

Bride Valley News



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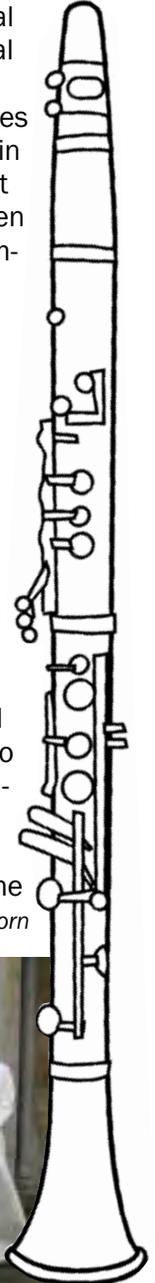


There was an ordination service in Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 8th of October. I was there as Rural Dean to support Shuna George who was being made a Deacon along with eight other people from around the diocese. Shuna lives in Lyme, but will be working with The Revd. Canon Andrew Evans in Bridport. He was there to do the official bit as Shuna's incumbent which meant that for me it was one of those "once in whiles" when I actually get to go to Church without having either to do or remember anything.

And so you might understand the sense of liberation I felt when right at the beginning of the service, without any notice, a single, solo clarinet began to play. The sound was thin but clear and pure across the thousand or more in the congregation. All murmuring stopped, and for all I know all breathing such was the beauty of what we heard. The simple melody swooped and pitched in unexpected turns, and yet returned to its place in perfect resolution. There was a lilt of loveliness in the air which continued to be held throughout the service until right at the end. When the great words had been said, the commissions given and the big singing had all been sung, the same clarinet gave to our heart the repeated melody.

The point of all of which is to say that I have misunderstood all my life the expression 'clarion call.'" I had assumed it was to do with a fanfare of horns, blasting trumpets, bold as brass summoning attention and gathering people for the great purpose of some noble cause. Now I know that the clarion call as of the old fashioned clarinet is gentle and lovely, quiet, modest, and gentle on the soul to the point that one cannot help but follow.

Bob Thorn



FROM THE REGISTERS

Apologies that some of the following reports didn't get to our Editor for previous issues.

WEDDINGS



On Saturday, 24th September, **DANIEL BULLEN** and **SARAH CAMPBELL** were married in St Martin's Church, Sipton Gorge. It was a very happy family occasion, the families coming from far and wide for the celebration. Aston was a star of the occasion, but this is his place and part, we knew well, and a fine contribution to the fun of the day. Many congratulations Dan and Sarah. We pray God's blessings upon you for the years ahead.

This was the 17th and last of the weddings to be held in the Bride Valley this year, and to my mind it has been a great year. Each and all of these weddings were really happy occasions; very different of course, but consistent in the sheer joy of those being married, and the delight of family and friends attending.

My thanks to the Revd. Ryder Rogers and the Revd. Peter Saunt who have shared with me in the privilege of leading these celebrations during the Summer months.



On Saturday, 9th July Puncknowle Parish Church was decorated with flowers and ears of corn for the wedding of **WILLIAM FREDERICK MILLER**, son of Michael Miller (Farm Manager for the Manor), and **ANNE ELIZABETH BUDDIN**, of Dorchester.

The bride, dressed in an ivory gown, was accompanied down the aisle by William and Anne's two young sons Michael & Robert, seven other children attendants, all overseen by Anne's sister Kate as chief bridesmaid. William's best man was his father, Michael.

After songs, ceremony and a talk on the inextinguishable flame of love in Song of Songs 8:6-7, the couple came forward for prayer and to light a memory candle in remembrance of lost loved ones.

The bridal party, after signing the registers left the church grounds through the back gate to have photos taken in the glorious sunshine in the Manor grounds

We pray God's blessing on the couple's future together.

BAPTISM



A good congregation filled the 9.30am Family Communion at Burton Bradstock for the baptism of **JAMES ALEXANDER CLACK** on 29th July, which was appropriately the Feast of St. James.

James and his mum Pauline are regulars at the Friday Tots' Service. Pauline & David were married in Burton Bradstock in Feb 2009 and one of the godparents alongside Janice and Kathy was David's best man, Richard.

During the service we sang the song chosen by Pauline & David 'One more step along the world I go', thinking about the call of St. James to be a follower and friend of Jesus and fisher of men for Jesus, and during the service prayed that James Clack would be the same.

Both family and friends were reminded of their responsibilities to pray for James and all those baptised into the church. So we pray for James and Pauline & David to know Christ's presence day by day.

FUNERALS



The village of Burton Bradstock was in shock at the death of young **JAMES THORNER**; the circumstances of which I will not burden the heart to repeat. His funeral, on 7th October was held at St Mary's Church in the village, following which there was a ceremony at Weymouth crematorium.

The Church was full to overflowing with members of James' extensive family. friends from the village and from the learning base at Beaminster school, and neighbours who gathered to grieve him. Heartfelt tributes were bravely given in his memory in speech, song and poetry. The prayers were led by the Revd David Harknett, the chaplain of Beaminster school. It is hard to imagine how an occasion can be at the same time grand, dignified and unutterably sorrowful, but so it was.



The funeral of the late **DOREEN MAY PRINT** was held in St Mary's Church, Puncknowle on Thursday 13th October. Doreen came to live in the village some 17 years ago with her mother, Lily. They arrived from Newbury where Doreen had been a headteacher of an infant school. She was one of the founders of the village art group, an accomplishment in which she had talent. She delighted in cycling, and with friends explored large areas of the country, including Scotland and Ireland.

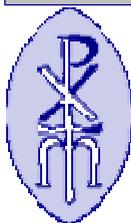
In latter years, following Lily's death at the age of 102, Doreen began to lose her memory of things about her and her grip on her ability to live alone. She moved to Broadwindsor House, and died there at the age of 95.

She had no immediate family. Mr John Lavender, a cousin, led those who gathered to mourn her. After the service she was borne from the Church she knew so well and the village she loved to Weymouth crematorium.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory

LITTON CHENEY

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

A big **THANK YOU** – first, for the generous offerings brought to the Harvest Festival Service – the people at the Pilsdon Community's moving on house in Dorchester were very grateful for such wonderful goodies, and secondly, to all who so generously sponsored Freddie and Richard who battled the wind and the rain cycling to 25 churches in aid of Dorset Historic Churches Trust - £342 was sent to the Trust, who returned half to St Mary's.

A CHANGE to our services – the PCC has decided that the time of the service on the first Sunday in the month will be the same as the other Sundays – at 9.30 rather than 11.00am. and that this service will henceforth be one of Morning Worship rather than a Family Service; a similar form of service will be used catering for all ages.

A REMINDER that our churchyard working parties continue on the first Thursday in each month so an hour or two of your time would be much appreciated at 9.30am on Thursday 3rd November.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

BARN DANCE

Tickets are going fast as I “speak”, but do call in case there are any left as you read this. Date is Saturday November 12th, tickets £7.50.



Ron Davidson LCSC 482661



EVENTS AT LATCH

There really is a lot going on at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall and too much to chronicle in detail here so a visit to www.littoncheney.org.uk may pay dividends. Also please see Valley Notes. For contact with a person and bookings please call Richard Jones 482602

VILLAGE CAFÉ CHRISTMAS

For a number of years now we have held an event around this time in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare Trust and this year is no exception, other than we are moving it closer to Christmas. Saturday 3rd December is the date for your diary.

Please come for what will be a very special occasion.



LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 8th November, 7.30pm at LATCH. Local residents are invited and indeed actively encouraged to attend. We are delighted to welcome Dr Hugh Lantos onto the Parish Council. The council is now fully complemented. Contact details for the councillors and clerk can be found on village notice boards and at www.littoncheney.org.uk.

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BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT FOR DECEMBER ISSUE

Would contributors please email their contributions for the December issue, due by 8th November, to a stand-in village correspondent, jae_rogers@hotmail.co.uk as I am not available. I regret that handwritten contributions will not be possible for this edition: for this month only, however, typed copy may be sent direct to the editor at 30 Springfield, Puncknowle.

I wish to express my thanks for this timely help.

Please contact me as normal in early December for the January edition.

Ian Ibbotson

ST. MARY'S CHURCH



HARVEST SUPPER

The fun began with Peter Broomhead becoming Burton's very own Marcel Marceau to show the emergency exits in mime. But this was not the beginning. The evening began months ago with the careful planning of people who worked hard to bring us such an entertaining and novel Harvest Supper. There was to be no dancing this year! But what would happen? There was to be entertainment of quality.

Rector Bob said a grace, praying that the guests, faced with such a delicious spread, would queue with due decorum and of course we did. What delights and treats provided by the guests themselves and after main courses of such delight there were puddings to die for.

In between the delicious mouthfuls we were challenged by a quiz; 30 brain teasers on food and drink, devised by Pauline Woodford. We were trusted to mark our own papers, a compliment we lived up to. The winners had 23½ points. (Who told them they could have half a point?).

And then came the entertainment.

David Woodford wrote and played his very own food music, Boiled Beef and Carrots to Shortening Bread: Peter Colbert told anecdotes of such surpassing humour that he spent his entire act convulsed with laughter and so,

not surprisingly, were we: Jean Thorn gave us a monologue as a director addressing amateur actors of Hamlet - as good as Hamlet's own address to his players: Daphne Ekins became Pam Ayres to make us salivate at the poetic thoughts of puddings: Bob Thorn entertained us with a song on his guitar and a tune on his mouth organ and Daphne read a poem by David Woodford to an accompaniment by the author.

To complete we had to sing two harvest songs to finish our evening of harvest cheer.

Thanks to Susan Paul and Peter and Pat Broomhead and all the kitchen workers, the Post Office for selling the tickets, the artists, Christine and Malcolm Lawrence behind the bar and to yourselves for providing such wonderful food.

Ian Ibbotson

VILLAGE SOCIETY

The speaker at the next meeting of the Village Society, on Friday 11th November, is going to be Richard Jones, whose subject will be, "High Speed1 and the rebuilding of St Pancras".

Richard is a former British Rail Manager and he will tell us about the complex planning and engineering work that went into the construction of the high speed link to the channel tunnel and some of the little-known problems that arose. Many of us will have visited the glorious reincarnation of the new terminal in North London and this talk will give us another insight into the success of this beautiful building.



The following month, on 2nd December, we shall have some amusing memories of a former Metropolitan Policeman, Paul Bricknell. There is a number of former Met officers usually in our audience, so this could make for an interesting question and answer session towards the end....



INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

The new season of the indoor bowls club is now underway with a special welcome for new members who are offered two free trial sessions to try their hand at getting the woods next to the jack.

The club meets in the Village Hall every Monday from 7.00 to 9.00pm and from 2.00 to 4.00pm on alternate Wednesdays.

Free tuition for beginners, three rinks, friendly competitive games and refreshments for just £2. A small price for an enjoyable evening or afternoon

out. We look forward to seeing you.

Further information from Secretary, Colin Clark (897412)

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 897673



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OCTOBER 2011 DRAW

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£44.20	No 61:	Mrs O.B. Cheney
2 nd	£22.10	No 69:	Mr Bernard Chennells
3 rd	£11.05	No 151:	Ms Jenny Malyon

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the November-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £2 – one pound for each of the remaining 2 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS MARKET



Come to Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December from 10.30am for freshly brewed coffee and French pastries and browse around festive stalls. The adult entrance fee, payable at the door, is £2.00 which includes the first cup of coffee and a pastry; children 50p to include juice and a pastry. Additional coffee and pastries will be on sale.

All stalls are now booked, but if you would like to go on a waiting list in case of any cancellations please contact Susan Moores on 01308 897673.

VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The Village Hall Committee is putting on its seasonal quiz in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 17th December. Doors will open at 7.00pm for a prompt start to the quiz at 7.30pm. In order to achieve comfortable seating arrangements, bring along a team of 8 or join a team on the night. Enjoy not only a fun quiz but also nibbles and a light supper. There will be prizes for quiz winners, a Raffle and a Bar and, if previous years' Christmas events are anything to go by, a great evening will be had by all.



Tickets will be available from Burton Bradstock Post Office, priced £6.00 each, from Saturday 26th November. Posters will be put up around the Village advertising the event. Note: if you have a team of 8 and would like to reserve a table in advance, please contact Susan Moores on 01308 897673.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST (BBVHT)

The seventh BBVHT Annual General Meeting will be held in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Wednesday 18th January 2012 at 8.00pm. 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.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE FAYRE

The Village Hall Committee is pleased to say that the Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will once again be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th June at 2.00pm. The Fayre will form part of the Village's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Graham Moody and Jim Rogers have kindly volunteered to take over the organisation of the event from Susan Moores and David Edwards for 2012.

Susan Moores – Chairman - Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust

ARTSREACH NEWS

An early notice of the next Artsreach show at Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Make a note in your diary for Pip Utton who will present his one man show

"CHARLES DICKENS" on Saturday 10th December. Pip recently won the UNESCO award for the Best Solo Performer. Those who are familiar with the work of Pip will not miss this opportunity of seeing one of his acclaimed one man shows.



More news about this in the December Bride Valley News.

Norman Saunders-White Artsreach promoter for Burton Bradstock



DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Following an initial meeting of interested village groups, a Committee has been formed to co-ordinate what will be a four day period of celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This will run from Saturday 2nd June to Tuesday 5th June 2012 inclusive. The aim is to plan events that will involve all age groups and will include activities in the centre of the village, on the recreation ground and on the beach.

All the main groups in the village are involved in the planning and funding of these events. There will be music, sports, food and drink and fun activities for all. The Committee would also like to put together a display of film, photographs and artefacts from the 1950's; these can be related to the village and/or to the country as a whole. If anyone has anything that you feel we could use, please contact Susan Moores on 01308 897673 (Chairman - Diamond Jubilee Committee).

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS



Don't forget our November production! The Players will be putting on a charity production on 17/18/19th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The first half will be a One Act Play which is set in France at the time of the Liberation, followed by a Ploughman's Supper in the interval, and then a medley of wartime songs for the second half – an opportunity to join in and have a good sing!

Profits will be split between the Players and Help for Heroes. Box Office will open in Burton Bradstock Post Office on Monday 24th October. Ticket prices will be: Adults £9, children under 16 £6, to include a Ploughman's Supper.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

“You, too, can become a Creative Wildlife Photographer,” according to David Boag, speaker at the first night of our new season. “And you don't even need an expensive camera or lighting equipment” (though surely it must help). No more meter readings of sky, shade and shadow, David maintains that anyone these days can point and shoot with a digital camera and get marvellous results, as long as you use a little imagination and look deeper into the scene you are capturing.

David's first book “The Kingfisher” was published in 1982 and 17 more books have followed, ranging from puffins, the wild coast, the quiet garden and the changing river, to a series on the wildlife and natural beauty of quarries. His hobby became his passion, so he gave up his first career and became a professional wildlife photographer, not seeking fame or celebrity on TV, but preferring to remain behind the scenes, writing books, making educational DVDs and running tutorial workshops for photography enthusiasts who already have a basic knowledge, but wish to develop their creative skills.

He loves natural history in every shape and form and showed us magnificent photos of ladybirds, a wood mouse, a turtle swimming off the Great Barrier Reef in Australia (taken with a simple £80 undersea camera), a duck-billed platypus, a sand lizard, an oyster catcher, rainbow lorikeets and galahs (which he describes as “parrot jobs”), an otter and so much else. He reckons British and European wildlife is the most difficult to photograph, whereas American bald eagles just gaze down on you and follow your every move – David had used his wife to illustrate this point and luckily the giant bird had not swooped down on her, though it would have made an exciting photo, I suspect. His close-up of a dozing male lion, and his leopard with kill high up in the safety of a tree demonstrated his versatility and range of subject, and he has led exciting, stimulating and thrilling safari trips to Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe (we know, we went with him a couple of times). He

also loves flowers and chooses the west coast of Scotland as his favourite area of outstanding scenic beauty. His enthusiasm, exuberance and passion were lively, boisterous, entertaining and extremely noisy and, for once, hearing aids did not have to be adjusted (and perhaps could even be turned off) as he could surely be heard as far away as the village green. These days David can be found giving regular lectures on cruise ships, and the Saga fleet is his favourite. As he slowly approaches retirement, he says he is thoroughly enjoying becoming a grumpy old man. How refreshing to meet a man who actually admits he is!

Carol Lumley



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Would you please return your collecting boxes to Pauline Woodford at The Bramleys, Annings Lane or to the Church on a Sunday by November 20th.

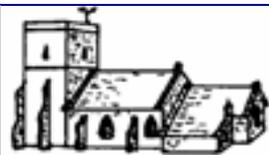
Everyone is invited to our Christingle on Friday 9th December at 3.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. This is a candlelit service in which children from the school will be taking part and is followed by a party in the Village Hall.

Carol singing around the village in aid of the Society will be on Monday December 12th.

Pauline Woodford 898327

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY

REFLECTIONS ON HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

It was good to have so many people, old and new, celebrating with us this year. The supper once again saw an abundance of good food provided for our enjoyment; the sound of much conversation shared, and a mix of light-hearted entertainment which seemed to be enjoyed by all. Finally, we were most grateful to Barry, who presented the Church with a new cockerel weather vane to replace the present one which has seen better days! A big thank you to all who made the evening what it was, and especially for being one of the party.

Again on Sunday evening we enjoyed the company of friends old and new and young and old, which was a delight. The Church looked and smelt wonderful; the hymns chosen by the congregation were sung with gusto to the organ accompaniment; and the evening was rounded off in our usual sociable way as we shared the Harvest loaf and the fruit of the vine! Once again, our thanks to all who came, shared, and made the Thanksgiving what

it was. The harvest gifts were enthusiastically received by the staff of Chan-
cery House Day Centre in Bridport, and the cooks there were keen to pro-
duce stuffed marrow for the people who attend as it's one of their favourite
lunches!

Our **ADVENT COFFEE MORNING** will be on Saturday 26th November
from 10.30am in the Church. Please do come along to meet friends, have a
chat over a coffee/tea and a mince pie, and help us raise much needed
funds for the upkeep of your Church. There will be a raffle and stalls selling
the usual things, some with a Christmassy touch. We look forward to seeing
you there.

Contributions of goods to sell or raffle will be very much appreciated.
Contact David and Yvonne tel. 898 492. Yvonne

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

For bookings, telephone 01308 897724/897751



Reg Charity No. 1105233

AUGUST WINNERS:

Pearl Miller	£15
Sandy Marshall	£10

SEPTEMBER WINNERS:

Mike Brown	£15
Tony Taylor	£10

Should anyone wish to join in the 100 Club, there are numbers still
available. Join now in time for the bumper Christmas draw!

Contact Sid Marshall (01308 897318) or Rob Reeks (01308 897663)
for information and application form.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Watch out for notices with details of the forthcoming AGM which will
be in November. This will be your chance to let the Management Committee
know what you need of your village hall - and perhaps get involved in operat-
ing, maintaining and preserving this amenity for the future.

BRING AND SHARE CURRY NIGHT

Saturday 27th November, 7.30 for 8.00pm.

Bring and share your favourite curry (meat,
fish or vegetarian). If you don't like curry then bring
an alternative dish or bring a pudding to share.



Bring your own drinks or buy at the bar. We will provide rice, naan and poppadoms, water, tea & coffee. The food will be intertwined with a table quiz. £1 entry.

Contact Carol Bennett carol.dorset@btinternet.com or on 897771 or Sue Brown sue.brown@btinternet.com or on 897953

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sunday December 11th from 3.00pm.

Father Christmas will be visiting with presents for the children. There will be gifts to buy, cakes, chocolate, mulled wine and refreshments. Fun and games for all.



Afterwards everybody is invited to join in with the Carols by Candlelight in the Church.

Help will be needed beforehand to build Father Christmas' Grotto and to decorate the Christmas tree.

PUNCKNOWLE & W. BEXINGTON

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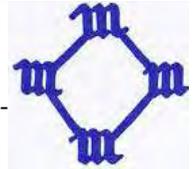
ST MARY'S CHURCH, PUNCKNOWLE

FAMILY COMMUNION

From November 13th, we will have a regular Family Communion on the second Sunday of each month at 11.00am.

This service will suit people of all ages and all are welcome.

The Evening Service on the same day will continue as usual at 5.00pm.



will be held at 5.00pm on Sunday December 11th during which we will hear the Christmas story and assemble the crib. Afterwards, please stay for mince pies and mulled wine.

Why not walk together by torchlight from the Christmas Fayre in the Hall to the Carols in Church.

CHURCH CLEANING

Is there anyone who could spare us the occasional hour or so to help keep the church buildings clean? I know that many of you value the presence of our lovely old church in the centre of the village. We will be having 'Clean-Up Mornings' on Friday 4th November 10.30 - 12.00noon, and again at the same time on Saturday November 12th. Just turn up on either of those mornings or contact Sue Brown on 897953.





BOOK CLUB

This month we are reading a book called "The Conservationist" by Nadine Gordimer which is set in South Africa, so different again.

Our last book "A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian" was very enjoyable; I think everyone enjoyed it.

We also receive Literary Bulletins from the Bridport Library of events to be held in the area from October to December. Keep Reading!

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Everyone enjoyed the workshop we had with Terry Whitworth on seascapes. This proved very useful when we had a morning painting at Hive Beach during some fine warm weather. We are back at the village hall for 11th Nov and Sallie will lead the session on the 25th.



Christine Molony

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and the

details of the forthcoming

BRING AND SHARE CURRY NIGHT (Saturday Nov. 27th)

CHRISTMAS FAYRE (Sunday December 11th)

see the Village Hall entry in the Swyre section..

AUCTION OF PROMISES EVENING

IN AID OF THE

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON PLAYING FIELD APPEAL

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2011

7:30PM PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL

FREE ENTRY

BAR, NIBBLES AND RAFFLE

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
GREAT ENTERTAINMENT.**

**BE PART OF THE VILLAGES' EFFORTS TO
IMPROVE THEIR PLAYING FIELD.**



*If you are in a position to offer an auction item
please contact Nic – 898474 or Jane - 897756.*



PUNCKNOWLE KEEP FIT CLUB

Exercise to music on Wednesday Afternoons 2-3pm. Cost £5 a session, payable in advance for the half term, November 2nd – 14th December. Come along and enjoy a varied programme with Jackie who accommodates all ages and abilities.

YOGA CLASSES

Anyone interested in Yoga Classes on a Thursday in the early evening? If so contact me at carol.dorset@btinternet.com or on 897771



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The November meeting will be on November 15th. Anyone who would like to join the club, or who has not ordered their lunch for that date, please telephone 01308 897622 as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE that the December Lunch will be one week earlier than usual, and will be on December 13th.

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL.

St. Martin's church was beautifully adorned with flowers and fruit, and with additionally flowers donated by Dan & Sarah Bullen who had been married the previous day. To everyone who had worked so hard, from cleaning, polishing, flower arranging, THANK YOU.

HARVEST SUPPER.

A very jolly crowd enjoyed the Harvest Supper and Bob entertained us with three songs. The one about the chicken certainly amused everyone.

ADVANCE NOTICES

ADVENT COFFEE & MINCE PIE MORNING. We are holding a coffee and mince pie morning on Friday 2nd December. Janet Lane has kindly offered to play 'Christmassy' music for us, and we are hoping to have extra cakes,

chutneys and other interesting things for sale. The money raised from this event is going towards the purchase of a new St. George's flag for the church. Several people have commented on how worn and frayed it is looking, so it has been decided to renew it. Hopefully the new flag will be flying for Christmas.

CAROL SERVICE. Please make a note of the date of December 18th when we will be holding our annual Carol Service at 6.30pm. Mulled wine and mincepies will be served in the Village Hall after the service. Everyone is welcome to this most joyous service.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Our own service of quiet contemplation and reflection will take place at 9.30am on November 13th.

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST, RIDE & STRIDE

The sponsored cycle ride was particularly enjoyable this year because of near perfect weather conditions - cloudy bright with a gentle breeze. We also had great incentive because our generous sponsors have really done us proud, raising £517, to be shared equally between St. Martin's church and the trust. So thank you all very much, cyclists and sponsors, for your great support in this worthy cause.

Janet Lane



Dear Friends of Village, Valley and Beyond, thank you, thank you for your visits, gifts, flowers and get well cards after Peter's and my "mishaps". We are both doing well.

A very heartfelt THANK YOU to a dear and special person who has been and is a STAR. Affectionately, Pamela A. Bates.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

COACH TRIP TO EXETER on Thursday 1st December leaving the New Inn at 9.30am returning 4.30pm. Seats will need to be booked by Thursday 11th Nov as we need a full coach to run this trip. Tickets will be between £10.00 and £13.00. Ring Sally Parker on 01308 897168.

XMAS BINGO in the Village Hall on Wednesday 7th December starting at 7.30pm: Good Xmas Prizes, Raffle, plus tea and Biscuits. This is joint Bingo with the Village Hall Trust and Village Society.

Tickets at the door on the night.

PRE-CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

This year's event will take place on Sunday 27th November from 12 noon to 2.30pm in the Village Hall. As usual please bring a plate of food for the table and a bottle or two for the bar. All residents of Shipton Gorge are invited. If anyone needs more information please phone Robert or Christine Cornish on 897833.

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council is being held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th November in the Village Hall. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

As we are now coming into the time when people are looking at doing work to trees on their property, we would like to remind you that if you live in the conservation area you must get permission from West Dorset District Council before you undertake any tree work as nearly all trees in conservation areas are protected. You can contact the District Council's Tree Officer on 01305-252421 for further information.



WELCOME

to **JO, BEN and PEARL BOUGHTON-WHITE**, who moved into their new house in Gulliver's Orchard at the beginning of October. They have called the house "Poppa's Lodge" and are delighted to be living in Shipton Gorge where Jo was born and brought up, and where they celebrated their wedding in 2008

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

£20	No 67	Lena Williams
£10	No 94	Sally Parker
£ 5	No 56	Sue Porter

SHIPTON GORGE LTD.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for Shipton Gorge Ltd (The Orchard) is to be held on Wednesday 30th November, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Everybody, not only members, is welcome to attend and to join us after the meeting for a glass of wine and a mince pie.

In every dispute between parent and child, both cannot be right, but they may be, and usually are, both wrong. It is this situation which gives family life its peculiar hysterical charm.

Isaac Rosenfeld

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

Email: pwbridehead@btinternet.com Tel: 482232



Harvest Festival and the Harvest Supper will be three weeks past when you read this, but the Church was beautifully decorated for the occasion by an excellent team, and the evening service was well attended.

About 35 villagers then enjoyed a Bring & Share Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, towards which much generosity had been shown by many people. It was greatly appreciated.

We are saying goodbye to Madeleine Preston, who leaves 2, Yew Tree Cottages at the end of October. Her time in the village has not been all that long, but she has made a considerable contribution, and it has certainly been a significant period for her. She leaves with many happy memories, and we wish her every happiness and fulfilment for the future as she moves further north in Dorset.



For the future, this is to give notice that the **BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS EVENT** will resume this year, on Saturday 5th November. Posters and e-mails will follow, so this proof (typed on 12.10.11.) contains no details in case they are contradicted nearer the time! But if you intend to come then please bring a decent firework or two, and the Village Hall will be open afterwards.

Further ahead, the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIAL CLUB** will take place in the Village Hall on Friday 2nd December at 7.00pm, after which the bar will be open for a Social Evening. As things stand, the entire Committee wants to step down for various, mainly personal reasons, so anyone with an interest in the future of the Club – which also means of course the continuing status of the Village Hall – should please attend if possible and be prepared to shoulder some of the burden of keeping it going (or at least support the efforts in future of those who do). All members who are in good standing are entitled to bring ideas for the future, vote and/or stand for office, and the essential message has to be: *It is a membership Club: use it or lose it.*

LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: CAROLINE MORRISH-BANHAM

TEL: 482757

EMAIL: mark_banham@btinternet.com



100 CLUB WINNERS!

SEPTEMBER 2011

£25	No. 77	Lavinia Palm
£15	No. 88	Albert and Rosemarie Pitcher
£5	No. 34	Charlotte Kinghorn

LONG BREDY PROMISES AUCTION

Don't miss our Long Bredy November fundraising event!
Friday 18th November 2011 7.30pm at The White Horse, Litton Cheney. For full details see notice in the **Valley News** section

TEA AND CHAT

Start again 8th November - full details in the **Valley News** section.

BEYOND THE VALLEY

GOOD BOOKS

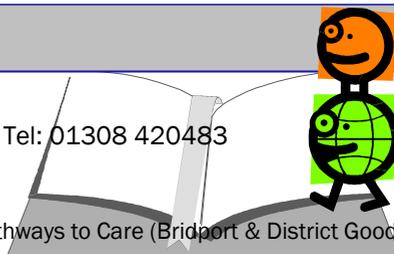
St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL, Tel: 01308 420483

E-mail: orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk

Website: www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk

Home of: Bridport Book of Hours, Threads of Hope, Pathways to Care (Bridport & District Good Neighbours & Hopeful Hampers).

Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 9.00am-1.00pm, Wed & Fri 9.00am-3.00pm, Saturday 10am-12.00noon. New volunteers always welcome



SAINTS ALIVE AT GOOD BOOKS!

Come and celebrate people whose lives were/are examples of love and service at our next Open House on Tuesday 15th November 10am-2pm. We'll have books on some of these "saints" as well as our usual home-made goodies – come and share your heros/heroines.

A wide range of our Christmas cards support The Leprosy Mission and we have the usual colourful children's books for all ages in the Lion Christmas Promotion. We also have Advent calendars and candles, Advent meditations and study books as well as a variety of gifts for those you love.

BRIDPORT COMMUNITY LUNCH

Wednesday 23rd November 12.30-2.00pm, Bridport United Church Hall.

If you're involved with any local voluntary and community groups and

charities or want to get involved with volunteering, come along to this informal quarterly bring-and-share lunch to meet & chat and share ideas & information.

Contacts: Jo on 01308 427851, jo@jovian.co.uk or Karen on 07918639012, K.Jones@volunteeringdorset.org.uk
Hosted by Churches Together & Volunteer Centre Dorset

PATHWAYS TO CARE

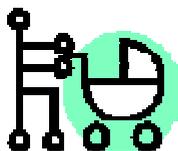
coordinates both Bridport & District Good Neighbours scheme, providing help where needed (gardening, shopping, transport, changing a light bulb etc) and Hopeful Hampers, food for those in need. We'd welcome more volunteers but are also happy to hear from anyone who might need our help.

Find out more at our AGM, 11.00am Tuesday 22nd November in the Inner Hall at Bridport United Church, followed by a friendly shared lunch if you can stay. Or call in at Good Books, tel: 01308 420483.

VALLEY NOTES



TOTS AND PRAMS SERVICE



The 'Tots and Prams' Service takes place in St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, at 11.00am on the second Friday of every month. It is an informal, friendly service for babies and toddlers followed, by an opportunity for parents and youngsters to socialise.

Our next gathering is on Friday, November 9th – all are welcome

Heather Rogers, tel.897780

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH



COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF THE POPPY APPEAL in the Village Hall November 10th at 10.30am. Raffle and various stalls and a **POPPY POSTER DISPLAY** by the pupils of Burton Bradstock school.

MEMBERS WILL BE PLACING WREATHS on the war memorials around the Valley. Those taking part, to meet outside the library in Burton Bradstock on November 12th at 10.30am

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE will be held in St. Mary the Virgin Church, Burton Bradstock, on November 13th at 10.45am.

SOCIAL EVENING: December 5th at The Three Horse-shoes, Burton Bradstock when Poppy Appeal collectors are invited, 7.00pm for 7.30 start. Please inform Jim Reeves if you are attending.

Ray West.



ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

We will remember.....

Peter John FOOTTIT aged 90 years. Born at Petersfield he loved the South Downs, but in recent years he lived among us and was a keen supporter of our Branch activities. He especially enjoyed our holiday in Austria. A true gentleman, quietly spoken, unassuming by nature, but always a pleasure to be with, Peter will be sadly missed by us all. We offer our sincere condolences to Peter's wife Daphne, their children and grandchildren.

The **BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** takes place at Strangeways Hall, Abbotsbury at 7.30pm on Thursday 3rd November. After the proceedings there will be cheese and wine.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is on 13th November. There will be a short wreath laying ceremony at St Peter's Churchyard, Portesham at 10.15 am to which all are invited. At 10.50 am the same day Divine Service will be conducted by Branch Padre Rev Ada Whittock at St Nicholas Church, Abbotsbury followed by wreath laying at the War Memorial in the Churchyard.

CARDIFF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP and visit to **Cardiff Castle:** there are still a few seats available for this trip which is open to non-Members, on Thursday 24th November: pick-ups at Abbotsbury Square 8.00am, Portesham Green 8.10am, 35a London Road, Dorchester 8.30am. Book with the writer please. (Fares: Members not exceeding £20, non-Members add £2.50)

For our December meeting we present the **DURNOVARIA SILVER BAND** in Portesham Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Friday 23rd. This is a special Christmas concert and in the second half you will be able to sing along with some carols and other festive music. Some refreshments will be available. Open to everyone, but book early to avoid disappointment - tickets from Malcolm Pugh (871001) or John Perry (871346).

Des & Jean Baker will be running an 8-day **TOUR OF NORTHERN PORTUGAL** from 13-20th May next year in aid of the RBL Poppy Appeal & Dors to India charities. Full detailed itinerary from

Des Baker, Branch Entertainments Chairman (01305 267617)



The committee of the Festival of Music and Art will be holding a general meeting in the Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Friday 25th November at 7.00pm.

All Friends of the Festival, and anyone else interested, are welcome to attend to hear the Treasurer's report and accounts, and updates on the Festival, and to take the opportunity to have your say.

We also hope to take the first steps towards registering the Festival as a charity by voting to accept the constitution (please note that only 'Friends of the Festival' will be entitled to vote).

If you are interested in the Festival please come along to meet the committee and enjoy a glass of wine after the meeting.

Janet Whitaker

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a busy half term!

We had a lovely **Harvest Assembly** in a hall filled with the smell of freshly baked bread. The children baked bread that



morning - with the older children helping the younger ones - and each child took a roll home. Thank you to Adam Simon who provided the ingredients and supervised it all. And a big thank you to all our parents for their generosity. When we took all the tins and packets to the Dorchester Foodbank, they



were impressed by how much there was.

Sports and Visits: all the children have enjoyed a session of trampolining run by a parent – thank you, Mr Kingston. This activity will be offered as an after school club. Team Theme have started five weeks of football coaching; the children enjoy this immensely and learn so many new skills as well. Chesil had a fantastic learning time at Hilfield Friary and some of the children went Morris dancing in Weymouth!

Eco Schools: Kirsten Juniper from the Dorset County Council visited school on a 'Finish your food' campaign to encourage children not to be wasteful. She also talked to the children about composting and we now have composting caddies in which the children put leftovers from their fruit snacks. Our Eco Club light monitors are assiduously turning off lights and we will soon have door monitors.

Parents and our Fledglings children joined us for an assembly in the Discovery Area on Tuesday, 20th October. The children's singing was accompanied by live music and... it did not rain!

Please visit our **New Website** www.thorners.dorset.sch.uk which also has our school calendar with all our events.

OPEN MORNING: Fledglings and Litton will have an open morning for new parents at 9.30am on Thursday, 3rd November. Please do spread the word!
Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

FLEDGLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

The AGM was held on Tuesday 11th October, along with Cheese and Wine for all who attended. It was a good long meeting with a new Committee elected - the new Chair is Vanessa Vickery, to be assisted by Jane Gravelle. The treasurer is still Jill Neill, Jackie Rendell will be assisting with Continuity, and there is a new Secretary, Alison. One new idea is to expand days open to five instead of three - more news next time.



The children took part in Harvest Festival with the school at St. Mary's Church, Litton Cheney, and are enjoying their Autumn activities. There are now nine in pre-school, so places are still available - please contact Fiona Evans on 01308 482410, or call in to look around our dedicated playroom, outdoor play area, and other facilities on site.

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

We have had a super first half term here at Burton Bradstock School. Our Harvest Festival held at St Mary's Church was well attended by members of our local community and parents/carers. All of the children took part in our service of thanksgiving and we had a good display of harvest gifts that had either been generously donated by the children or grown ourselves in our school allotment. These were distributed to members of our local community.

We were also very proud to welcome Team Super Schools, and especially the athlete Christian Malcolm, to our school to help us carry out our sponsored sports event. The children demonstrated



great commitment and determination in completing the circuits but also had lots of fun doing so. Our very own Christian signed our school name onto the union jack, joining names of other schools across the country that have already taken part in the challenge. The union jack will be presented to Team GB at the Olympic Games next year. As well as the children being inspired by a top athlete they also raised a staggering £1,500 which will go towards sporting opportunities and equipment in school and also to support the TSS Award Scheme, which gives financial assistance to talented pupils in their chosen sport so that they themselves may become international stars.

The next half term promises to be a busy and exciting one. We have already begun to think about and prepare for Christmas, and when you read this we will be well into the swing of the festive season! Some of the events we have planned for December include the Christingle Service at St Mary's Church on Friday 9th December at 3.30pm, our Christmas Fair at the school on Saturday 10th December 10.00am – 12.00noon, our Christmas production on Monday 12th December and Tuesday 13th December and finally our Carols Around the Tree on the last day, Friday 16th December, at 9.15am. We hope that you will be able to join us for some of our events.

Claire Staple, Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY BIBLE QUIZZES

LATCH will be the venue for the Quizzes this year, and the first game will start at 2.30pm on Sunday 27th November. There will be matches between the Senior and Junior Teams plus the Schools Derby.

