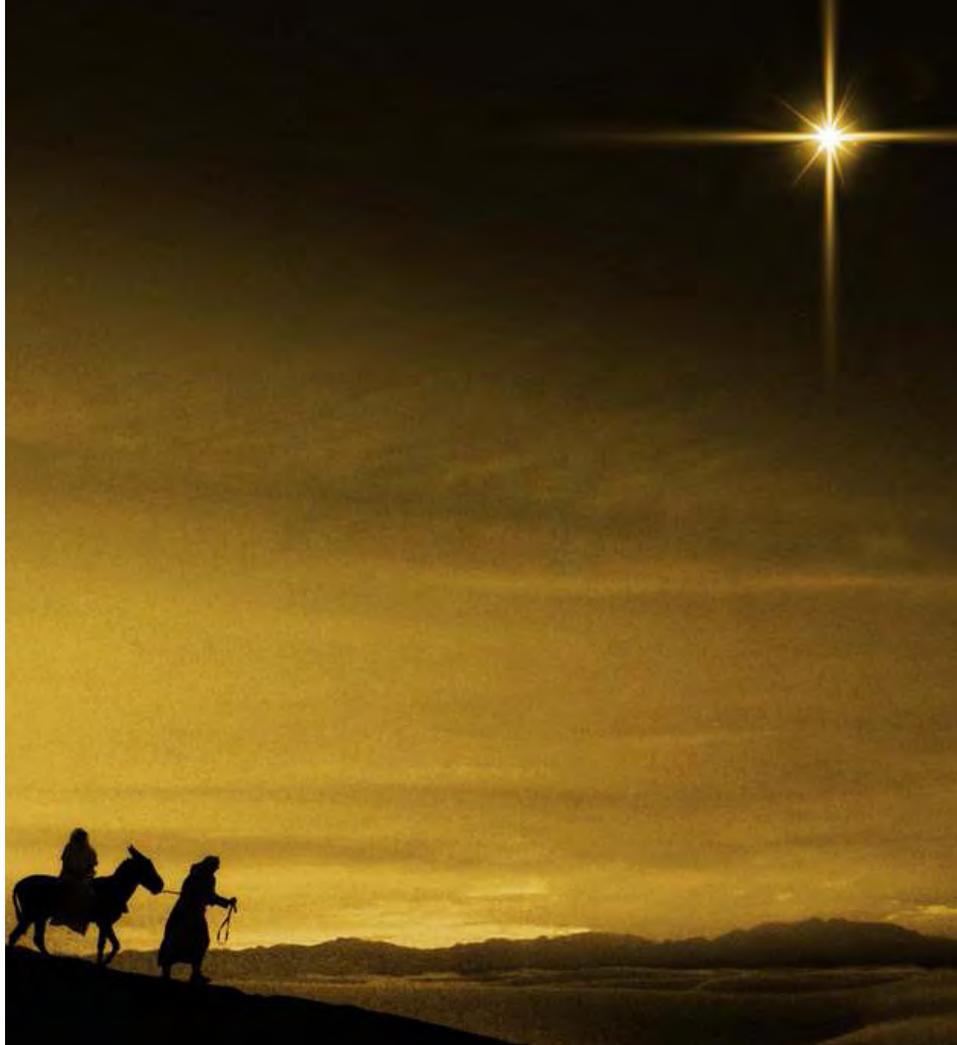


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Christmas!



TO ALL OUR
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AND
OUR VERY BEST WISHES
FOR 2012

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Mary Bailey
Howard & Linda Bongers
John Bowden
Peter & Pat Broomhead
Sue & Mike Brown
David & Yvonne Buckland
Betty Champkins
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THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

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

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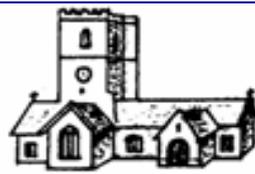
WEEKDAY SERVICES, DECEMBER 2011

For Sunday Services, see back cover

Thursday	1 st	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	2 nd	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	5 th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wednesday	7 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	8 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	9 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday	12 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	14 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	15 th	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	16 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	19 th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wednesday	21 st	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	22 nd	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	23 rd	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday	26 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	28 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	29 th	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	30 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge

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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Everyone is invited to our Christingle on Friday 9th December at 3.30 pm in St.Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. This is a candlelit service (not to be missed!) in which children from the school will be taking part and is followed by a party in the Village Hall.

We would also encourage all village singers to come to our carol singing around the village in aid of the Society on Monday December 12th. Please meet outside the Church at 6.00pm with a torch.

Pauline Woodford 898327



VILLAGE SOCIETY

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....



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 are available from Burton Bradstock Post Office, priced £6.00 each, . 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

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.

ARTSREACH NEWS

Pip Utton will present his one man show **"CHARLES DICKENS"** on Saturday 10th December, in the Village Hall.

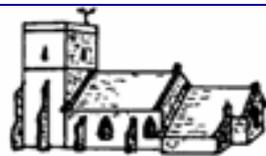
Pip recently won the UNESCO award for the Best Solo Performer. Those who are familiar with his work will not miss this opportunity of seeing one of his acclaimed one man shows.

Norman Saunders-White Artsreach promoter for Burton Bradstock



SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

Christmas Greetings to you all. May you receive the joy and love of the Christ-Child in your homes and in your hearts.

We will be having our usual early **"Midnight Communion"** at 9.30pm on Christmas Eve, followed by a warming drink to see you on your way. Everyone will be most welcome to join us for this celebration of Christmas.

There will be no service at Holy Trinity on Christmas Day, but you will be made most welcome, I'm sure, at any of the other services in the valley.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We shall be meeting in the Church on Thursday 22nd December at 2.00pm. Anyone who would like to help or provide flowers will be very welcome.

Madeline Marshall

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR JANUARY.

On January 1st there will be our usual Evening Prayer at 3.30pm.

On 8th January we will once again meet at 3.30pm for our **Epiphany Carols of Praise**, which will be followed by tea, cake and chat!

This will be your last opportunity to sing the Christmas Carols for this season, so if you have a favourite you would like to sing please let David or myself know in good time.

David and Yvonne. 898 492.

PUNCKNOWLE & W. BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

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?



CAROL SINGING ROUND PUNCKNOWLE

We will be carol singing around the village on Monday, 19th December. Please come along and help spread some Christmas cheer.

Meet at the village hall at 6.00pm. There will be musicians to keep us in tune and a brazier of burning logs to keep us warm. Or you can join the group half way round at the corner of Clay Lane and Looke Lane where we will be having hot drinks and mince pies at 7.15pm. When we have sung to the village, we'll retire to a cosy, warm cottage for mulled wine and mince pies.

If the weather "isn't too good" on Monday, we'll do it on Tuesday, 20th. For more details phone Derek Heaver on 898466.



CHRISTMAS DAY

There will be a Family Communion at 11.00am. All welcome.

ADVANCED NOTICE: CHRISTINGLE

There will be a Christingle Service at 11.00am on Sunday 21st January. This is a service of light in support of the Children's Society. Puncknowle Christingle service is always one of the last in the valley as it is held just before Candlemas, rather than in Advent.

COFFEE AND CLEANING

Thank you to those who came to help with the cleaning last month. We are gradually winning our battle with the spiders and the dust. The next cleaning session will be on Saturday 3rd December. We found a cup of coffee goes down well before we get to work. Do come along at 10 am for coffee, and then we will get the dusters out.



THE HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

Thank you to all those who took part in the sponsored Cycle Ride. The picnic behind Litton Cheney Church was enjoyed by all. A BIG THANK YOU to those who worked so hard at raising the sponsor money and those who gave so generously. £581 has been sent to the Historic Churches Trust, of which, half will come back to St Mary's Church.

Ann Roberts

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

A very big thank you must go to Philippa who put so much into giving us a workshop on textured painting. Our workshop with Jane Huxtable-Brown on reflections was enjoyed by all. There were many tips on offer and aspects of the problem to consider that we had not even thought of before.



On December 9th we meet at Monica's for a Christmas quiz and collective lunch.

Christine Molony



VILLAGERS' CHRISTMAS CARD SUPPORTING THE RNLI

Send your Christmas Greetings to all your friends in the Bride Valley by signing and donating to the RNLI Christmas Card which will be in The Crown Inn, Puncknowle from Saturday 10th December.

VALLEY VIEW, PUNCKNOWLE.

By the time this is being read we will hopefully have moved back into our home after a long and hard 18 months. We would like to thank everyone who showed their concerns and kindness during this time, and would like to thank everyone for putting up with all the inconvenience in the village we are sure it has caused during this time.

We would especially like to thank C.G.Fry and Son and all their team

for all their special care and expertise in putting our home back together again, and of course mainly to NFU insurance and their consultants.

With thanks from, John, Caroline, James ,Jack and June.

THE NAPPER CHARITY TRUST

INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

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

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

providing assistance to families or students towards educational needs eg the purchase of books, school uniforms, trips/excursions, or other items;

giving financial support to community groups who provide social and cultural amenities in Puncknowle.

The above list is not intended to be limiting but rather to offer some ideas on how best this small fund may benefit the community. Any person or group can make an application for a share of these funds.

Please apply “in confidence” to the Clerk of Puncknowle Parish Council, (Carolyn Buckland) - telephone no. 01308-897726 or contact any of the Parish Councillors for further details.

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.



YOGA

Classes led by Jean Thorn (British Wheel of Yoga student teacher) will start in the Village Hall on 5th January 2012, from 5.30 to 7.00pm, and continue for 10 weeks (with a half term break on February 16th) until April 14th.

The cost will be £30.00 pre-paid for the half term, or £6.50 per lesson “pay as you go.” If you would like to book a place, please contact me to obtain a registration form to be completed and returned with your cheque (made payable to Jean Thorn)

Jean Thorn: 01308 898799, email: jean@jeanandbob.demon.co.uk

EXERCISE CLASSES

These are continuing with Jackie - who has upped our game with all sorts of interesting activities - the latest being a type of circuit training. This involves doing one sort of exercise for 30 seconds, then moving on to another and so on.

Please come and give them a go on Wednesdays from



2.00 to-3.00pm, finishing on 14th December. The cost is only £5 per session, and we are getting our monies worth!

We need a few more people for it to be viable for Jackie to continue next year.

BOOK CLUB

The last book proved to be a difficult one - quite a challenge. Not many members finished "The Conservationist" - it was in a modernist style, with stream of consciousness stretches and sparse punctuation - quite stressful and frustrating for the reader. The days of white supremacy in South Africa were numbered and for all the main character Mehrings wealth and power, he has become an isolated, outmoded, exhausted irrelevance! (thanks Liz P.)



Our new book is by Libby Purves called "Acting Up" - all about a military family with honours and traditions stretching back 200 years - and how the latest generation fares during the Iraq war. Apparently her skill is to marry cultural and historical insights with a character's personal development, all wrapped up in a well paced detective story! Should be good!



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCHEON CLUB.

Members should please note that the club`s Christmas lunch will take place on Tuesday 13th December at 12.30pm.

Any member who has not already ordered their meal should telephone 897622 as soon as possible.

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

For bookings, telephone 01308



OCTOBER WINNERS

Sue Brown	£15
Debbie Legge	£10.



Reg Charity No. 1105233



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.

Debbie Legge 898506

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

ADVENT COFFEE & MINCE PIE MORNING

is in the Village Hall, starting at 10.00am, on Friday 2nd December, when Janet Lane has offered to play 'Christmassy' music, and there will be 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, as several people have commented on the worn and frayed appearance of the present flag. The new flag will be flying by Christmas.

CAROL SERVICE

will be held on Sunday 18th December starting at 6.30pm. This will take the form of our normal, annual service of carols and readings led by Bob Thorn. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Village Hall after the service for mulled wine and mince pies.



VILLAGE CAROL SINGING.

We will be meeting on Tuesday, 20th December at 6.30pm, starting at the telephone kiosk in Brook Street. Carol sheets will be provided - bring a torch and wrap up well!

Janet Lane

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Family Communion will be held at 11.00am in St Martin's.

Gillian Maxfield - Churchwarden

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is in the process of completing its resilience plan for the village. This is to ensure that we are prepared for and able to react to any emergency situation so that residents receive help and support in situations such as flooding, extreme weather conditions etc. We need to establish a small network of volunteers who would be willing to help should such a situation arise. If possible we would like to find about six people, from different areas within the parish, who would be willing to help out in an emergency situation or act as a contact person. If you feel able to offer your services in this way please contact Jan Sorrell, the parish's resilience officer, on 897277, or email jansorrell@sorrellandson.plus.com.

Some areas of the village, mainly the south side of Brook Street and Home Farm Way, have in the past been subject to water entering their properties following heavy rainfall. The council can arrange for a supply of sand bags to be provided to any householder who would like to have them as a precautionary measure in the event of further heavy rain this winter. Please contact Jan Sorrell on the above number if you would like to obtain some of these.

There will shortly be more grit/salt bins being put up in the village in preparation for the expected icy weather and a supply of salt will also be available within the village before the bad weather arrives. Steve Young at Smacombe Farm is the parish's Highways Officer so please contact him on 897088 or email sshyoung@aol.com for any further information. We would also like to thank Sally Parker who arranged for the two grit/salt bins on Peas Hill to be installed by Magna Housing.

The next Parish Council meeting is being held on Wednesday 14th December at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Mary Boughton -

Chairman

VILLAGE HALL

100 CLUB: NOVEMBER DRAW

£20	No 74	Paul Thomson/Karen Jones
£10	No 3	Pam Bates

LITTLEBREDY VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: Email: pwbridehead@btinternet.com Tel: 482232	
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The **CAROL SERVICE** (shared with Long Bredy, as is now customary, will be held here this year at 6.00pm on Sunday 18th December, and will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Village Hall.

CHRISTMAS DAY is a Sunday this year, and our Service here will be a Family Communion at 11.00 a.m. Let us hope for better weather conditions than the snow which made last year's Christmas so interesting (to say the least!) And let us also hope for good congregations at both these festival occasions.



The **BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS** display on November 5th were as spectacular as any here in memory, and enjoyed by many visitors from elsewhere in the valley and beyond as well as residents. Thanks and congratulations to all those who contributed to such a wonderful show, especially by sourcing

some really exceptional fireworks for the occasion.

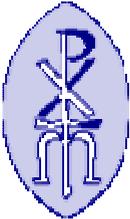
No need for a short-notice reminder about the **SOCIAL CLUB'S AGM** date, which was billed as the 2nd December in the last edition. That is because the meeting has now been and gone already. The subsequent change of date to the 18th November was notified by inserts when the BVN was distributed last time. But this edition goes to press too early for any report on the meeting to be included.



A very happy and fulfilling Christmas period and 2012 to all connected with Littlebredy past and present, and all who are reading this.

LITTON CHENEY

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Once again it is that time of year and we would like to wish all readers of the Bride Valley News a very Merry Christmas and a Happy new year, with Best wishes for 2012.

John and Sandra Yates



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Would you like to remember someone or celebrate an anniversary during December and January and by doing so add to the Christmas cheer and help to maintain St Mary's Church? If so, or you would like to participate anyway, you are invited to pay £5 to have the church tower floodlit for the evening on your chosen date. Please telephone 482617 for arrangements to be made.

To make the Church look its best for the Christmas season, there will be a **CLEANING AND CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY** on Thursday 1st December from 9.30am. If you can spare a few minutes to help during the morning we should be very pleased to see you. Refreshments provided!



We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Services:

CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT Sunday 18th December, at 6.00pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

CRIB SERVICE at 4.00pm and **MIDNIGHT COMMUNION** at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve.

There will not be a service here on Christmas day



LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL

For details of events and happenings at the hall please visit www.littoncheney.org.uk for more details. There is plenty for all, no matter what your interest and if there isn't, you can always start up a new group yourself. Local democracy will have its day!

2012 DESK CALENDARS OF THE BEAUTIFUL BRIDE VALLEY

The Christmas present that everyone wants but only the chosen few can have. Available for the incredible price of £4 and obtainable from Modbury Farm Shop or at the Village Cafe Christmas on Saturday 3rd December, or contact John Firrell (482313) or Ron Davidson (482661). There are only a limited number of calendars available this year so they will rapidly become a collector's item. More details on the LC website.

VILLAGE CAFÉ CHRISTMAS

Saturday 3rd December, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Our end of year Village Café is rather special with its Christmas theme and in aid of the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

The Christmas Market/Cafes were set up several years ago now, originally held in Thorner's School and now in the Hall. It was the original idea of Sallie Firrell to hold the events in aid of our local hospice. Sallie sadly died last November shortly after the last Village Café Christmas, but we are delighted to carry on with the tradition of donating the café proceeds to Weldmar in her memory. Come along, rejoice in the spirit of Christmas and enjoy some festive delights, plus indulge in some festive gossip.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE



CAROL SINGING

around the village will be on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December starting at 6.30pm from the Bus Shelter. The collection will be for **JULIA'S HOUSE** so please do support this excellent cause, either by joining the singers, or coming to your door when you hear the wonderful singing and popping something into the collecting boxes. We anticipate singing around the East end of the Village on Thursday night, and the West end on Friday, ending up, as is traditional, at the White Horse.

NEW YEAR'S DAY VILLAGE WALK

starts from the Bus Shelter at 10.00am. Do come along and get rid of all the 2012 "hangovers"! You know it will do you good.



The 2012 programme will shortly be on the website and posted on the Notice Boards. Do make a note of the events and come along to as many as you can. Thank you to everyone who has supported events this year and we look forward to an equally enjoyable 2012.

A very Happy Christmas and a good 2012 from the LCSC

Ron Davidson LCSC 482661



LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and a joyous New Year. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th January, 7.30 pm at the Community Hall. You are most welcome.

THE LITTON CHENEY RELIEF IN NEED TRUST

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IN NEED

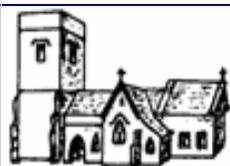
The Trustees invite applications from individual residents of Litton Cheney who in the main have to rely on State Retirement Pension or Benefits. If you think you qualify, or know of someone who may, please apply in confidence before 12th December 2011 – application forms can be obtained from Freddie Spicer, 1 Litton Hill or Brian Prentice, Steddings, Chalk Pit Lane.

LONG BREDY

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ST PETER'S CHURCH



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our service on **CHRISTMAS DAY** will be 11.00am, family morning worship. The Carol Service this year will be at Littlebredy (6.00pm, Sunday 18th December, followed by mince pies and mulled wine).



CONGRATULATIONS!

Rachel Maltby collected £620 for the Dorset Historic Churches Ride & Stride day, **47 Churches!** £310 comes to St Peter's: what an achievement!



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who made the Church look so lovely for Harvest Festival and thank you to Sara for the Harvest loaf.

LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

OCTOBER 2011 WINNERS

£25	Lavinia Palm
£15	Andrew Bailey
£ 5	Elinor Frost

LONG BREDY & KINGSTON RUSSELL PARISH COUNCIL

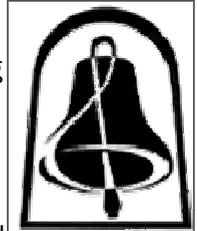
The Parish Council now has its full complement of councillors following the welcome of Charlotte Kinghorn to the Parish Council at the meeting held on the 1st November. If you live in the parishes of Long Bredy or Kingston Russell and you have any issues you feel the Parish Council can assist you with please do speak to a councillor or the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Councillors are:

Mrs Jane Dowling (Chairman), Mr David Peretz (Vice Chairman), Mrs Jackie Cain, Mrs Jane Gravelle, Miss Charlotte Kinghorn, Mr Adrian Harrison, Mr Giles Maltby. The Parish Clerk is Mrs Gwen Kinghorn of 7 Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy, DT2 9HW. Tel 01308 482270.

LONG BREDY BELLRINGERS INVITATION TO YOU!

Church bell ringing simulators have been around for a long time now and their use as an important training tool is widely accepted. Besides being great fun, time spent ringing on a simulator greatly helps development of both handling and listening skills and allows a person to get more practice (and with a perfect band) than can ever be achieved in a conventional practice night environment.



The Long Bredy Ringers have borrowed the Saxilby Bell Simulator from the Guild and would be happy to hear from anyone who would like to use it. Ringers of all skill levels find this equipment extremely easy to use and a person who has never touched a bell rope before can often ring unaided in less than 5 minutes. So if you are a total novice who just fancies a try at bellringing or an experienced ringer who would like to try ringing something different please get in touch to arrange a convenient time to use the simulator: children are welcome accompanied by an adult.

Please ring Gwen on 01308 482270.

Caroline Banham

Theories that diseases are caused by mental states and can be cured by will power, are always an index of how much is not understood about the physical terrain of a disease.

Susan Sontag (1933 - 2004), Illness as Metaphor, 1978



What is odd about Christmas this year is that it is on a Sunday. This does not happen once every seven years because of leap years, and so I ask out of curiosity when was the last year this happened? No prizes, but I really do not know and am happy to let you do the work of working it out. What will be the same is that at some point there will be a debate asking why Christmas cannot always be on a Sunday for the sake of: shopping/T.V. schedules/school term times. Against which some bright spark will point out the economic cost of lost man hours in having people recovering from New Year's parties on Monday the 2nd January.

Some things change, and some things stay the same.

It is a change this year for us in that for the first time in over 30 years we are not doing a family Christmas at home. Last year we all knew that those days were coming to an end with growing families setting up family traditions of Christmas of their own, to which one day we may be invited when I have developed the art of snoring in a chair with a newspaper over my face. The tribe will descend a few days after Christmas, no doubt full of the expectation of all the silly games we usually play.



Being different, still reassuringly the same.

Christmas is always different because we are different and the world changes. And Christmas is always the same because God is, and we need him just the same to love us and to believe in us despite ourselves. And hope is always hope that this time we can at long last and beyond all expectation see what joy to the world truly looks like.

Merry Christmas.

Bob Thorn

When I despair, I remember that all through history the ways of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants, and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but in the end they always fall.

Think of it -- always.

Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948)

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS



The thanksgiving service for the life of **ALBERT FRANK PALMER**, of Burton Bradstock was held on Friday, 21st of October at St Mary's Church. This service followed a ceremony in the morning at Weymouth crematorium

Al's widow, Betty insisted that the hymns be those of celebration and the temper of the service one of thanksgiving for a good man, a loving Father and a wonderful friend to many in the village. One of his daughters, Anne, read the lesson, and his other daughter, Kim, spoke of him, bringing him alive to the memory of the many who had gathered to grieve, and to support Betty in her bereavement.



PEGGY THOMPSON, who had continued to live in Burton Bradstock after the death of her beloved husband Norman, died on the 21st October. She had been ill for some time, and progressively more immobile as time went on. At the funeral service, held at St Mary's on 4th November, both of her sons, Jeremy and Paul, gave tribute to their Mother's memory recalling her cherished wisdom, deep devotion and abiding good humour, ever supporting her husband in his prominent business career. Granddaughter Poppy read Amelia Barr's "no sorrow to die." The prayers of many family and friends joined those of grandchildren and great grandchildren in bidding her soul rest with the God and Father she loved well and faithfully. Following refreshments back at the house, the family proceeded to a quiet service of committal at Yeovil crematorium.



The funeral service of **EDWIN STANLEY JONES** (Stan) was held at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock on Thursday 10th November. A crowd of friends from near and far came in thankful memory of a highly social man with a rare gift for friendship, supporting Joy and the family in their loss. His son Stephen gave a resume of Stan's varied life and wide interests; he had been a policeman, a publican and all sorts in between. Darts teams and drinking, and Chelsea football club were among his many passions: none of them comparing with the love of his life, Joy, his son and three daughters, grandchildren and wider family. Stan's son-in-law, Paul, spoke of exploits to do with DIY, apple trees and chainsaws, cider and the Shed that met on many an occasion at the bottom of the garden to the world and other matters. There is not often applause for addresses at a funeral service, but Stephen and Paul were both thanked in this way, for we



were full of laughter and all very close to tears. Stan was borne from the church to the strains of a song written to the last words of Picasso: “drink to my health, you know I can’t drink any more.” And so we did in the Anchor, where Paul and Tracey are the new licensees. A service of cremation took place at Weymouth the following day, Friday, 11th November.

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

BEYOND THE VALLEY

BRIDPORT YOUNG PERFORMERS SCHOLARSHIP

For young West Dorset artistes aspiring to become professional theatre performers – singers, actors, dancers and more - getting the right performing arts training is crucial. But with tuition fees rising and scholarships becoming increasingly rare, realising your dreams can be tough and many will need substantial help to meet the costs.



Founded in April 2011, BYPS helps financially with training when it’s needed both locally and at performing arts schools: Lucy Trollope of Puncknowle is a BYPS scholar. The scholars themselves help organise fundraising events and are able to draw on the fund according to the hours they’ve put in. BYPS provide workshop and performance opportunities too, such as The Perfect Teenager at Bridport Arts Centre in September which raised £1400 for BYPS. There are two ways to support BYPS in December:

MUSIC & MINCE PIES at Church House, South Street at 2.00pm on Saturday 17th. Tickets & info from Good Books 01308 420483, proceeds shared between BYPS and The Uparo Project.

BYPS CHRISTMAS SHOW - at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th, at Bridport Arts Centre. Contact Tracey for tickets 07703030317, e-mail fun-startracey@aol.com

To find out more, register as a scholar or share fundraising ideas visit www.byps.co.uk or email: Info@byps.co.uk Tel: 01308 427851.

The paths of glory at least lead to the grave, but the paths of duty may not get you any where.

James Thurber (1894 - 1961)

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



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR AT GOOD BOOKS

WRITE FOR RIGHTS is this year's Amnesty International Greetings Card Campaign which runs till 31st December – please consider sending a card to someone in prison or facing human rights abuse. Pick up a leaflet from us with full details of how to go about it.

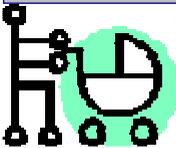
Look out for us at the **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** 7-14th December and do visit our stall at the **BRIDPORT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL** on Wednesday 7th December 6.00-8.30pm. Good Books will be open up to and including Christmas Eve for last minute cards and gifts (and a hot drink!) and then closed until Tuesday 3rd January.

Come to our **GRAND JANUARY SALE** on Friday 13th January, and our **OPEN HOUSE** from 10am-2pm with the usual tasty refreshments.



Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year.

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, December 9th – all are welcome.

Heather Rogers, tel.897780



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BRIDPORT & DISTRICT THE BRIDPORT NATIVITY

After a break last year due to snow and ice, Churches Together in Bridport & District are delighted to announce that once again that lovely community event, The Bridport Nativity, will take place amongst the Saturday

market in Bridport. Bridport will become Bethlehem for the morning and we invite everyone to come and see a live outdoor nativity, bringing the true message of Christmas to the streets of Bridport!

Watch Mary and Joseph coming from the west with their donkey, the Magi coming from the east, and the shepherds from the south – and, of course, angels!! Tableaux, drama, and songs will take place in Bucky Doo Square and we usually have a real, live baby!

This will all happen on Saturday morning, 17th December from 11.00am. Do come and watch, sing and feel the real Christmas begin!

BROADBAND

WHO WILL PAY FOR SUPERFAST BROADBAND?

The performance, probable shape and possible timing of superfast broadband improvements for rural West Dorset has become much clearer in the last month at meetings with national, county and district officials attended by representatives of many of West Dorset's Parish and Town Councils.



Two particular targets emerged: 100mbps to 50% users in the UK and 30mbps to everyone by 2020. These are phenomenal figures by West Dorset standards and will, if achieved, be good enough for almost all of us. A mix of three techniques are promised:

1) Fibre to the premises - FTTP - a high-speed fibre-optic line from the exchange to the home, office, factory or farm. The best and most costly but not so relevant for rural areas.

2) Fibre to the cabinet - FTTC - a high-speed fibre-optic line from the exchange to a village/roadside cabinet that works at a similar speed to an upgraded exchange. At your local cabinet the present copper cables to the home, office, factory or farm will usually be retained.

Copper cables lose the superfast broadband signal - the longer the cable, the greater the loss. But because in a village the distances, from cabinet to premises are generally much less, hence these losses are low enough to allow broadband up to superfast speeds. Even more distant homes and farms that get their present poor signals direct from the exchange, connecting to a cabinet will usually more than halve the length of cable. So they too will get a great improvement in speed: just how much depends on the distance from the cabinet.

Now the good news. Installing them, connecting the fibre from the exchange and rewiring the cable to your house will be paid for by the BDUK and council funds! So just sit tight, do nothing, don't pay any more and you should end up with improved or much improved broadband in the next 3 years.

Two more 'ifs' though. If you are still a long way from the box and need the superfast performance, it will be possible to either install your own fibre optic line from the cabinet to your home (a farmer digging his own trench) or to have this line installed at your cost. In some cases Parish Councils may well decide to cover this cost for a community benefit such as to a remote hamlet.

But what if some residents are simply too remote? Use radio. This may be a satellite link similar to those at present used, or it may use the wavelengths and channels vacated by analogue TV after digitisation. Just like a big wifi, although radio will never be the fastest system, such links feature a tiny transmitter on a high point, hilltop or church tower working to a compact home receiver to provide substantial improvements even to sites where broadband currently cannot reach. Obviously this approach has to be more expensive than FTTC, but it can cover difficult terrain especially where properly planned. Here too local councils may well decide to support their own less fortunate residents.

For most users extra costs for users are expected although your internet provider should give you a faster router and may sell you a better service to take advantage of the improved technology. This could involve specialist services such as tele-health, subscriber services such as high-speed TV programme downloads, or more commercial services for businesses.

Others, busy offices, home-based media workers, hard-pressed farmers, may need a greater improvement and will want to acquire fibre optic links via the cabinet. Just a few will need to use the radio waves.

In the future, further expansion of superfast services is on the cards so speeds should continue to grow. A new modem or router may well be issued by your service provider so they can sell the speed. Fewer and fewer will fail to get a good standard of broadband although there remain circumstances that will limit improvements or delay implementation.

As the shape of superfast broadband in Dorset becomes more certain, local activists and users are now working with County and District officials in the last stages of funding - proving the need and convincing bored and over-hyped customers that superfast broadband is a real step forward

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BRIDPORT DISABLED CARERS AND FRIENDS CLUB

(inc. Bridport Disabled Peoples Forum)

Age UK Dorchester and West Dorset



District Council are working together to ensure that disabled residents and their carers are maximising their benefit entitlements. Drop-in surgeries will operate on the **second Tuesday** in each month, between 9.00am and 12.00pm at Kings House, East Street Car Park, Bridport

The Next surgery will be on 10th January 2012

For further information, please contact: Peter Bowditch on **01308**

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Large council car park and public toilets available, with good access to Kings House Women's Institute

WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL



REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

NORMAL DAY

Monday, 26th December
Tuesday, 27th December
Wednesday, 28th December
Thursday, 29th December
Friday, 30th December

REARRANGED DAY

Tuesday, 27th December
Wednesday 28th December
Thursday, 29th December
Friday, 30th December
Saturday, 31st December

Normal collections resume on Monday 2nd January, 2012

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We had a very successful early Christmas Fayre/Coffee morning in November, many thanks for all who donated gifts, produce, cakes, books etc and to those who made such beautiful crafts. Also thanks to the many helpers and to the people who came and supported us.



The Dorothy Seward Cup for Embroidery/Handwork was won by Valerie Nicholl - the entries were all incredibly beautifully worked. Well done Valerie - a good win for your swan song!

We are now so near Christmas and the WI has a busy month. The Bride Valley Group Carol Service will be held this year at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock on December 2nd at 2.15pm - do come along and sing and feel the true meaning of Christmas with our friends from other villages.

The Christmas lunch will be at the Golf Club on December 8th for members and husbands/partners/friend.

The Reading group will this year have a different format for December, when we do not usually meet as it would be Christmas week!! We are going to watch a DVD of one of the books we have read this year and are meeting at Yvette's, St Catherines Cross at 2.00pm on December 7th. Please note the different time to our usual meeting time.

The Walking group run by Margaret will have a note of their date and walk outside the hall, and Mah Jong will, as ever, take place at Joan's on Friday mornings.

Embroidery will be held in the Hall, do check the WI Notice Board to ensure you have the right Thursday!

You can see that with some occasional Art days, there is much to enjoy within our group, so if you are not a member do please feel free to come along and give us a try.

Our next Hall Meeting will be on Tuesday December 13th at 2.15pm - please note we meet in winter months in the afternoon. Our Speaker will be Mike Bolton on "Memory Lane - How we used to live". It may be a test for our memories!! Our President Barbara Pursey looks forward to seeing you all there.

It seems strange writing this early November, but we do wish everyone a Happy and Joyous Christmas.

NJMillard



FLEDGLINGS NEWS

Since last month, Fiona has given a talk for new and present parents to explain the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) for children starting at pre-school, going on to Reception Class. Activities have included making bonfire pictures re 5th November, and observing the changing of the trees - taking photos of before and after due to the arrival of Autumn. They have started a Four Seasons display board, and having completed Autumn, will be starting on Winter soon. There will be a Sponsored Bike Ride soon - usually held riding round the playground on their own bikes, and also a visit by a Vet., to talk about how to look after animals/pets.

The new Committee held a meeting on Tuesday 8th November, but

nothing has been decided as yet re opening for five days per week. However, on 9th December, there will be a Nearly New Christmas Market in LATCH with children's clothes and Christmas goodies for sale. Look out for details/posters.

There are still places available at Fledglings - for information please ring Fiona Evans on 01308 482410 - or just drop in to chat and look around the dedicated playroom, outdoor play area etc.

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children returned relaxed after a half term break. The clocks changed and we are into short, dark days, ready for Christmas!



THE BIG GREEN APPLE DAY in our Discovery Area was absolutely fantastic – the weather was glorious, the children had fun apple-bobbing and making a variety of crafts and the turnout was very good indeed. We had so many apples left over that we were able to give the children a taste of freshly pressed apple juice in school!



Two workshops were held in the Discovery Area during the half term holiday, one making wooden crafts and the other wooden musical instruments.

Children now have a new after school club on Thursdays -**TRAMPOLINE AND GYMNASTICS**. We are hoping to start a drama club in the Spring Term.

Eggardon visited **OURGANICS FARM** and the children were fascinated by a way of living which is dependent on the land, water harnessing and what you can produce yourself, including electricity! Eggardon also visited Colfox School to watch 'The Most Absurd Christmas Musical in the World... Ever!' which they thoroughly enjoyed and which starred four of our ex-pupils.

ECO SCHOOLS: We had a special assembly on saving water. Something I learned: if all the water on our planet was put into a washing bowl, the water available for drinking would be just 1 teaspoon! All the children have been given a reusable water bottle so that they have water available in the classroom at all times.

JUBILEE TREES: A charity, Trees for Dorset, aims to have every school in the County planting seeds of native species which will start to grow in the

Jubilee year. We have obtained acorns from old woodland trees and each child will plant an acorn and watch it grow (hopefully!) in 2012.

Fledglings and Litton had a very well attended **OPEN MORNING** on Thursday, 3rd November. The children helped with refreshments and several parents, who were new to the school, were impressed by the facilities we could offer.

Our week of **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES** had each class displaying their skills and something special they had done or learned. We had songs, theatre and a range of crafts. We are so proud of them!

Don't miss our **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** on Wednesday, 7th December, starting at 6.30pm in LATCH. *Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher*

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH)

POPPY APPEAL COLLECTORS. Pat Crockett, area Organiser (01305 871465), would like all local collectors to let her know how many years you have been collecting - this is in order to apply for awards from Poppy Appeal HQ on your behalf: this will enable her to keep the records up to date.



POPPY APPEAL. The total collected from all sources during the past financial year was £3616.96.

The joint Village Cafe Coffee Morning raised £531.75 for the Appeal and we thank all those who worked hard to make the day a success, donated prizes etc and those who came to support our efforts.

BRANCH A.G.M. The Chairman, having received a letter from Branch President Ron Beale, stating that he felt the time had come to relinquish his position, had replied, reluctantly accepting the situation, but thanking Ron profusely for all that he had done for the Branch over a period in excess of twenty years.

Clive Palmer, Jeff Tucker, Bob Kenward also announced their retirement from the Committee and were thanked for the major contributions they had made to the Branch.

The Committee were pleased to welcome to Branch Membership Stanley Groves (Chickerell) and Margaret Reeves (Dorchester) and expressed their wish that both would have a long and happy association with our Branch.

DURNOVARIA SILVER BAND CONCERT At 7.30pm on Friday 23rd December Portesham Village Hall. This is a special Christmas concert, in the

second half of which you will be able to sing along to some of your favourite carols and other festive music. Some refreshments will be available. Donations of raffle prizes would be welcomed. Tickets are priced at £6.00 and are available in advance from John Perry (01305 871346) or Malcolm Pugh (01305 871001).

BRANCH SKITTLES MATCH, Swan Inn, Abbotsbury starts at 7 pm Monday 9 January versus the Women's Section. Supper will be available @ £3.50 a head.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all the readers of this magazine. May the season be joyous and the New Year be kind to us all.

A detailed itinerary is available for an 8 Day fully escorted tour of **NORTHERN PORTUGAL** from 13-20th May, 2012, organised by Des & Jean Baker (01305 267617). Any profits will be shared between *RBL Poppy Appeal* and *Dors to India* registered charities.

Des Baker: Branch Entertainments Chairman

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

As we started the second half of this term our thoughts and prayers were for the children and staff of Powerstock Primary School after the fire that devastated the Victorian section of their school. Although it has been a terrible time for them we give thanks that no-one was harmed and speaking to Mr Draper, the Headteacher, he has been astounded by the support the school has received from local schools and the community. It is at times like these that we realise how lucky we are to live and work in such a special place as this.



This 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 performances (Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will be performing 'Ralph the Reindeer' and Key Stage 2's production this year is 'The Peace Child') on Monday 12th December at 6.00pm and Tuesday 13th December at 1.30pm and 6.00pm. Finally we end the term with 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.

The Friends of Burton Bradstock School are also busy on the fundraising front. So far this term they have had a number of events including cake sales, a Christmas Shopping Evening, a hot-dog stall at the Bridport Fire-

works and a Jamie Oliver at Home party. Our Christmas Fair this year is on Saturday 10th December 10.00am - 12.00pm at the school. We would be very grateful for donations for this event and hope that you will be able to come along to the school during the morning to join us.

The staff and children of the school wish you a very peaceful festive season.

Claire StapleHeadteacher

Burton Bradstock School Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 10th December
10.00am-12.00noon at the School**

We would greatly appreciate donations for the tombola stalls or raffle prizes such as toys, books, chocolates, toiletries, wine and spirits

If you are able to make a donation kindly deliver to the school office by Wednesday 7th December or alternatively if you telephone the school we will arrange collection



WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AND IT WOULD BE LOVELY TO SEE YOU AT THE SCHOOL ENJOYING THE CHRISTMAS ATMOSPHERE!

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's final meeting of the year was celebrated with an hilarious talk from Katherine Crouch on how she won the BBC's Gardener of the Decade competition. Cheese and wine and a mulled apple juice were then enjoyed by everyone.

Our new programme for 2012 is nearing completion and should prove to be another successful one. News of our opening meeting in March will be advertised in the BVN next year. In the meantime the Club wishes all our members and readers of the Bride Valley News a very happy Christmas and a productive and successful New Year.



JOBS TO DO IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Plant winter-flowering Clematis cirrhosa. Ensure that house plants are in good light and not suffering from too dry a centrally-heated atmosphere. Prune wisteria by reducing last year's growth to spurs of two or three buds. Cut away old hellebore foliage to reveal emerging flowers. Wrap vulnerable container plants in bubble polythene for frost protection.

And finally don't forget to keep bird baths clean and topped up with fresh water. Fat balls and bird cakes are great winter foods. Make your own by

melting suet, poured into moulds and allowed to set but under no circumstances use left-over cooking fat which clogs birds' feathers.

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

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS THE CONCERT

Litton & Thorners Community Hall

Thurs. 8th December.

Cert.15, 1.½hrs. Sub-titled.

'a wonderful piece of film making'

Thirty years ago, Andrei Simoniovich Filipov (**Aleksei Guskov**) was the celebrated conductor of the



renowned Bolshoi Orchestra. But during the communist era, he was fired at the height of his fame. Demoted to the position of cleaner at the Bolshoi, he learns by chance that the Châtelet Theatre in Paris has invited the Orchestra to perform. In a moment of inspiration, Andrei intercepts the invitation and dreams of reuniting his orchestra to perform in the place of the current Bolshoi Orchestra. He wants Anne-Marie Jacquet (Mélanie Laurent), a young virtuoso with a mysterious past, as the solo violinist to accompany his old Jewish and gypsy musicians. They haven't got a full orchestra, they have no funding and they haven't played together for 30 years... as the night of the performance approaches, tensions rise as the stakes grow higher. If Andrei could succeed in pulling off this grand deception, it would be the greatest triumph of his career. This is a wonderful film - humorous, deeply moving, with strong acting and invigorating music.

Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine). Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door if available. (All nos. 01308).

Extra parking available at the school.



ARTSREACH

THE PHOENIX AND THE CARPET

at Litton and Thorney's Community Hall

Friday 27th January at 7.30pm

After the last two years' sell-out shows, we're delighted to welcome back Forest Forge Theatre Company with their magical winter production. Join four children on their adventures as they are whisked away on their magical carpet, with the help of a mysterious and fiery phoenix. Adapted from the classic children's book by E. Nesbit the production fea-

tures beautiful live music, incredible puppets and a wonderful winter atmosphere.

This is a special adventure that will see you transported from an ordinary afternoon in an English nursery across the world to Australia and India, and back again. The performance is suitable for children age 5+ and will be a beautiful and mad-cap piece of magical winter storytelling, performed by five actors and featuring live music, puppetry even a magical flying carpet!

Box Office opens on Monday 9th January 2012. Tel: 01308 482748.
Tickets: Adult £8, U18 £6, Family (2+2) £24.

Christmas Whist Drive

Tues 6th December
at 7.30pm prompt
in The Bull Inn, Swyre.

Admission £2.50
Raffles, Lovely Prizes
All Welcome



Proceeds in aid of
Dorset Air Ambulance
and
IFAW
(International Fund for Animal Welfare)



HOW SAFE IS YOUR HOME?

Let me introduce myself - my name is Vanessa Harvey and I am your local Home Fire Safety Advisor working for Dorset Fire and Rescue Service. I help people in the Dorchester area reduce the risk of fire and stay as safe as possible in their own homes.

In 2010, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service (DFRS) attended 468 accidental fires in the home. These could have been avoided if people were more aware of basic fire safety in their homes. Knowing the dangers and taking preventative measures could help save the lives of you and your family. Your home is full of potential fire risks; if you are aware of them you can ensure that you reduce the chances of a fire starting in your home.

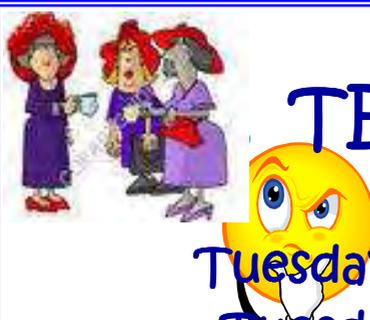
Fires strike when you least expect them, often during the night. They spread quickly but it is smoke that is the real killer. If you are asleep when a fire starts and you don't have a smoke alarm to wake you, your chances of surviving are zero. Alarms can be purchased for around £5, a small price to pay to save you and your loved ones. Remember your smoke alarm must work to save your life. Dust it every six months, check the battery once a week, change the battery every twelve months (unless it's a ten year alarm)

and change your alarm every ten years. There are also alarms with strobe lighting and vibrating pads for people who are hard of hearing or deaf.

As part of our commitment to reduce deaths and injuries caused by accidental fires in the home, DFRS provides **free** and **confidential** Home Safety Checks. These involve a DFRS Home Safety Advisor, like myself, visiting homes and ensuring each premises has the correct number of working smoke alarms, fitting or replacing them free of charge if appropriate, carrying out a visual check of appliances for electrical safety, identifying any high risk activities, looking at the position of furniture and equipment, checking for overloaded electrical sockets, discussing practical and safe escape routes and what to do if the worst should happen (none of us are invincible!) simply pointing out any potential risks and offering advice as to how they can be minimised. Each home is different in content and layout so visits are tailored to the person and their own unique circumstances.

To request a Free Home Safety Check call 01305 252600 or use the new online form found at www.dorsetfire.gov.uk. Just fill out the form with your name and address details and click 'submit'. Our new PinPoint technology will analyse whether or not we can make your home safer and you will either receive a FREE Home Safety Check or Home Safety Information Pack, containing a leaflet on safety and a checklist for the home.

DFRS are working hard to prevent avoidable fires and you can help us do that - if you would like a free home safety check, contact us. Alternatively, if you know of someone who may be vulnerable and would benefit from a visit, please get their permission and then contact us on their behalf to arrange an appointment. Thank You.



Long Bredy's
TEA and CHAT
continues on
Tuesday 13th December
Tuesday 10th January
Tuesday 14th February
at
Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney.
Do come and join us, 3.00-5.00pm.

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.

A limited number of places is available on a First Aid course to be held in the Village Hall, Puncknowle on January 24th 2012. If you are interested please contact Steve Crabtree on 01308 482482 as soon as possible.

Limited places available.

Attendance free, Certification will cost £12.50

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.



FEASTING FAVOURITES

In the Old Testament, Solomon advises, “My son, eat thou honey because it is good.” And so began a long list of recommendations for the use of honey.

Honey was the first sweetener used by man (sugar was not readily available in the western world until around the 15th Century). Its use declined as sugar became more readily available and at a lower price. Today, honey is used to add colour and flavour to food which cannot be achieved with refined sugar.

Honey has long been appreciated as an unadulterated natural product, less processed than other sweeteners and, weight for weight, has fewer calories than white sugar. Today, we have access to honeys from around the world and the range of flavours is huge. Flavour depends on the flowers that the bees forage whilst blended honeys depend on the “nose” of the professional blender to achieve texture and flavour to appeal to the target audience. In general, the lighter the colour the milder the flavour with acacia honey having a light delicate flavour whilst heather honey has a strong and

distinct taste and aroma.

Honey is a wonderful ingredient to use in a variety of recipes from salad dressings to cakes and from glazes to casseroles. But it cannot just be used as a direct replacement for sugar; it is sweeter and generally the quantity of added liquids need to be reduced when using honey and oven temperatures need to be a little lower.

Apart from a spoonful of honey in your breakfast porridge you may like to try some of our favourite tried and tested recipes.



HONEY-GLAZED BAKED HAM

After cooking your ham in the normal way, finish it with a honey and mustard glaze (1 tablespoon honey, ½ teaspoon dry mustard) and brown quickly under the grill or in a high oven.

HONEY, FRUIT AND NUT TEABREAD

225g self-raising flour	½ teaspoon mixed spice
100g butter	50g soft brown sugar
50g chopped nuts	175g mixed dried fruit
2 eggs	75 ml honey
15ml honey for the glaze	

Pre-heat the oven to 180 °C, gas mark 4. Grease and line a 9x5 inch loaf tin. Sieve flour and mixed spice together into a bowl, rub in the butter until mix resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in sugar, nuts, dried fruit, eggs and honey. Mix well. Turn mixture into loaf tin and bake for 1 - 1¼ hours covering (kitchen foil or greaseproof paper) halfway through cooking if top is browning too much. Test if cooked by piercing with a fine skewer which will come out clean if cooked.

Remove from tin, place on a wire rack and allow to cool slightly then brush with the honey to glaze.

Serve buttered or with a generous slice of Wensleydale cheese – delicious!

HONEY SHORTBREAD

2oz honey,	8 oz butter
2 oz caster sugar	14oz plain flour.

Beat butter and sugar to a cream and add the honey. Gradually add the flour. Knead the mixture and roll out into about ¼" thickness. Cut into shapes, prick with a fork and bake at 150 °C, Gas mark 2 for about 25 mins.

SMOOTHIES

Here we have a very modern concept which is also an enjoyable way of taking 1 (or more) of your 5-a-day. It can be made up with almost any fruit or combination of fruit to suit your own preference. A banana smoothie needs

2 tablespoons of honey, 3 tablespoons of yoghurt, 2 cups of milk, 2 bananas roughly chopped. Place all of the ingredients into a food processor and blend until smooth. Chill before serving.

SWEET AND SOUR BEETROOT

500g cooked beetroot	50g unsalted butter
½ tablespoon groundnut oil	2 red onions, very finely sliced
2 tablespoons honey	1½ tablespoons red-wine vinegar

Remove the beetroot from its packing and dry with kitchen paper. Cut each one into thick slices. Heat the butter and oil in a frying-pan and cook the onions over a medium heat until soft. Add the beetroot and turn up the heat. Cook for about two minutes, then add the honey and stir until the mixture is beginning to caramelise. Add the vinegar and let it bubble away. Season sparingly with salt and pepper if desired. Variations to the basic recipe can be achieved by using a little soy sauce (to make it more sour) or a little fresh orange juice (to make it a little sweeter). Taste the mixture for sweet-sour balance.

Serve as hot dish to accompany main dishes such as gammon or mackerel or allow it to cool and you have a delicious salad.

Ruth & Ian Homer

ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

On the peril of choosing new kneelers

*The Rectory
St. James the Least of All*

My dear Nephew Darren

After all these years, I now understand why the non-conformist denominations sit down, rather than kneel, to say their prayers. That way, no decisions have to be taken over the number, size, shape, colour, material and design of kneelers in church.

Our present set was donated by a retired Major-General in 1899 to celebrate the relief of Mafeking and a century of use by the pious and not-so-devout has taken its toll. Like certain members of our congregation, they now look a little worse for wear. Many have sprung leaks, so that when used, a jet of flocking is emitted all over the clothes of their neighbour, who then has to leave Mattins looking like a Yeti.

Other kneelers have been occupied by grateful mice, who find them most congenial for nesting and who leave in high umbrage, creating chaos as Miss Mapp chases them down the

aisle with her umbrella; that this provides her with the perfect excuse to leave before the sermon is, I am sure, entirely coincidental. The final straw came when my own, by some quirk in its design, now sounds like a whoopee cushion every time I kneel. It may cause the choirboys much amusement, but lends nothing to the dignity of our worship.

So we have decided to have a completely new set - and therein lies the problem. Who makes them? What will be the designs? Who co-ordinates the whole project? There is enough here to occupy the combined minds of our Church Council for the next Millennium and there will be enough scheming, manoeuvring, signing of non-aggression pacts and formation of tactical truces to make the United Nations look like amateurs. Unfortunately, we do not have the ecclesiastical equivalents of the blue berets to enforce peace.

The more patriotic members of the congregation have suggested they all show the Union Jack - presumably so they can be waved at appropriate moments in our services; one beligerent individual wants to see depictions of St. Michael slaughtering the dragon, John the Baptist's head on a platter and other such tasteful scenes; on the other hand, dear Miss Timmins wants them all to depict doves or small fluffy creatures, which would make the church look more like pets corner.

Cutting through these vital issues, I have suggested that the entire congregation converts to Roman Catholicism... and then we could stand for our prayers and do without kneelers entirely.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



VILLAGE WEBSITES
giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc

www.burtonbradstock.org.uk
www.littoncheney.org.uk
www.shiptongorge.org.uk
www.puncknowle.net
www.swyre.org.uk
www.westbexington.org.uk

SUDOKU

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CHRISTMAS BEGINS

When does Christmas start? Does it start when the shops begin playing Christmas carols and putting up decorations?

Or is it at the beginning of Advent which starts 4 weeks before the 25th December and is a special time for us to use to get ready for the birth of Jesus?



The word Advent means 'coming' and the season of Advent before Christmas, like Lent before Easter, is a time to get ready. A time to look forward and prepare, not just by writing Christmas cards and wrapping presents, but by inviting Jesus into our hearts and lives today.

So perhaps the question isn't when does your Christmas start, but when does it finish?

CHRISTMAS EVE

24th December is Christmas Eve and the answer to each of these questions starts with the letters EVE. Answers below.

1. What EVE is equal?
2. What EVE is a swamp in Florida?
3. What EVE is a happening?
4. What EVE is a dried flower?
5. What EVE is the end of the day?
6. What EVE is the world's highest mountain?
7. What EVE never loses its leaves?

**What goes red, white, red,
white, red, white?**
Santa rolling down a hill.

**What did the snowman and
his wife hang over their baby's
cot?**

A snow mobile.

**What's brown and sneaks
round the kitchen?**

Mince spies.

Answers: 1 even 2 Everglades 3 event
4 everlasting 5 evening 6 Everest
7 evergreen

★ HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

"Peace on earth,
goodwill to all"...

Mouse Makes

glue

Goodwill to all

OUR SAVIOUR
IS BORN!

...Listen
to the
angel's call.

A **saviour**
has been born
this day,

The **light** of the
world to show us
the way!

Peace on earth

To make the decoration: Colour and cut out.
Fold along dotted lines. Glue to form a cone.
Add ribbon and hang from the tree.

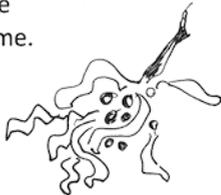
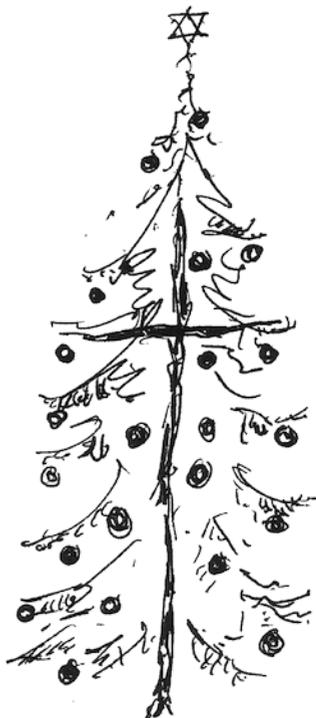
Bible Sketchbook

Precious Symbols



Find out more at church
this Christmas!

Christmas tree
Symbol of Jesus,
Dying on that
Glorious Cross.
So celebrate with
Bright lights, tinsel
And living colour.
A crown of holly,
Sharp thorns,
Victory wreath,
Berries blood-red.
Presents from
His death
And life.
Gifted in mistletoe
Forgiving love
For you, for me.



William Mather ©



★ Christmas Poem

Some people think that
Christmas time is
gifts and grub and booze
but the best bit is
that Jesus came —
Gods son in human shoes
(From the Youth Group,
St Peter's, Littleover, Derby)

An angel appears to Mary

Bible story: Luke 1:26–38

Activity: An angel ornament or handprint puppet

You will need:

- Half a paper plate (per child)
- Coloured crayons or felt-tipped pens
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Pencils
- Paper doilies
- Glue
- White craft foam
- Glitter

Other ideas

- Colour the angel with crayons or felt-tipped pens.
- Use glitter or sequins to decorate the angel's robe. Add wool, lametta or tinsel for hair.
- Glue pieces of the paper doily over the wings.
- Completely cover the hand prints with glue and then dip them into glitter.



Instructions

Staple the edges of the half plate to make a cone shape. Draw a line to separate the robe and head. Draw a face and hair.

Trim a paper doily to fit the angel's body and glue in place. Trace and cut out two craft foam hand prints. Swirl glue on to each hand print and sprinkle on glitter. Glue the hand prints to the back of the angel for wings.

Stand the angel as a table decoration, place it on top of a Christmas tree, or hang it as an ornament.

NOVEMBER SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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When love is gone,
there's always justice.
And when justice is gone,
there's always force.
And when force is gone,
there's always Mom.
Hi, Mom!

Laurie Anderson

BRIDE VALLEY NEWS

Is urgently seeking a new

ADVERTISING MANAGER

to shadow the current manager &

to take over in APRIL 2012

computer literacy essential,

Word Processing and Spreadsheet skills will make much life easier

FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT

KATE KENT ON 01308 897574

DIARY OF EVENTS: DECEMBER 2011

	1	9.30am Cleaning and Churchyard Work parties	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Fri	2	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		10.00am Advent Coffee & Mince Pies	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
		12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
		2.15pm BVWI Carol Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Sat	3	10.30am Village Hall Christmas Market	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
		10.30am Village Café	LATCH
Sun	4	7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon	5	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	6	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
		7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
		7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm Charity Whist Drive	The Bull, Swyre
Wed	7	2.00pm Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		6.00pm Bridport Christmas Festival	
		6.30pm Thorner's School Christmas Concert	Thorner's School
		7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
		7.30pm Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	8	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	9	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		?? Fledgelings Nearly New Clothes Sale	Thorner's School
		10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	Monica's
		11.00am Tots & Prams Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
		11.00am Tots Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
		12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
		3.30pm Christingle Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
		6.00pm BB School Christmas Shows	Burton Bradstock School
Sat	10	?? Artsreach - "Charles Dickens" <i>Pip Litton</i>	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
		10.00am Christmas Fair	Burton Bradstock School
		7.30pm Keeeeeep Dancing	LATCH
Sun	11	3.00pm Christmas Fayre	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		5.00pm Carols by Candlelight	St Mary's, Puncknowle
Mon	12	1.30pm BB School Christmas Shows	Burton Bradstock School
		4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
		6.00pm BB School Christmas Shows	Burton Bradstock School
		6.00pm Carol Singing round Burton Bradstock	meet at Village Hall

Tue	13	2.15pm WI talk "Memory Lane, How we used to live"	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
		3.00pm Tea & Chat	Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney
Wed	14	2.00pm Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		7.00pm Parish Council Meeting	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
		7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	15	7.30pm British Heart Foundation Meeting	Bridport Christian F'ship Hall
Fri	16	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
		6.30pm Singing round Litton Cheney	meet at Bus Shelter
		9.15am Carols Round the Tree	Burton Bradstock School
Sat	17	11.00am Bridport Nativity	Buckydoo Sq, Bridport
		2.00pm Write for Rights	
		7.00pm Village Hall Christmas Quiz	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Sun	18	6.00pm Joint Long Bredy/Littlebredy Carol Service	St Michael's, Littlebredy
		6.00pm Carols by Candlelight	St Mary's, Litton, Cheney
		6.30pm Carol Service	St Martin's, Shipton Gorge
Mon	19	6.00pm Carol Singing around Puncknowle	meet at Village Hall
Tue	20	12.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
		2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
		6.30pm Carol Singing round Shipton Gorge	meet Brook St 'Phone Kiosk
		7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
		7.30pm BYPS Christmas Show	Bridport Arts Centre
Wed	21	2.00pm Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	22	2.00pm Church Flowers for Christmas	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	23	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
		7.30pm RBL(A) Durnovaria Silver Band Concert	Portesham Village Hall
Sat	24	4.00pm Crib Service	St Mary's, Litton, Cheney
Wed	28	2.00pm Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Fri	30	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport

We must not allow the clock and the calendar to blind us to the fact that each moment of life is a miracle and mystery.

H. G. Wells (1866 - 1946)



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: December 2011

	1 st Sunday December 4 Second of Advent	2 nd Sunday December 11 Third of Advent	3 rd Sunday December 18 Fourth of Advent	Saturday December 24 Christmas Eve	4 th Sunday December 25 Christmas Day
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Songs of Praise 6.30 Evening Prayer	9 .30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (By Extension) 6.30 Carol Service	5.30 Crib Service 11.30 Midnight Mass	8.00 Communion 11.00 Christmas Day Service
Sipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion 6.30 Carol Service		11.00 Family Communion
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion (by Extension)	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Communion	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion (by Extension)	11.00 Family Communion (by Extension) 5.00 Carol Service	8.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Family Communion
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer 6.00 Carol Service	4.00 Crib Service 11.30 Holy Communion	
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship		9.30 Communion
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion (By Extension)	9.30 Morning Worship 5.30 Carol Service		11.00 Communion