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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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On 28th May the Churches in the area remember their ancient loyalties at the Archdeacon's visitation – properly speaking a visitation court.

In the same way that medieval Kings went on procession round the country, the Archdeacons pay a series of visits to Churches in their area, to which they summon newly elected Churchwardens to attend and pay court. The Churchwardens are given instructions by means of a charge, and then they are asked to swear to uphold their office for the coming year.

Nobody wears armour, though the Diocesan Registrar turns up in a wig and gown looking very legal. Nobody bows the knee or kisses swords or otherwise pretends to be on a Hollywood film set, but for all those deficiencies, the vows are properly made and seriously undertaken.

Churchwardens, notionally are elected by everyone in the Parish. In times not so very long gone by they were responsible for the relief of the poor. They may have overseen the work of a Parish school, looked after alms housing for the elderly of the Parish, and in some cases a local hospital.

Nowadays much of those former roles have been taken on by the state, and Churchwardens for the most part do Church things; being responsible with the Clergy and the P.C.C. for the buildings and churchyard, for worship in Church, fellowship in the congregation and Christian service in the community.

We have 7 Parishes in the Bride Valley and therefore 14 Churchwardens, in addition to which we count the warden of Chilcombe Church. I am very grateful for those who stand as Churchwarden of the Churches of the Valley, knowing that in thanking them I am speaking for very many, within the life of the Church or not, who recognize the work that is done, and the careful wisdom by which it is accomplished. Their work is central to the continuing life of our village Churches. Thank you all.

Bob Thorn



FROM THE REGISTERS



WEDDINGS



On 17th March, at St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney, the marriage was celebrated of **MARK BRIDLE** and **ELIZABETH BOWEN**.



On the 31st March **JONATHAN MARK EDWARDS** and **LUCY ELIZABETH CORLETT CHADWICK** were married in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock.

FUNERALS



The mortal remains, being the ashes, of the late **JOHN GARDNER STEEL** were interred in Puncknowle churchyard on 10th March 2012



On Monday, 2nd April a ceremony of cremation was held at Weymouth crematorium for the **REVD JOHN MARTIN SUDDARDS**, lately the vicar of the Parish of Thornbury, near Bristol. A funeral service and thanksgiving for his life had been held the Saturday before in Thornbury Church. His ashes were laid to rest in Bridport cemetery, late in the afternoon, near family graves.



On 2nd April, the Monday of Holy Week, a funeral service was held at Weymouth crematorium for the late **JOHN SURRY**. This was a deliberately small and quiet ceremony. On Maundy Thursday, 12th April, St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock was full for a thanksgiving service in celebration of John's life. John, having retired from teaching, became a much loved and admired performer in all sorts and shapes of local theatrics. His son, Richard told of this and of his and of his deep devotion to Marion, his wife, and their family. Hilary Bosworth read a poem, and we sang hymns he had chosen during the time of his last illness. The warmth of remembering him filled the congregation and overflowed into the Village Hall afterward.

*And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming*

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S MISSION COMMITTEE.

Thanks to all who organised and attended the 5 Frugal Lent Lunches which raised a total of £603.50 for our mission charities.

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.

Barnabas will speak at all three Burton services on May 13th and a speaker from Motivation is also expected soon.

Celia Cummins

CHARITY FETE

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped us, came or donated a gift. We managed to raise an amazing £700 altogether at our charity fete for MS Society UK and Diabetes UK!

We are extremely grateful for everyone who came and donated some money to the charities! We are going to split the money equally between them.

Thank you so much again. *Nia Kanellaki and Amy Davies*

This was the result of the whole village getting behind the girls. A big thank you to all who helped, donated, supported, baked cakes or came to the event which led to such a successful outcome. *Judi Kanellaki*
(*Nia's very proud Mum*)



DAVID KANE

I would like to thank everyone who sent such kind messages to us during David's illness and supported us at St. Peter's Church, Long Bredy for the funeral. This was the village that David grew up in – the perfect place to let him rest in.

Josephine



EILEEN CARRIVICK, of Burton Bradstock

Passed away at home 11 April 2012.

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many friends and neighbours who have shown her great kindness and provided help to her during the 35 years she spent in the village.

Eileen loved her home, her friends and Burton Bradstock. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Martin Carrivick

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The programme of events put together for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations is as follows:



Fri 1st June: Tickets £10.00

7.00 pm Spring Concert, David Juritz & Caroline Dowdle Village Hall

Sat 2nd June: Free Entry

10.00am-3pm	Five a Side Football Competition	Recreation Ground
10.00am-3pm	Enjoy Bouncy Castle & learn Circus Skills	Recreation Ground
11.00am-3pm	Dorset Museum Exhibition	Village Hall
11.00am-3pm	Exhibition of 50's Memorabilia, Photos etc	Village Hall
4.30-9pm	Party on the Beach with Mariana Trench	Hive Beach

Sun 3rd June:

11.00am	Church Service	- St Mary's BB
11.00am-5pm	Exhibition of 50's Memorabilia, Photos etc.	Village Hall
12.45 pm	Village Photograph	Church Yard
1.00pm-3pm	Big Lunch, Street Party 'Ticket Only'	Village Green
9.00pm	Diamond Jubilee Quiz	Three Horseshoes

Mon 4th June:

2.00-4.30pm Village Fayre Rectory Gardens

Tue 5th June:

3.00-6.00pm Music in the Afternoon with Tea 'Ticket Only' Village Hall

Thu 7th June: Tickets £4.00

2.00-4.00pm Village Walk (BB in the 50s) with Elizabeth Gale
Recreation Ground

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 HALL

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Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust (BBVHT)

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1 st	£41.20	No: 40	Mr Derek Parsons
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3 rd	£10.30	No: 185	Mrs Constance Coutts

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the May-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £8 – one pound for each of the remaining 8 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

NICK BAKER – “WEIRD CREATURES”

On Friday 11th May at 7.30pm Nick Baker will be presenting his show “*Weird Creatures*” at Burton Bradstock Village Hall as part of BurtonLive! Profits from the show will be donated to the village Queen’s Jubilee celebrations.

Nick is presenter of Channel Five’s *Weird Creatures*, previous presenter of BBC One’s *The Really Wild Show* and CBBC’s *Spring Watch*. Join Nick as he tells his favourite stories about discovering, meeting and filming some of his favourite *Weird Creatures*. As well as some candid and revealing ‘behind the scenes’ trials and tribulations, he will also explain why these animals appear weird to us and how their strange looks and habits are actually born of an evolutionary need to tackle some unique habitats and situations.

Tickets are available from Burton Bradstock Post Office, by emailing burtonlive@allelectricproductions.co.uk or by telephoning 07796302539 or



BEETLE DRIVE RESULT from 23rd March

We would like to thank Margaret Harding for her original idea of a Beetle Drive and for steering the evening so expertly as Games-master. By all accounts fun was had by all and the Starlight charity, which grants wishes to seriously ill children, was delighted with the cheque for profits from the evening of £520.

Many thanks to all who worked behind the scenes and to all who participated and contributed so generously: and hearty congratulations to our winner on the evening, Jill Spinney.

.Annie Grantham

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will once again be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th June at 2.00pm, this year as part of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Your support in previous years has made this event a great success with the money raised contributing towards the preservation project which the Village Hall Committee continues to undertake.

There will be many stalls and games with plenty for children to do.

There will be an exhibition of Zumba Dancing that all can join in, and children will be able to test their speed and agility over a fun Obstacle Course.

In order to make this event a success we need volunteers to help with the stalls and games and we need donations for the stalls, the General Raffle and Bottle Tombola. If you can help in any way the people to contact are:

Fancy Goods – Carolyn James – Tel: 01308 898222. Carolyn would be grateful for any soaps, small pieces of china, costume jewellery, scarves, sewn items, embroidery etc. or anything suitable for a gift.

Children's Stall – Anne Thompson – Tel: 01308 897289. Anne will be grateful for any donations. Any toys, books, games, soft toys, crayons etc. (new or used) must be clean, in good condition and safe for young children.

White Elephant – Cathy & John Lay-Flurrie – Tel: 01308 897281

Books Jigsaws, CDs, DVDs etc. - Beryl Kempsey 897355

People willing to offer any items for the White Elephant and Books Stalls should contact Cathy who will let them know time and place for delivery of White Elephant Goods (all reasonable items accepted but not electrical goods), Books, CDs, and DVDs. There will be a box in the Library in the two weeks before the Fayre where you may leave any Books, CDs, and DVDs (not White Elephant).

Plants and Produce – Pat Broomhead – Tel: 01308 897408. Pat will be pleased to receive any plants or produce in the Rectory Gardens on the morning of the Fayre between 10.00am and midday.

Sweet Surprises – Joan Allan – Tel: 01308 897511 and Noreen Short – Tel: 01308 898766. Joan and Noreen would be grateful if you could donate wrapped sweets to fill plastic containers which will be provided.

Cakes and Preserves – Pat Raven – Tel: 01308 897669. The WI is organising this stall and they would be grateful for any donations and these can be brought to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fayre and left in the Hall itself not the Kitchen.

Red, White & Blue – Heather Seadon – Tel: 01308 897639. Heather would like any attractive items in good condition in these colours.

Bottle Tombola – John Cullen – Tel: 01308 897137. John would like donations of any bottles or cans of alcoholic or soft drinks. Donations can be taken to Granary Cottage, Shadrach or left at The Three Horseshoes.

General Raffle – Barbara Pursey – Tel: 01308 897496. The WI is organising the General Raffle and, along with needing stand alone items, it is hoped to put together hampers of food and fruit so tins of food, packets of tea, coffee etc. All donations will be much appreciated.

A lot of help will be needed to set up and take down on the day. If you are able to come to the Rectory Gardens at 9.00am to help set up the stalls and games, and also at around 5.00pm to help pack them away, your help would be gratefully appreciated.

The Village Hall Committee Room will be open from 9.30am to midday on Saturday 28th May to receive items for any of the stalls. Please contact Graham Moody on 01308 897817 if you have any queries.

VILLAGE SOCIETY

ADVANCE NEWS ON VILLAGE SOCIETY TALKS

Hopefully the following will help you to plan ahead - here are the dates for the 2012-13 Village Society Talks season, all of course at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Full details of titles and speakers for the full season will be circulated as normal by August....

Friday, 21st September - A Military Diplomat in Yeltsin's Russia

Friday, 12th October - Mystery Big Cats of Britain

Friday, 16th November – Travelling within Tibet.

Friday, 7th December – 2 Weymouth Women (av. age 60, they say) bike through Central America & Asia

Details are being finalised for early 2013 – an arts talk for January 18th, and one on West Dorset's secret places for February 15th. There is one on events since the Arab Spring; and one by Bob Ayers on the physical effects of the Blitz in London, as seen then, and now, for March 15th and April 19th – order of the latter two talks to be confirmed.

Please make a note in your diary now!

John Grantham

AGM

Just a reminder for the BBVS Annual General Meeting on Friday 18th May at 7.30pm in the village hall. We also have our coffee morning and plant sale on Saturday 19th May. The money we raise from this event goes towards the funding of our flower & produce show in July. So if you have any spare cuttings seedlings or plants we would be very grateful for them to sell on the day also cakes for the cake stall. Please could you bring your contributions along to the village hall before 10.15am on the day.

Many thanks.

Sandy Adderley Show Secretary

I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for the law.

Martin Luther King Jr.

LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Wendy and David would like to thank all those who supported the Frugal Lunch at the end of March which raised £200 for the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

Don't forget to come to the **FETE**, on Saturday 5th May at LATCH from 2.00 p.m. We hope to see lots of people and good weather!

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting and Village Assembly of the Litton Cheney Parish Council will take place in the Meeting Room of Litton and Thorner's Community Hall (LATCH) at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th May. All local residents are welcome and indeed encouraged to attend.

LATCH, LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE & LITTON CHENEY WEB GROUP AGM'S

In what could be termed a festival of AGM's, the three organisations will be holding their collective AGM's in the Community Hall on Wednesday 16th May commencing at 7.00pm. After the AGM's there will be refreshments and then a fascinating presentation by Richard Jones on "*The Re-birth of St Pancras – The story of HS1*". All welcome.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Where else would you want to be? Throw caution to the wind, put on your Jubilee glad rags and join us for a right royal knees up at LATCH on Monday 4th June. A full programme of events can be found on the Litton Cheney website www.littoncheney.org.uk and much of the celebrations are free at the point of delivery. A Treasure Hunt, live broadcast of the Jubilee Concert from Buckingham Palace, Planting of a Jubilee Oak, Royal Quiz and display of memorabilia of the Queen's 60-year reign (Contributions welcome – 482532), plus a Hog Roast and Bar. Tickets for the Hog Roast (£5 adults, £3 children) can be obtained from Thorners School 482410, John Firrell 482313, David Taylor 482532, Elizabeth Kingston 482162 and several other good people whose names and contact numbers can be found on the Litton website. Don't be left out – come and join us!





YOGA, WITH SUE O'SULLIVAN

We are extremely lucky to have such a wonderful venue for the Yoga Class. LATCH is light, warm but airy, with fantastic views to the hills. The hall provides a great venue to give ourselves some space and time, which is what Yoga is all about. The classes generally involve standing postures and postures sitting and lying on the floor. Many of them are simple, some more challenging (all hopefully enjoyable!), but they are often adapted to the individual. The classes are relaxed and friendly and are open to anyone who is reasonably active. Anyone who wants to come and give them a try is very welcome with no obligation, both women and men.

Classes cost £6 per class when paying for a block of classes, a little more to drop in. Any questions please feel free to ring Sue O'Sullivan on 01308 456940 or email sue@sueos.plus.com

ANNUAL WINE TASTING

Advance notice is given of the Annual Wine Tasting with wine guru Steven Spurrier which will be held on Saturday 20th October at LATCH. This is a must for all discerning wine drinkers. More details in the lead up to the event in the BVN and Litton Cheney website.



BRIDE VALLEY SCOUTS

Will be carrying out the modern day equivalent of Bob-a-Job in Litton Cheney on Saturday 19th May and attending to several maintenance tasks required at the village playing field. Litton Cheney Parish Council would like to thank them in advance for their sterling efforts regarding this initiative both in Litton Cheney and other villages in the Bride Valley.

EVENTS AT LATCH

A cornucopia of events and happenings at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall can be found on the Litton Cheney website www.littoncheney.org.uk. There really is something for everyone, young and old, active and inactive, sporty and cultural. If you wish to book the hall for an event or activity please call Wendy Taylor – 482532.



The next **VILLAGE CAFÉ** will be held on Saturday 19th May, 1030 – 1230. Chat, nibble, imbibe, trade stories and goods.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

It's always amazing how following a few plastic ducks down a stream brings everyone out. So it was for this year's **DUCK RACE**. It is very much a pleasant family and social occasion, plus the attraction of the White Horse at the finish line.

Well done the prize winners, not to mention the ducks, and many thanks to all who helped to make it happen.

The **VILLAGE WALK** Saturday 12th May, 10.00 at the Bus Shelter.

Then on May 16th the Social Committee **AGM** together with those of LATCH and the Web Group. So come along to find out what is happening, have your say and a free glass of wine. An interesting evening culminating with **The Rebirth of St. Pancras**, a talk delivered by Richard Jones.

BRIDE VALLEY NAVIGATIONAL CHALLENGE is on Friday 25th May starting at 6.00pm from the White Horse. As many will recall this is a stimulating drive along the byways and some highways of the local countryside, using your powers of observation before arriving back, we hope, at the White Horse, where Clive, Bob and David will be waiting for us to score our sheets whilst we have a pie and a few pints.

Chenites need to be out in force to wrest the title back from the West Bexington folk!

More information on the village website. *Ron Davidson LCSC 482661*

LITTLEBREDY

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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

The Church was quite beautifully decorated for Easter, as always, and our thanks and congratulations go to the team who worked so hard. From comments in the Visitors' Book the flowers are clearly much appreciated by visitors to the village, so it was a pity that persistent rain on Easter Monday will have deterred many of these this year.

IN MEMORIAM

Shortly after Easter, there was a contingent from the village at the funeral of Doreen Fry in St. Mary's Church, Dorchester. She and her husband David brought up their four sons while farming at Foxholes Farm from 1960 till 1990, when Bernard and Val took over the farm and the parents moved to Dorchester – and an active life in local politics in Doreen's case. Her latter years were difficult, following a stroke



some years ago, but now she is at rest, and we send sympathy to all the wider family, especially David, whose devoted care for Doreen over recent years has been quite exemplary.



No. 2, Longlands Cottages became empty in April, following the departure of Ian Gibson and Corinna with the children. We wish them all well in their lives from now on.

SOCIAL CLUB

There is no Social Club event in May, but all concerned will be drawing breath for Littlebredy's **Diamond Jubilee Celebration** weekend at the beginning of June. HM The Queen has nominated Sunday 3rd June as her preferred day for local celebrations, and there will be a Village Picnic (Bring and Share) Lunch that day, beside the Bridehead Lake if the weather is fine or in the Village Hall if not. The Monday afternoon and evening will be taken up by an Extravaganza on the cricket ground, involving live music, a vintage car rally, family picnics (though food and drink will also be on sale), and a firework display before the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon. Tickets will be on sale around the area shortly, and this should be a fantastic event. Further details will be publicised as they take shape.

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH EASTER SERVICES

The Good Friday Litany, led by Janet and Vicky, began our Easter worship. This was followed by an Easter Day Holy Communion service, led by James, which was a joyous celebration. Thank you to all who helped to prepare the church, to the flower arrangers for the beautiful flowers and to those who served coffee after the service.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE

As part of the village Jubilee celebrations, we will be holding a special Jubilee Service in St Martin's Church on Sunday 3rd June at 11.00am, followed by light refreshments in and around the church. We do hope that you will join us.

CHURCH FETE

The Church Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 30th June. There will be the usual stalls and refreshments – more details in next month's BVN.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting for Shipton Gorge is being held on Wednesday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There will be reports from representatives of all the organisations in the village explaining what they have been up to in the past year, as well as the Police, Burton Bradstock School etc. Come along and hear what is happening in your village, and then enjoy a glass of wine and an opportunity to chat with other residents.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION, 2012

SGVS has once again entered our Village into this competition which is scheduled to have the assessment completed by the end of June. However, in line with the conditions of this competition, the assessors will be visiting the Village without prior notice and unannounced.

Therefore, as previous competition Winners and Finalists on numerous occasions, the result is in our hands by ensuring that the Village is maintained to the highest standards - at all times !

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT TRUST - AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Shipton Gorge Village Hall Management Trust will take place on Monday 14th May at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB EASTER DRAW

£20	No 27	Christine Green
£10	No 13	Edward Burt
£ 5	No 95	Chris Morgan

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 2nd May - Colin Varndell Talk/Slide Show on '**Nature within your Garden**' with a casserole supper provided. Shipton Gorge Village Hall (7.00pm) Tickets @ £6.50 from *Sally Parker on 01308897168*

Saturday 19th May - **Quiz and a supper of Fish and Chips**. Shipton Gorge Village Hall 7.00pm. *Tickets from Sally Parker (as above)*.

Saturday 26th May - **Garden Party and Plant Swap** at the New Inn from 2.00pm. A Marquee will be erected in the Car Park along with use of the Pub/Pub Garden.



DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

This will be held on Monday 4th June from 2.00pm, in the Field next to the Village Hall where a Marquee will be erected with tables and chairs provided. Live music will be by John Follet and Teresa Dare. We will also have use of the Village Hall for the Toilets and provision of Teas/ Coffees etc. All are welcome to bring your own

refreshments.

DIAMOND JUBILEE PERMANENT VILLAGE FIXTURE

As with the past Silver Jubilee Celebration, consideration is being given to a permanent fixture within our Village to commemorate the Queen's 'Diamond Jubilee'. We are seeking original ideas on what exactly would be appropriate for the occasion.

Ideas to *Simon* via email please on sender00@hotmail.co.uk.

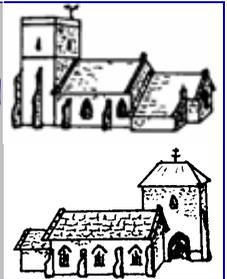
Terry Diver (SGVS Chair)

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HOLY TRINITY, SWYRE

What a pleasure it was to have so many visitors joining us for our Easter Day service. Many of them were on their way from South East London to Spring Harvest at Minehead - I do hope that they had a wonderful time there. Thank you to all the ladies who made the Church look so lovely with the flowers, and to all who came and joined us for the service.

Our **Coffee Morning** in March raised £141. Thank you to everyone who supported this in any way. It is always a good time to get together with friends old and new over a cuppa, while helping us to raise much needed funds for the church.

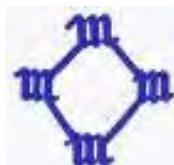
Sunday 3rd June 6.30pm - **Special Sung Evensong** with the Bride Valley Ladies Choir to celebrate Trinity Sunday. There will be refreshments after this service. Make a note in your diary now to come and bring your friends to share in our celebration.

David & Yvonne Buckland

SWYRE VILLAGE TRINITY FETE

The fete will be held on Saturday 26th May at 1.00pm in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church. Raffle entry, produce, plants, teas, barbecue, cakes, books, £1 stall and games for the young at heart. This year's theme will be the sea related to past village life, fishing and smuggling. A donation from the proceeds will be made to a local sea charity **NCI Coastwatch (Lyme Bay)** With the remainder going to the **Church Decoration Fund**.

Offers of help, before or on the day please, to Tony Taylor 898523.



ST MARY'S CHURCH, PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

Many thanks to all who helped make the Children's Workshop such an enjoyable experience and also to those who helped decorate the Church with flowers for Easter Sunday.

We will celebrate **Pentecost** on Sunday 27th May at our 11.00am Family Service.



**The
Children's
Society**

A heart-felt thank-you to all who hold collecting boxes in the Bride Valley. Thanks to your loyal and generous support the sum of £243 has been sent to continue the Society's work where it is most needed.

I am happy to tell you that Mike and Sue Brown have kindly taken on the task of counting out the money each year. Their phone number is 897953.

Pam Coventry

A WARM WELCOME-

To **HANNAH ESSEX** who was born on the 31st March. A little sister for Andrew and a beautiful daughter for Luke and Katie. We wish them every happiness.



MANY THANKS

Ken and Valerie Martin of Chantry House Swyre, wish to thank friends and neighbours for their help and offers of support after Ken's heart attack in January. Ken is now slowly improving in health and strength.

Many thanks.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Parish Council has entered the three villages in the Best Kept Village Competition. The judges will be visiting between May and end of July. They will be looking at general tidiness, lack of general litter, the War Memorial, Bus Stop, Notice Boards, Seats, Farm Entrances and Churches. They will not be judging private properties.

If you have any ideas to improve the village appearance or are willing to help in a face lift please contact Barry Pye on 897426 or at 21 Swyre.

VILLAGE HALL



MARCH WINNERS

Helene Lillywhite £15

Ellie Pearson £10

The annual renewal is now due. I am contacting all existing members but if you are interested in joining please contact me on 897318 or at 3 Green Barton, Swyre. Cost is £18 per year. *Sid Marshall*

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

We enjoyed our workshop with Debbie Veitch on cubism. It was fun working on a large scale and everyone produced something very individual. A big thank you must go to Monica for hosting an art DVD morning. Also good were the birthday cake and coffee.



On May 11th we are working in the hall and 25th we are at Jennifer's

On 6th May we have our **Exhibition and Plant Sale** from 10.00am to 5.00pm at Patria, West Bexington.

Christine Molony

LUNCH CLUB

The May lunch will be on the 15th May. Anyone who would like to join the club, or has not ordered their lunch for that date, please telephone Madeline on 01308 897318 or Mike on 01308 897953.



AFTERNOON TEAS

The Lunch Club will be extending its services to an Afternoon Tea to be held on the first Tuesday of every month from 3.45 to 5.00pm. This is open to all existing members of the Lunch Club and to anybody who does not attend the Lunch Club. The charge will be £2 per session which will include tea and cakes and go towards the cost of hiring the hall. Do come along on Tuesdays 1st May, June 5th (Jubilee Day) and July 3rd.



Contact Sue Brown 897953 to book a place or to offer help.

BOOK CLUB

Our March book was called "The Bean Trees" by Barbara Kingsolver - the bean trees in the title turned out to be the pods of the wisteria - this was a heartwarming story of the life



adventure of a young girl from rural Kentucky - who leaves to make a better life for herself, despite taking an abandoned toddler along with her, - which she does on her arrival in Tucson, Arizona with help from a few kind people along the way.

Our next book to read and discuss is "The Purple Hibiscus" - seems to be a bit of a horticultural theme going on here. However this book is set in Nigeria and written by a young African writer, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: CAROLINE MORRISH-BANHAM

TEL: 482757

EMAIL: mark_banham@btinternet.com



ST PETER'S, CHURCH CHURCH TOWER

A large amount of work needs to be carried out to repair the Church Tower. At a recent PCC meeting it was decided to employ an architect to prepare a specification and invite tenders. This is going to cost, but we can not proceed without this information or apply for grants or for the faculty. Once we have this information we can then decide if we will continue with the repair and invite the village for their views.



The Church is grade 1 listed and belongs to the village. Should it be preserved for the next generation as a piece of history and as a place of worship?

Thank you to all who helped to make the church so beautiful for Easter. Thanks to Jean for such a lovely service.

FRUGAL LUNCH

A very pleasant time was had and £200 was raised for the Tower Fund. Many thanks to all those concerned.

IN MEMORIAM

The funeral service of the late David Kane was held at St Peters. The service was conducted by Rev. John McDougal, and David was buried in St Peters Churchyard.

David grew up in Long Bredy, where his father farmed. With his wife Josephine, he then lived and worked abroad for many years before returning to Burton Bradstock to retire. David always felt he belonged to Long Bredy

and our thoughts are with Josephine and her family.

LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

RESULTS FOR MARCH

£25	no. 7	David Cain
£15	no. 131	Liz Hemsley
£ 5	no. 38	Gwen Kinghorn

LONG BREDY & KINGSTON RUSSELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Spring Clean was held on a lovely morning in March so strolling around the village picking up litter was not such an arduous task and the excellent refreshments were a true reward. The large amount of litter collected was a surprise as the village did not appear to be harbouring so much rubbish, thank you to all who helped either on the day or at other times throughout the year. Special thanks to David and Jane Dowling for organising and hosting the event for another year it is most appreciated.

Unfortunately dog poo is once again causing concern in the village. Please act responsibly and clean up after your dog, wherever it may decide to do its business. As we all know even the cleanest dog can carry disease harmful to children and animals. Particular badly affected areas are Bedford Terrace, Friday Lane and Abbotsbury Lane, especially by the Village Hall.

If you have any items you would like discussed at parish council meetings you are very welcome to submit them at the meetings or let the Parish Clerk know beforehand.

Parish Clerk, Gwen Kinghorn, 01308 482270.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

FESTIVAL OF WEDDINGS

For various reasons we are not having a fete this year. Instead Hannah Pitcher, and her fiancé Paul, have allowed us to use her wedding flowers in August as a backdrop to the above event.

We hope to exhibit wedding dresses, photos etc from Brides in Long Bredy, in St Peter's Church. We are asking to borrow any items, especially dresses if you were married in St Peter's Church, or not. Please contact Jackie Cain, Elinor Frost or Ruth Cullingford if you can help in any way. This is in aid of the Tower fund.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS -

Long Bredy is celebrating the Diamond Jubilee on Sunday 3rd June. This will start with ringing of the bells of St Peters at 10.00am, followed by a service at 11.00.



Various events are planned for the afternoon and evening, - more information later. Everyone will be welcome.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Dorset County Council community mobile library service visits Long Bredy every fortnight on Thursdays, stopping at the telephone box between 14.25 and 15.10.

The new schedule for 2012-2013 is now available at www.dorsetforyou.com/libraries. The dates for this month and next are: May 10, 24 and June 7, 21. The service is free to join and open for all.

If you have any general enquiries about the service, contact the mobile library base, Bridport Library, bridportmobilelibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk, telephone 01308 422778,

DEMENTIA UK COFFEE MORNING,

Many thanks to everyone who came to our Coffee Morning on 25th February; to those who gave us donations and those who helped in any way. We are delighted to say we raised a wonderful total of £418.13 for Dementia UK.

Many thanks to everybody.

The Kinghorn Family

BEYOND THE VALLEY

GOOD BOOKS

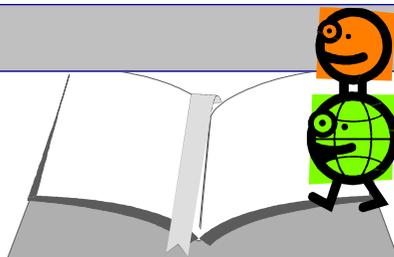
St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL,
Tel: 01308 420483

E-mail: orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk

Website: www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk

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

Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 9.00am-1.00pm, Wed & Fri 9.00am-3.00pm,



UPARO PROJECT UPDATE

In April we received exciting photos from Uparo to show us that the walls of the dispensary extension are now completed! The next big step is the roof. When finished, this building will provide 24 hour life-saving facilities for patients and medical staff over a wide area in rural Tanzania.



Our fundraising locally is going well this year with coffee mornings, table top stalls, garage sales, Lent collections, May Tree concert and coming up, a quiz evening on 12th May, and a display at the Powerstock Flower Festival 26/27th May. Our regular Auction of Promises continues – offers of new promises welcome! - and we're collecting jewellery & watches for recycling.

If you'd like a talk about the Project, to help with fundraising or more information, call Veronica 01308 862542, e-mail jo@jovian.co.uk or pop into Good Books in Gundry Lane.

BRIDPORT MUSIC-ATHON

SATURDAY 9TH JUNE, BRIDPORT UNITED CHURCH, 9.00am-5.00pm

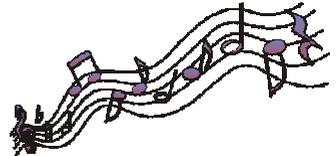
raising money this year for:

Bridport Young Performers Scholarship, helping young people with costs of singing/dancing/acting locally and at performing arts schools, and

West Dorset Home Start, giving practical support to young families in our area in need of help.

Bookings so far include: Bucky Don't Ukelele Band, Rock Island Skiffle Group, Bothenhampton Handbell Ringers, Holy Trinity Bradpole Music Group, Dorothy Collins, Caitlin O'Farrell, Harry Britton, The Singamijigs, Wynne Hughes. More performers, sponsors and a good audience are required!

Details and sponsor forms: jo@jovian.co.uk or 01308 427851 or collect from Good Books in Gundry Lane.



THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

The Charity is probably well known by many people. However, the same people may not be aware of the local branch known as **The Hearties**, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month from 7.30pm to 9.00pm at the East Street Bridport Christian Fellowship Hall, King Square.

Speakers this year cover subjects as varied as "Medicines and their Side Effects", "Guide Dogs for the Blind", "Staying Alive" and "Cardiac Rehab" interspersed by more light hearted evenings: a Fun Quiz, a BBQ, a Games Night and a day time leisure walk in August.

The Branch aim is to give support to heart patients and their relatives/ carers following a heart attack, heart condition or surgery. For further information contact Margaret Lewis on 01308 456706 or David Barnikel on 01308 897375



FAMILY AFTERNOON SERVICE

St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney, is starting up a family afternoon service for children and parents. Simple in format and fun for all, it will take place at LATCH on the third Sunday of every month, from 3.00pm–4.00pm. The first session will be on Sunday May 20th and will include Singing, Stories, Art and Crafts and Refreshments

All will be warmly welcome: (further info from Heather, on 01308 482667).

Bob Thorn



TOTS AND PRAMS SERVICE

In an attempt to find a more convenient time for this service, we shall be meeting in the afternoon for the next three months to enable parents to collect older children from school more conveniently. We shall assess during the Summer whether this has been successful.

All parents/carers with toddlers and pre-school children are welcome, also mums-to-be, at 2.15 pm at St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, on Fridays May 11th, June 15th, and July 13th, for a short, toddler-friendly service, craft activities, refreshments and play.

Any questions please contact Heather Rogers 897780 or Audrey Smith 897227.

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

The second half of the Spring term was an extremely busy one! Class 3 took part in their Residential trip to Leeson House. As always they had a fantastic time and were involved in a number of activities including orienteering, stargazing on a night walk and a visit to Durlleston Castle. On the return journey they stopped at Bovington Tank Museum which supported their topic work this term on WWII. It was an enjoyable three days and there was a close competition to decide who was the most exhausted - the pupils or the staff!

The whole school was involved in designing and creating our pallet garden for the competition run by Groves Nursery. Our garden had a 2012 twist with a little of the Jurassic Coast thrown in! We hope you were able to visit the Nursery during the event to see all the impressive gardens that were created by local schools. Well done to St Mary's Beaminster for raising the most money with their garden. We were very proud to receive the runner's-



up prize. The gardening club will enjoy spending the £25 gift voucher as they prepare their allotment for another season of growing.

We ended the half term by taking part in Sport Relief. The school council organised a sponsored event where every child was encouraged to travel a mile around the school grounds by any means they wished. Some children walked, some danced but the majority ran! It was a fabulous day made all the more successful because of the sunny weather. The children's efforts raised a massive £1,200 which has been donated to the worthy cause.

As we begin the Summer term our attention turns to the two major events that are happening over the coming months - the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic/Paralympic Games. We shall be using these two events to enhance the children's learning and we are looking forward to lots of fun and excitement!

Claire Staple, Headteacher



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

Our **Book Week**, from 19th to 23rd March, celebrated the bicentenary of the birth of Charles Dickens. There was a 'dressing up as a Dickens character' day on which the school saw Mr Scrooge, ghosts of Christmas past and present, Mr Pickwick, Fagin, a couple of Bull's Eyes, several Oliver Twists and Artful Dodgers, lots of urchins and many more! The costumes were superb! Please visit our website for pictures. The day finished with a bedtime story in school for the children, with hot chocolate and biscuits. (The parents were kept busy with a talk on internet safety, which they found very useful.) Thank you to all those who came into school and read to the children. Thank you also to Chris Denne and Charlie Fuge who talked to the children about inspirations for writing and gave them some top tips. Our Book Fair raised more than £400. As a result, each class was able to get nearly £50 worth of books.

Our **Easter Concert** was a feast of music and dance. We started with the choir singing 'Consider yourself' from Lionel Bart's 'Oliver!' and a song they had written. This was followed by our orchestra, the guitar and keyboard group, our newly-formed Samba band and the Bredy flautists. Three children performed superb solos and Bredy showed off their Bollywood inspired dance. The concert ended with a whole school 'Sign to sing' in aid of the charity SignHealth; our retiring collection was for this charity. It was

wonderful to see the confidence and musical skills of the children, from the littlest Reception upwards.

Our traditional Easter **Church Service** was very well attended – thank you to all who helped set up. Our orchestra provided superb accompaniment to the hymns and we all came back to school for well-deserved hot cross buns and drinks, kindly provided by our parents.

Our Spring Term **Discovery Area** assembly brought in glorious weather. The children sang a song they had composed, the birds sang in the trees and the Eco Club talked about their activities.

The **Big Jurassic Classroom** came to school and the children enjoyed a day of activities which included learning about fossils, seeing real fossils, and ‘fossil’ hunts.

Bredy finished their **India** topic with an afternoon with dressing up, music and food. Jeff Grey, our supportive policeman, talked to each class about **Internet Safety**. The children were taught about the benefits of the internet and ways to keep safe.

The drama club production of **Alice in Wonderland** was brilliant. The

audience, adults and children alike, enjoyed the show – a great big thank you to Kathy Lee who gave her time so generously and prepared all the costumes – which the children were then allowed to keep!



In support of the **Prokick Charity**, the children raised sponsorship money and thoroughly enjoyed their timed goal kicks. We collected about £380, half of which goes to a school in Africa.

Well done to two of our parents, Kate Smith and Sandy Burton, who completed the **Bath Half Marathon** in 2.19hrs.

Thank you to all our **volunteers** who help with activities ranging from reading, sewing, cooking to odd jobs around school. Please do get in touch if you are able to help.

Jequity Bean bracelets: County has alerted us to the dangers posed by these bracelets which have been on sale at various retail outlets across the UK, including the Eden Project in Cornwall. Further information is

available on the website <http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/pha-issues-safety-warning-jequirity-bean-bracelets>

Jubilee celebrations: The whole school will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Thursday, 31 May. A must for your diary: Litton Cheney is holding its celebration on Monday, 4th June in LATCH.
Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher



FLEDGELINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Easter related activities included painting boiled eggs - very traditional, as well as making Easter cards. Seeing the chicks hatch out was the most exciting thing, and they were loved by the children. Then on Thursday 29th March they all walked to church for the service and afterwards had hot cross buns!

Parents have been busy over the Easter holidays refurbishing the Fledglings Room and cloakroom with lots of fresh white vinyl silk paint (easier to clean) with black matt paint on the kickboards. Lots of hard work before the children were back at school on 16th April, so a BIG thankyou to anyone who was able to help.

There was a clothes sale fund raiser in March and a Pampered Chef evening on 27th April run by Kate Smith. News on how much was raised next time - also from baking cakes for Sport relief.

The next big Fundraising day will be on Saturday 23rd June - **"A BIT OF A DO"** with many stalls and old cars etc at LATCH, inside and out. A date to put in your diary - a popular afternoon out.

Look out for new advertising posters soon and check out the Litton Cheney website for this monthly news too.

Hot off the press is the news that Fledglings Committee and staff have decided to open for additional hours on Wednesdays from September 2012. At present, Fledglings is open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday all day plus Lunch Club. Please do call Fiona Evans on 01308 482410 or drop in for information about this long established Bride Valley pre-school.



BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

Keeping heucheras, hostas and hellebores slug-free involves constant vigilance and a lot of hard work, we learned from Martin Young of Nectar Plants, our speaker last month. But he also extolled the variety, the qualities and attractions of such plants and many members purchased specimens to take home.

Some of us walked around Pymore and Bradpole in March, enjoying the open fields but not the messy footpaths near houses or the industrial estate. Afterwards we restored ourselves with some lunch at the Pymore

Inn.

A coach party went to see "South Pacific" at the Octagon. It was a nostalgic evening of music and romance, comedy and tragedy in Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society's colourful production.

At our meeting on Tuesday 8th May, we shall hear about the Association for Country Women of the World, which works to raise the standard of living of rural women and families worldwide.

Any woman living locally is welcome to come to some meetings before deciding whether to become a member (contact secretary, 898484).

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's 2012 season was opened in March with an enthusiastic talk by Jill Strawbridge mainly on the preparation of growing vegetables from a Permaculture point of view. This will be followed in April by a talk on Sowing Seeds and Propagation. We will then be looking forward to learning about **Gardening for Wildlife** by Martin Young who runs his own nursery in Upwey. All visitors welcome, £2 entrance.



JOBS TO DO

Plant out marrows and courgettes. Direct sow sweet corn, runner beans and French beans. Continue successional sowings. Stake perennials to support new growth. Dahlia plants can be planted out at the end of the month. Keep newly planted trees and shrubs well watered until established. *Valerie Cameron, Secretary. E-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net tel: 01308 482240*



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

Poppy Appeal results and awards: Mrs Pat Crockett our Poppy Appeal Organiser informed the Quarterly Branch Committee Meeting on 22nd March that the total raised (from all sources) in the past year was £3311.17 and thanked everyone for their support.

She was also able to announce the following awards:

Mrs. Anne Lasseter 40 year bar to Long Service Medal; Mrs. Peggy Ford 30 year Long Service Medal; Des Baker, Mrs. Jean Baker, Mrs. Molly Pullin 20 year badges; Mrs. June Bowditch, Mrs Mary Bridle, Mrs Jane Burton, Mrs Betty Dunford 10 year certificates; Mrs Muriel Clarke and Neville Jones 5 year certificates. The Committee congratulated all concerned.

Mrs Pat Crockett was welcomed as a new Branch Member. We wish her a long a happy association with the Branch. Membership currently stands at 92.

Our 3rd May meeting is on the subject of 'Hats' with Roger Snook starting at 7.30 pm in Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury. Roger is the originator and organiser of the Bridport Hat Festival, now entering its fourth year. Displaying gents and ladies wear for every conceivable occasion, his collection will amuse and amaze you! 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. Items will be available for purchase.

The **RBL National Conference** will be held 19-20th May in Scarborough, Yorkshire. 'Small' branches such as ours are entitled to send one delegate, but the event is open to anyone wishing to attend as an 'observer'.

On Thursday 28th June we shall travel to Poole by coach where we will visit the **Royal National Lifeboat Institution's** national headquarters for a guided tour: there are lifts etc making for ease of access for anyone who is physically impaired. There will then be time for lunch (not included) on the Quay before we enjoy a **cruise to Wareham** via the harbour and the River Frome. Book through Des Baker please. Total cost depends on numbers participating but will be approximately £22.50. Non-members are welcomed to join us (add £2.50 booking fee).

On Wednesday 18th July we meet in Portesham Village Hall at 7.00pm for a **Fish & Chip Supper** together with games and a quiz. A relaxed evening for you to spend time doing what you do best - chatting!!

In view of the full calendar in high summer this year, Olympics, Jubilee et al, we have decided not to have a branch meeting in August.

Des and Jean Baker are running a 6-day holiday in **Kent** starting on 23rd September, based on a Holiday Inn and including visits to Canterbury, Leeds Castle and Chatham Dockyard etc. in aid of the Poppy Appeal and Dors to India charities. Ask now for a detailed itinerary without obligation.

Des Baker, Branch Entertainments Chairman (01305 267617)



BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH.

The next Social Evening will be on Monday, May 28th at the Three Horseshoes. Please let Jim Reeves or Basil Dent know if you are attending. (897091 or 897125).

ADVANCE NOTICES:-

The **Poppy Day Appeal Band Concert** will be held on Friday 26th October in Burton Bradstock Village Hall

The **Annual Coffee Morning** will be held on Thursday November 8th at 10.30 am 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.

Malcolm Lawrence Secretary (898616)

PLANTS! PLANTS!

There will be a plant sale(perennial and bedding plants - some unusual ones) at The Red House, Middle Street, Burton Bradstock on Friday, 11th May from 10.00am to 1.00pm. There will also be some home produced preserves for sale.

The proceeds will be equally divided between the Church Mission Society (Charity no 220297) and the Bible Society (Charity no. 232759)
All Welcome

LANDANCE IN 2012, *get moving in your landscape!*

An exciting arts project is under way at Eggardon Hill, the Iron Age hill fort in West Dorset. It is working towards spectacular large-scale contemporary dance performances on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th July.

Choreographer Anna Golding, composer Andrew Dickson, and director and visual artist Ella Huhne are collaborating with participants to create a remarkable and memorable outdoor event.

You are invited to join Landance workshops in dance, singing, brass and saxophones, visual art and design. The project is open to all, with individuals, local dance groups and choirs taking part.

If you would like to take this unique opportunity to work with professional artists in your landscape contact Rose Hoskin at rose@landance.org.uk or leave her a message at 07874 248530.

The project is supported by Arts Council England, Dorset AONB, West Dorset District Council, Activate, DepArture and the National Trust. To see past work go to 'projects' at www.landance.org.uk

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS TINKER, TAILOR, SOLDIER, SPY

'a gripping and tense acting masterclass'

Cert.15, 2 hrs.

Thursday. 10th May

George Smiley (**Gary Oldman**), a recently retired MI6 agent, is doing his best to adjust to a life outside the secret service. However, when a disgraced agent reappears with information concerning a

mole at the heart of the service, Smiley is drawn back into the murky field of espionage. Tasked with investigating which of his trusted former colleagues has chosen to betray him and their country, Smiley narrows his search to four suspects - all experienced, skilled and successful agents - but past



histories, rivalries and friendships make it far from easy to pinpoint the man who is eating away at the heart of the British establishment. An acting masterclass from the crème de la crème of British film (Colin Firth, Tom Hardy, Mark Strong and Benedict Cumberbatch) and inspired direction from Tomas Alfredson make this gripping and tense adaptation of John le Carré's classic spy novel essential viewing.

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

COMING NEXT

Join us on Monday 4th June, to watch the **Jubilee Concert**, live from Buckingham Palace, on the big screen. Free admission.

Activities, bar and hog roast (pre booked tickets required for the latter). Details on posters, on the website and in the BVN (Litton Cheney section).

BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART

The 2012 Festival will run from 19 to 24th August, celebrating the best of English music to mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Tickets are on sale from 9.00am to 1.00pm on 25th May in the Reading Room. You can pick up the brochure which includes an application form at the village post office or at the tourist centre in Bridport.



Heralding the Festival, a one-off concert in the village hall on 1st June will feature the Festival's musical director David Juritz (violin) and Caroline Dowdle, (piano) playing a programme of Debussy, Delius and Paganini. Tickets (£10) are available from Gill Redford, 2 St Lawrence, Middle Street in Burton Bradstock (01308 897203) or from the post office. The performance begins at 7.00pm.

Keep in touch with the Festival at burtonbradstockfestival.com.

Colette Hill



VILLAGE WEBSITES

giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc

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

Festival of Weddings in St Peter's Church, Long Bredy

Sunday 26th and Monday 27th August, 11.00 - 18.00

*An Exhibition of flowers,
dresses and photographs of
brides from Long Bredy*

Refreshments, Parking

Entrance by donation

In aid of St Peters Tower Fund



THE OTHONA COMMUNITY

INVITES YOU TO ONE WORLD WORSHIP

Celebrate with us the Wonders of Creation, the Common Ground of Humanity, the Wisdom of Many Spiritual Traditions, the Longing for Peace - at 7.00pm on the first Sunday of every month, followed by a simple soup and bread meal.

“Simple, informal, moving, authentic... “

Othona is an open Christian community which tries to follow the Way of Jesus without claiming it is the best or the only way. We welcome, involve and learn from people of all faiths and none.

We're on the B3157 between Burton Bradstock and Swyre: for details phone 01308 897130. No need to book, just turn up.



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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.



TAKING THE FIRST CROP

After the frenetic activity within the hive over the last three months with the colony population more than quadrupling between February and May, beekeepers like to see a return for all of their efforts ... or more particularly the efforts of their bees. It has been a delicate balancing act for the bees throughout this period; they have had to make sure that, when the weather is good enough for there to be pollen and nectar available, they maximise the collection of these substances but at the same time ensure that there are sufficient bees “at home” to tend the brood nest and keep it warm. Pollen is used to provide the protein necessary to developing bees whilst nectar is their source of carbohydrate but neither are fed directly as they are prepared into a more digestible form by the nurse bees (these are young bees who have not yet developed into foragers) for feeding to the brood.

And so, May is usually the month in which the first honey crop is extracted from the hives. I sometimes wonder whether we should make more of the new season’s honey, rather like when Beaujolais nouveau enters the shops in November but, in truth, the new season’s honey is already ripe and perfect when it is sold whereas the BN hardly deserves the title wine at that stage.

Honey extraction will be described in more detail in the July issue - it can be a tedious and sticky job and is said to be the most significant reason for beekeepers giving up beekeeping (possibly also the major cause of marriage breakups in beekeeping households!!)

In this area, the nectar which makes up the spring honey crop will be gathered from a variety of sources. Blackthorn (the bushes that sloes grow on) and related prunus species make a significant contribution as do, flowering currant, apple, pear, gooseberry and dandelion. Pollen is gathered from a variety of species such as willow, hazel and hawthorn and this year we have seen some stunning displays of celandine which are also a good pollen source. After a rather indifferent winter, the second half of March saw day time temperatures well above average which encouraged many of these flora to make a rapid and, in some cases, a rather early appearance. That the night time temperatures were often near to zero was of concern on several fronts. Firstly, it kept ground temperatures low which can restrict nectar yields and secondly the bees needed to consume more carbohydrate to maintain body temperatures.

Although many of the modern varieties of oil seed rape are said to be

self pollinating, as long as they are still nectar producing, honey bees will seek this crop out and work it eagerly. The presence of honey bees will considerably improve the pollination rate which, in turn, can lead to better quality and quantity yields from the crop.



In general the early season crop is lighter in appearance and tends to granulate (ie. set) more rapidly due to a high proportion of glucose sugar in the nectars collected. Oil seed rape can granulate so quickly that it can present an extraction problem for the beekeeper. As the season progresses then so we see the nectars gathered by the bees begin to contain a higher concentration of fructose which enables the honey to remain liquid for longer. These later season honeys also tend to have a more golden appearance than the early season ones.

The difficulty for the beekeeper is that as well as being a bee handler, biologist, botanist, woodworker and marketing specialist, he has also to be a weather forecaster. As the spring crop begins to dwindle, he has to decide just how long it will be before the summer crop is upon us and then make certain that sufficient stores are left for the bees to ensure that they will not starve before the summer crop arrives. Several times in recent years we have encountered beekeepers whose bees have starved at the height of

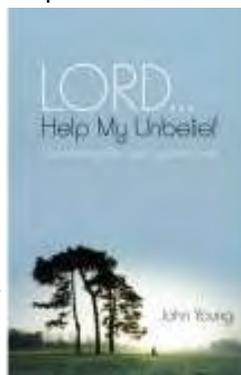
LORD... HELP MY UNBELIEF:

CONSIDERING THE CASE AGAINST CHRIST

By John Young with David Wilkinson, John Polkinghorne & Richard Bauckham, BRF, £9.99

Attacks on Christianity are not new; the difference today is the aggressiveness of the attacks and their media attention. Christians need to be armed with an informed defence. John Young's *The Case Against Christ* has been providing the ammunition to help since it was first published in 1986. *Lord... Help my Unbelief* is a completely revised and updated edition of this bestselling classic.

With help from prestigious experts, including Professors Richard Bauckham, John Polkinghorne and David Wilkinson, Young offers a unique blend of accessibility and scholarship to tackle the relationship between Christian belief and science, faith and suffering, the reliability of the Bible, the uniqueness of Jesus, the evidence for his resurrection, and the extent to which we can 'prove' the existence of God. The approach is jargon-free, and includes some rather good jokes along the way!



ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

On how maintaining the churchyard can lead to turf wars

*The Rectory
St. James the Least*

My dear Nephew Darren

Consider yourself fortunate that your churchyard consists of no more than a small paved area, and that keeping it tidy requires ten minutes of picking up discarded takeaway boxes on Sunday morning. Our four acres of grass and randomly placed gravestones absorbs a large portion of the time and energy of half the parish.

By getting different people to adopt sections of the churchyard, the hope was that an element of competition would be introduced; Major Rutherford would never let Admiral Crompton's section look tidier than his and the local farmers would want to show the amateurs that they know far more about land maintenance.

Sadly, human nature has got in the way - as it invariably does. Miss Timmins has declared her section a nature reserve, so that the cuddly field mice and darling hedgehogs have somewhere to live in. This now means that crossing from her patch to the next feels like crossing from Kew gardens to the Amazon rainforest. Two feet high grass and a profusion of dandelions give way to manicured lawn with any weed daring to pop its head above the parapet being beheaded in seconds. Miss T is toying with erecting a fence round her plot, to keep her dear furry friends safe, and Sir Horace is threatening to have it electrified, to make sure they do not defile his grass billiard table.

Mr Tremble, a retired health and safety officer, whose well-meaning advice on avoiding accidents is such a burden, is applying to have all the gravestones on his patch levelled, so that no one could be killed by having a fall on them. The fact that this has never happened in 600 years, seems an irrelevance to him. On the other hand, his neighbour spends summer evenings painting his stones with sour milk in order to encourage lichen. Mr Tremble's warning that some lichens can be quite poisonous have so far fallen on deaf ears.

A local farmer, who maintains the boundary walls, generously planted cherry trees all round the perimeter; not only for their looks in Spring, but so that the birds would have somewhere to roost. Sadly, Lady Lipton, while resting from maintaining her plot, tends to shoot them while she smokes her briar pipe.

The only area which no one dares criticise surrounds the mausoleum of the Luscombes, maintained by the gardening staff of the present Lord. It contains such a collection of rogues and miscreants that parishioners fear their anger at being disturbed may even cross the divide of death.

I hesitate to admit it, but the thought of an area of concrete with a few pizza boxes scattered round does at times hold a certain attraction.

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

CHRISTIANS FLEE SUDAN

Thousands of Southern Christians have been fleeing Sudan since the government removed their citizenship rights last year after the South voted to secede. Last month, Khartoum set a deadline of 8 April for all people of Southern origin (who are mainly Christian and mainly African) remaining in the strongly Islamic and Arab Sudan either to leave the country or to be treated as foreigners.

Many of those entering South Sudan are taking shelter in camps set up for returnees from the North and elsewhere. In the Hai Salam camp in Malakal, people are living in desperate conditions. They lack proper shelter, medicine, food and clean water. Every day the women have to walk two hours each way to collect water from the River Nile.

Families are seeking help from the Church in South Sudan, but it is overwhelmed by the need. Barnabas Fund is helping by providing emergency supplies, including sorghum (grain), mosquito nets, blankets, water drums and cooking pots. It costs approximately: £10 to feed one person for a month; £40 to supply a family with plastic sheeting; £50 to equip a family with essential items including jerry cans and cooking pots; and £70 for water storage per family.

As Dr Patrick Sookhdeo, International Director of Barnabas Fund, said: "South Sudan is completely overwhelmed by the influx of people effectively forced out of Sudan. The Church in the South is doing all it can to extend Christian love and practical support to the thousands of families entering the country, but it is struggling to cope. Working with trusted church partners, Barnabas Fund is taking some of the strain. But the need is great, so please help us ... " For more details and how to give: barnabasfund.org/UK/News/Latest-emergencies.



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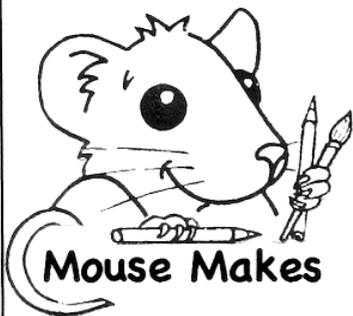
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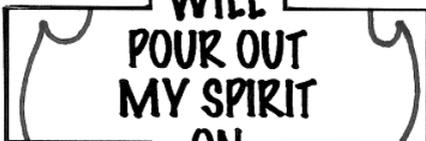
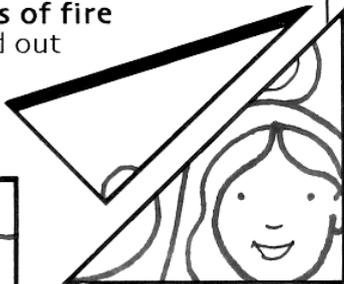
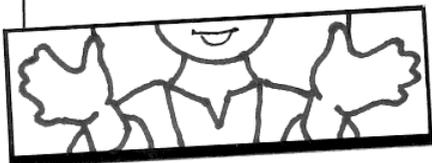
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FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE

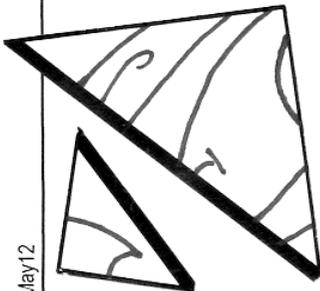
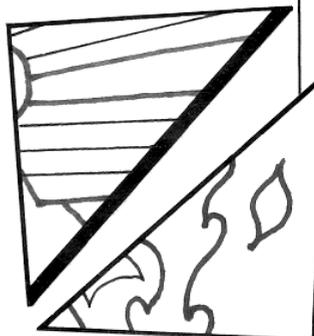


When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost there was a noise from the sky which sounded like the blowing of a **violent wind** and what looked like **tongues of fire** which spread out and touched each person.



Read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-4:1

**I WILL
POUR OUT
MY SPIRIT
ON
ALL
PEOPLE**
ACTS 2:17



The wind has mixed up these puzzle pieces. Cut them out and rearrange into a flame shaped picture →



Bible Sketchbook

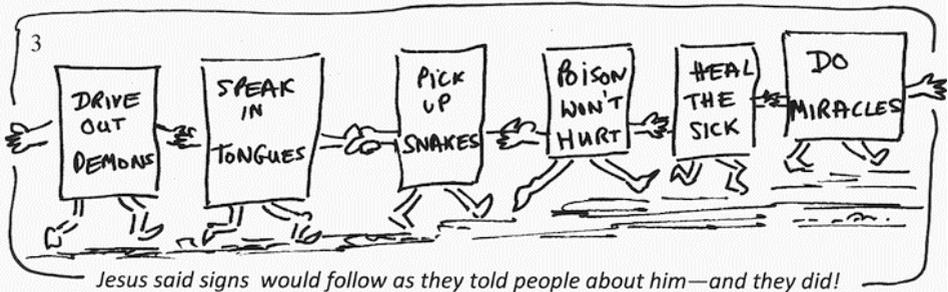
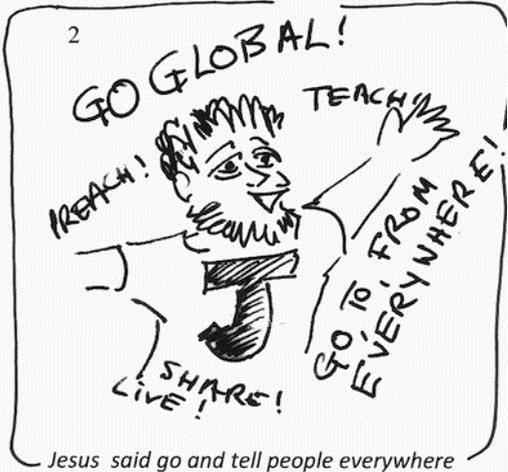
Signs will follow!



Jesus rose from the dead and Mary was one of the first to see him. She told his friends but they did not believe her. So Jesus came and told them off. He said: "Believe and go global!" He said anyone who believes and is baptised will be saved! Also believers would see signs and wonders accompany their preaching. Jesus went up to heaven and that's when they really started talking about him!!

Now it's OUR turn!

Read more in Mark 16: 9-19



William Mather©



It may be true that the law cannot make a man love me, but it can stop him from lynching me, and I think that's pretty important.

I've seen too much hate to want to hate and every time I see it, I say to myself, hate is too great a burden to bear. Somehow we must be able to stand up against our most bitter opponents and say: We shall match your capacity to inflict suffering by our capacity to endure suffering. We will meet your physical force with soul force. Do to us what you will and we will still love you.... But be assured that we'll wear you down by our capacity to suffer, and one day we will win our freedom. We will not only win freedom for ourselves; we will appeal to your heart and conscience that we will win you in the process, and our victory will be a double victory.



Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.

Martin Luther King Jr. (Jan 1929 - Apr 1968)

DIARY OF EVENTS: MAY 2012

Tue	14.00 Bride Valley Knitting Group 14.30 Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council 15.45 Afternoon Tes 15.45 Afternoon Tea Club 19.00 Bride Valley Youth Club 19.30 "Thje Hearties Meeting"	Ourganics, Litton Cheney Village Hall, Puncknowle Village Hall, Puncknowle BSWB Village Hall LATCH B'port Christian F'ship Hall
Wed	2 7.30 Eastern Valley Home Group 14.30 Book Club 19.00 Colin Varndell Talk "Nature in your Garden" 19.30 PCC meeting	phone 897068/629 Village Hall, Puncknowle Shipton Gorge Village Hall 3 Green Barton
Thu	3 9.30 Church Working Party 14.30 BV Guild of Health Meditation 17.30 Yoga 17.30 Zumba 19.30 RBL(Ab) - Roger Snook, "Hats"	St Mary's, Litton Cheney Othona Community Village Hall, Puncknowle LATCH Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury
Fri	4 9.45 Yoga	LATCH
Sat	5 14.00 Litton Cheney Village Fete	LATCH
Sun	6 12.30 Bride Valley Lunch 19.00 One World Worship	Burton Bradstock Village Hall Othona Community
Mon	7 9.30 Water colour class 14.00 Craft Session 16.00 Pilates 19.15 Zumba 20.30 Zumba	LATCH LATCH LATCH Village Hall, Puncknowle Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	8 19.30 Parish Council Annual Meeting & Assembly WI - Assoc for Country Women of the World	LATCH Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Wed	9 7.30 Eastern Valley Home Group 19.30 Benefice Meeting	phone 897068/629 Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	10 17.30 Yoga 17.30 Zumba 19.30 BVFilms - "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy"	Village Hall, Puncknowle LATCH LATCH
Fri	11 9.45 Yoga 10.15 Puncknowle Art Group 12.00 Tots & Prams Service 19.30 Nick Baker "Weird Creatures"	LATCH Village Hall, Puncknowle St Mary's, Burton Bradstock Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Sat	12 10.00 Village Walk 14.30 Keeeeeeep Dancing	Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney LATCH

Mon	14	9.30 Water colour class	LATCH
		16.00 Pilates	LATCH
		19.00 SGVH Management Committee AGM	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
		19.15 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		20.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	15	9.00 Burton Bradstock Volunteer Group	Reading Room, B. Bradstock
		12.30 Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		14.00 Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
		19.00 Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
Wed	16	7.30 Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
		19.00 AGM's, LATCH, LCSC & LCWG	LATCH
Thu	17	14.30 BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
		17.30 Yoga	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		17.30 Zumba	LATCH
Fri	18	9.45 Yoga	LATCH
Sat	19	10.30 Village Café	LATCH
		19.00 Quiz + Fish & Chip Supper	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Sun	20	15.00 Family Afternoon Service	LATCH
Mon	21	7.00 A.G.M. followed by "Gardening for Wildlife"	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		9.30 Water colour class	LATCH
		14.00 Craft Session	LATCH
		16.00 Pilates	LATCH
		19.30 BVGC	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	23	7.30 Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
		19.30 Parish Council Annual Meeting	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Thu	24	17.30 Yoga	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		17.30 Zumba	LATCH
Fri	25	9.45 Yoga	LATCH
		10.15 Puncknowle Art Group Show & Plant Sale	Partia, W. Bexington
		18.00 Bride Valley Navigation Challenge	White Horse, Litton Cheney
Sat	26	13.00 Holy Trinity Fete	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		14.00 Garden Party & Plant Swap	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
Mon	28	9.30 Water colour class	LATCH
		16.00 Pilates	LATCH
		19.15 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		20.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
	29	RBL(BB) Social Evening,	Three Horseshoes, B. B'stock
Wed	30	7.30 Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu		17.30 Yoga	Village Hall, Puncknowle
	31	17.30 Zumba	LATCH



WEEKDAY SERVICES, MAY 2012 (SEE ALSO EASTER WEEK SERVICES ON PAGE 3)

Wednesday	2 nd	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	3 th	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	4 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	7 th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wednesday	9 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	10 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	11 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday	14 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	16 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	17 th	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	18 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	21 st	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wednesday	23 rd	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	24 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	25 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday	28 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	30 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	31 st	9.00am	Swyre



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: May 2012

	1 st Sunday 6 May Easter 6	2 nd Sunday 13 May Mathias the Apostle	3 rd Sunday 20 May Easter 7	4 th Sunday 27 May Pentecost
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Songs of Praise 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (by Extension)	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer 2.30 Baptism	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer	
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion 2.30 Baptism	11.00 Family Communion (by Extension) 5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion (by Extension)	11.00 Family Service
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
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