Refreshments will be served at half time and the afternoon will conclude with the presentation of the shields and the cup. There will be no charge for this exciting event.

Please come and support your team/village/school/church, and do share transport so we have a good attendance from each of the villages. For further information contact Heather Rogers (897780)



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Our September meeting on “Jobs to do in the Autumn” was a great success. Philip Gamble showed some lovely pictures with many useful tips on how to keep our plants alive and healthy through our variable winters. Thick mulching was stressed.

As I write this, we are looking forward to the last meeting of the Club's year in October after which we hope to see all our friends again in March ... watch this space for news of our new agenda.

JOBS TO DO

Plant bare-root trees, shrubs and raspberry canes, soaking the roots in a bucket of water for an hour first. Cut back herbaceous plants that are not needed to provide winter interest. Plant shallot sets now.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

Dorset Police



OPERATION COUNTRYSIDE

Operation Countryside has been launched to drive down rural crime across the County of Dorset, by Dorset Police.

Rural crime cost the agricultural industry more than £49 million across the UK during 2010 and continues to be a problem. A survey by the National Farmers Union showed that crime against the agricultural industry was up by 17% on the previous year. Last year in England and Wales, 1,975 tractors and other agricultural vehicles were stolen, at a cost in excess of £10 million.

According to Farmers weekly the top 5 most stolen items are, Tools, Quad Bikes, Oil and Diesel, Tractors and Metals. Dorset Police are working with the rural community to raise awareness of rural crime by promoting the importance of crime prevention and the necessity of the community reporting suspicious incidents as they happen.

West Dorset is a very safe place to live and work. Together we can make it even safer.

101 IS NOW LIVE IN DORSET



The **101** non-emergency number is now live in Dorset and across the South West.

Tell our communities that **101** is now the number to dial to contact the police for non-urgent enquiries.

101 replaces the 01202/01305 222 222 number.

More info is available online: www.dorset.police.uk

Dorset Police



Always dial 999 in an emergency where life is in danger or a crime is in progress.

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

THE CHALK LEGENDS

On Friday 11th November at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall (LATCH) there will be a performance of The Chalk Legends, a BSO community project and incorporating the Chalk Legends West Dorset Choir, Bridport Ukelele Club, BSO Resonate Strings and more! The performance begins at 7.30 pm and tickets on the door are £5 adults and £2.50 children. For more details visit www.chalklegends.com

A unique chance to hear some incredible music by some very talented musicians, and available to you locally

SCREEN BITES

Thursday 3rd November, from 7.00pm at LATCH



The Screen Bites Food Film Festival is returning to LATCH. Come expecting to taste and buy some delicious food and drink from local producers, and a short talk by Michael Michaud. Then stay for the film "**Bottle Shock**" which tells the story of an English Wine Merchant in Paris (our local resident Steven Spurrier) who set off to California to organise a blind tasting, pitting the complacent and arrogant French against the upstarts of the New

World with surprising results.

For tickets (£8) telephone 01963 32525 or on the door if available.

BRIDE VALLEY 2012 DESKTOP CALENDARS

The ideal present for the person who has everything – except a 2012 desktop calendar! Twelve magnificent views of the Bride Valley and surrounding area – a different treat for every month of the year. A limited number of these calendars are available from Modbury Farm Shop and the Village Café Christmas (Saturday 3rd December) or from John Firrell (482313) or Ron Davidson (482661) – a steal at £4!

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

Screen Bites are showing **Bottle Shock** this month (see above), but watch out for our next film "**THE CONCERT**" to be shown at LATCH, on Thursday, 8th December. This is a wonderful film - humorous, deeply moving, with strong acting and invigorating music.

More details on posters, the website and December BVN. Extra parking available in the school.



PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL PLAYING FIELD GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

For the past three years Godfrey Elliot has cut the grass in the Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Playing Field, we are most grateful for the work he has done.

THE CONTRACT IS NOW UP FOR RENEWAL.

If anyone would like to bid for the grass cutting contract please contact Derek Heaver on 01308 898466. Applicants will be given contract details and tenders should be submitted to Derek Heaver by 11th January 2012. Full contact details for tenders will be in the contract information.

LONG BREDY PROMISES AUCTION

In aid of St Peters Church, village hall and playing field

7.30PM, 18TH NOVEMBER,

WHITE HORSE INN, LITTON CHENEY

Auctioneer: Guy Schwinge

PROMISES TO TEMPT YOU:

*A weekend for two in a central London flat
A voucher for a game of golf A case of wine
Two pots of Long Bredy honey, Clipping of a dog
Farmhouse tea delivered to door A fruit cake in a tin
Holistic massage by a qualified physiotherapist*

Do come and enjoy this social evening and maybe get a bargain! If you are unable to come you can submit a written bid beforehand.

Forms will be available in St Peters Long Bredy, The White Horse and from the organisers - Jane Peretz 482379 or Jackie Cain 482762

CHORAL CONCERT

BRIDE VALLEY LADIES CHOIR AND FRIENDS

The B.V.L.C. and friends will be giving a concert in St. John's church, West Bay, on Saturday 19th November, and will include three popular choral works by Antonio Vivaldi and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The choir will also present works by Purcell, Handel, Schubert, Brahms, and spirituals arranged by Hugh Roberton.

The concert will start at 7.30pm, and entry will be by programme, price £7 (including nibbles and a glass of wine), available at the church, or in advance from Janet Lane Tel: 897241 or Vicky Thomas Tel: 898648

BRIDPORT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK 2012

A whole week of exciting events is being planned in Bridport to mark International Women's Day in March 2012. The planned programme will run from March 3rd to March 11th.

From music performances, films, walks and dance sessions to art shows, workshops, discussions and a community play about the suffragettes, this will be a week of activities celebrating women - their achievements and their contribution to the world.

Would you like to get involved? Or are you part of a group or organisation which has an interest in women's issues, arts, creativity or the challenges women face? If so – and you would like to help organise the week, take part, or put on an event to add to the International Women's Week programme - we'd love to hear from you.

E-mail us at Bridfem@hotmail.co.uk or leave a message on 07921-311518. Watch out for more details of this first week-long International Women's Day celebration in Bridport: publicity will be coming up early in the New Year.

ANY UNWANTED JEWELLERY?

The local **West Dorset Womankind Worldwide** Supporters group has raised more than £750 in 6 months by running stalls selling second hand jewellery donated to us by friends for this purpose. But this has been so successful that we're now running out of stock! So we're asking you to look out any bits and pieces you may have – unwanted presents maybe, or things you never wear any more – and pass them on to us. Old paste or new bling – the style and kind doesn't matter at all, just the more the merrier and we'll be very grateful for anything you can spare.

We're happy to collect stuff from you or you can drop it off to us (in Shipton Gorge) To find out more or offer a donation please ring Jo or Carol on 01308-897295 or e-mail apple.loft@btinternet.com

Supporting Womankind Worldwide – Reg. charity no. 328206





Long Bredy's

TEA and CHAT

parties start again on
Tuesday 8th November

then

Tuesday 13th December

at

Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney.

Do come and join us 3.00-5.00pm.

Burton Bradstock W.I.

EARLY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 5th November
10.30am to 12.00noon

in Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Crafts, Christmas Gifts, Books,
Cakes & Raffle

Admission £1 (includes tea/coffee
+ mince pie)



BEEKEEPING MONTH BY MONTH



Over the next months, Ruth and Ian Homer of Bride Valley Apiaries, Litton Cheney, are giving us an insight into the world of Bee-Keeping.

NOVEMBER

SURVIVAL

As the nights get colder we begin to think about how our bees will survive the winter. As with most creatures, it is not the cold which will kill them but the damp so we must make certain that there is adequate ventilation to prevent condensation build up. However, providing ventilation does create a risk that the hive will not be weather-proof – a delicate balance has to be achieved.

Whilst the queen will continue to lay eggs throughout the winter, except for the very coldest period, the rate of egg laying is dramatically lower than at the height of the season. This means that the majority of the bees in the colony during the winter are bees which were produced during the autumn. They will live much longer than summer bees (who only live for around 6 weeks) largely because they have a much reduced work regime – there are few if any flowers so there is no foraging to be done and, as fewer eggs are being laid, the brood feeding and rearing duties are also much reduced.

A typical colony of bees, which may contain as many as 60,000 individual bees during the summer,

will see the population reduce to around 15,000 by the middle of November and then to 10,000 or fewer by the end of January. This reduction in numbers is a careful balance between having enough bees to keep the colony warm and rear enough brood yet not having so many that the food stores run out before the end of winter. Whilst the outside temperature may be showing negatives on the thermometer, bees maintain their temperature by clustering within the hive and they



Winter in the apiary

keep the temperature of the cluster somewhere in the range 20°C to 30°C, the actual temperature being regulated by the tightness of the cluster. At the centre of the cluster will be a little brood (eggs which develop into larvae and then pupate before emerging as a full adult bee) which will be maintained at around 35°C which is the optimum brood

development temperature. Honey bees are, arguably, amongst nature's best heating and air conditioning engineers as, in addition to regulating temperatures to within 1° C, they can also regulate the humidity inside the hive to within 0.5%.

During the winter, colonies of bees can be susceptible to attack by various pests including mice, green woodpeckers and even blue tits. Mice, if they can get into a hive, clearly enjoy the warmth but can also destroy brood combs in the process of making their nests. Woodpeckers have been known to penetrate the sides of beehives (causing

significant damage) in search of a tasty meal and blue tits have been known to tap on the hive entrance to attract the attention of the guard bees. When they do come out to see what is happening the blue tits swoop on them to enjoy a mid-winter snack. And so we do all we can to prepare our colonies for winter by providing a weather-proof and, hopefully, pest proof environment – the rest we leave to the bees! Fortunately, we can report that in recent years we have not lost a single colony in the winter – long may it continue that way.

Ruth & Ian Homer

ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

There are more frightening things than bishops out there....

*The Rectory
St. James the Least of All*

My dear Nephew Darren

You really should not worry about having reversed your car into the bishop's gatepost, knocking it over and destroying his rose-beds; it gives him an opportunity to exercise Christian forgiveness. Your real mistake was scribbling a note of apology and pushing it through his letterbox. Far better would be to have sent an anonymous letter (and to have written it on lined notepaper in capital letters, preferably in green ink, to make it look truly authentic) saying you had just seen what the archdeacon had done, and then watched him drive off without stopping. That would have taken the minds of the senior clergy away from parish matters for quite some time.

No, never worry about the wrath of bishops; dangers

lurk much nearer home. For a start, never incur the displeasure of your flower arrangers. I only crossed their path once - and arrived in church the following Sunday, to see a ten foot high floral arrangement at the front of church. I assumed it was by way of making amends, until I discovered it had been placed in front of the pulpit. I was obliged to preach, hidden behind a large multicoloured hedge, while the congregation listened to what were apparently talking chrysanthemums.

A colleague offended his own ladies and arrived to find that the contents of the safe had been removed and replaced with all those exotic pieces of equipment that seem to be indispensable for arranging flowers. He was obliged to administer Communion using a small vase until peace was re-established and his chalice returned to him.

Similarly, organists are a delicate breed.

Congratulate him on the anthem, and if it happened to be unaccompanied, he will assume you were implying that the services were better without his playing. Offend your organist and you can be guaranteed that hymns will be played at either half or double speed, stopping one verse short and that the final piece of music as you process out will stop, leaving you and the choir stranded half way down the aisle.

And finally, never, ever upset your verger. One forgotten Christmas present and you can be sure you will get half-way through a baptism to find he hasn't put water in the font. At marriage services, the sheets for last week's funeral will have been accidentally put out and when you sit in your stall you will discover where he now stores the mop and bucket.

No, bishops are warm, fluffy bunnies; dangers lurk a lot nearer home.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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Solutions next month

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REMEMBRANCE: Cenotaph

Every year, on Remembrance Sunday, the television will show pictures of the Queen, politicians and those who have served in the armed forces at the Cenotaph in Whitehall. They stand in silence for 2 minutes to honour those who have given their lives for others.

But do you know what the word 'cenotaph' means? It comes from two Greek words 'kenos' meaning empty and 'taphos' which is a tomb. The cenotaph is a monument to people whose bodies are somewhere else. Have you ever seen a war cemetery? They have rows and rows of simple tombstones and while there are flowers and the grass is carefully mown there is such a sense of sadness.

The Cenotaph was unveiled in 1920, the same year that the body of an unknown soldier was buried in Westminster Abbey. So many people have had their lives taken in wars and each one matters, not just to their families, or us, but to God.

WORK IT OUT?

The drawer where you keep your socks has five pairs of grey socks and five pairs of black socks. If you can only take one sock from the drawer at a time and you can't see what colour sock you're taking until you've taken it, how many socks do you have to take before you know you will have at least one matching pair to wear to school?



Answer at the bottom of this page.

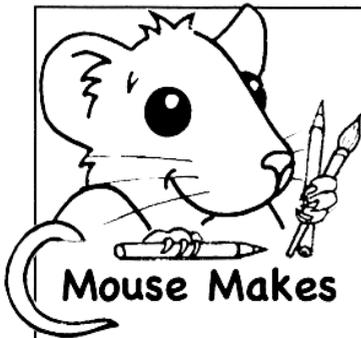
Who always goes to bed with his shoes on?

A horse.

There is a girl who lives in a bungalow. Everything in her home is pink. The lamp is pink, the bed is pink, the television is pink, the computer is pink, the mirror is pink, the kitchen is pink, the windows are pink, even the plants are pink. What colour are the stairs?

There are no stairs – it is a bungalow.

Answer: Three. At worst, the first two socks you take out will be one black sock and one grey sock. The next sock you take out will match one or the other.



REMEMBERING

How do you remember things?

In bible times God's people sometimes built a large pile of stones as a monument to remember what God had done for them and held festivals and celebrations to give thanks to God.

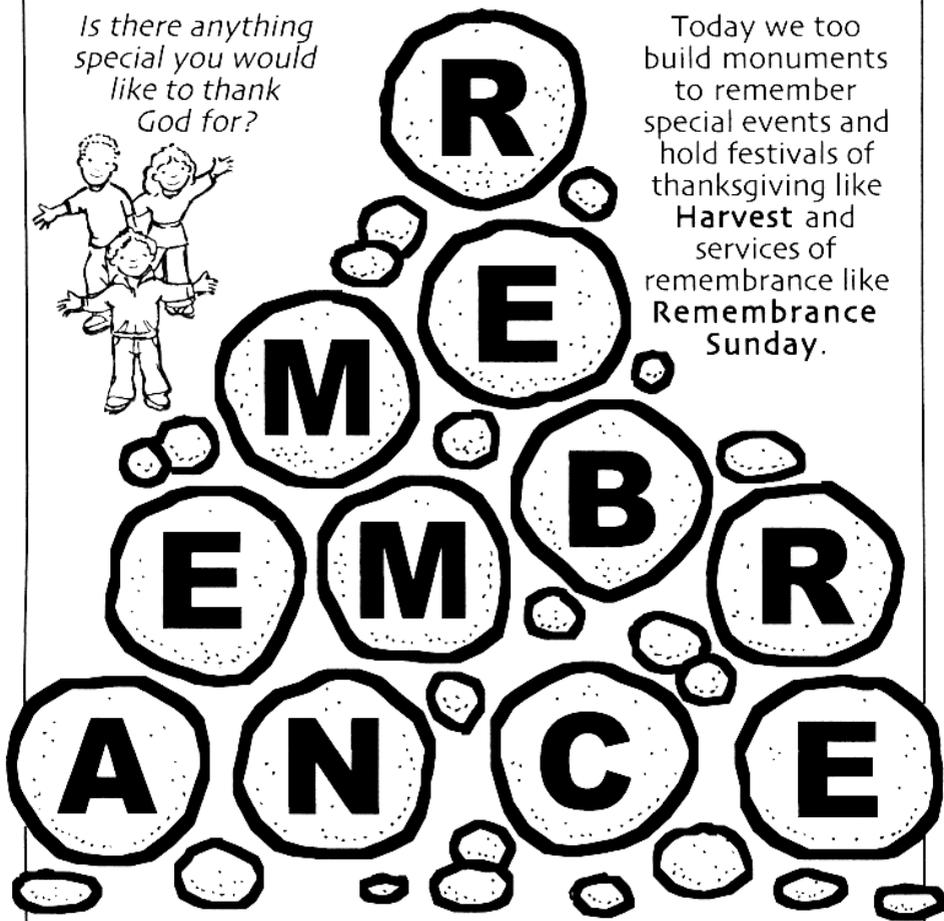


Read Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14

Is there anything special you would like to thank God for?



Today we too build monuments to remember special events and hold festivals of thanksgiving like Harvest and services of remembrance like Remembrance Sunday.



Cut out each letter stone and move around to spell the word **REMEMBRANCE** then see how many other words you can make...

...here's one to start you off:



Bible Sketchbook

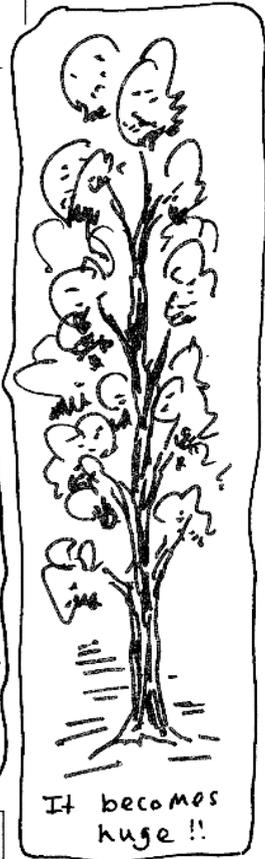
Kingdom faith like a seed...

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like?" asked Jesus.

"What parable shall we use to explain it? It is like this. A man takes a mustard seed, the smallest seed in the world, and plants it in the ground.

"After a while it grows up and becomes the biggest of all plants. It puts out such large branches that the birds come and make their nests in its shade."

Smallest seed
in the world



What do you think is the "seed", the "tree", or the "birds"?

Read more in Mark 4: 30-32



DIARY OF EVENTS: NOVEMBER 2011

Tue	1	2.00pm	Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
Tue	1	3.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Tue	1	7.00pm	Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
Tue	1	7.30pm	Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	2	2.00pm	Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	2	3.30pm	Table Tennis	LATCH
Wed	2	7.30pm	Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	2	7.30pm	Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	3	7.00pm	Screen Bites	LATCH
Thu	3	7.30pm	RBL(Ab) Branch AGM	Strangways Hall
Thu	3	9.30am	Open Morning (Thorner's School/Fledgelings)	Thorner's School, Litton Cheney
Thu	3	9.30am	Church Working Party	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Fri	4	10.30pm	Church Cleaning Party	St Mary's, Puncknowle
Fri	4	12.00noon	"Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	4	12.00noon	"Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	4	9.45am	Yoga	LATCH
Sat	5	9.30am	"The Well" Quiet Day	Rectory, Burton Bradstock
Sat	5	9.30am	"The Well" Quiet Day	Rectory, Burton Bradstock
Sat	5	??	Bonfire & Fireworks	Littlebredy Village Hall
Sun	6	7.00pm	One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon	7	4.00pm	Pilates	LATCH
Mon	7	7.00pm	Indoor Bowls	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Tue	8	3.00pm	Tea & Chat	Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney
Tue	8	3.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Tue	8	7.30pm	Litton Cheney Parish Council Meeting	LATCH
Wed	9	2.00pm	Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
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 Meeting	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Thu	10	10.30am	RBL(BV) Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Thu	10	2.30pm	BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	11	10.15am	Puncknowle Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	11	11.00am	Tots & Prams Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Fri	11	12.00noon	"Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	11	12.00noon	"Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	11	7.30pm	B'mouth Symphony Orch. "Chalk Legends"	LATCH
Fri	11	9.45am	Yoga	LATCH
Fri	11	??	BBVS "Rebuilding St. Pancras"	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Sat	12	10.30pm	Church Cleaning Party	St Mary's, Puncknowle
Sat	12	7.30pm	Barn Dance	LATCH
Sat	13	7.30pm	Keeeeeep Dancing	LATCH

Mon	14	4.00pm	Pilates	LATCH
Mon	14	7.00pm	Indoor Bowls	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
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
Tue	15	7.00pm	Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
Wed	16	2.00pm	Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	16	3.30pm	Table Tennis	LATCH
		7.30pm	Benefice Meeting	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	16	7.30pm	Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	17	7.30pm	British Heart Foundation Meeting	Bridport Christian F'ship Hall
	17/18/19	7.30pm	BBPlayers One Act Play + Ploughman's	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Fri	18	12.00noon	"Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	18	7.30pm	Long Bredy Promises Auction	White Horse, Litton Cheney
Fri	18	9.45am	Yoga	LATCH
Sat	19	7.30pm	BVLC Choral Concert	St John's, West Bay
Mon	21	4.00pm	Pilates	LATCH
Mon	21	7.00pm	Indoor Bowls	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Tue	22	11.00am	Pathways to Care AGM	Bridport United Church Hall
Tue	22	3.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	23	12.30pm	Bridport Community Lunch	Bridport United Church Hall
Wed	23	2.00pm	Indoor Bowls	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Wed	23	2.00pm	Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	23	3.30pm	Table Tennis	LATCH
Wed	23	7.30pm	Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Wed	23	7.30pm	RBL(Ab'bury) Durnovaria Silver Band Concert	Portesham Village Hall
Thu	24	2.30pm	BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	25	10.15am	Puncknowle Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	25	12.00noon	"Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	25	12.00noon	"Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	25	7.00pm	Burton Bradstock Festival General Meeting	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Fri	25	7.30pm	PSWB Playing Field Auction of Promises	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	25	9.45am	Yoga	LATCH
Sat	26	10.30am	Advent Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sat	26	7.30pm	Bring & Share Curry Evening	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sun	27	12.00noon	Pre-Christmas Get-together	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Mon	28	4.00pm	Pilates	LATCH
Mon	28	7.00pm	Indoor Bowls	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Tue	29	3.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	30	2.00pm	Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	30	3.30pm	Table Tennis	LATCH
Wed	30	7.30pm	Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Wed	30	7.30pm	Shipton Gorge Ltd., AGM	Shipton Gorge Village Hall



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: November

	1 st Sunday November 6 th Third Before Advent	2 nd Sunday November 13 th Remembrance Sunday	3 rd Sunday November 20 th Christ The King	4 th Sunday November 27 th First of Advent
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Songs of Praise 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 10.45 Remembrance Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (By Extension) 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Remembrance Service	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion JT
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Communion (By Extension) 5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (By Extension)
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		10.50 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion