

Bride Valley **News**

A black and white photograph of several lit candles in a holder, with a central decorative element. The candles are lit, and their flames are visible. The holder is ornate and appears to be made of metal or wood. The background is dark, making the candles stand out.

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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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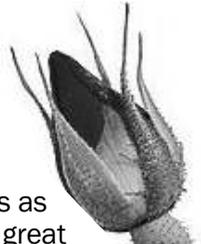


The snowdrops are already out in the lane leading up to Long Bredy Church, and round the trees by the churchyard gate. Primroses are already announcing Spring before we have seen a severe Winter's frost. I know it is a hostage to fortune to say this, but as I write, we have had a winter of gales, blowing a lilac tree off its roots in the Rectory garden, but long days of cold have stayed inland.

By the time you come to read this we will have forgotten the little excitements of the first and tiny signs of Spring, for we will be bowered in daffodils and the scents of paperwhites. I have just stepped out to check. The daffodil leaves are there, uppening, but still a long way from opening.

I am listing here, signs of the turning year in their due season, as they were last year and the year before. They are things we know, with which we are so familiar that we have to remind ourselves to be glad every year still to find a thrill of surprise in them.

But I have a secret sign, just outside my front door. I have been gloating over it all through the long nights and short days. There is a little rosebud, of a red and summer scented rose. It may be absurdly early, clinging to the warmth of a South wall, or it may be the last effort of an autumn repeat; I do not know. It floats on murky afternoons as a reminder to me, as I venture to remind you, that there are great treasures to be found in what is wrong, adverse, muddled and absurd.



A bird swims backwards upstream, a fish flies North for the Summer, and we learn once again, with the returning sun, to giggle for no reason. God be praised for nonsense.

Bob Thorn.

 <p>'I am the Lord who heals you' A space and a place to meet God. Salisbury Cathedral Saturday 3rd. March 2012 10am - 4pm</p>	<p>Safe? Healed? Accepted? Loved? One with God? Me?</p>	<p>Lord, you save and heal us, you accept us and love us. We praise you. We pray that your grace will make us one with you and that you will transform your world, renew your Church and start with us, today and always. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.</p>
<p>An event organised by the Salisbury Diocesan Wholeness and Healing Group For full details of the event visit www.shalominsarum.co.uk or write to 'Shalom in Sarum' 42 Coombe Ave. Bournemouth. BH10 5AE</p>		

FROM THE REGISTERS



FUNERALS

 On Wednesday 13th December, the church at Burton Bradstock was packed with family and friends who came to celebrate the life of **WILLIAM (BILL) HERBERT HOLLIS ATTRILL**.

Bill was born in London and served in the war with the Middlesex Regiment. He later worked as a respected engineer for Hoover until he moved to Dorset in 1971 with his wife Joan, to whom he was married for 64yrs, and their children Richard and Steve. Here he started a new career as licensee at Bridport's *Royal Oak* and later Burton's *Three Horseshoes*, when he and Joan also acquired the *Hive Beach Cafe*.

Whilst in Bridport Bill, as a caring man, was the prime mover in the formation of the Bridport branch of the Lions charity.

At the Church Service Bill's son Richard read a tribute to his father. Kipling's poem *If*, Bill's guiding light, was read by grandson Mark

The prayers of the church are with Joan and the family to know God's help for the days ahead of them

 On Thursday, 15th December, a funeral service was held in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock for the late **JOAN CONSTANCE GILLETT**, who with her husband, Alan, ran the Three Horseshoes in the early 1960s. The service was attended by family and many friends from her past. The service was followed on Friday, December 16th, by a ceremony of cremation at Weymouth Crematorium.

 December 16th saw the funeral of **JOHN TILLMAN**, a faithful and devout man with a lifelong gift for friendship and an irrepressible sense of humour, even in the days of his last illness. He will be long mourned in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, where we grieve his loss alongside Joyce, his wife. A ceremony at Weymouth Crematorium in the morning was followed by a celebration of his life in St Mary's in the afternoon.

 The funeral service of the late **JANE MORISON EVANS** was held at St Martin's church, Shipton Gorge on 4th January, 2012. The service was conducted by the Revd. John Good, the Vicar at Martinstown.

 The Church of St Peter, Long Bredy was filled with mourners on Wednesday January 11th, come to pay their respects at the funeral of the late **HUBERT JOHN COOK**. He and his wife, Margaret, had long

lived in the village. Their son, Richard spoke of his Father's work ploughing and working on farms round about. John was buried in St Peter's churchyard, his coffin decked with vegetables in memory of his love of his garden. He lies at rest at the foot of the wide open hills.

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

BEYOND THE VALLEY

GOOD BOOKS

Our next **OPEN HOUSE** on Friday 10th February, 10.00am-2.00pm looks forward to St Valentine's Day, with the theme of **LOVE**.

Join us for our usual tasty refreshments and browse books on God's love for us & how we are called to respond, as well as cards and gifts for those dear to us. And a chance to win a prize in our **Valentine's quiz!**



ASH WEDNESDAY falls on Wednesday 22nd February – we have a range of Lent material available for individual or group study and reflection. This includes *The Naturalist and the Christ* by Rev Tim Heaton (an Anglican priest in Dorset), a Lent course based on the film *Creation*, and also this year's offering from the popular York Courses: *Handing on the Torch*.

We wish all our customers a **very peaceful and blessed 2012** – thank you for all your support over the past year. Please let us know how we can help you, we are here to serve.

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Saturday 10am-12.00noon.

New volunteers always welcome!



She had a pretty gift for quotation, which is a serviceable substitute for wit.

W. Somerset Maugham (1874 - 1965)

The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'

Ronald Reagan (1911 - 2004)

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTINS CHURCH

CAROL CONCERT

The church looked beautiful and a large congregation gathered to hear the Lessons and Carols leading to the birth of Jesus. Afterwards a jolly time was had in the Village Hall where mulled wine and mince pies were served.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

A large congregation gathered for the Family Communion led by Ryder.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

This will be held in the Village Hall on 25th. April at 7.30pm.

Gillian Maxfield - Churchwarden

PARISH COUNCIL

SURVIVING THE WINTER – HEATER LOAN PROJECT

The Parish Council has been made aware of a project to loan domestic heaters to those that may need them during an emergency. The Dorset Community Foundation funds the scheme which is run in partnership with the Partnership of Older People Programme and Dorset Fire and Rescue Service.

Free standing, oil filled radiators can be loaned for short periods of five days to two weeks for people who have a sudden loss of domestic heating, or where a medically diagnosed health condition or recent hospital discharge means temporary additional heating is required, and this includes for babies and small children. If necessary a longer period can be arranged and other support is also available if required.

Referrals can be identified by any group or organisation, but not by individuals themselves, so if you or someone you know, has a need for an emergency heater please contact any Parish Councillor or a committee member of the Village Society who will be able to refer you. If you want to learn more or find out if you could be eligible for borrowing one of the heaters contact

Sue Warr at Dorset POPP on 07979 704059 or email sue.warr@dorsetcc.gov.uk

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Unfortunately Jan Sorrell has resigned from the Parish Council due to other commitments and so there is a further vacancy for a councillor. We

thank Jan for her contribution during her short spell as a councillor but feel it is important that the council continues to have members from all sectors, ages and geographical parts of the village. If you feel you could give your time and take on the role of Parish Councillor please contact either the Parish Clerk, Paula Biss, on 898088 or the Chairman, Mary Boughton, on 897958 for further details.

PLAYING FIELD

The Parish Council is interested in the views of villagers as to whether Fitness Equipment would be used if installed in the Playing Field. This is equipment designed for everybody from age 12 upwards to use providing the vital physical exercise - in a fun way- needed by everyone, especially those of us who lead a more sedentary lifestyle than we did in the past! The field which at present caters basically for young children and teenagers, could then be used by all age groups. For those who can go online the range of equipment can be viewed at: www.caloo.co.uk and www.wicksteed.co.uk

Please contact me on 897482 or bjc39@btinternet.com with any thoughts you may have on this project.

Barbara Chambers- Chairman, Playing Field Committee

VILLAGE SOCIETY

The Village Society welcomes Marilyn Hewitt, our new tenant at The New Inn, to the village and wishes her a long, happy and successful stay.



We are also pleased to announce that Philippa Young has joined the Village Society as Village Archivist and she would welcome any material (past or present) relating to the village. She can be contacted on 897088.

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

£20	no. 26	Geoff Adderley
£10	no. 46	Simon Cleveland
£5	no. 77	Dawn Symes

If a man is offered a fact which goes against his instincts, he will scrutinize it closely, and unless the evidence is overwhelming, he will refuse to believe it. If, on the other hand, he is offered something which affords a reason for acting in accordance to his instincts, he will accept it even on the slightest evidence. The origin of myths is explained in this way.

Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)

LITTLEBREDY

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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Many thanks to all those who made the Church look so attractive for the shared Carol Service with Long Bredy and the Christmas Day Communion on two consecutive Sundays in December, and also to the clergy who led, and the good congregations who attended, both services. Thanks too to those who provided hospitality at the convivial gathering in the Village Hall after the carol service.

SOCIAL CLUB

Talking of the Village Hall, a new Social Club committee is making plans for this coming year. Here are a few dates that can be put into diaries now, though there will obviously be reminders and further details (and possibly the odd alteration!) later:-

Saturday 18th February, 7.00pm	Social Evening in the Hall.
Friday 16th March from 7.30pm	Darts Evening v. Long Bredy.
Friday 20th April from 7.30pm	Quiz Night.
Monday 4th June (evening)	Village Jubilee Celebration inc.fireworks and a beacon.
Saturday 8th September ,6.30pm	Treasure Hunt.

That will be all to be going on with at this stage, but is not the end of the committee's proposals for the year. Residents who are not yet paid-up members should please get in touch with Ben Pentreath at the Old Parsonage to get into "good standing", and other BVN readers who would like guest membership should please do the same (ben.pentreath@working-group.co.uk or 01308 482196).

DATE CHANGE

Owing to a clash with another valley event, which became apparent in last month's magazine, the date of Mary and David Cantrille's digital presentation at Bridehead entitled "**TRAVEL AND NATURE**", illustrated with their superb award-winning photography, has been changed to Saturday 17th March at 6.30pm.

Photographs will include coverage of various National Parks worldwide and parts of Europe – especially bird life. Tickets will cost £7.50, including wine and cheese, and should please be reserved in advance from Penny Laurence at jp.laurence@virgin.net or 01308 422730.

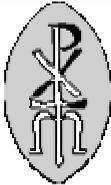
NAME CHANGE

Finally, apologies to Nick Haines at 2, Yew Tree Cottages, who was welcomed with the incorrect surname of Holmes in last month's edition. (An elementary error for your correspondent to make?) We also hope to see his fiancée Liz Fitzpatrick in the village from time to time, when her London commitments permit.



LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Our Christmas services were well attended and as a result of the collections taken we were delighted to send £220 each to Julia's House Children's Hospice Service and the Pilsdon Community.

CHURCH WORKING PARTIES continue on the first Thursday of each month throughout the year, the next being on 2nd February from 9.30am. There are both inside and outside jobs, depending on the weather, and refreshments are provided, so any help you can offer would be much appreciated.

LISTEN OUT for the bells on Monday 6th February - they will be rung from 6.30pm to mark the Queen's Accession to the throne in 1952.



Thank you to the young lady who picked up my purse by the bus shelter. I greatly appreciate your honesty.

Peggy Paterson

LITTON & THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL

For bookings including weddings call Richard Jones 482602

For news of events and activities at the hall, visit
www.littoncheney.org.uk



DORSET MEDLEY – Friday 23rd March: see website for up to date information. This is a collection of films from the archives of life in Dorset as it used to be. It is a fascinating insight into the lives of our forbears and previous incumbents of this beautiful part of Dorset. Enjoyment and education for all the family.

Refreshments available.

VILLAGE CAFÉ – Saturday 18th February. Your regular date to partake of

beverages and bacon butties, whilst chatting with friends and neighbours, exchanging a book or cd and possibly purchasing a winning raffle ticket. Paradise revisited!

A Parish Councillor will also be in attendance to address any village concerns you may have not connected with paradise.

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 13th March, 7.30pm at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. All local residents are welcome and indeed encouraged to attend.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Christmas tree provided a very welcoming sight on the triangle, thanks to Brian and John who helped to put it up.

It was good to see so many able to join in the Carol Singing. Unfortunately the rain meant that we could only venture forth on Friday night, but still raised over £150 for Julia's House. So, thanks to all who gave so generously, and also to David Bethell and Cassie who provided refreshments when they were most needed.

The New Year's Day Village Walk really brought out the determined walkers. It was quite pleasant strolling up the hillside to the A35, down through the coombe, then across to the valley road when the rain started, gently at first but building up to a downpour. It was quite a party of drowned rats who sought refuge in the White Horse.

Surprise, surprise, there was a big brunch on offer. Well - couldn't stand by the fire and not stave off the cold and hunger!

The next walk is on February 11th, 10.00 am at the Bus Shelter.

Ron Davidson 482661 LCSC

LONG BREDY

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ST PETER'S CHURCH

JOHN COOK

On January 11th we said farewell to John. A gloriously sunny afternoon and the church full of family and friends.

John came from Norfolk and he and Margaret were married in Long Bredy church in 1953. John was working for the Salisburys at Long Bredy Farm. He later worked at the Radio Station and in Bridport. His real hobby was tractors,



ploughing and the great comradeship of the vintage tractor rallies. John was always smiling and content, especially when working on his vegetable garden. He never lost his Norfolk accent.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret, Rick and the family.

A 'REVISED' DATE

for your new 2012 Diary.

On Saturday, 25th February we will be holding a 'Time for a Cuppa' morning in aid of Dementia UK. Unfortunately, we cannot even blame our mistake with the date in the last BVN on not knowing it was a leap year, as the coffee morning will be held before the 29th!!

Still, we do hope as many of you can call in during the morning and help support this very worthwhile cause and we look forward to seeing you.



Alan & Gwen Kinghorn

OPEN DAY, VILLAGE HALL

Long Bredy Village Hall will be open on March 4th (Sunday) for coffee, lunch and afternoon tea, from 11.30am to 4.00pm.

All welcome: proceeds to St Peter's Church Tower repair fund.

LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

DECEMBER 2011

£25	no. 123	Anthony & Harriet Sykes
£15	no. 81	Juniper Greener
£ 5	no. 34	Gerald Cuff

DECEMBER 'SUPER DRAW'

£125	no. 27	Sir Philip Williams
£100	no. 115	Guy Schwinge
£ 50	no. 57	Margaret Elliott

WELCOME

We warmly welcome to the village Kathy Macey who has come to work as housekeeper for Kingston Russell House and live at the cottages. We hope that she will be very happy here in Long Bredy.

Congratulations

Tom and Norma Foot celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday January 8th, this special occasion was marked by receiving a card from the Queen!





Thanks to everyone who left a donation to the NSPCC for the mistletoe from our garden just before Christmas. Despite a limited amount of time £30 was collected and has now been sent to the charity.

Valerie Shepherd

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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LENT LUNCHES IN BURTON BRADSTOCK

FRIDAYS IN LENT, 12.30PM

24th February, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th March

St Mary's, Burton, Mission Committee is coordinating Frugal Lunches in Lent at local homes. The hosts and their helpers will be providing soup and cheese and a roll and fruit in return for donations to this year's chosen charities which are:-

BARNABAS - barnabasfund.org.uk

supports Christians where they are in a minority and suffer discrimination, oppression and persecution as a consequence of their faith and believes that Christians should treat all people of all faiths with love and compassion, even those who persecute them.

MOTIVATION - motivation.org.uk

is an international development charity supporting people with mobility disabilities. Their high-quality, low-cost wheelchairs are designed specifically for use in poor countries. Their wheelchairs transform lives, giving disabled people independence.

For more information see the Pew Notes or contact Ian Ibbotson 01308 898484. To help with catering, please telephone the hosts in advance.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

This Christian based society exists to give vulnerable UK children such as those who are runaways, disabled, young carers, refugees or in trouble with the law, a better childhood.



100,000 children under 16 run away from home every year in this country for many different reasons and they are at risk from serious harm. The Society sets up centres and projects that work with the local authorities for these children. You can help financially and by supporting them in your prayers.

This is always the busiest time of year for the Society and this year was no exception. The return of the home boxes in November resulted in £492.97. Thank you to all box holders.

The Christingle collection and the school candle tubes raised £70.14. Several parents said how much they enjoyed the service and the children certainly had fun at the party enjoying plenty of food, quizzes, noisy games and a visit from Father Christmas. Thank you to everybody who contributed to the success of this.

Our last event, the carol singing, had to be cancelled because of gale force winds and driving rain. Eventually, we found a new time slot in this busy village, on the Saturday of the Quiz. We did a short sing outside the houses near the Church and then gathered under the beautiful setting of the lighted Christmas tree on the green to sing to people as they arrived for the Village Quiz night. Thank you to all who sang and all who gave a donation which produced £86.53. This, with prior donations for our singing, gave us a total of £126.53.

Burton Bradstock's final contribution for the Society this year amounts to £689.64. Many thanks to all our supporters

Anybody who would like a collecting box for their loose change please contact Pauline Woodford on 898327.



JOHN TILLMAN

I would like to thank all who have supported John and me over the last year and the many friends who attended the Thanksgiving Service. The cards and letters I have received expressing appreciation of John's friendship have been a great source of comfort in my loss. I am so grateful to all who make Burton Bradstock such a special community.

Joyce

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

1ST TO 5TH JUNE INC.

The proposed programme of events put together so far for the Burton Bradstock Diamond Jubilee Celebrations is as follows:



Friday 1st June

Evening

Spring Concert led by David Juritz, Village Hall

Saturday 2nd June:

10.00am-3.00pm

Five a Side Football Competition, Recreation Gd
Bouncy Castle & Circus Skills, Recreation Gd

11.00am-3.00pm

Dorset Museum Bus, Village Green

11.00am-3.00pm

Exhibition of 50's Memorabilia, Village Hall

4.30pm-9.00pm

Party on the Beach, Hive Beach

Sunday 3rd June

11.00am Church Service, St Mary's BB
11.00am–5.00pm Exhibition of 50's Memorabilia, Village Hall
Afternoon Village Street Party
Evening Diamond Jubilee Quiz, Three Horseshoes

Monday 4th June:

2.00pm – 4.30pm Village Fayre

Tuesday 5th June:

3.00pm–6.00pm Music in the Afternoon, Village Hall

(The above programme is provisional and may change.)

At the Street Party, it is hoped to be able to give a piece of Diamond Jubilee memorabilia to each child under 12 years of age living in Burton Bradstock. If there is any child under 12 who lives in the Village who will be attending the party but who does not go to the Village School, will the parents of these children please contact Ian Ibbotson preferably by email at ian.ibbotson@btconnect.com or by phone if necessary on 01308 898484 giving the child's name, age and address.

Would anyone who has 50's memorabilia or hard copy photos taken at that time and who would be willing to lend them for the Village Hall Exhibition, please contact Susan Moores on 01308 897673. Burton Bradstock - related memorabilia and photos would be particularly appreciated.

If anyone has anything that they wish to discuss with regard to the celebrations would they please contact Susan Moores on 01308 897673 (Chairman - Diamond Jubilee Committee).

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY - OUTING

The annual outing will take place on Wednesday 20th June. We will be visiting the SS *Great Britain* in Bristol and nearby Tyntesfield House and Garden.

Would Village Society members who are interested in joining the trip please contact Peter Broomhead on 01308 897408 or peterbroomhead@tiscali.co.uk

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

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



QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

It is hoped that once again there will be a Quiz Night in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 21st April so please put this date in your diary. Either bring along a team of 8, or join a team on the night and enjoy

not only a fun quiz but also a Fish and Chip Supper. Ticket cost (yet to be set) will include the Fish and Chip supper.

Further details will follow in the March edition.

“200 CLUB” WDDC Licence no: SL0080

January 2012 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£40.00	No:140	Ms Christine Green
2 nd	£20.00	No :198	Mrs P. Butcher
3 rd	£10.00	No : 51	Mrs Lynda Blunden

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the February-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £11 – one pound for each of the remaining 11 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

ARTSREACH NEWS

I hope you all enjoyed the "Time Travelling Magicians" on 21st January!

THE BUFFALO GIRLS

Saturday, 3rd March, Burton Bradstock Village Hall, 7.30pm

In March we will have some favourite entertainers -" The Buffalo Gals"- who return by special request. "The Buffalo Gals" show is an exciting musical and visual experience, full of spirit and energy. It is a feast of banjo led Appalachian, Blue grass and Cajun music with dazzling percussive step dancing. The show is guaranteed to keep your feet tapping even if you have never heard the sound of Appalachian or Cajun music before!. You'll also enjoy the dry wit and amusing stories that accompany the music from time to time.



BOOK EARLY - it is sure to be very popular - early booking from Norman 01308 897214

Norman Saunders-White, Artsreach promoter for Burton Bradstock

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL.

The Parish Council is setting up a group of volunteers who care about the village, to form a volunteer team to do basic maintenance and tidying up in the village. The team will work with the Parish Clerk on various projects at different times of the year. So if you are interested, contact the Parish Clerk,.

There are vacancies for Parish Councillors at the moment at Burton Bradstock. If you would like more information about the duties and responsibilities of being a local councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Winter Weather problems: The Parish Council have a supply of salt in readiness for bad weather this winter. If you are in need of any salt for the road near you, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Fel Moore, Parish Clerk: tel 01308 459001

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES



will be showing from Monday 20th to Saturday 25th February at 7.30pm, with a matinee performance on Saturday at 2.00pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

Escape the cold dark miserable English February and be transported to exotic warmer climate of Arabia. The cast of Burton Players will be portraying forty thieves, a prince, princess, woodcutter, dame and all the colour and glamour of the chorus men, women and children - everything you would expect from a traditional pantomime. So do come and join us in Burton Bradstock village hall.

Tickets on sale at £7 (or £5 for the under 16s) at Burton Bradstock Post Office or telephone Barbara Powell on 01308 897389

BURTON BRADSTOCK HOME WATCH

There has been a potential garage break-in reported at the start of 2012. Although nothing was actually stolen, sheared padlocks were found on the ground.

It is vital that you all keep your garages locked when not in use, especially at night when we are all indoors with curtains closed. In addition, those garages which may be in blocks some distance from your home are particularly vulnerable - keep them securely locked.



Peter Dutton-898374

I used to think I was poor. Then they told me I wasn't poor, I was needy. Then they told me it was self-defeating to think of myself as needy. I was deprived. (Oh not deprived but rather underprivileged). Then they told me that underprivileged was overused. I was disadvantaged.

I still don't have a dime.

But I have a great vocabulary.

Jules Feiffer (1929)

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SWYRE

NOVEMBER COFFEE MORNING

This was again a successful morning enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all who came to support us and we made a creditable £146.00 towards the various projects needed for the upkeep of the Church and Churchyard.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

Once again a very well attended service and thankfully reasonable weather. What difference a year makes when we had ice and snow in 2010. The Church was decorated beautifully and the candle light makes the atmosphere that much more special to remember the birth of Christ in a stable all those years ago. It was great to see so many people stay after the service to enjoy the mulled wine and mince pies and to socialise.

Many thanks to all our helpers and for the congregation making it something special.

EPIPHANY CAROLS

It is always lovely to end the Christmas season with our special service where all the carols are chosen by members of the congregation. This year we changed the format to readings and carols and with the Church still decorated from Christmas with candles as well, it was another special service.

The tea and cake that followed was also much appreciated by all.

SPRING COFFEE MORNING

Our first coffee morning of the year is to be held on Saturday 17th March from 10.30am. We will have our usual cakes, produce, books and teas etc.

We do hope you will all be able to come and support us. Funds will go towards the Church upkeep which includes repointing works outside and redecoration inside.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE.

This will be held at Holy Trinity Swyre this year at 10.00am on 22nd February. It will be a Holy Communion Service with the imposition of ashes.

All are welcome to this special service.

David Buckland

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

For bookings, telephone 01308 897724/897751



NOVEMBER DRAW

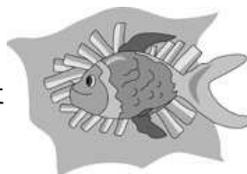
Mike Brown	£15
Avril Upjohn	£10

DECEMBER DRAW

Carol Bennett	£75
Peter Upjohn	£25
Sue Taylor	£15
Elizabeth Edwards	£10

FISH & CHIP SUPPER & QUIZ EVENING

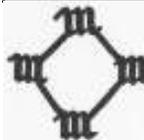
For those waiting patiently for the detail of this event promised in last month's BVN, we can reveal that it will now happen on Saturday 25th February, from 6.30pm.



Come and enjoy traditional Fish and Chips in the hall (ordered from Longs). Order your food and pay in advance by contacting Debbie Legge (898506, debbielegge@hotmail.com) or Sue Brown (897953, sue.brown@btinternet.com) - no later than 22nd February, please.. Bring your own drinks or buy at the bar. We will have a bit of a quiz while we are waiting for the food. All are welcome.

PUNCKNOWLE & W. BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY

This year the Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will be at Swyre at 10.00am, 22nd January. Please support this.

ART GROUP

We are grateful to Monica for hosting our Xmas lunch and quiz. It was such fun to have a good laugh and a wonderful spread in such lovely surroundings.

Our AGM was well attended and the officers were



re-elected for 2012.

Most of our meetings will be in the village hall, Puncknowle, and we hope to have several artist led workshops during the year. Non members may attend these for £12 but new members are always welcome.

On February 3rd we will visit Bridport Arts Centre and on 17th we will be exploring sepia with Sallie.

Christine Malony



BOOK CLUB

"Cranford" was the latest book which we had to read - lots of detail in the portrait of the residents of a small English country town in the mid-nineteenth century, their old-fashioned habits, and dominated by friendships between the women. You may remember the portrayal of the story by Elizabeth Gaskell on TV some time ago now - one of the main characters, Miss Matty, played by Judi Dench. This book was enjoyed by quite a few of the group.

The next one is also historical, called "The Clerkenwell Tales" by Peter Ackroyd. Set in 1399, it is a story of adventure and suspense in the late medieval world (it says on the sleeve).



YOGA

started in Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall on Thursday 6th January - arrive for 5.30pm - finish 7.00pm. Bring a mat if you have one - £6.50 per session or cheaper if you pay in advance.

PUNCKNOWLE KEEP FIT CLUB

continues with Jacquie putting us through our paces on the circuit.

Are you working hard to shake off those Christmas food pounds? If you want to join in come on Wednesdays, 2-3.00pm in the Village Hall.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The November meeting will be on February 21st. Anyone who would like to join the club, or who has not ordered their lunch for that date, please telephone 01308 898492 as soon as possible.

Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book.

Ronald Reagan (1911 - 2004)

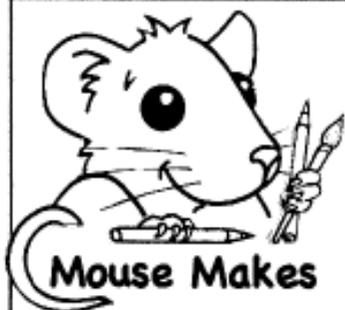
Bible Sketchbook

God provides!

To get rid of sin
 A sacrifice was needed.
 Abraham was willing
 To sacrifice
 His only Son.
 But God substituted
 Another life instead.
 In the same way
 God substituted
 Jesus - his only son -
 As a sacrifice
 For our sins.
 The key: obedience;
 The result: countless
 Blessings in the
 Holy Spirit!

Read more in Gen 22:1-18;
 Mk 10:45; Heb 6:13-14





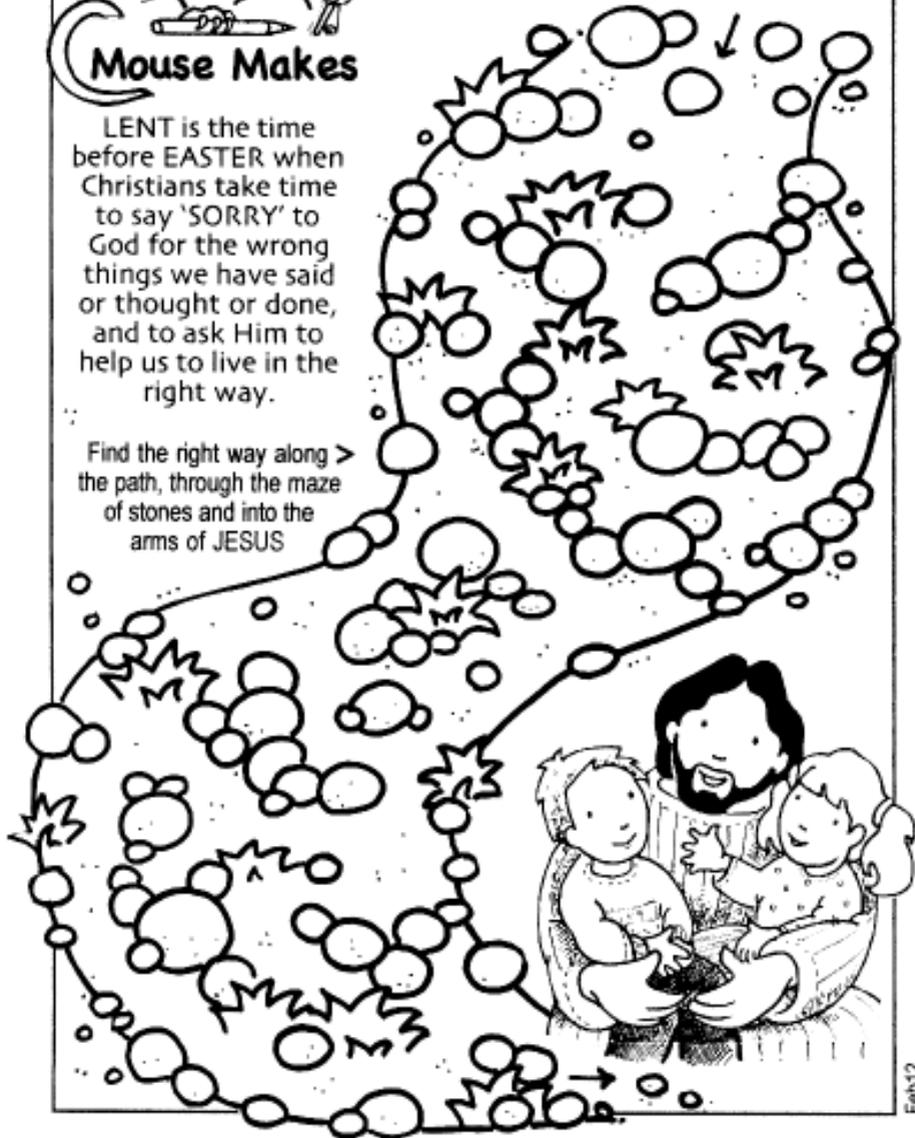
Mouse Makes

LENT is the time before EASTER when Christians take time to say 'SORRY' to God for the wrong things we have said or thought or done, and to ask Him to help us to live in the right way.

Find the right way along > the path, through the maze of stones and into the arms of JESUS

"Teach me how to live,
O LORD.
Lead me along
the right path..."

Psalm 27:11



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GEORGE HERBERT

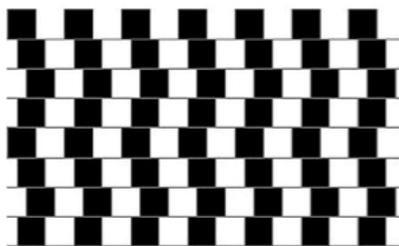
Born the seventh of 10 children in 1593, George Herbert grew up to be well known as a scholar and became a Member of Parliament. In 1630 he became a parish priest and spent the rest of his life in a small Wiltshire village. He preached, wrote poetry, helped rebuild the church and cared deeply for his parishioners who called him the 'Holy Mr. Herbert'.

He died aged 40 of tuberculosis, and perhaps we would never have heard of him were it not for his poems. He hid patterns and puns in his poems: in one called 'Easter Wings' the printed words look like the wings of birds soaring into the sky. A number of his poems became hymns, such as 'King of Glory, King of Peace', 'Let All the World in Every Corner Sing' and 'Teach me, my God and King'.



There is a window honouring George Herbert in Westminster Abbey, but he lives on in the words of hymns that are still sung today.

PUZZLES BEFORE YOUR EYES...



Do these lines go straight across or do they slope? Check them with a ruler to get the answer.



Roses are red
Violets are blue
Some poems rhyme
But this one doesn't!



What birds spend all their time on their knees?

Birds of prey.

What do you call a group of chickens playing hide-and-seek ?

Fowl play.

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.



SIGNS OF SPRING

Over the last four or five months our bees have had only limited opportunity to forage as most of the flowers they are interested in are spring or summer flowers. Even so, most days we have seen a few bees flying, either to collect water or on cleansing flights. Now, with the arrival of the early spring flowers, bees have the chance to start collecting pollen and nectar – both of which are essential to their development and survival.

When spring actually starts is something of a variable feast. One quotation suggests that *“the first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another - the difference between them is sometimes as great as a month”*, whilst a Chinese proverb suggests that *“spring is sooner recognised by plants than by man”*. Astrologically, spring starts on March 20th, whilst meteorologically it begins on March 1st. But it often starts sooner here in the Bride Valley – these photographs were taken on February 16th 2011.

Bees are not unlike us in that they require two basic foodstuffs for survival, protein and carbohydrates, and both of these they get from the flowers which they forage. Pollen is their major protein source whilst nectar provides their major carbohydrate source. And so, the arrival of the spring flowers must be a little like Christmas



with such rich food sources suddenly available. During the winter months, bees slow their metabolic rate down (they do not hibernate, they just do things more slowly to conserve energy) and therefore are able to make their stored supplies last longer. The queen substantially reduces her egg laying rate and hence brood rearing is reduced. This in turn reduces the demand for protein (pollen) as developing brood is a major consumer of protein with adult bees having a considerably reduced intake. However, adult bees do need carbohydrate in significant quantities and, in a warm winter when bees are more likely to fly, they can run short of stores long before the spring flowers appear. The watchful beekeeper will be aware of this and may supplement their stores by the use of candy (we use bakers' fondant) but, sadly, we often hear of



colonies being lost through starvation.

The early flowers which the bees visit will vary from area to area; when we lived for a while in Northumberland, winter aconites were amongst the earliest, sometimes blooming in January, but these are rarely seen here in Dorset. Amongst our first flowers beneficial to bees are the snowdrops and the crocuses which mainly yield pollen but can, on the warmer days, also provide a small nectar flow. Willows and hazels are also a good source of pollen for our bees. The flowers are quite tiny in each case but most of us will have seen the shower of pollen which the male flowers of both of these plants can provide if they are brushed gently when they are at their most fertile. These early spring flowers soon give way to the main spring flowers amongst which the most beneficial for bees are the humble dandelion, some of the agricultural crops such as oil seed rape and trees such as the sycamore. Every one of these flowers will be seen by someone or other as less than desirable – dandelions spoiling the lawn, rape exacerbating hay fever and sycamores spreading their seeds with gay abandon but each makes a real contribution to the well being of the honey bee.

Honey bees don't visit all flowers, only those for which their tongues are long enough to reach the nectaries. Bumble bees have longer tongues and therefore visit a different variety of flowers – rarely are they in competition with each other. Mans' preferences in flora are not always to the good of bees. Some of the heavily developed varieties have sacrificed nectaries in favour of extra petals and hybrids are rarely beneficial – they have no need to attract pollinators as they do not reproduce in the normal manner. Those of you who can remember the glorious fields of clover that used to abound before the widespread adoption of artificial fertilisers may recall that it was always covered in honey bees and that clover honey was a great delicacy a couple of decades or so back. Clover is making a bit of a comeback now as it may be a less expensive option as a nitrogen fixer than using artificial means, but look closely at the clover being used today and you will see that the flowers are bigger than they used to be and, in most cases are too big for the honey bee to work. This may actually be a false economy as unless there are sufficient pollinators able to work the clover, the flowers will not be germinated, the seed will not set and there will be no flowers for next year.

The interaction between mankind and his environment can never be taken for granted – nature will not change to suit us, we must work with it.

Ruth & Ian Homer

Why does the Air Force need expensive new bombers? Have the people we've been bombing over the years been complaining?

George Wallace

ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

On how to survive a residential conference

*The Rectory
St. James the Least*

My dear Nephew Darren

I am glad you enjoyed your conference, but please do not be deluded into thinking that conferences are there to teach you anything. Conferences exist to provide another entry on your CV, to give you time off while flattering yourself that you are working, and to make the person leading it feel that their life is not wholly pointless.

As it happened, I was also invited to the same one, the one entitled 'Learning how to say 'no''. But I refused to attend, thereby proving that I didn't need it anyway.

There are certain useful points you need to learn for conferences. First, about half the attendees will have been together only the previous week attending another conference in another part of the country. They will be eager, enthusiastic and overflowing with management platitudes. Avoid them at all costs. Should one of them say to you: 'expect the unexpected' you have my permission to strangle them. They won't have expected that!

Secondly, when you are all asked to go through that ghastly process of introducing yourselves to everyone else, make it up. I think the last time I was obliged to do this, I became a butcher specialising in exporting offal to Saudi Arabia. All your clerical colleagues will then panic that they have turned up for the wrong course and the leader will make sure that you are not asked another single question throughout the event. Both outcomes are satisfying.

Thirdly, do realise that when you are asked to divide into small discussion groups, it means that the conference leader has run out of ideas about what to do next. Do not, at all costs, volunteer to be chairman. It only means that when you have to report back - and if the leaders use the word 'plenary', then by all means contemplate strangling them also - you will be involved in sticking sheets of paper on to walls, which will then rip off the wallpaper when you try to remove them. You will also have the embarrassment of finding that every felt tip pen you try to use will be empty,

and what you thought were the conclusions your group had arrived at will be volubly contradicted by all the other members.

No, if you are ever obliged to attend another course, take a good book, enough claret to cover every evening away, and develop a debilitating illness that, while enabling you to attend every meal, obliges you to retreat to your room for the rest of the day. You will leave having learned as much on whatever the topic was as your colleagues, but will return refreshed and eager to make the next booking.

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

CATHEDRAL WORSHIP GAINS GROUND – BUT WHY?

Last year, a curious thing happened in the Church of England. Even though local church attendance was down, the numbers of people including both adults and children, attending Cathedral services' both on a Sunday and during the week increased and no one can really explain why.

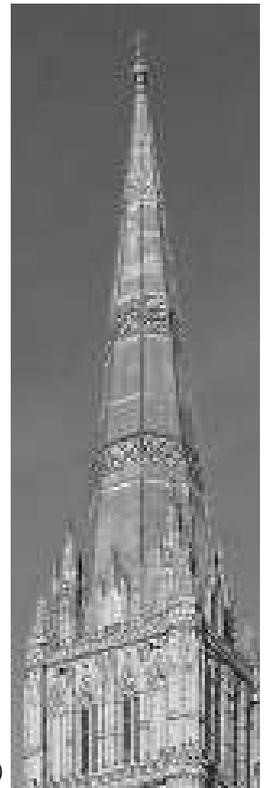
Various bits of research give some interesting clues. In one study, 88% of attendees at two different Cathedrals said their main reason for attending was the "spiritual atmosphere" and the "feeling of peace". Their second reason given by 86% was "the choir" and "the music". The location and the worship made a "contemplative atmosphere" for 84 % and 80% declared it was a "friendly" place to be.

In another study, 77% of those who never normally attended church services said they found the cathedral "uplifting", while of those who only occasionally attended, 84% agreed. 95% of regular worshippers cited it as their main reason for attending. All three groups put "a sense of peace" as their second reason for being there.

The findings raise some interesting questions such as are local church services too busy or too noisy? Are some services aimed too directly at one particular group to the detriment of others? Are some simply too trendy when many people just want to sing hymns, say prayers and experience a traditional service? It will be interesting to see if the trend continues.

Good for our cathedrals nationally but sadly it seems, to the detriment of our local churches.

(Extracted from a church publication)



VALLEY NOTES



ST MARY'S BRING & SHARE LUNCHES

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

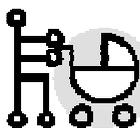
Sundays, 12.30pm

March 4th, May 6th, July 1st, September 2nd, November 4th

Bring a dish or bring just yourselves. There are delicious puddings and friendly conversation. This is for everyone in the valley.

There is no need to book. If you wish to know more, please phone Ian Ibbotson 01308 898484

The Spring Term saw the children returning happy and relaxed after their Christmas break.



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, February 10th – all are welcome

Heather Rogers, tel.897780

BIBLE QUIZZES FINAL, 2011



Congratulations to the 'Riders & Striders' who won the Berdoe Shield in the Bride Valley Seniors contest. Clare Viney, Liz Orza and Irene Piper (left) beat Burton Bradstock's Susan Paul, Cilla Jones and Geoffrey Seward, and Puncknowle's Felix Jones, Pam Coventry and Greg

Green who all played valiantly and with considerable skill. All had obviously studied the chapters in Luke very carefully.

The John Paul Shield for the Junior Bride Valley teams went to Litton Cheney (with help from Puncknowle) and the Schools Cup was won again by Thorne's. Well done Archie Dunbar, William Staziker and Clara Jevons. Close on their heels were Burton Bradstock. So commiserations to Liberty Beecham, Jasmine Parsons, Maisy Attrill, James Watts and Seamus Fitzgerald.

Everyone appreciated the politeness, courtesy and sportsmanship of all the children, who were a credit to their schools and their parents.

Thanks to all those who supported, provided food, transport and practical help of every kind, especially Quizmasters, Sue Lindford, Heather Rogers & Susan Moores, Scorekeepers David Edwards and Ian Ibbotson and Boardmaster David Buckland

Photos are available from Julian Piper (898603)



HEATHER ROGERS

hits the big 7-0h on Wednesday February 22nd. So, on Shrove Tuesday all her friends are invited to pop in for a variety of drinks and nibbles any time from 10.30am to 7.30pm.

Please **NO** gifts or flowers but, if you wish, a few pennies for Heather's birthday project - mosquito nets and training for an Indian Village.

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

I missed deadline last month, so to fill you in - in December the children made snowmen for the Four Seasons display, and a Postman Pat van to deliver Christmas cards, as well as Christmas crackers and lanterns.

We had our party on the last day of term and played lots of games, after going to the church service. On 9th December parents organised a Christmas sale in LATCH with stalls, bottle tombola, face-painting, and nearly new clothes plus refreshments, and a raffle with really good prizes. For example a meat voucher from Kingston Maurward, which I actually won!

On Tuesdays, when Fiona is at college, Emma Green has been helping out, and enjoying working with the children again. Spring term started on January 5th, and 2 new children came along to play.

In January, we have been talking about Spring coming and we have tidied up the garden - everybody helped. We had fun with lots of messy play too.

Fledglings is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays all day with hot lunches possible, or children can bring their own packed lunch. If you have a child ready to come to pre-school ring Fiona Evans on 482410 or just drop in to have a look around. Fledglings is based at Thorner's School with its own dedicated playroom - plus lots more facilities.



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

We had a lovely service in church on our first Thursday back. The children enjoy walking to church and it is heart-warming to see the older children helping the younger ones along the road.





Our Year 6 children have the privilege of being bellringers and were in fact complimented on their bellringing by those present. The bellringers get to church ahead of the rest of the school and it is a beautiful sound, hearing the bells ringing out as we approach the church. The children enjoyed seeing the Christmas tree and decorations in church. We are so lucky to

have this warm and strong support from our local community.

We have a feast of **sports** this term – volleyball in school, swimming lessons in Bridport and various cluster events including a dance festival, a golf festival, netball, football and cross country running!

Bredy have ten weeks of **music** lessons in wind instruments – flute and recorder. We now have a range of instruments being taught in school – violin, viola, guitar, saxophone, recorder, clarinet, flute, keyboard and, our latest addition, drums. Our orchestra is going strong and plays at most of our concerts and services.



Our **drama club** has started – more than half our children have joined and we are looking forward to their end-of-term performance.

Eggardon walked round Litton Cheney as part of their History topic – **the History of the Bride Valley**. The walk sparked off good discussion on how old the houses were, what they were made of and how their use had changed over the centuries. We would welcome anyone who could come in and talk to the children about their memories of the area.

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

The children have had a great start to the Spring Term. The weather has been extraordinarily mild and we have made the most of it at playtimes!

The Spring term is shorter in length than the Autumn term but already the diary is full of exciting events.



We continue with our Olympic and Paralympic values this term by starting with 'Equality'. During our Collective Worship and integrated across the curriculum the school will focus on the importance of everyone being treated fairly. This will run alongside our work on Rights and Responsibilities as we prepare for our Rights Respecting Schools accreditation. As part of this work we will be having a 'Fairtrade Week' in the last week of February.

This term also sees the school preparing for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. We are part of the London 2012 Get Set Network and over the course of the next two terms the children will be taking part in a number of team-building activities in their 'Olympic Team' groups. This will culminate in our own Olympic School Games event in July, tying in with the Olympic Torch passing through Burton Bradstock. What an exciting year it promises to be!

We have just been informed by Waitrose that The Friends of Burton Bradstock School have been selected for the Community Matters charity during the month of June. We would be extremely grateful if you would support the school during this month by adding your green tokens to our charity box in the Waitrose store.

Finally, a picture of the children in Class 4 when they took part in their 'Victorian Day' in December. The children and staff had a fantastic day but were relieved to get back to 'normal'!



Claire Staple, Headteacher

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH



ANNUAL DINNER

Reminder of the annual to be held on February 20th at the Golf Club

SOCIAL EVENING

There is no Social evening in February (see above) the next social meeting is on Monday March 19th at The Three Horseshoes, Burton Bradstock, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Please inform Jim Reeves (897091) or Basil Dent (897125) if you are attending.

Malcolm Lawrence.

ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH



A new £8M **Royal British Legion 'Blast Injury Study'** has opened at Imperial College, London. It is the first of its kind in the UK where civilian engineers and scientists will work with military doctors to reduce the effects of roadside bombs - the goals are to increase understanding of blast injury patterns, improve treatment and recovery, develop better ways of protecting combatants so reducing the long-term impact of such injuries on individuals, their families and the community. We wish them every success.

Our Christmas Concert with **Durnovaria Silver Band** saw a capacity audience in festive mood at the start of the Christmas holiday period. Result was £680 proceeds for the Poppy Appeal. Thanks to everyone who participated in any way.

Changes of County Officials - Dorset RBL County Conference: *County President* Major General R.C. Keightley stood down after 20 years in post and handed over to Commodore R. Bridges. *County Treasurer* M.R. Tuck BEM. JP. retired after 37 years. *County Poppy Appeal Co-Ordinator* Mick Arnold was awarded a RBL Gold Badge on his retirement: he is succeeded by Stewart A. Burman.

The inter-branch skittles match last month at the Swan Inn, Abbotsbury, resulted in a win, by one pin (the first ever) for the Women's Section. Was there some secret training over Christmas I wonder?!

'Holiday on Ice -Tropicana', Westpoint arena, Exeter,(sold out) 4.15 pm performance Friday 17th February. Coach pick-ups as follows: 35a London Road, Dorchester 2pm, Kings Arms, Portesham 2.20pm, The Square, Abbotsbury 2.30pm. Fares: Members £9.50, non-Members £12, under-16's £5.

Branch Annual Dinner - lunchtime on Friday 30th March in Portesham Village Hall.

We are running a 3-day coach trip to the **National Memorial**

Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire on Saturday 28th April, featuring an optional steam train from Kidderminster to Bridgenorth (northbound). We will stay two nights at Burton A38 Travelodge on a room only basis at a group rate of £35 per room per night. Detailed itinerary now available. Do not hesitate to book as remaining places are limited. Non-returnable deposits of £70 per room are required when booking please - cheques payable to 'RBL Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch'. We welcome non-members joining us for what will be a memorable and moving experience, guaranteed! *In aid of Branch & Chairman's Funds.*

A detailed itinerary is available for an 8 day fully escorted tour of **Northern Portugal** from 13-20th May, 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 (01305 267617)

Bride Valley
TEA and CHAT
Our tea parties continue
again on
Tuesday 14th February
at
Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney.
Do come and join us, 3.00-5.00pm.



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

As this is written in early January the main comment is how mild this winter has been so far. Snowdrops, primroses, hellebores and even campanulas are all coming into flower and there seems to have been very little time to simply wander round the garden surveying and planning.

The Bride Valley Gardening Club starts its 2012 season in March with a topical talk on Growing Vegetables. At this meeting we will be providing details of the 2012 annual programme which we think will prove to be very interesting and includes talks on gardening for wildlife, one on roses and another on Victorian walled gardens.



JOBS TO DO

Sprout early potatoes. Prune roses to promote the growth of strong young flowering stems. Complete pruning of apple and pear trees, gooseberries and redcurrants. Hard prune summer-flowering shrubs that flower on current year's growth such as Buddleia.

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

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

Thursday 9th February.

TELL NO ONE

'a nerve tingling chase movie'
Cert.15, 2 hrs. Subtitled.

French actor Guillaume Canet directs "Tell No One", based on American writer Harlan Coben's bestselling thriller. Dr Alex Beck is left unconscious and devastated after his wife is brutally murdered. Eight years later Alex receives an anonymous email showing a face filmed in a crowd - his wife, Margot? Is she still alive? If so why is he instructed to tell no one? He barely even has time to raise the lid of this Pandora's Box before the police reopen the case. And, eight years down the line, the cops are determined that he will take the rap for the murder.



An excellent cast, including Kirsten Scott-Thomas star in this \$20-million thriller featuring relentless suspense and breathtaking action.

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

More films on Thursdays. 8th March, 12th April and 10th May. Details on posters, on the Litton Cheney website and in the BVN.



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

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BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS PRESENT
A PANTOMIME

ALI

BABA

and the Forty Thieves



Monday 20th February – Saturday 25th February 7.30pm

Matinee on Saturday 25th 2.00pm

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

Tickets on sale @ £7 (or £5 for the under 16s) at Burton Bradstock Post Office from Saturday January 21st
or please telephone Barbara Powell on 01308 897389

DIARY OF EVENTS: FEBRUARY 2012

Wed	1	2.00pm Puncknowle Keep Fit 7.30pm Book Club 7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	Village Hall, Puncknowle PSWB Village Hall phone 897068/629
Thu	2	9.30am Church Working Party 2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation 5.30pm Yoga	St Mary's, Litton Cheney Othona Community Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	3	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Sun	5	7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon	6	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	7	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group 2.00pm Craft Session 7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club 7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	Ourganics, Litton Cheney LATCH LATCH PSWB Village Hall
Wed	8	2.00pm Puncknowle Keep Fit 7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	Village Hall, Puncknowle phone 897068/629
Thu	9	5.30pm Yoga 7.30pm BV Films "Tell No One"	Village Hall, Puncknowle LATCH
Fri	10	9.45am Yoga Puncknowle Art Club 11.00am Tots & Prams Service 2.00pm Open House	LATCH Bridport Arts Centre St Mary's, Burton Bradstock Good Books, Bridport
Sat	11	9.30am "The Well" Quiet Day 10.00am Village Walk 7.30pm Keeeeeep Dancing	The Rectory, Burton Bradstock Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney LATCH
Mon	13	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	14	12.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club 2.00pm Craft Session	PSWB Village Hall LATCH
Wed	15	2.00pm Puncknowle Keep Fit 7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	Village Hall, Puncknowle phone 897068/629
Thu	16	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation 5.30pm Yoga	Othona Community Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	17	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Sat	18	Village Café 7.00pm Village Social Evening	LATCH Littlebredy Village Hall
Mon	20	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
	20	RBL(BB) Annual Dinner	Golf Club
Tue	21	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group 2.00pm Craft Session 7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	Ourganics, Litton Cheney LATCH LATCH
	22-25	7.30pm "Ali Baba & the 40 Thieves"	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Wed	22	2.00pm Puncknowle Keep Fit	Village Hall, Puncknowle
	22	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	23	5.30pm Yoga	Village Hall, Puncknowle

Fri	24	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		12.30pm Lent Lunch	Telephone 01308 898484
Sat	25	10.00am "Time for a Cuppa" (Dementi UK)	Long Bredy Village Hall
		2.00pm "Ali Baba & the 40 Thieves"	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
		6.30pm Fish & Chip Quiiz Evening	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Mon	27	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	28	2.00pm Craft Session	LATCH
Wed	29	2.00pm Puncknowle Keep Fit	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629

If history repeats itself (and the unexpected always happens), how incapable must Man be of learning from experience?

George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950)

WEEKDAY SERVICES, FEBRUARY 2012

For Sunday Services, see back cover

Wednesday	1 st	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thursday	2 nd	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	3 rd	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday	6 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	8 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thursday	9 th	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	10 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	13 th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wednesday	15 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thursday	16 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	17 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday	20 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
ASH WEDNESDAY	22ND	9.30AM	BURTON BRADSTOCK
		10.00AM	BURTON BRADSTOCK, HOLY COMMUNION
		11.00AM	SWYRE, HOLY COMMUNION
Thursday	23 rd	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	24 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	27 th	9.00am	Little Bredy
Wednesday	29 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: February 2012

	1st Sunday 5th February 3rd Before Lent	2nd Sunday 12th February 2nd Before Lent	3rd Sunday 19th February Sunday Before Lent	4th Sunday 26th February Lent 1
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 <i>(By Extension)</i> 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion <i>(By Extension)</i>	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Communion <i>(By Extension)</i> 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 <i>(By Extension)</i>
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion <i>(By Extension)</i>		11.00 Holy Communion