **THE CHRISTIAN BLIND MISSION**, gratefully received. Please advise a committee member of your intention to come.



### ALSO IN MARCH

a unique opportunity to support Andy and Susie Hart, and their life changing work with the disabled in Tanzania.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>, roll up for a **SAMPLE SALE** of Designer Jewellery, Cakes, Crafts and Coffee in The Reading Room, from 10.00am to 12noon. All proceeds from this event will go to support the Harts.

All enquiries to Celia Cummins 898196, Liz Orza 897451, Heather Rogers 897780.

### FRUGAL LUNCH

Our Frugal Lunch will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 12.30pm - 2.00pm at the Village Hall. Further details in the April issue.

### PETERTIDE PLAY

The fifth and final play in the Luke and Theophilus series will take place on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. The service will include many of the essential ingredients of Evensong.

If you would like to take part in any way please contact Heather Rogers (897780) as soon as possible. There are speaking and non-speaking parts, and many varied opportunities to be involved. But hurry!

All the plays have been based on the writings of Luke, both his gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. The previous dramas depicted Christmas, Easter Pentecost and the Life of Peter. This final one is on the life of Paul.

Even if you do not wish to take part, please book the date in your diary now and come to watch.

*Heather Rogers*

## 2011 ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE

Please note in your diaries that Burton Bradstock St Mary's Church Fete will be held in the Rectory Gardens on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August .

Jim Rogers – Church Fete Co-ordinator (01308-897464 & jae\_rogers@hotmail.co.uk )

## THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

A date for your diary! On Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, a presentation will be given in the Village Hall by Sarah Oldridge entitled "Through the Seasons at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Wakehurst Place." It will commence at 7.30pm and proceeds will be shared between Friends of Greenfields (our local Day Centre) and Bridport Memory Cafe. Further details to follow so watch this space!"

*Veda Bull*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

### JANUARY MEETING REPORT



We enjoyed an “Audio Extravaganza” when Peter Foster, ably assisted by a colleague and by his wife Heather, led us through the history of radio broadcasting and encouraged us to “Turn up the Wireless”.

Peter has a wide variety of voluntary roles ranging from helping on the Swanage Railway to producing a Talking Newspaper but his speciality is sharing radio memories which he does regularly on Dorchester Hospital Radio and on Radio Solent.

The first public broadcasts started early in the 1920s and the BBC London Station 2LO went on air in 1922 and the first Radio Times was published in 1923. The first extensive coverage was of the General Strike in 1926. The Charter ensuring the BBC's independence was granted in 1927.

Gradually more transmitters were erected and more people had access to the wireless and the variety of programmes and transmission times increased.

Great national events were broadcast live including royal weddings and coronations as well as major sports occasions complete with enthusiastic commentators. Television had just started but was stopped during the war when people like Richard Dimbleby and Frank Gillard became household names on the wireless.

The first TV challenge came with the Coronation in 1953 when, despite

an erudite commentary from John Snagge and all the sounds at Westminster Abbey, the number of watchers exceeded the number of listeners. The real challenge on the opening night of commercial TV in 1955 was met with the tragic fire and death of Grace on the Archers. Further competition from independent radio in the 70s and 80s brought changes at the BBC and more recent times have seen a resurgence of interest and a rise in the listening audiences.

Throughout the talk we heard many excerpts of the different events on high quality digitally enhanced recordings which brought back many memories and tingles in the backs of many necks. The atmosphere created by Winston Churchill's broadcasts was palpable and it was interesting to note that he celebrated the end of his item by smoking a cigar from which he tapped off the ash onto one or other of the microphones in front of him. One was called "Hitler" and the other "Mussolini" and which ever one was most out of favour at the time got the ash!! Churchill said that he did not need introducing and always spoke alone and was never interviewed.

The question time covered many of the old favourite programmes and soon theme tunes were being sung plus shouts of "Wakey Wakey" and similar catchphrases. Peter was able, thanks to his extensive knowledge and with his vast collection of copies of the Radio Times, to answer all the queries except one - "When did the Wireless become the Radio and why?" However, everyone had their own ideas but no one agreed!!

The Speaker at our next meeting will be the writer and photographer, John Miles, whose subject is, "Camera Obscure"(sic..) Scenes of Dorset., to be given on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

## ARTREACH NEWS

A final reminder for the Publick Transport Company's show **"DEPARTMENT OF SMELLING PISTAKES"** on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Burton Bradstock Village Hall 7.30pm. This comedy show - suggested age range 10+ - is full of absurdist humour taking inspiration from Gogol.

Set in a forgotten office deep down in a foreign Government building, two civil servants jostle for power. One seems to be an Inspector, the other tries to gain favour. They make idle conversation which may or may not contain deeper meaning. The party line changes hourly as they try to follow the current one.

A very funny, tense show. You'll be sorry if you miss it!

*Norman Saunders-White, Promoter for  
Burton Bradstock, 01308 897214*



# BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 897673  
Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust (BBVHT)



**“200 CLUB”** WDDC Licence no: SL0080

February 2011 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£44.20	No 147:	Mrs Audrey Hayward
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£22.10	No 150:	Mrs Mary Bailey
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£11.05	No 61:	Mrs O. Cheney

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the March-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £10 – one pound for each of the remaining 10 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

## QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

There will be a Quiz Night in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Either bring along a team of 8, or join a team on the night and enjoy not only a fun quiz but also a Fish and Chip Supper. Ticket cost of £7.00 will include the supper and tickets will be available from Burton Bradstock Post Office from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March until midday Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Further details will appear on posters around the village. There will be a cash bar and doors will open at 7.15pm for prompt 7.45pm Quiz start. Those who have a team of eight can identify a team leader and give their name to Susan Moores (01308 897673) who will then reserve a table for that team.

## BBVH - VILLAGE FAYRE

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will this year be held on Bank Holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May. More detail will appear in future editions of the BVN. The Fayre will mark the Hall's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday so please come along and celebrate this wonderful old building's anniversary.

## HALL PRESERVATION PROJECT – PHASE 2

Work on Phase 2 of the Hall Preservation Project will commence on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011. The initial work will be related to the installation of a new kitchen followed by refurbishment of the Stage Area later in the year. There is no intention to close the Hall during this work but all User Groups will be contacted individually to clarify the situation. The kitchen will, however, be out of commission and not available until Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>. The good news for the Trust's finances and for the Hall's future is that we have received a grant of £5300, towards the work, from Awards For All (The Big Lottery Fund) for which we are very grateful.

*Susan Moores – Chair BB Village Hall Committee – 01308 897673.*

## MEET THE AUTHOR

You are cordially invited to meet our local author, Sheila Spencer-Smith, who will be signing copies of her latest novel, *The Tidings Tree*, in the Reading Room, High Street, Burton Bradstock between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Friday morning, 11<sup>th</sup> March.

*The Tidings Tree* is a fascinating story of love and intrigue in the fictional Dorset village of Mellstone.

Tea and coffee will be served and you will also have the opportunity to see some of Sheila's other titles. She has been writing for many years and has had ten books published by large print publishers as well as four books for children.

£1.00 from each sale of *The Tidings Tree* on the day will go to the Friends of Burton Bradstock Library Trust.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Spring is springing and there are many new or about to be Mothers around. All dog owners obviously should keep their animals on leads when crossing fields with livestock in at this time of year. These animals are our farmers' livelihood.

Please report any incidents to me that could cause distress or danger.

Sadly light fingers have struck in the area again. A local shop's honesty box was stolen so anyone selling jam etc outside their home - be warned.

May I suggest an alarm system is installed - if the box is lifted the alarm will go off. The brilliant lock shop, opposite the Library in Bridport, sells all these gadgets.

An 'apparently' deaf man was collecting last month for ..?.. nobody was quite sure what! Thanks to all of you who called us, it was then possible to track his route through Burton and notify Bridport Police of his whereabouts for their patrol cars.

The cliff path leading to The Hive and West Bay is, in my opinion, one of the most stunning coastal walks in West Dorset. It also seems to be the area most polluted with dog excrement (Apologises, there is no PC word to allude to this, the most modern is 'plutocrap'). This problem is usually worse after the weekend. Many of you have asked me what I think Neighbourhood Watch can do about this. More notices or more bins would spoil the beauty of the environment maybe? A mass clean up! A free supply of bags which would not be thrown away either? Personally I think that the residents of Burton should be alert and ask any offending dog owner to pick up, in the best diplomatic way, and offer a spare bag as a present. Any ideas on this subject please ring me.

Finally, a new website was launched by the police to enable people to see the list of crimes committed in the UK by postcode. The site is [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). It crashed on its first day but should be working now.

*Ian Pitt-Aikens*

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## SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Nominations are wanted for the positions of Church Warden, Church Secretary and members of the PCC.

Please come along, remember if you are on the electoral roll you can vote for the above positions. Wine will be served after the meeting.

*Gillian Maxfield - Church Warden*



### CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL.

The Electoral Roll will be updated before the annual Church meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. If you are not on the roll and would like to be included (or on the roll and no longer wish to be) please let me know by 14<sup>th</sup> March.

*Bob White - Tel: 898203*

## PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 9<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Paula Biss - Parish Clerk*

## THE ORCHARD

Shipton Gorge Ltd would like to thank everyone who donated money towards the last eight trees which were finally planted in the Orchard by landscape gardeners Little Fones during some of the fine weather we had in January. Apart from probably having to replace the Malus later in the year as it is not growing too well, we have no plans to plant any more fruit trees.

The next task will be to establish a border at the lower end of the orchard to mask the block wall and establish a habitat for wildlife. It is hoped that work can start there very soon and some money has already kindly been given for the purchase of bulbs, climbers and shrubs.



## ARTSREACH

### 'WHAT WOULD HELEN MIRREN DO?'

Anita Perry performs this one woman comedy drama about love, work, letting go and finding out who we really want to be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at Shipton Gorge Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. We will sit at tables cabaret style, so please feel free to bring

refreshments as usual! Tickets are available from Doris Benselin 01308 897562 at £7.50 each, payable in advance only please, or may be available on the door if not sold out beforehand.

Susan is a long-term supermarket checkout operator from Oldham. She's never had to give much thought to role models until she gets promoted and is forced to adopt one. Oscar winning actress and international star Helen Mirren is an unlikely choice, but Susan's life changes dramatically when she starts to ask herself, 'What would Helen Mirren do?'

## VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

February Draw

£20	No 57	Nesta Symes
£10	No 89	Stephen Symes
£ 5	No 23	Betty Darby

## PUNCKNOWLE & W. BEXINGTON

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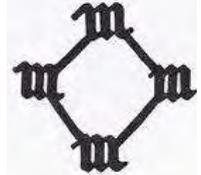


## ST MARY'S PUNCKNOWLE

### THE FRUGAL LUNCH

this year will be on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> in Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall from 12.30 - 2.00pm. Do come and join us.

Soup and bread provided. Donations to Christian Aid. If you would like to help by making a soup please contact Sue Brown 897953.



## HALF DAY EASTER HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall, 2.00 - 4.30pm.

Children of all ages are welcome to come and join in activities centred round the Easter story including art and craft, singing, refreshments and games. Pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult. More details next month or contact Sue Brown 897953

## PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Elections for Parish and District Councils are due to take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May this year. There are nine Parish Councillor seats for this Parish (2 each for the wards of Swyre and West Bexington, five for Puncknowle) and anyone on the electoral roll for these villages may nominate themselves for election as a Councillor.

If you have a commitment to contributing to village life, enhancing and improving our local amenities and representing our needs to relevant authorities, then please get in touch with the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Carolyn Buckland (897726) or the Chairman, Mr Anthony Edwards (897435) who can explain the responsibilities of a Councillor and issues affecting this Council.

You do not need experience in administration or in Council work: commitment to our rural way of life is the principal requirement, plus common sense and a sense of humour.

*Tony Edwards, Chair*

## PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

*For bookings, telephone 01308 897724/897751*

### BRING AND SHARE IRISH NIGHT

plus Table Quiz and Irish Music: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. For dishes - type "Irish Recipes" into your computer - and see such as Dublin Coddle, Boxty, Beef in Guinness, Champ, Barm Brack, godd old Irish Stew etc. 7 for 7.30pm



### SPRING TABLE TOP SALE

Go on, have a clearout and book a table for 2.30pm on the Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April - hall at only £5 per table. Contact Carol on 897771 to book.

### EASTER PICNIC IN THE PLAYING FIELD

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 12.00 - 2.00pm - Come along for and bring your own picnic - and join in the hunt for Easter Eggs (children!) plus Easter Raffle (parents).

We are now in the process of investigating **KEEP FIT/EXERCISE CLASSES** at the village hall so watch this space.

### BOOK CLUB

This month we are reading "The Mathematics of Love" by Emma Darwin, which looks interesting.

Heated discussions on 2nd February, after reading (or not!) "The Accidental" by Ali Smith - a very modern novel with an amazing style of writing, which some people loved and some people hated, or did not even finish the book.



*Carol Bennett*



## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch will be on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Any member who was not at the February lunch, and anyone wishing to join the club (it is open to any resident or former resident of the three villages who is over the age of 50) should ring 897622 to join up and/or order their lunch.

## PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

At our meeting entitled 'sparkly stuff' members had the opportunity to use sparkly paints to glittering effect. Maureen and Sallie provided a morning full of fun and surprise when they led a wax, ink and card event with delightful results.



On March 4<sup>th</sup> we will be revisiting the Fibonacci summation series with a further meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Christine Molony*

## THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to all who came to my rescue while I was out of action following my fall. Village life is great: the word goes round and people respond.

I would also like to thank those who are praying for my son-in-law, who is suffering from cancer. He said our prayers keep him strong. We are grateful for your support

*Pam Coventry*



## REG DANN

Reg died on 3rd January. Laura, Ann and Sheila wish to thank all at Portesham surgery, the taxi drivers and all who helped him so willingly. We had so many cards and so much kindness from friends in Puncknowle. A very kindly place to live.

It was a lovely thought to put his flowers in the churchyard. We did appreciate it.

## SWYRE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: SID MARSHALL  
1 GREEN BARTON, SWYRE  
smarshall@which.net tel: 897318



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHURCH YARD WORKING PARTY

It is now time to start the season and I invite all in the village who have an interest in the only public building in Swyre to assist in the maintenance of the churchyard. The working parties are held once each month from March through to October



usually on Saturday mornings when it would be lovely to meet up with friends to assist us. Not all the work is heavy and even if you can only spare an hour it would be most helpful.

Our first event will be on 12<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am and will be on the second Saturday each month - always weather permitting.

### **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

This will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and this year we invite you all to tea and cake in the Church at 5.00pm. This informal tea social event will be followed by our Mothering Sunday service starting at 6.30pm which will include the distribution of posies to all ladies in the congregation.

### **SPRING COFFEE MORNING**

Our first coffee morning of the year is to be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30am. We will have our usual cakes, produce, books and teas etc.

We do hope you will all be able to come and support us. Funds will be donated to the Dorset Historic Churches Trust who generously gave us a grant last year towards some of the cost of roof and gutter repairs. It is hoped that they may well be able to attend this event to talk to you about their important support given to our ancient Churches.

*David Buckland*

### **BOWL OVER POVERTY**

Yvonne will be helping to bowl over global poverty on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March by holding a Super Soup Lunch at Holy Trinity Church, Swyre, between 12noon and 2.00pm to raise money for some of the world's poorest people.

Super Soup Lunch, run by international development charity Christian Aid, invites people all over the country to get together and share a hearty bowl of soup (and perhaps a little more beside) to raise money for the fight to end poverty.

So come along, bring your friends, be as generous as you are able, and let's have a good time raising money to help stamp out poverty.

*Yvonne Buckland.*



### **VILLAGE WEBSITES**

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

[www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk)

[www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk)

[www.shiptongorge.org.uk](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk)

[www.puncknowle.net](http://www.puncknowle.net)

[www.swyre.org.uk](http://www.swyre.org.uk)

[www.westbexington.org.uk](http://www.westbexington.org.uk)



## BEYOND THE VALLEY



### ONCE DISCOVERED, CHERISHED FOREVER.

Much of Kingcombe's charm lies in its remoteness; a tiny yet delightful hamlet in West Dorset set amidst fine rolling hills.

It is certainly out of sight, but we don't want it to be out of mind! We urge you to discover the treasure trove on your doorstep, being as it is only minutes from Dorchester and Bridport.

The Kingcombe Centre enables you to experience and draw inspiration from a unique part of our natural heritage with the outstanding herbage, grasslands, associated water courses, woods, and hedges found here. The meadows are particularly herb rich and are still farmed for hay in the historic way which allows thousands of wildflowers to grow during late spring. This abundance of flora ensures a great habitat for butterflies, and Kingcombe is home to one of the most endangered species in Europe – the Marsh Fritillary. Varieties of deer in the woodlands, buzzard and sparrow hawk overhead, seldom seen species of plant on the ground and a thriving insect world at ankle level can also be discovered here.

Independent visitors are welcome at any time and our dedicated visitor centre is a great starting point with information, maps and guides available to make the most of your outing. Our conservatory cafe's selection of light lunches and delicious cakes is sure to sustain or refuel even the most adventurous of you!

A year round range of courses is also on offer at Kingcombe for you to discover the exceptionality of the area and its wildlife.

The highlight for March is Dr. Karin Mew's 'Sense of Place' from the 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Karin will discuss the history of the Centre and the area itself and why it is such an important 'time capsule'; its preservation crucial. This discussion will act as a springboard into themed sessions; including community ties, dislocation, banishment and emigration and the sources which provide this information. For example, you will be shown the ways William Barnes and Thomas Hardy capture a sense of place in their literary works. Other sessions will focus on the themes of rootlessness and displacement. Karin will consider with you the 17<sup>th</sup> century Dorset pilgrims who went to New England and the enforced evacuations of Milton Abbas in the 1780s and Tyneham in 1943. Worth Matravers will feature as a case study of a Dorset village where locals can no longer afford to live. The weekend will provide much interest and opportunities for discussions as well as time to relax, study the sources independently and enjoy the sense of place Kingcombe provides.

For further information, a copy of our 2011 brochure, or to book a course please contact the Centre on 01300 320684 or visit [www.kingcombe.org](http://www.kingcombe.org)



**LAST CHANCE TO SEE GEORGIAN PORTRAITS NOT SEEN BEFORE!**  
**DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM**

The unique **Georgian Faces – Portrait of a County** exhibition, as seen

on TV and currently attracting large numbers of people to the Dorset County Museum Dorchester, must end 30th April. With 70 portraits – 40 from private collections, many not seen in public before – it portrays the ‘movers and shakers’ of the late 18th century in Dorset. These include George Damer, Colonel of the Dorset Volunteer Rangers, which was set up primarily to patrol the beaches to ward off any French invasion, especially following the French revolution, and George III who every summer for more than a decade ruled the British empire not from Rome or Vienna....but Weymouth! The merchant princes of Poole are also depicted, with business being promoted in the New World in cod and furs. At that time Bournemouth did not exist!

There are 3 portraits on loan from the National Portrait Gallery and artists include Reynolds, Romney, Gainsborough, Hogarth and Ramsay. Entry at £6.50 also includes entry to a 45 minute audio-visual on the artists, sitters and external influences at the time. Outstanding catalogue. Tea-room available.

The Museum is open 10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday. For further information please phone 01305-262735



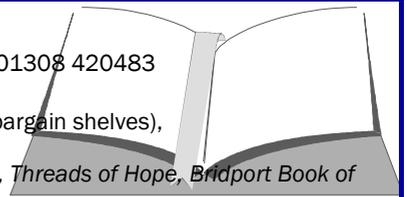
**GOOD BOOKS**

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

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

Home of *Bridport Good Neighbours/Pathways to Care, Threads of Hope, Bridport Book of Hours' and Monthly Book Club*

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 9.00am-1.00pm, Saturday 10.00am-12.00noon  
 Now open till 3pm on Wednesdays and Fridays.



**OPEN HOUSE THROUGH THE WARDROBE DOOR**

**Tuesday 15 March, 10am-2pm**

Following on from World Book Day (3<sup>rd</sup> March), we'll be featuring favourite fiction writers from CS Lewis to Dorothy L.Sayers, Morris West to Susan Howatch and some “page to screen” DVDs. Join us & enjoy homemade refreshments, friendly chat and a gentle browse.

We also have Lent material in stock for group study or individual reflection, Easter story books for children and Easter greetings cards. And

we'll be hosting a Lent Discussion Group on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm, based on Christian Aid/CAFOD material – contact us for details.

## ST PATRICK'S MARKET

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am-12.00noon in Bridport United Church Hall. Refreshments & stalls: \_bric-a-brac, books, cakes, groceries, gifts

Proceeds to Corrymeela Community, Working for reconciliation in N.Ireland.

(Donations can be left at Good Books 01308 420483)



## VALLEY NOTES

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

#### BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

The next social evening is on the 21<sup>st</sup> March. at The Three Horseshoes 7.15pm for 7.30pm with light supper £5. Please telephone the Hon Sec. Jim Reeves on 01308 897091 to book your place.

*Ray West, Chairman.*



#### ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

During the January quarterly committee meeting members were introduced to Linda Bullock who has kindly stepped forward to take over the role of Branch Honorary Treasurer from Jeff Tucker. Henceforth the job of Membership Secretary will be combined with Honorary Branch Secretary in the hands of Steve James.

The Chairman reported that Vice Chairman Terry Bown and Secretary Steve James had successfully completed a “Branch Management” course.

Applications to join the Legion by Linda Bullock, Hilary Morley and Christine Albert (all Portesham residents) were approved: we wish them all a long and enjoyable association with our branch.

The **Branch Annual Dinner** will take place on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March - note the revised times - at 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Marquis of Granby, Chickerell. By now members should have chosen their menu and booked their place via John Perry (01305 871346).

Non-members are welcome to join us (by booking in advance only - cost is £21.50). Coach pick-ups as follows: West St. Abbotsbury 6.35 pm, Abbotsbury Square 6.40pm, Fry's Close, Portesham 6.45pm, Portesham Bus Shelter 6.50pm.

On 28<sup>th</sup> March members are attending the Moscow Ballet performance of “**Coppelia**” at Pavilion Theatre, Bournemouth. Coach pick-ups as shown in February magazine.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April we have a full day trip by coach to **Arundel**, West Sussex. Among the things to do and see there are the castle and its gardens (we have negotiated a group price for over 65's at £10 a head), the park, museum, Wetland Centre, river trips (weather permitting), R.C. Cathedral, St Nicholas church, plus a variety of shopping possibilities at many independent retailers. Coach pick-ups as follows: Abbotsbury Square 8.30am, Portesham Green 8.40am, Dorchester (London Rd) 9.00am, (others as required) cost £18.50 for members, £22 for non-members. Advance bookings only through the writer (01305 267617). Coach leaves Arundel at 4.30 pm.

The branch quarterly committee meeting will be held at Portesham Methodist Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

The Royal British Legion annual **National Conference** will be held this year at Telford, Shropshire on 21/22 May. Our delegate will be Steve James, from whom details can be obtained of the agenda and motions for debate.

If you know of any ex-service member or their dependants who you think may be candidates for assistance with finance, accommodation, job seeking or other welfare issues, by the RBL, please inform Neville Jones, welfare chairman (01305 871120).

*Des Baker, Entertainments Chairman (01305 267617)*



**THE SPRING CONCERT** will be held on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

**THE MAIN FESTIVAL** will begin on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August and end on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

August.

Tickets for both the Spring Concert and for the Main Concerts will be available from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May in the Reading Room and at the Spring Concert. Please note the earlier start time of 7.00pm for concerts. Details of the programme will be available in the brochure sent out at the end of April.

*Janet Whitaker, Chair Organising Committee.*



## **BENEFITS ADVICE SURGERIES**

### **AT AGE CONCERN BRIDPORT**

*An initiative by Dorset Welfare Benefits Partnership*

Age Concern Bridport and Dorset County Council's Welfare Benefits Team are working together to provide benefits advice and help to older people in West Dorset.

Surgeries will operate on the second Wednesday in each month, between 9.30am and 12.00noon at Age Concern Bridport, and will be by appointment only.

To make an appointment, please contact Age Concern Bridport on

01308 424357 or at Chancery House, Chancery Lane , Bridport DT6 3JT  
www.bridportageconcern.org  
Next surgery: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
Future dates: 13<sup>th</sup> April

## BRIDE VALLEY BIBLE QUIZZES

The 2011 Bible quizzes will take place in the autumn but preparation begins earlier than that. The Juniors did very well, competing in 2010 but we hope this year to field Senior as well as Junior teams, as we did in 2008 and 2009. Please contact me if you would like to be in a team to represent your village/church/community as a Senior (11 – 100+ years) or a Junior (up to and including 11 years).



You have had plenty of time to recover after Exodus or Jonah so why not take up another challenge? The questions this year will be on chapters from Luke's Gospel.

Seniors: A University Challenge type contest, with starter questions

Juniors: A noughts and crosses style contest.

The selections will include the birth narratives and the story of the Good Samaritan, so the subject matter is well known. Don't panic: we shall omit the genealogies! Please note this is half the quantity of text you so ably managed in Exodus, so give it a go!

Please contact me also if you would like to be a quiz master, trainer or score-keeper.

*Heater Rogers (897780)*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

As always the weeks are flying by and the children are engrossed in their learning. In addition to the normal curriculum time some children have taken part in other activities. Four of our children from Class 4 took part in a Gifted and Talented Drama day at Symondsby School and two children represented the Colfox Family of Schools at Redlands in Weymouth in the Athletics Tournament. I know that the children from our school who took part in these initiatives benefitted enormously from the experience and we are proud of their achievements.

The Friends of Burton Bradstock School are organising a **JUMBLE SALE** for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March. If you have any jumble that you would like to donate it would be most welcome. All donations to be brought into school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Alternatively it would be lovely to see you at the sale on Saturday from 10.00am.

*Claire Staple, Headteacher*

## THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Looking back, January was a very busy month and the children have been involved with lots of different activities both in and out of school. Many of the children helped with setting up, running stalls as well as creating the background music at the Thorner's School Association Village Café while the visitors enjoyed a sit down, delicious breakfast and chat with people they had not seen for a time. There were many appreciative comments received by the cooks and myself so well done to everyone for making it a team effort and such a profitable morning.



Kirsten Juniper visited school with her Robot, to explain about recycling ... not only packaging but more importantly left over food. The children were given ideas about meals which could be made such as burgers from cold meat.

The children in Eggardon, that is the 9,10 and 11 year olds, helped by making the Christingles for the Family Service at Puncknowle. This has become an annual event in school and the children do so enjoy making them ... more because they are allowed to eat the left overs I think ... no waste there!

As part of the National Farmhouse Breakfast week we served a healthy breakfast to all those children who wanted one after parents and friends joined us for a special assembly. Our Breakfast Club also had a special morning where they all became inventors or writers. Joni wrote:

“The cereal was hard to choose from but I liked the wheat pillows with bananas. I refused to eat the porridge but I had a little bit of toast. I am feeling very proud to be a reporter. I think I'm enjoying Breakfast Club.”



All the children took part in the RSPB Big School's Birdwatch down in the Discovery Area. On the recording sheet they were asked to circle the greatest number of each species seen together at the same time. The cold, dull day kept most birds sheltering in the hedgerows, making identification difficult and many bypassed us by flying overhead but sadly could not be included in the survey. However, despite the difficulties, the children spotted eleven different species, the most at any one time being:

Blackbird	1	Blue tit	2	Bullfinch	2
Carrion crow	2	Chaffinch	1	Coal tit	2
Dunnock	3	Great tit	2	Robin	1
Greater Spotted Woodpecker	1	Long-tailed tit	1		

This was a lovely experience for the children, some of whom had never been birdwatching before. One pupil searching the sky shouted out 'blackbird' even though it was a crow! Let's hope he knows the difference

now. Thanks to Mrs Stazicker for organising this.

The children in Eggardon have now started their swimming sessions at the Leisure Centre where they will be able to improve their skills in the water over the next few weeks. It is hoped that all the children will be able to easily swim 25 metres by the end of these sessions .. even those new pupils who have not been able to build up their confidence in our pool during the summer months.

Both Chesil and Bredy children are having workshops with Weymouth Outdoor Education, either here on site or visiting the centre. It is a marvellous opportunity for the children to gain confidence in map skills as well as physical activities. Some of the younger children liked making an island and then drawing a map while others remembered the communication signs used by scuba divers. Many of the younger children thought it was very 'grown up' to be allowed to use the special orienteering staples when finding their way around the school grounds.

The whole school took part in the 'Sign2Sing' event where groups all around the country will be singing and signing 'I'd like to teach the world to sing' as part of a Guinness World Record attempt ... we do not yet know how many took part but hope it will be the largest.



What a month it has been! And yet still more to come .. so watch this space next month to find out more.

*Alison Johnstone, Headteacher*

## 100 CLUB WINNERS:

£15 Mrs Sara Griffith (ex parent)

£10 Mrs Lisa Loader (parent)



## EASTER BINGO

Join us for a fun, family evening of Bingo on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. Doors open at 6.30 pm, eyes down at 7.00pm.

All monies raised to be shared between LATCH and Thorner's School Association.

## THORNER'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION'S MARCH FAIR

at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Cream Teas, Local Produce, Books, Stalls, Raffle, Games, Face Painting and more!



## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

After this incredibly cold winter any plant which has survived and is showing growth deserves an Award of Merit, admiration and some cossetting. The Club itself starts its season on March 21<sup>st</sup> with a lovely talk by Becky Groves, daughter of Clive Groves (who runs a nursery in Beaminster, growing her own plants) about aromatic plants and herbs.

Also at the March meeting we will be distributing plug plants to members who wish to grow them on to display at our Flower Show on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year the plant will be the beautiful Happy Wedding Day fuschia. Also at this meeting we will be taking annual subscriptions and providing details of the 2011 Annual Programme which is an exciting one.



In particular we have Anna Pavord on April 18<sup>th</sup>, giving her talk on Bulbs, which for this month only, will be held in the Hall at Litton Cheney, at 7.30pm. The venue was changed to Litton's larger hall as we are opening the doors to the general public and expect to have a good turnout. Members will have free entry and visitors will be charged £5. We expect this to be a real highlight of our year as Anna's talks are always well worth attending.

We will be organising an outing in May to the Otter Nurseries with a private tour of what happens behind the scene in the nurseries led by one of the owners. Details of this will be found in the newsletter being distributed to BVGC members and deadline for application will be 18<sup>th</sup> April.

### JOBS TO DO

Sow first batches of peas, beetroot and carrots towards the end of the month. Divide perennials such as hostas, primulas and hellebores. Remove top 5cm of compost from containers and replace with fresh.

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



### TO BVN VOLUNTEERS

All the readers of BVN must give a huge thank you to all the volunteers who managed to get copies of the magazine to every door during an exceptionally cold and snowy winter.

This is a band of about 70 people who give of their time monthly.

We have a turn over of people of course and I am always looking for new recruits. We are currently looking for a couple to help at the top of the pyramid – collecting the magazines from the printer and getting them out to the distributors in the villages. I am also looking for someone to deliver 10 copies around Bredy Farm as our long serving Mrs Julia Mallinson is going

to enjoy a well earned rest after many years of delivering in her area.

If anyone would like to get fit this year by delivering BVN round the village please give me a call.

*Cathy Lay-Flurrie. 01308 897281*

## **WATER-COLOUR PAINTING CLASSES**

Classes at LATCH will resume on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, from 09:45 to 11:45am and will start in Burton Bradstock on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April, from 13:30 to 16:00pm.

The course aims at developing watercolour skills with an emphasis on techniques for those who may be beginners and those aiming to widen their understanding of this superb painting media.

Learn about washes, wet in wet, dry brush, glazing techniques and much more. Groups are restricted to 12 places.

A more advanced class also runs at Loders on Thursday afternoons. This group is restricted to 8 places, and the course runs for 6 weeks

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



## **RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Are you looking to reduce the energy costs in your home?

Would you like to know how you can increase your use of renewable energy?

Come along to the Litton and Thorner's Community Hall, School Lane, Litton Cheney, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.30 pm when Derek Wright, a Director of Ecovision, will be talking about the various ways of generating energy in a renewable manner for the home. He will also cover what is available in the form of grants through the government's Renewable Heat Incentive and its £860m support for households and businesses. Don't be left out.

Everyone welcome and free entry. Bar and refreshments available.

Ecovision supplied and installed the ground source heating system in the hall at Litton Cheney.

## **BRIDE VALLEY FILMS**

Following a substantial loss on "Elf", we do not plan to show any films for children at the moment. It is always going to be a problem to avoid clashing with other events or TV screenings, and once we have booked our film licence we cannot change the day except in exceptional circumstances.

We still would like to cater for younger audiences, so would always be willing to liaise with groups who feel they could help us guarantee enough ticket sales to cover costs. Meanwhile our next film will be:

## BRIGHT STAR

Thurs. 17th March. A beautifully produced romance. Cert. PG: 2 hrs.

The tragic but intensely passionate love affair between romantic poet John Keats and the radiant Fanny Brawne, sensitively played by Ben Wishaw and Abbie Cornish, is detailed in this moving period drama from critically acclaimed writer/director Jane Campion. It is mostly based on John Keats's biography by former poet laureate Sir Andrew Motion.



The film centres on the three year relationship between Keats, then a struggling poet, and the girl next door, Frances Brawn. The two fell profoundly in love and many of Keats's compositions of the time - most notably the poem *Bright Star* - were inspired by the tender passion they shared. The lovers' fate, though, was soon tested by Keats's poverty and worsening health, circumstances that inevitably tried their bond.

Doors Open: 7.30pm. 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)

Dates for next films are Wednesday 20th April and Thursday 19th May. Titles to be decided – look out for details on posters, in the BVN and on the website.

## CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY OF THE JURASSIC COAST

**“JURASSIC JOURNEY” FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 7.30PM.**

From the crashing pebbles of Chesil to the fossil-rich cliffs of Charmouth and beyond, it's variety and ever-changing face draws people from all over the world. The latest celebration of its power and beauty is “Jurassic Journey”, a multi-media



Journey", a multi-media project that blends photography with sculpture and music to create a lasting and fitting tribute to the coast line.

Artsreach brings the award-winning photographer Ben Osborne, who has worked all over the world with Sir David Attenborough, to LATCH on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Tickets: Adults £7.50, U-18 £5, Family (2+2) £22, Tel: 01308 482532. Doors open 6.45 p.m. Wine, Beer and soft drinks available.



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our meeting in February, we had a most superb talk from Phil Davidson, from Charmouth Heritage Project on "The Jurassic Coast". I may be accused of being sexist, ageist etc. etc. but he was a superbly enthusiastic young man, with much knowledge, and great slides. He is a palaeontologist who used to work at The Natural History Museum who having worked all over the world, loves living and working on the coast familiar to us here,

So in March we revert to our evening meetings, on the assumption that Spring may be around the corner! The Meeting will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm in the WI Hall, when the Speaker, Bob Machin, will talk about "Old Dorset Farmhouses".

Our many groups will be meeting - The Walking, Mahjong, Reading and Embroidery groups - please check the notice board outside the hall for the dates of each.

If you are new to the Bride Valley, please do feel free to come along and see if our meetings are for you - you will be most welcome.

### **BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS PRESENT**

## **‘SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW’**

**A revue to celebrate 30 years of the Players**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**

**Burton Bradstock Village Hall**

**A special commemorative programme will be on sale.**

**Tickets Adults £7 Under 16 £5**

**Table snacks & Cash bar.**

**Tickets on sale at Burton Bradstock Post Office  
from Saturday February 5<sup>th</sup>**

# Tea & Chat

**Eastern end of the Bride Valley**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 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.**

**This will be the last one before the Autumn.**

## FROM THE REGISTERS



On 27<sup>th</sup> December a small family group trudged through the snow at Litton Cheney to bury the ashes of **SALLY LAIRD**, wife of Mark Lefanu, who passed away last year at their home in Jutland, Denmark.

Sally, a journalist and writer (hence the use of the name Laird) died at only 58yrs of age, and was buried next to the ashes of her father John Laird.

Our prayers continue with the family in their loss.



In Weymouth Cemetery, family, friends & medical staff met on 21<sup>st</sup> January for the funeral of **REGINALD DANN**. Reg, a war veteran, decorated for his part in the Normandy landings, was well known, despite problems with his legs & eyes, walking around Puncknowle, where he and his wife Laura lived for 23years.

Reg died in Dorchester Hospital aged 90 yrs of age, and leaves a wife and two children, Sheila and Alan. The family wish to thank the doctors and neighbours who were so kind and helpful to them.



On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February **HEIDI PRIMROSE RANDALL** was baptized in St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney as a part of the 11.00am family worship. We sang songs, lit Heidi's candle and made prayers for the good of her

soul. Heidi herself was calm and undisturbed by the grand occasion, and bore it with calm dignity. She was supported by her parents, Richard and Paula, by her brothers, Bradley and Edward, by her Godparents, Carol, Becky and Sam and by many friends and family, including those of her new family in the Church. The party continued afterwards in the White Horse.



Later that same Sunday, **LILY TANCOCK** was Baptized in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. Her Parents, Dominic and Kerry, watched with pride as the water was poured over her in the name of

the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. She enjoyed it, quite evidently, smiling at her assembled family and friends and practicing her waving technique. Safely back in Father's arms she received the light of Christ and a welcome into the company of the faithful. A celebration of the event followed at Freshwater.

## POETS CORNER

*A poem inspired by a walk through Compton.*

### SNOWDROPS IN A COUNTRY LANE.

Walking along the country lane  
Ravaged by winters snow and rain  
Through bare trees tracery, the sun shone bright  
On the banks of snowdrops, carpet white  
Gentle flower, whose strong back pushes  
Through the debris of the bushes,  
Each one bowed in welcoming,  
The long awaited birth of spring  
On either side along the banks,  
The white massed choir was giving thanks  
For rising again into the light,  
And giving me this wondrous sight  
But Lo! A clump in lonely state  
Has settled by the meadow's gate.  
But where ere they are they will appear  
To grace the scene again, next year

**LOGIC**, n. The art of thinking and reasoning in strict accordance with the limitations and incapacities of the human misunderstanding.

The basic of logic is the syllogism, consisting of a major and a minor premise and a conclusion -- thus:

**Major Premise:** Sixty men can do a piece of work sixty times as quickly as one man.

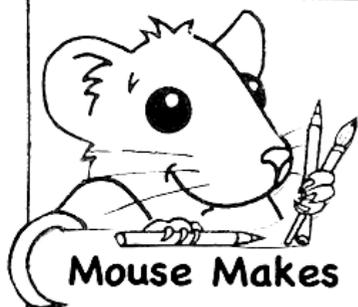
**Minor Premise:** One man can dig a posthole in sixty seconds; therefore

**Conclusion:** Sixty men can dig a posthole in one second.

This may be called the syllogism arithmetical, in which, by combining logic and mathematics, we obtain a double certainty and are twice blest.



# FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



## Mouse Makes

ASH WEDNESDAY is the first day of LENT. It is a day for saying 'sorry' to God for any wrong things you have said or thought or done.

## THE 40 DAYS OF LENT

When Jesus was 30 years old he was baptised by John in the River Jordan. Before Jesus began to preach and teach he went out into the desert alone. For 40 days he spent time praying and talking to God, preparing himself for what God had sent him to do.

Remembering those days Jesus spent in the desert, the Christian Church set aside 40 days before Easter as a time to think, pray and learn more about God.

This time is called LENT.

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40 PALM SUNDAY

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GOOD FRIDAY

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EASTER SUNDAY

A day to celebrate. JESUS IS RISEN!

The day Jesus was put to death

READ Matthew chapters 3-4

Colour in one step each day

READ Matthew chapters 27-28



## TRAVELLING WITH THE WORD

We take cars, buses and trains for granted today but years ago it was far more difficult to get around. Let me tell you about 2 people who lived centuries apart but travelled all over England spreading the good news.

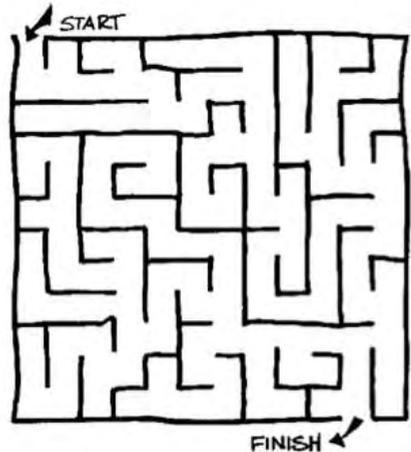
The first is St Chad who lived in the 7<sup>th</sup> century and walked everywhere throughout the Midlands converting the ancient kingdom of Mercia to Christianity. When he was given a horse he didn't want to ride until the Archbishop insisted that if he rode it would help him to convert more souls for Christ.

The 2nd is John Wesley who travelled the length and breadth of England on horseback. In the 50 years before he died in 1791 he travelled over 250,000 miles preaching some 40,000 sermons saying 'I look upon the world as my parish'.

Both covered huge distances and reached out to so many people way before the advantages of modern communication like the Internet!

## WHERE TO?

Can you travel your way through the maze to find your way to the jokes?



**What do you give a horse with a cold?**

Cough  
Stirrup!

**Which snakes are found on cars?**

Windscreen  
vipers!

**What do you call a laughing motorcycle?**

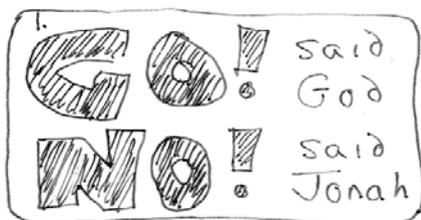
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**What do bees do if they want to use public transport?**

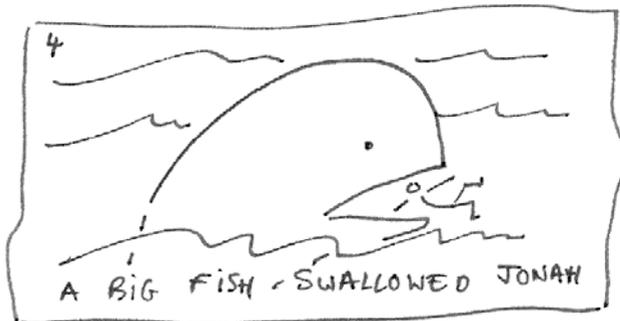
Wait at a buzz stop!



# Bible Sketchbook



Jonah disobeyed God. He liked doing his own thing. God said "Go to Ninevah and tell the people to repent." Jonah said "No!" Storms hit his life and swallowed him up. Finally he turned to God and God heard him. At last he obeyed. He told the people to obey God and despite his own struggles they did! God had mercy! Say "yes" to God and know his mercy too! (read more in Jonah)



# ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

## On how to deflect those staff appraisals

The Rectory  
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

So, your vicar has introduced staff appraisal for all the officers who work for your church, including yourself. It seems a very dangerous innovation; as far as I am concerned: ministry is only successful when parishioners have no idea what the clergy get up to.

I imagine that he will look at the number of services you take in a year. Funerals can only be increased if you resort to murder, which is likely to be frowned on - although I have often been sorely tempted during endless church council meetings. Perhaps if you take a flask of water wherever you go and if you find a baby unattended, you could resort to a spontaneous baptism. That would get your numbers up, even if returning mothers may marvel at the highly localised and brief shower that seemed to have taken place over the pram.

He is bound to want to see congregations increasing. Get your youth group to make cardboard cut-outs to place strategically in the pews, or maybe some of the local dress shops could loan you their mannequins for the day - preferably clothed, or it may make newcomers think that nudity is an essential part of worship at your church. That would be a shame if it discouraged them, but even worse if it encouraged others. With the electronic equipment your church has, holograms projected around the church would surely not be impossible; that way, it would look even more lifelike if the equipment made their heads appear to droop in sleep during the sermon.

Visiting targets are easily increased. Compile a list of when parishioners will be out and call on those days; a card through their letterbox will prove to your vicar that you were there. Should they happen to be in, mention that you are collecting for the fabric fund or that you want to discuss their prayer lives and they will immediately find a reason why they must excuse themselves for an important appointment. You are then free to move on to clock another visit.

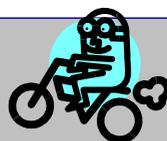
*And that brings me to your prayer times. There is a fine line between silent meditation and peaceful sleep. If you learn to take those 15 minute post-lunch naps in a kneeling position, they can then be logged as devotion, thus increasing your daily total. Trying to prove the effectiveness of your prayer life by claiming coincidences as miraculous answers may be a little presumptuous; you could just mention such things and then adopt a look that says you are far too humble to take any credit. That way, you earn double points.*

*But you must record everything you claim - because next year, further imagination will have to be applied to quantify another year of breathless success.*

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

## FROM THE RECTORY

THE RECTORY,  
BURTON BRADSTOCK, DT6 4QS  
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**On** Ash Wednesday, 9<sup>h</sup> March there will be a service of Holy Communion at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock. This will include the imposition of ashes when we have a cross in ash drawn upon our forehead, and what always feels to me the chilling words are said over us "Remember Mortal that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Another service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the evening of that day, 7.00 pm at St Mary's, Puncknowle. The words will again be rehearsed, carrying the same reminder.

Always to be aware of mortality can become a damaging fixation, to ourselves and those around us. Always to avoid the issue can all too readily be a vain effort not to grow up from the teenage years of being indestructible, or from further back the savage, infant years of Peter Pan.

Dealing with mortality need not be a huge and fearful struggle at reconciliation with darkness. It can be the sum of many little, quite dull events; such as writing a will, taking out life insurance, telling the family about wishes for your funeral. Now I think about it, even keeping the filing system and the address book current (O mea culpa) are things that come under this heading. These are little chores, almost nothing in themselves, which can be almost unnoticed moments of resolution, help to ease worry.

But to settle the soul in joy, to bring hope to one's own loss and light to the darkening day, that will take another kind of huge leap, or another series of little actions in tiny increments of courage. The huge leap can be a moment of great revelation in a foretaste of glory, leaving behind it an

assurance that no worldly fear can overcome. The small increments, almost nothing in themselves, are the prayer, quiet, stillness and peace which by a strange spiritual twist lead us away from grimly morbid obsessions with darkness to a deeper joy in light. God Bless. Bob.

## AN APOLOGY

This is an apology, by which means I hope to make it known that I am sorry for the embarrassment and offence caused by remarks directed towards the Hive Café in the last edition of the BVN. I am aware that the staff at the café were left feeling confused, hurt and offended by comments that were made, and I am sorry that they should have been subjected to such affront. I am well aware too that there are many in the community who appreciate and are very grateful to the Hive café for the quality of its provision, the warmth of its welcome and the excellence of its service. The café is commended throughout the Valley by frequent and by occasional customers, and by those who visit us in the holiday seasons. I am now hearing of the Hive being loudly supported by very many who have told me they wish strongly to disassociate themselves from the comments that have been passed, as do I.

I do not wish to bang on about this lest more attention than is necessary is attracted to the matter, but I do wish this sincere apology to be registered. Bob Thorn.

## MUSIC FOR LENT.

On 29<sup>th</sup> April there will be, as is usual on Good Friday, a three hours devotion in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, from 12.00noon until 3.00pm. For the first hour there will be prayers and the reading of the scriptures. What is to follow is not so usual, in that the meditation will be led in poetry and music. We have had a generous offer from a string quartet led by Janet Lane to play a series of seven pieces of music composed by Haydn to follow the seven last words of Christ at his crucifixion. The pieces are themselves quite short and will be interspersed by readings given by Vicky Thomas, our new Lay Worship Leader. In between there will be space in silence for meditation during the time of our Lord's suffering.

The musical theme continues backwards into our Lenten series of preparation in prayer. This is why the 3 hours devotion at the end of April is in the March BVN; the consequence at the end of Lent finds its origin back at the beginning. Ash Wednesday is 9<sup>th</sup> March. The Lent series will begin on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and then continue on the following Wednesdays through Lent- I am saying 7.30pm because the evenings will be well drawn out this year with Easter being so late.

Jean and Janet together have chosen some music to be played as part

of our prayers and meditation for our series. There is a wide range. Typically, we will start with a piece to settle ourselves in our devotions. There will be prayer and time for reflection. A longer piece will follow, and another time in silence. At the end there will be prayers and the said service of Compline; itself a quiet and gentle devotion.

This is a change from what we have done during Lent in the past few years. I hope that you will find it to be a source of strength and encouragement during the season of penitence.

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## SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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## DIARY OF EVENTS: MARCH 2011

Tue	1	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
Tue	1	7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	2	7.30pm Burton Bradstock Parish Council	BB Reading Room
Thu	3	9.30am Church Working Party	St Mary, Litton Cheney
	3 - 5	7.30pm BBP "Something Old, Something New"	B Bradstock Village Hall
Fri	4	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	4	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Sat	5	10.00am St Patrick Market	Bridport United Church Hall
Sun	6	7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon	7	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Mon	7	9.45am Art Classes	LATCH
Tue	8	12.30pm Pancake Fiesta	B Bradstock Village Hall
Tue	8	3.00pm Tea & Chat	Baglake Farm, L. Cheney
Tue	8	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Tue	8	7.30pm Litton Cheney Parish Council	LATCH
Wed	9	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
Wed	9	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Wed	9	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Wed	9	7.30pm Shipton Gorge Parish Council	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Thu	10	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	11	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Fri	11	10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	The Bull, Swyre
Fri	11	10.30pm Meet the Author	B Bradstock Reading Room
Fri	11	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Sat	12	10.00am Village Walk	Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney
Sat	12	10.00am Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sat	12	2.30pm March Fair	LATCH
Sat	12	7.30pm Keeeeeep Dancing	LATCH

Sun	13	12.30pm BV Bring & Share Lunch	B Bradstock Village Hall
Sun	13	Coffee, Lunch & Teas	Long Bredy Village Hall
Mon	14	9.45am Art Classes	LATCH
Mon	14	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	15	10.00am Open House	Good Books, Bridport
Tue	15	12.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	15	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
Tue	15	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	16	12.30pm St Mary, Puncknowle Frugal Lunch	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	16	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
Wed	16	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Wed	16	7.00pm Renewable Energy	LATCH
Wed	16	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	17	12.45pm St Peter Frugal Lunch	Langebride, Long Bredy
Thu	17	7.30pm BV Films "Bright Star"	LATCH
Thu	17	7.30pm St Peter PCC AGM	Long Bredy Village Hall
Fri	18	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Fri	18	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	18	12.30pm St Mary, Litton Cheney Frugal Lunch	Steddings, Chalk Pit lane
	18/19	10.00am Sample Sale	B Bradstock Reading Room
Sat	19	10.30am Village Cafe	LATCH
Sat	19	7.00pm Bring & Share Irish Night	PSWB Village Hall
Sun	20	10.30am Brunch & Book Sale	Littlebredy Village Hall
Mon	21	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Mon	21	9.45am Art Classes	LATCH
Mon	21	7.15pm RBL(BV) Social Evening	3 Horseshoes, B Bradstock
Mon	21	7.30pm BVGC - Aromatic Plants & herbs	PSWB VH
Tue	22	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	23	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
Wed	23	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Wed	23	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Wed	23	7.30pm St Martin APCM	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Thu	24	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Thu	24	7.00pm RBL(Ab) Annual Dinner	Mqs of Granby, Chickerell
Fri	25	10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	The Bull, Swyre
Fri	25	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	25	12.00noon Super Soup Lunch	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Fri	25	6.30pm Easter Bingo	LATCH
Fri	25	7.30pm Artsreach "Dep of Smelling Pistakes"	B Bradstock Village Hall
Fri	25	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Mon	28	9.45am Art Classes	LATCH
Mon	28	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	29	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	30	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
Wed	30	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Wed	30	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Wed	30	7.30pm Artsreach "What would Helen Mirren do?"	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Thu	31	7.30pm Fete Planning Meeting	St Mary, Litton Cheney

# SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

March 2011

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday March 6 Quinquagesima	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday March 13 Lent 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday March 20 Lent 2	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday March 27 Lent 3 <i>CLOCKS CHANGE</i>
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	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  6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer  6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Swyre</b>	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion (By Extension)
<b>Puncknowle</b>	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (By Extension)
<b>Long Bredy</b>	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	
<b>Littlebredy</b>		11.00 Holy Communion (By Extension)	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion