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Lent has come early this year, and not only because Easter is much earlier than it was last year. Then it was within a day of as late as it can get, and it felt like early summer by the time we arrived at Holy Week. Jean and I camped overnight up by the chapel in the woods on Easter Eve. It was a mild night with the light coming up early.

I do not think we shall be doing so again this year with Easter on the 8th April.

But those things for which Lent stands have also come early, in fact they started months if not years ago at the start of the most recent financial crisis, or the crisis before that. So please indulge me in pointing at the point at which things went wrong, by asking my questions to which I already know my own answers.



How did we get into this mess?

See me re-writing history for my own convenience.

Where could and should we have done things differently?

Watch me making an hypocrisy of excuses.

Who's fault was it?

Not mine for sure; it must be your's, or someone else's or everyone else's.

Has anyone said sorry?

Witness my bitter, crocodile tears, and grudges held like the hoard of a miser.

Who can help?

Some patronizing know-it-all who, as far as I am concerned, can shove his self-help guide in his own suggestions box.

We can never look forward if we don't look back.

We can never look back if we don't know now.

We can never know now if we have nowhere to put it.

We cannot do any of these if we are not honest.

If we can, Lent has just arrived, God help us, just on time.

Bob Thorn.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Ryder apologises for his 'brain block' when writing for the January Registers about the life of Bill Attrill. Bill did not work for Hoover. (That was, in fact, our friend John Tillman, whose funeral came two days later). Bill was an electrical engineer in Devon before moving to Dorset.

Sincere apologies to both families

LITTLEBREDY

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A REMINDER of two village occasions which are due on the same weekend later this month:-

Firstly, a sporting event to make the forthcoming Olympic Games pale into insignificance is due to take place in the Village Hall on Friday 16th

March, starting at about 7.30pm. This is a **DARTS**

MATCH, when the might of Littlebredy takes on a Long Bredy team, some of whom have already been spotted in the local hostleries trying to build up - or retain - the waistlines which seem to be a feature of such events. The Littlebredy selection committee has been busy tapping up potential talent and organising training events, but the composition of both teams could still be a bit flexible on the night, so players and supporters of either side are all welcome, and the bar will be open. For further details, if any are needed, please see the flier enclosed (if you live in Littlebredy) in this magazine.



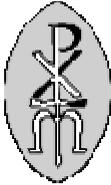
Secondly, on the following evening, Saturday 17th March at 6.30pm, David and Mary Cantrille will be at Bridehead, giving their digitally projected slide presentation **"TRAVEL AND NATURE"**, covering natural life – especially birdlife – and scenery around the world, in aid of Church funds. They are both Fellows of the Royal Photographic Society, and this should be an occasion not to be missed. Tickets are extremely good value at £7.50, and should please be reserved in advance by contacting Penny Laurence on 01308 422730 or by e-mailing her on jp.laurence@virgin.net



Talking of Church funds, **THE PCC** is grateful to the mystery contributor of multiple 5p pieces into the porch box from time to time. Counting them is a bit of a chore, but that is much outweighed by gratitude for the generosity being shown, and they are very much appreciated, whoever you are!

LITTON CHENEY

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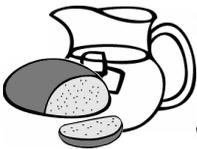


ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Our next Church **WORKING PARTY** will be on Thursday 8th March 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.

On many occasions this year a flag will be flying on top of the tower and our thanks go to Bev Robbins for very kindly repairing both the Union Flag and the St. George's flag ready for all the 2012 celebrations.

And another reminder that the date of the **FETE** has changed this year because of the Jubilee. It is to be held on **SATURDAY 5TH MAY** (the early May Bank Holiday weekend) at LATCH. Any offers of help would be gratefully received by Freddie Spicer (482617). Further details in April's BVN.

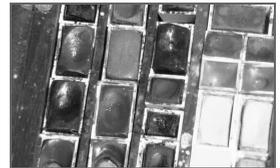


FRUGAL LUNCH

Our Frugal Lunch this year will be on 23rd March from 12.30pm onwards at the Taylor's house "Malahide", Whiteway - in aid of the Air Ambulance.

WATERCOLOUR PAINTING AT LATCH

Watercolour Painting is starting again at LATCH following a break during January and February 2012. Classes are suitable for both beginners and the more experienced watercolour artist.



Sessions are on Monday mornings from 9:30am - 12:00noon. Please contact Lynda Connolly for further information, 01305 871178.

EYES DOWN, BINGO IS BACK AT LATCH!

Celebrate the start of the holidays with an Easter Bingo Evening on Friday 30th March. Doors open 6.30pm - Eyes down 7.00pm. Bar and refreshments.

DORSET MEDLEY

FILMS FROM THE ARCHIVES

There will be a special evening of archive films at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall on Friday 23rd March. Films include:-

Seine-net fishing off Chesil Beach (1960s)
Cider making in West Dorset (very funny) (1960s)
The net making industry in Bridport (1950s/60s)
Farming in Uploders during WWII
The last train journey from Bridport to Maiden Newton (1972)
West Bay Harbour (1930s)

There will be other films in addition to the above. Admission £5 (U18 £3). Booking office opens 1st March – 01308 482552 (Steve Kourik). See www.littoncheney.org.uk for further details closer to the event. This really is a special event and suitable for all ages.

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the Litton Cheney Parish Council on Tuesday 13th March, 7.30pm at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall (LATCH). Local residents are welcome and indeed encouraged to attend. The Parish Council also has a presence at the monthly Village Café (third Saturday of each month) held at the community hall (LATCH).

TENDER FOR PLAYING FIELD GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

The Parish Council invites tenders for the grass cutting contract for the village playing field. Tenders should be submitted by Friday 6th April 2012. Details of the work required can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, John Firrell, 01308 482313 or jfirrell@tiscali.co.uk



EVENTS AT LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL

For details of the myriad of events being held at the community hall, many of them open to all, visit the Litton Cheney website www.littoncheney.org.uk

VILLAGE CAFÉ

Saturday 17th March (St Patrick's Day!)

The Village Café is held on the third Saturday of each month. It is a day for meeting up with fellow local residents over a coffee and a bacon butty, exchanging books and CD's and indulging in some heavy gambling by purchasing a raffle ticket or six. A member of the Parish Council will also be in attendance in case there are any issues you would like to discuss.

VILLAGE WALK

There will be a Village Walk on Saturday 10th March meeting at the bus shelter at 10.00am. All welcome.



ANNUAL DUCK RACE – EVENT ALERT

The Litton Cheney Annual Duck Race will take place on Easter Sunday 8th April at 12noon.
This could be your year!

LONG BREDY

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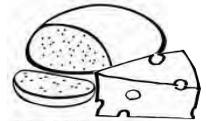


ST PETERS CHURCH

This year we are commencing fund raising to repair the church tower. We hope to be entitled to some grants but usually they are only awarded if the church can match the amount of money. This is going to be expensive but the tower needs to be repaired if the church is going to remain.

FRUGAL LUNCH

To be held at Langebride (Juniper Greeners) on Thursday 29th March from 12.30pm. Proceeds to St Peters Church Tower fund.



NATIONAL OPEN GARDENS SCHEME

Langebride garden (Juniper Greeners) will be open on Sunday 4th March from 12noon until 4.30pm.

100 CLUB

The January draw held at the Long Bredy bingo night:

£25	no. 51	David Cain
£15	no. 98	Chris Talbot
£ 5	no. 26	Richard Baggs

OPEN DAY - LONG BREDY 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 Tower Repair

Those are my principles, and if you don't like them... well, I have others.

Groucho Marx (1890 - 1977)

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

LENT LUNCHESES

Fridays in Lent 12.30pm. -

St Mary's Burton Mission Committee is coordinating Frugal Lunches in the homes of these generous people:-

2nd March, Pat & Peter Broomhead, Casterbridge, Annings Lane, tel 897408

9th March, Cilla & Trevor Jones, 4 Burton Mill, Grove Road, tel 898473

16th March, Celia Cummins, Grove House, Grove Road, tel 898196

23rd March, Elaine Tame, 16 Hive Close, tel 897957

30th March, Mary & Ian Ibbotson, 21 Norburton, tel 898484

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.

To reserve places, please telephone the hosts in advance.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This meeting will be on 16th April 2012 at 7.00pm in the church. All are welcome.

A copy of the Annual Report for 2011, including the Financial Statements, will be available in advance for inspection and also on the night. Emailed copies can be obtained from the treasurer, ian.ibbotson@btconnect.com

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL - REVISION

The Church Electoral Roll is revised each year in time for the Annual Parochial Church meeting. If your name is already included in the current roll no action is required. Every sixth year a new roll is prepared and this will take place in 2013.

If you wish to have your name added to the roll, and meet the simple criteria you can pick up the necessary form in the Church. When complete please return to the Churchwardens or to me before the end of March.

Please let me know if you require any further information (Tel. No. 897408)

Peter Broomhead, Electoral Roll Officer

CHARITY FETE

17TH OF MARCH 2:30 – 4:30
50P TO ENTER (UNDER 12 COME IN FREE) !

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO MS SOCIETY UK AND DIABETES UK!

THERE WILL BE FUN STALLS, A JUMBLE SALE AND EVEN A FANTASTIC RAFFLE!!



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU MAKE IT ORGANISED BY AMY DAVIES, 13 & NIA KANELAKI, 12

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL
PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHILDREN OF THE VILLAGE IN THIS WORTH - WHILE EVENT.
CAKES, RAFFLE PRIZES OR JUMBLE NEEDED - PLEASE CONTACT NIA 01308 898685"

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS **1ST TO 7TH JUNE INCL.**

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



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| 1 June Evening | Spring Concert led by David Juritz Village Hall |
| 2 June 10.00am-3.00pm | Five a Side Football Competition Recreation Ground |

	10.00am–3.00pm	Bouncy Castle and Circus Skills	Recreation Ground
	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
3 June	11.00am	Church Service	St Mary's BB
	11.00am–5.00pm	Exhibition of 50's Memorabilia	Village Hall
	1.00pm–3.00pm	Big Lunch Street Party	
	Evening	Diamond Jubilee Quiz	Three Horseshoes
4 June	2.00pm–4.30pm	Village Fayre	
5 June	3.00pm–6.00pm	Music in the Afternoon	Village Hall
7 June	2.00pm–4.00pm	Village Walk with Elizabeth Gale	Recreation Ground

(The above programme is provisional and may change)

On Saturday 2nd June, there will be an Exhibition in the Village Hall concentrating particularly on the 1950s. 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.

In addition, the Museum Bus from the Local History Centre in Bridport will be there. Emily and her colleagues are interested in seeing any photographs or artefacts that villagers have relating to any period in Burton's history and they will have a small section of the Hall to display some of the material they currently have.

All Burton Bradstock villagers are invited to the 'Big Lunch' Street Party as long as you register for a ticket. Details about how to do this will come to every house in the Village during April. 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.

A number of people have volunteered to take photographs throughout the celebrations as a record of the events and the Diamond Jubilee Committee is proposing to put a Commemorative Plaque (Village Centre Map) on the Village Green; this is currently being costed.

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).

VILLAGE SOCIETY

This is a report for maybe just two or three unfortunate Valley residents who were unable to get to Bob Ayers's talk to the Village Society on

13th January. The Village Hall was packed; I sat next to someone I'd never seen before who had "just come because it was Bob".

The Secret Gardens of London had been right up Bob's street - literally, one might say, for many years. Some of the unkind former *Metropolitan* (they would say, "real"!) policemen in the audience, would have grimly acknowledged the delights that must have presented themselves to a City of London copper during those silent nights as he patrolled the Square Mile nearly forty years ago! Former Chief Inspector Bob Ayers clearly did not waste those opportunities and one could tell by his sheer enthusiasm and depth of knowledge, that he loved every minute!

Throughout its history, the City, principally founded upon the Roman development of the Capital, underwent two major upheavals, with the consequence that the hundred or so original churches were reduced from the fifty that survived the Great Fire of 1666 to the 25 that were rebuilt after the Blitz. We saw an intriguing photograph of the Roman remains and garden maintained by Spence's stainproof Salters' Hall, off London Wall, which are some thirty feet below the present street level; we saw the Rose Gardens of the Temple and heard how Bob had picked berries there for an elderly judge, retiring to the police station to wash the blood-red stains from his hands and uniform; we began to understand the nature of the Phoenix that, in the 1970s, rose from the rubble of the Barbican, which included a 35 acre garden complete with beekeepers.

Questionably the oldest garden in the world is to be found at the rear of St Paul's, where biblical trees have now been planted. Near the Roman watch towers on London Wall was where John Gerard (1545 - 1612) began the binominal system of naming herbs; this site was formerly the location of Inigo Jones's operating theatre (he was a surgeon by trade!). Near Fleet Street and Fetter Lane much evidence has been discovered to confirm the legend of Sweeney Todd, the by-products of his pie shop finally finding rest at St Dunstan's.

Much interest was shown in the *Drimys winteri* that grows amongst the Virginia Creeper there - its leaves provide the greatest source of vitamin C - of which bundles of it were carried to keep our Navy scurvy-free as they fought the "Frenchies". In Postman's Park we saw the rare Handkerchief Tree and could only guess that Love Lane was indeed the street where a prostitute could be found.

In the picture quiz, no-one guessed Dorset Square; or Marshalsea Prison Wall; or William Blake's memorial in trendy Islington, near the H.A.C. Hall.

Hard to believe that whilst three quarters of a million people work in this paradise, and only 9,000 live there, the delights of the numerous gardens are enjoyed mainly by tourists. It was interesting to note that these

delightful small gardens have been responsible for a drop of 20% pollution in the City.

John Grantham, giving the vote of thanks, kept saying, “Brilliant” – not often that Grantham is lost for words. We look forward very much to Bob’s next visit to hear more from his vast repertoire of Tales from the Crypts.

Mark your diaries for Friday 9th March, when James Crowden will be giving us the Story of Cider in Dorset.



BEETLE DOWN TO BURTON

7.30pm FRIDAY 23RD MARCH,

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

Whether you’re a Beetle Drive aficionado, have played decades ago, or possibly have never even heard of the game, make sure you Beetle down to Burton for an unusual and rare activity – the Burton Beetle Bonanza!

We are grateful to the Post Office for handling the tickets, which are £5 each, and now available. This fee covers entry to the evening’s fun, tea/coffee and biscuits, and a chance to win prizes. There is a separate cash bar and raffle. Complete beginners and rusty ex-professionals have no fear, as tuition and practice rounds commence at 7.30pm.

Profits on the evening go to the Starlight Children’s Foundation for seriously and terminally ill children.

Tickets are limited and only available before the night. If you are unlucky this time, please leave your name and telephone number on 07990-583167 and we will contact you in the unlikely event of having returned tickets or when we repeat this evening of fun.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

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

“200 CLUB” WDDC Licence no: SL0080

February 2012 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

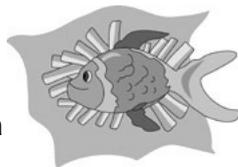
1 st	£40.80	No 132:	Mrs M. Gooderham
2 nd	£20.40	No 148:	Mrs Barbara Pursey
3 rd	£10.20	No 119:	Mrs Daphne Hewlett

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



QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER –

There will be a Quiz Night in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 21st April. Either bring along a team of 8, or join a team on the night and enjoy not only a fun quiz but also a Fish and Chip Supper. Ticket cost of £7.00 will include the supper and tickets will be available from Burton Bradstock Post Office from Saturday 31st March until midday Friday 20th April. Further details will appear on posters around the village. There will be cash bar and doors will open at 7.00pm for prompt 7.30pm Quiz start. Those who have a team of eight can identify a team leader and give their name to Susan Moores (01308 897673) who will then reserve a table for that team.



VILLAGE FAYRE

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will this year be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th June during the weekend of celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. More detail will appear in future editions of the BVN.

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

The Church is much warmer now that the heating problems have been addressed – so do come along and join us, and have a coffee and a chat afterwards.

James will be leading our Mothering Sunday service on Sunday March 18th at 9.30am.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

The PCC AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday April 25th at 7.30pm. Linda Buck holds the electoral roll – please contact her if you would like your name added to, or deleted from it.

VILLAGE SOCIETY

The SGVS AGM took place on Wednesday 8th February, where a full complement of Committee members and Officers was elected. This was a reflection on the magnificent work of the retiring Chairman John Kent and his Committee over previous years. John Kent was retiring after serving a full 5 year term and standing down in line with the SGVS Constitutional requirements.

The new SGVS Officers are :

Chairman: Terry Diver (Tel : 898656)
V/Chair: Ed Buck
Secretary: Eileen Heaver
Treasurer: Simon Cleveland
with the Event's Organiser/Liaison being Sally Parker.

Terry Diver

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

A party is being planned by the Village Society for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, to be held in the Playing Field on Monday 4th June starting at 2.00pm. There will be a large marquee with tables and chairs as there was last year for the Royal Wedding party. As before, a plate of food would be welcomed and you are free to bring your own drinks. 50's and 60's music from John Follett and Teresa Dare will entertain throughout the afternoon.

BRIDGE

A Bridge Afternoon is being held in the Village Hall on Friday 23rd March starting at 2.00pm. Book a table for £24 by 'phoning 01308 897207. There are good prizes, tea and a raffle with all profit going to local charity Shipton Gorge Ltd (The Orchard).

Langran

Robert

ARTSREACH

'1000 YEARS OF MUSIC'

WITH CLIVE CARROLL

Wednesday March 21st, 7.30pm, Village Hall

When the music press describes someone as 'Probably the Best and Most Original Young Acoustic Guitar Player and Composer in Britain' and when people like Madonna are booking that someone for their private parties, then something pretty special is going on!

Clive Carroll's "A Thousand Years of Music" is a concept that came about accidentally in 2006 after a major Guitar Festival had two last minute cancellations in their classical and pop programmes. As well as his own acoustic concert, Clive was asked if he would play the other two shows at the festival and so over the four days his music ranged from 12th Century rounds and Bach through to the Kaiser Chiefs via 16th Century lute songs, Spanish guitar music, South American Tangos, Django Reinhardt jazz, Beatles songs and Coldplay!



After many requests Clive decided to condense the three concerts into this special tour which takes us through various instrumental styles spanning the fields of traditional, classical and jazz with inspirations running from newgrass and fusion jazz to Irish stylings ~ so something for everyone! Tickets are available from Doris Benselin on 897562 at £7.50 each. Seating will be informal at tables so please feel free to bring refreshments if required.

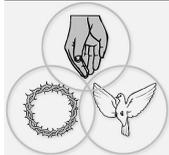
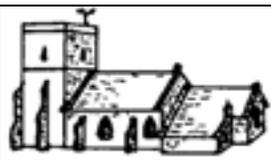
VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

FEBRUARY DRAW

£20	No 63	Mary Bartlett
£10	No 69	Colin Chambers

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

ST PATRICK'S DAY COFFEE MORNING

Our first coffee morning of 2012 will be on Saturday 17th March, from 10.30am. Come along for a chat and a cuppa.

Browse the produce on sale and hopefully grab a bargain and help to support our lovely parish church.

Donations towards the stalls, particularly cakes, preserves and the like would be much appreciated.

MOTHERING SUNDAY.

Our 11.00am service of Morning Worship on Sunday 18th March, will include the distribution of posies to the ladies and will be followed by tea/ coffee/squash and Simnel Cake.

Why not make this weekend special and make two visits to Holy Trinity. It won't be the same without you, so we look forward to seeing you there.

EASTER DAY

If you would like to contribute to the decoration of the church for a service of Holy Communion by extension on this most special day (flowers, greenery or help) you will be most welcome on Saturday morning. Everybody is welcome to help with this.

Do not fear to be eccentric in opinion, for every opinion now accepted was once eccentric.

Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)

PUNCKNOWLE & W. BEXINGTON

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ST MARY' CHURCH

SIMPLE SUPPER

You are invited to share a Simple Supper on Tuesday 20th March, from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Puncknowle.

Come and enjoy a frugal meal of soup, bread and cheese. Donate what you would have spent to Christian Aid's project to fight malaria. The money will go to purchase mosquito nets and support the vaccination programme.

CHILDREN'S EASTER WORKSHOP

Art and Craft, games, Easter Gardens and flowers and more on Wednesday 4th April, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Village Hall, Puncknowle, followed at 4.00pm by an Easter Egg hunt in the playing fields, organised by the Village Hall Social Committee.

PUNCKNOWLE GARDEN FETE

Date for your diary - 2.30pm, Saturday 28th July

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Frances Hatch taught us an interesting drawing activity which involves seeing with the minds eye, aided by a set of 'feely bags'. Our sketches were surprisingly accurate.



At the Bridport Arts Centre we gathered to discuss the exhibition of drawings. We did note the lines on the wall which read 'never a day without a line'. In fact there was much to mull over down in the cafe with coffee and cake.

We have two mornings in March at the hall, a workshop with Sallie on 2nd March, and a workshop with Debbie Veitch on 16th March. On March 30th, there will be a film day at Monica's.

Christine Malony

NEW PURSUITS



The **YOGA** and **ZUMBA** classes recently started in the Hall are proving a great success. Each very different - Yoga calm and peaceful, and Zumba "exercise in disguise" for all ages and abilities - definitely more energetic.



However, Zumba especially is proving so popular that Jane is now running two classes on a Monday evening, from 7.15–8.15pm and from 8.30-9.30pm. If you are interested please contact Jane Hutchins on 01308 897756.

For Yoga classes on a Thursday evening from 5.30-7.00, please contact Jean Thorn on 01308 898799.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB.

The lunch club meets every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1.00pm (apart from August) for anyone over 50 years of age who is or has been resident within the 3 villages. This monthly get together is a very popular social event and new members are always welcome.

We are also in need of helpers especially those prepared to cook for the events. If we could have more people involved it would assist those already committed.

As you may be aware Ken Martin who has been our chairman since we started in 2007 has been ill. I have temporarily taken over as the contact point for the club. If anyone needs to make contact for any reason my contact details are shown below.

David Buckland

Telephone : 01308 898492

E mail : dandy@dandyhollybush.plus.com

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

Winners for the January Draw:

Tony Edwards £15

Rob Reeks £10



VILLAGE WEBSITES

giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc

www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

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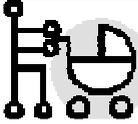
www.swyre.org.uk

Illegal aliens have always been a problem in the United States.

Ask any Indian.

Robert Orben

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, January 13th – all are welcome

Heather Rogers, tel.897780

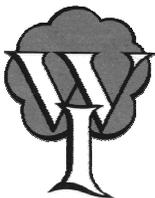
BRIDE VALLEY CHURCH LUNCHES 2012

The dates of the 'Bring & Share' Lunches for this year are Sundays 4th March, 6th May, 1st July, 2nd September and 4th November. Do come along and join us for an informal lunch and a time of fellowship together. Just bring along a plate of food, savoury or sweet, to be put on the buffet table - there is always a good selection of tasty food. Drinks will be provided.

Open to everyone in the valley, resident or visitor. We meet in Burton Bradstock Village Hall from noon for lunch at 12.30pm. Look forward to seeing you!

FIRST BRIDPORT WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

Bridport seems to be becoming a Festival town! From March 4th, there will be a week-long Festival to celebrate International Women's Day. Watch out for the programme - which will be available from the Tourist Information Office, and come along and join in a host of events - films and music, a community play about the Suffragettes, walks and birdwatching, talks, dancing, exhibitions and workshops. Many are free and all are welcome. We hope to see you there! More information from bridfem@hotmail.co.uk



BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

W.I. members will be at the Village Hall on 1st March for our Spring Lunch. Each person will bring a dish, and we have invited some guests from the neighbouring WIs. There will be something to listen to, something to look at and something to do, and we're expecting to enjoy ourselves.

Last month we were entertained by Mr David Craner, the Town Crier of Crewkerne and Beaminster. He told us much that we didn't know about "crying", and he finished by performing a special "cry" for us – if you were anywhere in the vicinity that afternoon, you might have heard it! His voice rang out.

Two dozen of us went to The Bull at Swyre to play skittles, a game

where some improve with practice, while others don't! We enjoyed the supper, whatever our scores.

From March, our regular meetings are in the evenings again, so at 7.30pm on 13th, our speaker will be Martin Young of Nectar Plants: "Hostas, Heucheras and Hellebores and not a slug in sight". How can this be? Our curiosity is aroused....

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL



We had a fantastic 'Olympic Team Building Day' on Friday 27th January! The children were involved in a number of activities throughout the day in their mixed age teams based on the countries taking part in the Olympic Games. Some of these activities included creating flags of their countries, designing Olympic and Paralympic posters, celebrating heroes and learning words and phrases in different languages. During the day they also worked together to design a garden as part of a fundraising event being organised by Groves Nurseries, as well as writing a school song ready for performing! It was such a rewarding day and the children excelled in the way they supported each other within their teams.

This term also saw the formation of our school Samba band, to add to the other music opportunities being offered by our peripatetic music teachers. It is proving to be a huge success amongst the pupils - very loud but great fun!

Some events that we have to look forward to in March include Fairtrade week, World Book Day, Education Life Van, Class 3 Residential trip to Leeson House, Sports Relief and our Easter Service in St. Mary's Church on Friday 30th March.

The Friends of Burton Bradstock School are also busy, organising our Jumble Sale on Saturday 10th March and the Annual Duck Race on Sunday 8th April. We hope that you will be able to support the school at these events.

Claire Staple, Headteacher

**dorset
advocacy**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dorset Advocacy, a charity that has been speaking up for vulnerable adults since 1993, is looking for more volunteers to help adults living within Dorset, who have either a learning difficulty or a physical disability, to help get their voices heard. At present Dorset Advocacy runs a very successful volunteer advocacy scheme with volunteer advocates from a diverse range of backgrounds supporting vulnerable people countywide. But we have more advocacy partners who need support, so can you help?

Many vulnerable members of the community can find it difficult to

speak up or stand up for themselves, or even be aware of their rights - the things that most of us take for granted. People often feel at a great disadvantage in certain situations and having a volunteer advocate helps them feel more confident knowing someone is with them and on their side.

So, if you are looking to volunteer, over 18 years old, available for a couple of hours a week and want a rewarding role, then Dorset Advocacy would like to hear from you. And if you are a good listener, patient, understanding, diplomatic, non-judgmental, respectful of the views and opinions of others and want to make a difference, then Dorset Advocacy needs you.

Typical duties of a volunteer advocate include meeting with their advocacy partner on a regular basis and listening to what they want and then supporting them to achieve their goals. This may involve attending and speaking up at meetings and appointments (both formal or informal), taking them out to social events, making telephone calls, gathering information to help understand rights and responsibilities or helping to make a complaint.

Each volunteer partnership is different, special and unique.

For more information on how to become a volunteer advocate and how to apply, call Chris Harker (Volunteer Development Officer) on 01305 251033 or e-mail enquiries@dorsetadvocacy.co.uk

Alternatively visit the Dorset Advocacy website www.dorsetadvocacy.co.uk to download an application form. All applicants will require two references and will be CRB checked

Interviews to become a volunteer will be held at the end of February and the induction training programme will take place at Dorset Advocacy's Meeting Room in Dorchester on Wednesday 14th March (7.00 – 9.00pm), Friday 16th March (10.00am – 4.00pm) and Saturday 17th March (10.00am – 4.00pm).

Applications to be a volunteer advocate are being taken now.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH.

The next **SOCIAL EVENING** will be on March 19th at the Three Horseshoes. Please let Jim Reeves or Basil Dent know if you are attending. (897091 or 897125)

Advance Notice: - **The Poppy Day Appeal BAND CONCERT** will be held on Friday 26th October in Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Membership of The Legion is not restricted to ex-Servicemen and women it is open to all, and you are welcomed to join us. Please contact Jim Reeves or Basil Dent on the above telephone numbers for more details.

ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

Welfare: Nationally the Legion spends £1.4M per week on welfare: 635 cases have been processed in Dorset in the past 12 months, dealing with a whole range of issues.



Service issues: it may stagger you to learn that the weight of kit worn by combat troops, male and female is 9.5 stones or 67 lbs. This fact was demonstrated recently to our County Chairman at a Wiltshire conference. We wonder about the long term consequences to these young people's health carrying such a burden!

Quarterly Branch Committee Meeting will be held at Ron Doble room, Portesham Village Hall at 7.30pm Thursday 22nd March (adjourned from 19th January due to illness and holiday commitments)

Branch Annual Dinner takes place at Portesham Village Hall, 12 for 12.30pm on Friday 30th March. Booking and full menu available through Branch Chairman John Perry, 3, Fry's Close, Portesham or tel. 01305 871346. Visitors welcome but advance bookings only.

Women's Section meeting, to which members are invited, at 7.30pm on Monday 16th April at Portesham Village Hall, when Graeme Gemmil will talk on "Coast Watch".

National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas 3-Day Tour 28-30th April is fully booked, but we can put you on the waiting list if you wish. (Contact the writer).

'Hats' with Roger Snook is our **May** meeting starting 7.30 pm Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury, on Thursday 3rd. Visitors are welcome to this event (£2 includes a hot drink) when we shall be joined by the Women's Section and Women's Institute members.

There are still some seats available for the **8-Day Tour of Northern Portugal** being run in aid of the RBL Poppy Appeal/Dors to India 13-20th May inclusive. Details from the writer.

Des Baker, Branch Entertainments Chairman (01305 267617)

FLEDGELINGS

The Committee meeting was well attended on 16th January with a welcome to Lois Edwards as the School Governor now attending in place of Sue Brown, and to Mrs Chaffey, Thorner's Head Teacher.

Extra opening days were discussed, with staffing and costs to be investigated asap. New ways of advertising will also be developed via websites and other suggestions. There has been some



successful fund raising with the Xmas sale raising £400 and the children's sponsored trike ride raising £90.

On Thursday 1st March, another Clothes Swap Evening is being held and Faye Avery is also going to take part in a 10km obstacle course run!! Good Luck Faye. Funds to be split between Fledglings and TSA, as will those raised by Sandy Burton when she does her half-marathon in Bath. What very fit mums!

Also in LATCH on Sat 17th March there will be Game 'n Dance Night from 7.30pm until Midnight - tickets now available £10 each for Dinner, Game/s and Music. In June there will be our summer event "A Bit of a Do", which is fun and interesting, so the Committee have been very busy organising these.

Fiona reported that new equipment had been purchased with some of the funds raised already - new letters and sounds kits, and communication and listening games for the children. The Home Corner has been relocated and is proving successful during play sessions with the children. New uniforms have been received.

Fledglings Pre-School is open in Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at present, all day, based in its own dedicated room at Thorner's School so if you have a child ready to come to pre-school, come along and see for yourself or ring Fiona Evans on 01308 482410.

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Thursday. 8th March *'funny, exciting and visually spectacular'*

Cert.PG, 1½ hrs.

Tumble down the rabbit hole with Alice for a fantastical adventure from Walt Disney Pictures and Tim Burton. Inviting and magical, "Alice In Wonderland" is an imaginative new twist on one of the most loved stories of all time. Alice (Mia Wasikowska), now 19 years old. returns to the whimsical world she first entered as a child and embarks on a journey to discover her true destiny.

This Wonderland is a world beyond your imagination and unlike anything you've seen before. The extraordinary characters come to life richer and more colourful than ever. There's a Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp), the White Queen (Anne



Hathaway), the Red Queen (Helena Bonham Carter), the White Rabbit (Michael Sheen) and more. A triumphant cinematic experience – “Alice in Wonderland” is an incredible feast for your eyes, ears and heart that will captivate child and adult audiences alike.

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 Thursday 12th April and Thursday 10th May. Details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.

SCAMS ARE FRAUD – DON’T GET CAUGHT OUT

Every year, it is estimated that some 3.2 million people in the UK fall victim to scams, losing more than £3.5 billion every year. This article focuses on the most common mass marketed scams in the UK.



SWEEPSTAKES AND PRIZE DRAWS

Have you ever received an official looking letter or email telling you that you’ve won a large cash prize, government payout or other major award? The letter may even include a fake cheque. To claim the win, you have to send a processing or administration fee. Or the letter is accompanied by a Mail Order Catalogue selling household goods, medicines, alternative therapies or other products, and it’s implied that an order must be placed from the catalogue to claim the prize.

But in fact, if you look very carefully at the small print, which will often be in faint, small letters on the back of the mailing, you will see that all you are being offered is the opportunity to enter a prize draw or sweepstakes with only a very small chance of winning the major cash payout. At best, you may get a cheque for a small sum or some sort of cheap prize, but not the promised large win.

The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) has estimated that prize draw/ sweepstake scams like this cost the UK public an estimated £60 million a year, and that 380,000 adults fall victim to these scams every year.

BOGUS LOTTERIES

Have you received a letter, telephone call or an email telling you that you’ve won a major cash prize in a lottery? You may be told to telephone a sales agent who will ask you to send money to cover administration, customs, and taxes. He may tell you to send the money via a money transfer service like Western Union or MoneyGram. Or he might ask you to buy Ukash vouchers and then tell him the voucher numbers. These are all

virtually the same as sending cash, there are no protections for the sender, and this is often the biggest indication that it's a scam. The winnings do not exist and are never received.

The OFT estimated that foreign lottery scams cost the UK public an estimated £260 million a year, and that some 140,000 adults fall victim to these scams every year.

FAKE CLAIRVOYANTS/PSYCHICS

Have you received a letter from a so-called psychic or clairvoyant predicting good fortune for a small fee, or in return for buying a lucky talisman, crystal, amulet or set of numbers? These letters (often with addresses in the Netherlands) are personalised to make it look as if you have been specially chosen but are in fact sent out in their millions.

The OFT estimated that this sort of scam costs the UK public an estimated £40 million a year, and that some 170,000 adults fall victim every year

MIRACLE HEALTH CURES

Have you received a letter or email promising a health miracle that can cure conditions such as arthritis, rheumatism, cancer, or heart disease for example? Or perhaps promising quick and easy weight loss? They will often include fake testimonials and a worthless 'money back' guarantee. But it is unlikely these so called 'cures' have been properly tested or proven to be medically effective, and some might even be dangerous.

The OFT estimated that scams like these cost the UK public around £20 million a year, and that some 200,000 adults fall victim each year.

If the worst happens, and you are, or think you have been, a victim of a scam, or if you want advice on how to protect yourself, contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06. Always remember, if you think an offer might be a scam, it almost certainly is – **your gut instinct will almost invariably be right, so don't help line a criminal's pockets.**

MARCH RETREATS AT THE OTHONA COMMUNITY

REFLECTIVE CARING with Bob Whorton: Monday 5th to Thursday 8th March 2012

Are you a carer, a listener, someone involved in pastoral work? If so, where do you come into the picture so that both you and the people you minister to can become more whole?

AT SEA WITH GOD - with Margaret Silf: Friday 16th to Monday 19th March 2012



Margaret will explore with us the images of seafaring as a model for our spiritual journey. Margaret is a very popular retreat leader, author of many spirituality books.

We are pleased to be able to offer both residential and non-residential places on these retreats and welcome your enquiry by phone or email. We look forward to welcoming you to Othona

Othona is on the B3157 Coast Road 1.7 miles east of Burton Bradstock Garage.

Families welcome: sorry no dogs.

For more details ring 01308 897130, email: bookings@othona-bb.org.uk

web site: othona-bb.org.uk

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BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Club starts its 2012 season on Monday, March 19th, at 7.30pm in the Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall, with a talk on Growing Vegetables which will be followed in April with one on Sowing Seeds and Propagation. "Grow your own" is currently very much in vogue and we are hopefully responding to your needs.



We have decided to keep annual subscriptions for members at £5 and visitors are very welcome at any of our meetings for a cost of £2. We represent all the villages in the valley and have a thriving membership.

JOBS TO DO

Lift and divide summer-flowering perennials. Coppice Cornus and Salix to stimulate colourful stems. Cut back and remove dead parts of ornamental grasses. Plant onion sets, shallots and first early potatoes. March is a good time to plant evergreen shrubs, trees and hedging.

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

ASK CHILDREN ABOUT ANGELS...(and this is what you get!)

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. - *Daniel, age 9*

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado. - *Reagan, age 10*

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter. - *Sara, age 6*

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter. - *Jared, age 8*

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. - *Antonio, age 9*

SUDOKU

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BEYOND THE VALLEY



32ND BIBLE WEEK KESWICK IN DEVON

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SIDMOUTH

5th March, 7.45pm & 6th to 9th March, 10.45am & 7.45pm

Prayer meetings daily 9.30-10.00am.

Speakers Hilary & Charles Price of the Peoples Church in Toronto.

Morning Sessions.

Hilary on Authentic Praying – **“A Journey in Psalms”**.

Evening Sessions.

Charles. Truths from the first Book of Samuel: **“Finding & Maintaining Spiritual Reality”**.

No registration, No Fee.

Contact Sec. Daphne Ward daphne.ward88@btinternet.com

01395 568420

Further details are available from Mike Read who has plenty of experience of attending Keswick in Devon over the years

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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DAY, n. A period of twenty-four hours, mostly misspent. This period is divided into two parts, the day proper and the night, or day improper -- the former devoted to sins of business, the latter consecrated to the other sort. These two kinds of social activity overlap.

Ambrose Bierce (1842 - 1914), *The Devil's Dictionary*

ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

On how to have a music festival

*The Rectory
St. James the Least*

My dear Nephew Darren

It seemed such an innocent suggestion. A local farmer announced he wanted to arrange a Spring music festival. I could already hear Mozart string quartets being played in our Lady Chapel, and arias from Donizetti operas being sung al fresco in the Glebe field, while we sipped champagne in the warm Spring sunshine and admired the flowers.

Unfortunately, our farmer was thinking of a heavy metal weekend in one of his fields. The teacups began to rattle when village talk turned to portable lavatories, mobile catering vans and using the churchyard for overflow camping space. Then the police arrived to discuss crowd control and drug policy. At James the Least of All we tend more towards congenial dinner parties with drinks labelled Bollinger or Glenfiddich.

That was the point when Colonel Trubshaw began to search out his old shotgun. His wife even stopped serving coffee after Mattins, in order to patrol the perimeter of their estate with their arthritic spaniel. On the other hand, Miss Little went a little mad. She exchanged her usual tweeds and brogues and pearls for a red bandana, long patchwork dress and peace beads. She must have enjoyed the 1960s.

It was time to take action, so I told our farmer that St. James the Least of All would support him to the hilt. Our ladies would of course do flower arrangements for the stage, and our sidesmen would greet the campers as they arrived. We would provide a full choral Evensong on Friday night, to help set the tone for the weekend. When the farmer gasped something about heavy metal, I was able to reassure him. "Heavy metal? We're doing that Saturday morning from about 6am, when our bellringers will give a three hour exhibition of change ringing." The farmer pleaded something about singing, and I was able to reassure him on that point as well: "On Sunday we'll do a Songs of Praise,

and not to worry, your campers can choose their favourite hymns from 'Ancient and Modern'."

I was thanked profusely, but the following week, our dear farmer wrote to tell me he had decided to graze sheep on his field after all. Shame about that.

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

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.



MARCH 2012 - INSPECTING OUR COLONIES

We could leave our colonies to fend for themselves as bees have done for millennia - but that was before mankind created globalisation. This has resulted in non-native diseases and parasites being introduced which, if they are not effectively managed, will result in the demise of colonies. And this, dear reader, is why you will have heard so much about losses of honeybees in recent years - not the presence of the non-native diseases but the difficulty that some beekeepers have in effectively managing them.

Good husbandry is important with any livestock to ensure that they are healthy and free from disease, and routine inspection of bee colonies is essential if we are going to keep our bees that way. It may have been the practice in years gone by to leave the bees at the bottom of the garden and only look at them when it was time to remove the honey - those days are long gone and the caring colony manager will inspect colonies at different frequencies at different times of the year. In the case of honey bees a proper inspection will involve removing the honey supers (the top boxes where the bees store the honey they have produced) to enable us to examine the brood box (this is the box in which the queen lays her eggs which, over time, develop through several stages to produce new, young bees).

In the spring and early summer, when swarming is a possibility, colonies need to be inspected at a 7 to 9 day frequency. We always try to prevent our colonies from swarming as it can be seen as a nuisance, is such a waste of bees and also leaves colonies depleted and unlikely to produce much honey. But it is the bees own natural way of increasing the number of colonies and so the swarming instinct cannot, and should not, be eradicated. The bees will



show clear evidence of their intention to swarm by raising “queen cells” – these are brood cells in which a new queen will develop and, looking a little like acorns, they are very different to the cells in which worker bees or drones develop. Alert beekeepers will realise that the colony has swarming intent long before queen cells become evident as the presence of drones is something of a declaration of intent. Drones have one function and one function only, that of mating with virgin queens and, for most colonies, once the queen raising period is passed, drones are expelled from the colony (no point in feeding them through autumn and the winter when there is no role for them to perform!!).

We need to work with the bees using management techniques that allow them to think they have swarmed but always ensuring that things are under the beekeepers control – this is a practice known as “artificial swarming”. But more of swarming and swarm control next month.

Whilst we are carrying out our colony inspections we will constantly be on the lookout for evidence of diseases and these are generally categorised as “brood” diseases or “adult bee” diseases - the descriptions speak for themselves. Although brood diseases can be observed by gently removing the bees from the brood combs and carefully examining the combs for any signs of abnormality, many beekeepers rarely do this and, often, they only become aware of disease through their colony underperforming or, worse still, dying out. In the case of adult bee diseases, it is sometimes necessary to prepare microscope slides in order to identify the presence or otherwise of these pathogens.

Let’s be clear at this point. None of the diseases from which honey bees can suffer are in any way a danger to humans, except that the loss of honeybees can have a serious impact on the pollination of crops. So, there are very good reasons for monitoring the welfare of our bees to ensure optimum health.

Once the swarming period is over, the frequency of inspection can be reduced but routine inspections need to continue well into the autumn as they also provide an opportunity to assess whether the colony has adequate stores for its own purposes and whether there is sufficient space (both for the queen to lay her eggs and for the storage of pollen and nectar stores).

This is a "bee hotel".

We have several around our garden for various species of solitary bee to nest in. The photograph was taken in Summer, 2011, and we ended up with around 11 of the tubes occupied.

Interestingly, it was such a mild autumn that a number of bees hatched last autumn rather than waiting until this spring.

You could help our wild bees by installing one or more in you garden. They are readily available from Garden Centres and many hardware stores.



Ruth & Ian Homer

FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



Bible Sketchbook

He was very rich. But he wanted more. He didn't have room for all his stuff so he bulldozed his old barn, borrowed a heap of money and put up his dream building: Big Barns Inc.

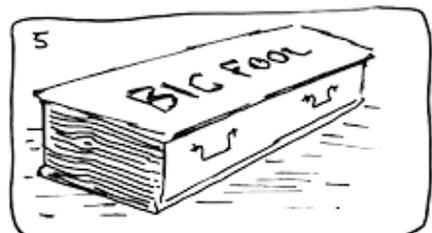
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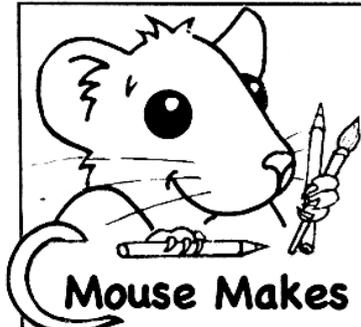


At last there was room for all his stuff! He thought he had made it! – that he was lucky! He could laze in the sun, eat, drink and enjoy himself. But God said: "You fool. You are going to die tonight!" He was rich OK - but not in God's eyes.. He couldn't take all his stuff with him. How about you? Where are your riches? Read more in Luke 12: 16-21



William Mather©



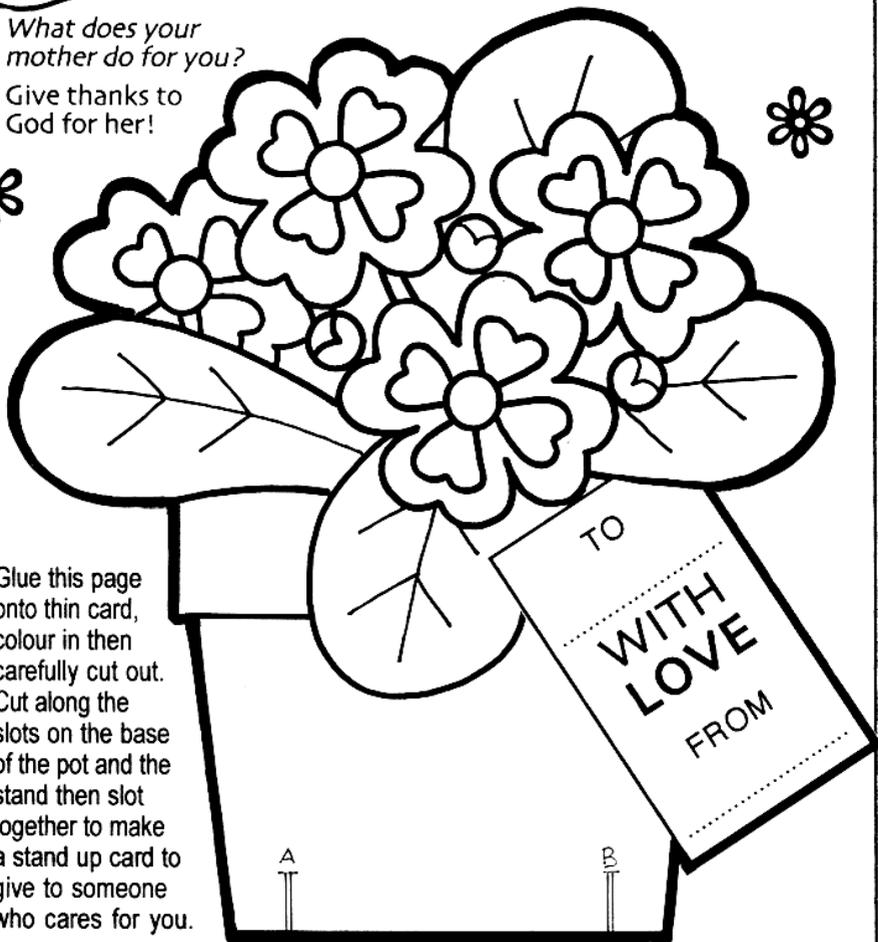


Jesus was **loved** by his mother Mary...
...she **cared** for him, **worried**
about him and **prayed** for him,
she washed his clothes,
cooked his food and
hugged him when he cried.

Mary cuddled Jesus when he was
born, cried when he died and rejoiced
when he rose from the dead.

What does your
mother do for you?

Give thanks to
God for her!



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WHO CAN JUDGE?

Thomas Guy was a bookseller in London during the time of the Great Plague and the Great Fire in 1665/6. His business was very successful and he did well but people looked down on him because they thought he was mean. They saw him eating his lunch of dry bread in his shop, he wore worn out clothes and would only light one candle at a time. What people didn't know was that he lived in this way for a reason. When a new hospital was built at London Bridge they heard that it had been completely paid for by Thomas Guy. And on his death he left a huge sum of money as an endowment so that the hospital could continue to provide treatment for London's poor.

Even today Guy's Hospital is one of the most famous London teaching hospitals. Thomas Guy could have ignored the suffering all around him and eaten grand meals off fine china; instead he chose to eat dry bread wrapped in paper. So often we are wrong about people because we do not know all the facts.

JUMBLED BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. e r e d m o n t y o u
2. a h a c e h i r z
3. a k m r
4. a e d i l n
5. b e e w r s h
6. c c e h i l n o r s
7. a e v e l i n o r t
8. e d g j s u
9. t e e p r
10. a l m p s s

**Doctor, Doctor my son has
swallowed my pen, what
should I do?**

Use a pencil 'till I get there.

**Doctor, doctor, I feel like a
dictionary.**

I'll have a word with you later.



**Doctor, doctor, I've been stung
by a bee. Shall I put some
ointment on it?**

Don't be silly - it must be miles
away by now.

Answers: 1.Deuteronomy 2.Zechariah
3.Mark 4.Daniel 5.Hebrews
6.Chronicles 7.Revelation 8.Judges
9.Peter 10.Psalms

DIARY OF EVENTS: MARCH 2012

Thu	1	?? Fledgelings Clothes Swap Evening	LATCH
		5.30pm Yoga	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	2	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		12.30pm Frugal Lunch	897408 Casterbridge, Annings Lane
Sun	4	11.30am Long Bredy Village Hall Open Day	
		12.00pm NGS Open Garden	Langebride, Long Bredy
		12.30pm Bride Valley Lunch	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
		7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon+	5-8	Retreat "Reflective Caring"	Othona
Mon	5	9.30am Water colour class	LATCH
		2.00pm Craft Session	LATCH
		4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
		7.00pm Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		8.15pm Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	6	9.30am Church Working party	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
		2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
		7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
		7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	7	2.00pm Puncknowle Keep Fit	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
		7.30pm Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	8	2.00pm Craft Session	LATCH
		2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
		5.30pm Yoga	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		7.30pm BVFilms "Alice in Wonderland"	LATCH
Fri	9	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		11.00am Tots & Prams Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
		12.30pm Frugal Lunch	898473 4 Burton Mill, Grove Road
		?? BBVS "Cider in Dorset"	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Sat	10	9.30am "The Well" Quiet Day	The Rectory, Burton Bradstock
		?? BB School Jumble Sale	??
		10.00am Village Walk	Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney
		7.30pm Keeeeeeep Dancing	LATCH
Mon	12	9.30am Water colour class	LATCH
		4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
		7.00pm Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		8.15pm Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	13	7.30pm Litton Cneney Parish Council Meeting	LATCH
		7.30pm WI "Hostas, Heucheras, Hellebores....."	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Wed	14	2.00pm Puncknowle Keep Fit	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	15	5.30pm Yoga	Village Hall, Puncknowle

Fri	16	Retreat "At sea with God"	Othona
		9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		7.30pm Darts Match	Littlebredy Village Hall
		12.30pm Frugal Lunch	898196 Grove House, Grove Road
		7.30pm RBL(A&P) Womens Section Meeting	Portesham Village Hall
		Retreat "At sea with God"	Othona
Sat	17	10.30am Village Café	LATCH
		10.30am Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		2.30pm Charity Fete (MS Soc & Diabetes UK)	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
		6.30pm "Travel & Nature"	Bridehead, Littlebredy
		7.30pm Fledgelings Games & Dance Night	LATCH
Mon	19	9.30am Water colour class	LATCH
		2.00pm Craft Session	LATCH
		4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
		?? RBL(BV) Social Evening	Three Horseshoes
		7.30pm BVGC "Growing Vegetables	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	20	12.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
		6.00pm Simple Supper	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
Wed	21	2.00pm Puncknowle Keep Fit	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
		7.30pm Artsreach "1000 Years of Music"	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Thu	22	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
		5.30pm Yoga	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		7.30pm RBL(A&P) Quarterly Committee Meeting	Portesham Village Hall
Fri	23	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		12.30pm Frugal Lunch	"Malahide", Whiteways, L Cheney
		12.30pm Frugal Lunch	897957 16 Hive Close
		2.00pm Bridge Afternoon	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
		7.30pm Beetle Drive	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
		7.30pm Films from the Archive	LATCH
Mon	26	9.30am Water colour class	LATCH
		4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
		7.00pm Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		8.15pm Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	28	2.00pm Puncknowle Keep Fit	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	29	12.30pm Frugal Lunch	Langebride, Long Bredy
		5.30pm Yoga	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	30	10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	Monica's
		12.00noon RBL(A&P) Annual Dinner	Portesham Village Hall
		12.30pm Frugal Lunch	898484 21, Norburton
		6.30pm Bingo	LATCH

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WEEKDAY SERVICES, MARCH 2012

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



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: March 2012

	1 st Sunday, 4 March Lent 2	2 nd Sunday, 11 March Lent 3	3 rd Sunday, 18 March Mothering Sunday	CLOCKS CHANGE 4 th Sunday, 25 March Annunciation of Our Lord to the Virgin Mary
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 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 (by Extension)	11.00 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion (by Extension)
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Communion 5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by Extension)
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion (By Extension)		11.00 Holy Communion