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## GOD SAVE OUR GRACIOUS QUEEN.

There can be very few national anthems that are a prayer, but this is certainly one, praying for her Majesty's long life and her saving. Victorious rhymes with glorious in a crowd pleasing sort of a way, interjected by the intention for her being happy, which is nice, before again the bidding "God save the Queen."



Prayers do not have to be great poetry. God, even if he speaks English as a first language which is doubtful, will not count syllables, test rhymes, count metre or even spring or unspring rhythms. Prayers do not have to be in a correct form of words. It is too confusing to speak of him as Thou and Thee in current verbiage. Thou who visualisest, or who utilisest, or who emonitoreth and evaluatest flow in a way that even Shakespeare might have struggled to set running freely.

The point of prayers is their sincerity. We do not lie to friends or family. We should not lie to strangers or even enemies. We should not say prayers with our fingers crossed behind our back. So the best thing is to say what we mean simply, and then mean it.

The opposite is also true, because the next point of prayers is to say them. Even prayers unmeant carry some intent, and are better than no prayers at all. I know this because my father taught me how to sing "God save the Queen" long before I knew who she was. At the village regatta after



the crowd had danced up and down the long evening road and chaotically in and out of peoples' houses, I was told to stand upright and not to fidget, which I did while the grown ups sang to the last of the brass band. I did not know what it meant. There was no sincerity in it, but there would be one day.

God save the Queen.

# FROM THE REGISTERS

## BAPTISMS



April was one of those months that have five Sundays in them. April 29<sup>th</sup> was a fifth Sunday and so was a united Valley service, held on this occasion at St Peter's Church, Long Bredy. It was hardly fine Spring weather, in keeping with most of the season, but might have been, and has been, worse. A warm welcome indoors for three who had come to be baptized. **CHRISTOPHER BLANDFORD** had arrived from Switzerland to join his cousins **THOMAS AND CONSTANCE VICARY**.

The boys were not at all dismayed by the gaze of a crowded Church, but for Connie, it might have been the moment she had been waiting for. When they all stood to be applauded by the Church, it was Connie who smiled with dimples. When it came to the font, the boys submitted with cool equanimity while Connie first took the opportunity theatrically to cry at the prospect of the damage to her coiffure before bravely regaining her composure to the relief of all. It was quite a performance, in the midst of which God smiled down upon her, upon Christopher and Thomas, the Church, the Village and the Valley.



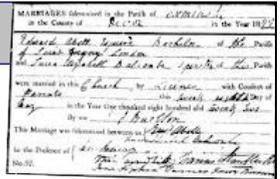
**HARVEY MITCHELL JENNER** was baptized in St Mary's Church., Puncknowle, on the afternoon of Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Harvey was supported by his parents, his Godparents, Clive and Sam, and a good crowd of friends and family, who sang and watched as Harvey, the promises having been made, leaned over the font to have the water poured over him in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The congregation applauded, as well it might, and then at the end of the service, when the prayers had been said, and the light of Christ given in blessing, Harvey applauded back, to say thank you to all concerned.

## FUNERAL



The funeral of **LT COL JOHN EPPESTONE** of Shipton Gorge, was held on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April. The mourning was led by his three daughters, Janet, Caroline and Liz with their families. The Church was full with people of the village and surrounding area, and many an old soldier come to pay their respects to a comrade. The congregation was told of his active military service in many parts of the world, including his involvement with the S.A.S. Thanksgiving was made of his Christian faith, which saw him serving many years as Churchwarden of St Martin's.

John's grandchildren tolled the bell that he helped to found and which



bears his name. His fund of stories and his love of dancing were remembered, and through all of these his devotion to his late wife, Bee. It was with her that we laid him to rest in the Churchyard after the service while a bugle played the last post.

*May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.*

## VALLEY NOTES



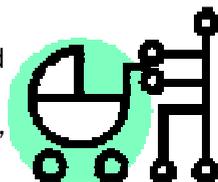
### FAMILY AFTERNOON SERVICE

This new family afternoon service for children and parents continues at LATCH on the third Sunday of every month, from 3.00pm–4.00pm. The next session will be on Sunday June 17th and will include singing, stories, art and crafts and refreshments

Further info from Heather, on 01308 482667.

### TOTS AND PRAMS SERVICE

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



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

### BIBLE QUIZZES



There has been a change of plan! In view of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and the Olympics, many people are feeling over-stretched, so we are postponing the all-age quiz contests on the life of Joseph (in Genesis) until 2013. This year there will only be the schools' match and the junior village contests – all based on the book of Ruth. For some this may be a disappointment; if so, Heather apologises. For others this may feel like a relieve!

### BRIDPORT BLIND CLUB

*A local social club for the visually impaired.*

We meet twice a month at the United Church at 2.30pm. We chat to each other, we have a game, an entertainment or listen to a speaker followed by an afternoon tea. Four times a year we have a coach trip.

If you are interested for yourself or someone else who is visually impaired, please get in touch. We may be able to provide transport to meetings.

Please contact: - [ian.ibbotson@btconnect.com](mailto:ian.ibbotson@btconnect.com) Tel 01308 898484



## **BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.**

The AGM took place in April with due ceremony, and Barbara Pursey was re-elected President.

At our May meeting, Valerie Stevens spoke of her work with the Association for Country Women of the World. Its aims are to alleviate poverty and disease, and to improve access to education for girls. Training projects, for example in small scale vegetable production and marketing, enable women to meet the needs of their families.

The Reading Group read 'The Wedding Officer' by Anthony Capella, and now turn to Barack Obama's memoir, 'Dreams from my Father'.

The walking group went to Eype on a day of mixed weather; the rain held off, so they could enjoy the bluebells.

The Bride Valley Group of WIs holds its summer meeting at Portesham on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, with a talk on "Bristol Blue Glass".

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

## **BRIDE VALLEY YOUTH CLUB**

*(Formerly known as Litton Cheney Youth club)*

For the last 10 years a Youth Club has been run in Litton Cheney. The group now needs it's third Youth Club Leader and Club Chairperson. These are rewarding voluntary roles and are essential to ensure that the Youth Club continues. For further information about either role or information about the Bride Valley Youth Club contact: Elizabeth Kingston, 01308 482162, Katharine Jones, 01308 898553 or email: [paulkingston275@btinternet.com](mailto:paulkingston275@btinternet.com)

## **BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB**

'Sowing Seeds & Propagation' was the topic of our meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April and given by James Foster-Pegg of Poundbury Garden Centre. James gave us hints and tips from the professionals and also told us how to get the best results, with the correct soil & equipment when planting seeds, for maximum germination. Just when you thought you had all the equipment you need for the garden, he tempted us with new tools & gizmos they have for sale at Poundbury. After the talk we raffled the gifts given by James, had refreshments and continued to talk gardening between ourselves.



We are now looking forward to the talk on Roses due at our meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> June at the Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall.

Don't forget our popular Flower Show on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June taking place in the Litton Cheney Hall. As always, you the public judge the exhibits that our members display and the total of these votes result in the prizes given out at 4.00pm.

## **JOBS TO DO**

Plant out annuals and summer bedding and thin direct sowings of hardy annuals. Sow seeds for next year's hardy biennials such as sweet william, wallflowers, foxgloves. Cut back foliage of spring bulbs. Plant out courgettes, sweet corn, runner beans. Use insect-proof mesh or horticultural fleece to prevent carrot fly attacking carrots. Harvest first and second early potatoes - tubers should be ready when plants begin flowering. Take softwood cuttings of many deciduous shrubs.

*Sylvia Delves, Chair email: [sylvia@delvesuk.plus.com](mailto:sylvia@delvesuk.plus.com)*

## **WATER COLOUR CLASSES IN BURTON AND LITTON**

The Watercolour Painting Classes at Burton Bradstock and Litton Cheney have now been running for more than a year, with various comings and goings the classes have attracted enough students to keep pace with the diverse creative endeavours. The classes meet at Burton Bradstock on Monday afternoons, 1.30 - 4.00pm and at Litton Cheney on Thursday afternoons, 1.30 - 4.00pm. Students opt either for the Monday or the Thursday class on a termly basis.

This year also sees the return of the Watercolour Summer School, with a new aspect. Sessions will include the possibility of students being able to work in either watercolour or water based acrylics. The Halls at both venues have good lighting and excellent facilities to enjoy the painting sessions.

The Watercolour Summer School is split into two areas, Seascape being based at Burton Bradstock and Landscape at Litton Cheney. Students can mix sessions on a pick and mix basis, which gives flexibility and choice, being able to attend for just one session or more. With a wide range of subject matter on offer to include rock pools, lighthouses, beach bric-a-brac, each gives a chance to learn contemporary or traditional painting techniques. The excellent views from LATCH give a great chance to work from the Bride Valley Landscape.

The Watercolour Summer School runs on Mondays, mornings and afternoons, from 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012, at Burton Bradstock WI Hall and on Thursdays, mornings and afternoons, from 26<sup>th</sup> July - 09<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at LATCH.

For further information, please contact Lynda on 01305 871178.



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH.

The next SOCIAL EVENING will be on Monday June 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> October in Burton Bradstock Village Hall

The **ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING** will be held on Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am 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 welcome to join us. Please contact Jim Reeves, or Basil Dent on the above telephone numbers for more details.

*Malcolm Lawrence Secretary (898616)*



## ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

The three day tour which the Branch organised to the Alrewas area of Staffordshire at the end of April was supported by thirty-five people. Highlight of the tour, which included visits to the Severn Valley Railway, Sudbury Hall and RAF Cosford Museum, was our presence at the National Memorial Arboretum where we were able to partake in the Act of Remembrance which takes place in the chapel every day of the year.

The Royal British Legion who are custodians of the Memorial site are justifiably proud of the way the whole site is developing and that the nation is taking this memorial to its heart.

**Roger Snook**, Bridport milliner and founder of the Bridport Hat Festival, which last year attracted nine thousand people to West Dorset, gave us an interesting evening in May on the subject of hats: many of the audience modelled some of the hundred or so pieces of headgear which Roger had demonstrated - fascinating facts about fashion and origins of the Panama, Bowler etc. were revealed with a good helping of humour!

Our **Summer Excursion** this year is taking place on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June. In the morning we shall go to Poole where we have a 1½ hour guided tour of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's H.Q. This venue is quite user friendly for disabled people. Having left free time for lunch (not included), we board a Messrs. Greenslade's boat for the 1¼ hour sail across Poole Harbour, terminating at Wareham Quay. A short time will be available to look around the town before returning by coach to our area. Cost at this time would appear to be about £22.50, plus £2.50 for non-members, who, of course, are welcome to join us. Advance booking is essential for this event, so call

the writer soon please.

Our next meeting will be at 7.00pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July in Portesham Village Hall for a **Fish and Chip Supper**, plus a quiz, perhaps bingo, and board game competition(s). Chief event of the evening however will be a chance to get together with other members for a good old natter!

In view of the very full calendar in high summer this year, we have decided not to have a Branch meeting in August - only the third month we have not met in the past 15 years.

Des and Jean Baker are running a **6-Day tour of Kent** commencing on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Excursions will include Chatham Dockyard, Canterbury Cathedral, Leeds Castle, Maidstone Carriage Museum and Chartwell. Full itinerary is now available without obligation.(In aid of the "Poppy Appeal" and "Dors to India").

Once again it is necessary to advise that membership of the Royal British Legion is open to anyone over 18 years of age who supports our fundamental aims - it is NOT necessary to have served in HM Forces - that rule applied once, but it does not any longer. We always welcome new members: applications received by 14<sup>th</sup> July will gain fourteen months membership for the cost of twelve months (£14).

*Des Baker Entertainments Chairman, (01305 267617)*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

The children returned to school for the Summer term full of enthusiasm and excitement at what promises to be a full and eventful term!

In April the children in Key Stage 2 visited the Lighthouse theatre in Poole to be entertained by a range of different musical ensembles at the Dorset Music Concert. All the children enjoyed the event and the Samba band got everyone's feet tapping.

As we moved into May the children arrived at school on a damp Thursday morning to see a shepherd's hut in the playground! During the day the children visited the shepherd's hut and Nancy Clemance, from the



Hutliving Project, talked to the children about the history of the shepherd's hut. Our youngest children in Sails class have been involved in the Hutliving project over the year and have contributed to the exhibition which is on show in Bridport. They have had real hands-on experience of using artefacts to find out about their heritage and life

in the past and two of our Year 6 pupils, Liberty and Christian, have been fantastic curators in the project.

Things took a more serious note during the following weeks when the children in Year 6 took part in the SATs (statutory assessment tests). The tests are a way of assessing what pupils have learnt during their time in primary school before they move onto their secondary education. The children in Year 6 have worked extremely hard and were very positive and upbeat during the tests. We are very proud of them all and their wonderful achievements during their time at the school.

With the tests out of the way, the children are now looking forward to the exciting events that are taking place during June and July. Year 2 children will be going on their residential trip to Hooke Court, Class 4 are going to Sail Laser on Portland to try their hand at sailing as well as on their residential trip to Dartmoor and Class 3 are involved in a 'Jurassic Journey' project where they are involved in creating sculptures and using photography. In addition we also have our Summer Concert and not forgetting the Jubilee celebrations and our very own Olympic Games! The Friends of Burton Bradstock School continue to raise funds for the school. Despite the unpredictable weather we had a good turnout at the Duck Race which took place on Easter Sunday. The event raised nearly £900 for the school! The Friends are now in the process of organising the end of year BBQ for the children and their families to celebrate the end of another great year. They will also be running a chocolate tombola stall at the village fete on the 4<sup>th</sup> June and hosting a cake sale at the school on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 3.20pm.

*Claire Staple, Headteacher*

## THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

The Summer Term started on a busy note!

Eggardon had a superb time at their residential visit to Leeson House. The weather was iffy but stayed mostly favourable.

We walked to church for our service on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April. The bellringing and live music accompaniment made it most enjoyable.



**St George's Day Breakfast:** The whole school enjoyed a full English breakfast on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. (The complete silence as all the children tucked in was quite noticeable!) Thank you to all our parents and helpers, who cooked, served and donated!

Litton has started their singing sessions with a specialist teacher from

Dorset Music Service as part of the Voiceworks programme. The teacher was most impressed by their rhythm and singing.

Eggardon have been learning what it feels like to be a Victorian child working in a mine.

Then Thorner's School Association is focussing all its efforts on raising money for playground equipment. Eggardon contributed through their village café on Saturday, 21 April. They made posters to publicise the event, manned the stalls and waited at tables, serving over 100 bacon/egg butties. Eggardon ran the cake stall and apple juice stall, LATCH books and Olympic coin rings. Bredy had a toy sale, there was a raffle and music. Two of the children sold newspapers and took orders using raffle tickets so when the food was ready they called the numbers. Several others helped with the calling of numbers!!! Thank you to all the parents who helped and for their cake donations. A great turn out and support, and lovely atmosphere. The café raised £451.45 – a superb effort. It is so heartwarming to see our strong community spirit.

Children and parents took part in the Splashathon at the Bridport Leisure Centre on Saturday, 28 May. The children did a whopping total of 635 lengths. They had lots of fun in the small pool on floats and in the big pool on floats. Then they had a great party style tea. The money raised helps to meet some of the costs of running our swimming pool in the second half of the Summer Term. So, a big thank you to all.

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher



## FLEDGLINGS NEWS

The Fledglings room and cloakroom now look very light and bright after the refurbishment - new kitchen units and sink have also been installed. Soon the staff hope to have a dishwasher in place. The children have made displays for Autumn, Winter and Spring on the Four Seasons board and for Summer, plan to paint sunflowers and do some dried flower pressing.

They have a new "Feelings" Tree in order to express themselves and also a new self registration system with symbols chosen by them to go next to their name. Sometimes they listen to a story which is told to them, instead of it being read from a book - then they have to listen and concentrate more.

Everyone really enjoys the Discovery area these days, as there is so

much to see, and even though it is still being developed, Fledglings children get a lot out of it.

The number of children attending BVF is gradually increasing - but the committee plans to advertise more via new posters, publicity in local papers, car window stickers and new sign - so look out for these. Fledglings information is also on free-of-charge websites as well as our own website.

A new Welcome Pack has been produced by Fiona for new parents. Committee changes have occurred - with Liv Scott moving to New Zealand, Annemarie was voted in as a replacement nominated Fundraiser and Kim Pearse was voted in as Vice-Chairperson, due to Jane Gravelle's forthcoming relocation. Jacquie Rendell is happy to be BVF representative at the Friends of Discovery area meetings, as well as the Governors representative.

There was a Pampering and Pampered Chef fund raiser evening on Friday 11th May ( the date had to be changed) - organised by Faye Avery and Kate Smith - more on this next time.

A date for your Diary in June - "A Bit of a Do" is on Saturday 23rd June from 2.00 - 5.00pm with the Rex Trevett Big Band providing the music! If you enjoyed this event in previous years, come along again and support Bride Valley Fledglings.

At present Fledglings Pre-school is open 3 days per week - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. In September it will also be open on Wednesdays. For information please ring Fiona Evans, Manager, on 01308 482410 or drop in anytime to look round our dedicated play areas indoors and outdoors.

Our website address is [www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk](http://www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk)

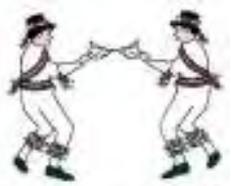
## BABYLON MORRIS DANCE.

We will be joining with a team of Thorners School pupils that have been practicing with Linda Gundry.

We will be dancing on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. at 7.30pm at The Crown, Puncknowle and 8.30pm at The White Horse Litton Cheney. The dancing will be followed by an 'impromptu' folk music session in The White Horse to which any folk musicians are very welcome.

This should be a good evening of dance and music and we are particularly looking forward to dancing with the Thorners Team.

*Mike Selley Squire Babylon Morris mandgselley@btinternet.com*



## LONDON MARATHON

Austin Slade (Postman) of Longlands Farm, Little Bredy, would like to thank all those in the Valley for all the encouragement, support and sponsorship in his quest to

run this year's London Marathon.

I finished in a time of 3h.33m.50s and hope to have raised just over a £1,000 for charity. With the money going to Reach Charity Limited, for babies born in the UK missing part of one or both arms and hands for congenital reasons.

Enormous Thanks, Austin

## SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM DORCHESTER WEST



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### Take Care During The Summer

With the summer period the population of the area is increased by holiday visitors to the area, these numbers could be significantly increased this year due to the Olympic sailing events at Weymouth and Portland. Many of these visitors and locals too will be out and about, parking at various beauty spots, parks, walks etc within the area. So it is perhaps a good time to just be reminded of a few precautions such as:

- Ensuring vehicles are securely locked before leaving them.
- Not leaving anything on display in your car.
  
- Removing all your possessions whilst vehicles are unattended. This includes vehicle registration documents, cash, chequebooks, mobile phones, satellite navigation equipment and i-Pods and if possible take any stereo equipment out.
- Use a mechanical immobilizer like a steering lock if you do not have an electronic immobilizer fitted.
- Locking wheel nuts can prevent your wheels from being stolen.
- A professionally installed alarm can be effective in deterring thieves.

Equally when at home:

- Always ensure doors and windows are locked when leaving your home unattended however briefly, or when you are outside in your garden for example.

- Try not to leave valuable or important items on show when you have windows and doors left open.
- Beware of bogus callers, check identities of anyone coming to your door ask for ID card and if you are unsure do not open the door, or keep it on a chain when you do. Get a number that you can call to check them out. Do not let anyone into your home that you are unhappy about. If you are still worried, refuse them entry and if you feel safer doing so phone 101 for Dorset Police and ask for their advice.

For more information, please contact Dorchester West Safer Neighbourhood Team:

Call: 101

Mobile: 07500 816 292

*(Only dial 999 if a life is in danger or a crime is in progress)*

Email: [dorchester-rural-snt@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dorchester-rural-snt@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

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## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Many thanks to all who braved the chilly weather to support the Fete on 5<sup>th</sup> May which raised a little under £2,500. Inevitably the earlier date this year meant there were fewer visitors around to boost our takings, which are a vital contribution to the annual cost of maintaining our magnificent Grade 1 Listed Church. We are very grateful for all the help we received both before the event and on the day from so many people.

The next churchyard working party will be on Thursday morning, 7<sup>th</sup> June. If you can help for an hour or so, you would be very welcome.

Refreshments provided.

*Wendy Taylor*

## CAKES !!

There are many wonderful ladies in Litton Cheney, but I would like to thank the especially wonderful ones who baked such delicious cakes and scones for the VillageFete at the beginning of May. I know some of these ladies, but some cakes were left anonymously so I can't mention names. All the cakes were made with care, and knowing how much time and effort goes into producing these delights, fills me with admiration for their generosity. (By the way, I hope I'm not being sexist in suggesting that all the bakers were female, but I don't know of any men contributors at the moment!)

I feel very privileged to live in a village that is, not only physically

beautiful, but also full of beautiful, selfless people, who care about our community and put their care into action over and over again.

Thanks to you all while I'm in print!

*Irene Coville*

## BRIDE VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

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## WHAT'S ON AT LATCH - JUNE 2012

**Pilates, Yoga, Zumba** and the **Art Classes** continue.

**Great Jubilee Celebrations etc**, Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> -(See separate note)

**Village Café**, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June - 10.30am - 12.30pm

**Family Afternoon Service** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> - 3.00 - 4.00pm (with children's activities and refreshments)

**A Bit of a Do**, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Fledglings' fund-raiser

**Oliver Letwin MP's Surgery**, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> - 2.30 - 6.00pm in the Meeting Room

**Bride Valley Gardening Club Summer Show**, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The **Village Walk** is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June starting at 10.00am from the Bus Shelter.

A note for your calendars - **The Summer BBQ** is on Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Hall. It has been Sold Out for the past 2 years so get your ticket early!!

*Ron Davidson LCSC 482661*

## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, **May joy be unconfined!**

If you go down to LATCH on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, that day you are sure of a big surprise. For everyone that ever there was will gather there for certain because that's the day we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee! (Apologies to all TB Picnic fans)

For all the glorious details see the Litton Cheney website [www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk) and

notice boards throughout the valley. There is something for everyone and most of it is free. Hog roast tickets available (see posters and website) but if all fails contact John Firrell - 482313. A bar will also be available serving



amongst other things a Jubilee Pimms – not to be sniffed at! Don't be left out – join in the Celebrations!

## VILLAGE LENGTHSMAN – LITTON CHENEY

A lengthsmen is required on a one year contract to attend to village husbandry. For more details contact John Firrell (Parish Clerk) on 482313.

### LITTLEBREDY

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**Many** congratulations to **Austin Slade**, who completed the London Marathon in the very commendable time of 3 hours, 33 minutes. Unfortunately for a man of his competitive nature, he says that that merely acts as an incentive to enter again next time to try and break the three and a half hour barrier! He is extremely grateful to all those locally who sponsored him (as a postman he gets the chance to mention it on many doorsteps) and the beneficiary is Reach, a charity for children born limbless. A great cause, and very well done, Austin.

**APPLAUSE!**



**There** was nothing of great import at the annual meeting of the PCC, which was re-elected en bloc, but the observant will have noticed the new apex cross atop the ridge at the west end of the Church, beautifully carved from Caen stone and looking superb. Its identical predecessor was blown down and damaged some time ago, and this replacement is in memory of the late Canon Cosmo Pouncey, who lived here during the last few years of his life. By the time this edition appears, there should be new stonework inside the Church as well, where the crumbling sanctuary step will have been replaced and the iron posts of the communion rail altered, so that their expansion and contraction in future will no longer be able to damage the new stone step.

**The** village celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee are now hard upon us, and no doubt everyone is aware of the lakeside lunch on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and the extravaganza on the cricket ground the following afternoon and evening. Both should be really memorable events, and a report will follow in the next edition of the BVN.



**There** will be a Duck Race on the River Bride on Bank Holiday Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, between 2.00 and 3.00pm, organised by Honor Slade, who is raising funds to support an environmental camp in Kenya which she will be attending in the summer of 2013



## SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

This year, St. Martin's church fete will be held on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June from 2.00 - 4.00pm, in and around the church and village hall.

All are welcome to join us at the main fundraising event for the church.

*The Churchwardens*

## PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who came to help tidy up the village during a dry spell on Saturday morning, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Nine bags of rubbish were collected in just over an hour by 15-20 villagers who mostly managed to make it home before the rain came down again.

*Mary Boughton*

## PLAYING FIELD

We are asking for volunteers from the village again on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June for a planned Maintenance Day in the Playing Field. Jobs to be done are varied with washing down play equipment, painting - both equipment and re-lining the basketball court - cutting back undergrowth, and anything else on the day which will keep the field looking as good as it possibly can. As can be seen below SGVS have entered the Playing Field into the Best Dorset Village Competition, so please come and 'play' your part. Protective clothing should be worn, and it would be helpful if someone could bring a brushcutter, a strimmer, and secateurs, other equipment will be provided.

Please note that children under 16 are very welcome to join in **with** their parents, but this will be entirely at the parents' own risk as the Parish Council Insurance does not cover anybody working in the field who is under the age of 16.

*Barbara Chambers - Playing Field Committee*

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY (SGVS) SGVS PLANNED EVENTS FOR 2012

The full annual programme of SGVS Events for 2012 can now be seen on the Shipton Gorge website at [www.shiptongorge.org.uk](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk) - parish council pages - planned events.



### DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

As previously reported, this will be held on Monday 4th June at and around Shipton Gorge Village Hall. A Marquee + live entertainment will be provided along with tables and chairs. Just bring your own nibbles/refreshments etc.

SGVS would appreciate any kind donations of plates of sandwiches/snacks/nibbles for placement on a 'Diamond Jubilee Day Help Yourself' table.

*Diver - Chairman*

### MORE TUDOR WOMEN

In her third talk in the Bride Valley, Suzannah Dunn – author of four Tudor novels including “The Confession of Katherine Howard” and “The Sixth Wife” – will focus on Mary Tudor and aspects of women’s lives in Tudor times and at court. Suzannah’s two previous appearances have received ‘rave reviews’! The event, to raise funds for the local Womankind Worldwide support group, is at 7.30 on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at Shipton Gorge Village Hall. Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine on the door or to book ring Jo and Carol on 897295 or e-mail [apple.loft@btinternet.com](mailto:apple.loft@btinternet.com) Registered charity no 328206, [www.womankind.org.uk](http://www.womankind.org.uk)



### BEST DORSET VILLAGE COMPETITION 2012

*(Submitted on behalf of SGVS)*

I am sure all villagers will have seen Terry Diver's piece on the Best Dorset Village competition in the May issue of BVN. Perhaps I can add a little more detail as to what the Judges are going to look at in particular.

The Village enters 4 areas to be judged:

- \* The King George’s Playing Field (Trustee the Parish Council)
- \* St Martin’s Church and Churchyard (The Parochial Church Council)
- \* The Orchard (Shipton Gorge Limited)
- \* The Village Hall (The Village Hall Trust)
- \* Special People’s Project – The New Inn (NISL, Marilyn Hewitt and assisted by the FONIs).

The 'Chiefs' (for want of a better word!) of all the Village organisations are aware of our entry.

Judging takes place as from 1<sup>st</sup> May and can happen any time until 31<sup>st</sup> July without warning. The results will be announced in mid September.

Could everyone 'do their bit' in ensuring that when they visit these areas any litter etc is cleared and the areas kept as smart as possible. I am sure various organisations will be asking for help on some days to spruce those locations up.

Shipton Gorge has deservedly won a number of awards from 2007 – 2011 inclusive with a lot of help from the Village. You can play your part in helping to win further awards in 2012: please remember that every resident in the Parish of Shipton Gorge is automatically a Member of the Village Society.

Thank you.

*Simon Cleveland*

## VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

£20	No 94	Sally Parker
£10	No 5	Heather & Graham Cowland
£ 5	No 29	Vicky & Ernie Thomas



## JOHN EPPLESTONE 1931 - 2012

On 20 April 2012 St Martin's Church was full of people come to pay their respects to a man much-loved. With pomp and circumstance befitting a military man, it was not forgotten that John had been much involved with the village as Parish Councillor, Church Warden - and ardent Flower & Veg Show participant!

Janet, Caroline and Faith would like to thank everyone who stayed in touch with John over all the years and all those who helped make his funeral and wake such a splendid occasion. They are also glad that for so many people in the village, the last memory will be of John in his element, at a social occasion in the Village Hall on 21 March: good company, a glass of wine and 1,000 Years of Music.

We will all miss him.

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Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'Press On' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.

*Calvin Coolidge (1872 - 1933)*

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## BURTON BRADSTOCK

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH

FETE

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2012

The Fete planning team plus stall helpers are limbering up ready for the Starting Gun at 2.00pm in the Rectory Gardens.

The Olympics will be a strong theme for this year's Fete with world class performances anticipated from visiting entertainers, stall holders, spending by our visitors, and opening ceremony by Rev'd Bob Thorn.

The Church Fete Committee going for Gold include Liz Orza (897451), Sue Moores (897673), Judy Clark (897051), Sylvia Delves (897358), Alan Clark (897051), Ian Wigglesworth (897083), Jim Rogers (897464) who would be pleased to receive donated items for the Fete including Books, Toys, Games/Puzzles, Wrapped Sweets, Cakes & Preserves, Fancy Goods, Plants & Produce, Wine & Drinks (Tombola), and White Elephant stalls.

Fuller contact details for donations/contributions will be provided in the July BVN.

*Jim Rogers - Church Fete Co-ordinator  
01308 897464 & jae\_rogers@hotmail.co.uk*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Just a reminder for the Flower & Produce Show on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Schedules are available from Burton Bradstock Post Office.

For all you flower & vegetable growers, cooks, photographers, handy handcrafters & arrangers of flowers not forgetting our arable allotmentees, this is the time to get your entries planned for the battle ahead!!!!

Our MEN ONLY class this year is a Victoria Sandwich, recipe provided in the schedule. Do come along and enter the show and join in the fun.

*Sandy Adderley*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

At our April meeting, Dr Lucy Goodison, ably assisted by her husband Carlos gave us a fascinating talk entitled "Holy Trees, Myths and Legends"

Lucy, an Archaeologist and Author, lives in Bridport and as well as being an expert on Minoan Tombs has amongst her many other activities given lessons in Dance Music Therapy in Holloway Prison.

With such wide ranging talents we were not surprised



that she could tackle the subject of sacred trees and the content of her talk was every bit as intriguing as the title. She covered a period ranging from the times of Ancient Greece to the present day and we journeyed with her throughout Europe, North Africa and the Americas.

We were shown many examples of Holy Trees often depicted in exceptional glazed tile work particularly from Spain and Portugal. They were based on visions seen by peasants usually herdsmen or shepherds of the Virgin Mary within a tree holding Jesus either as a child or after the Crucifixion. The trees quickly became places of pilgrimage where people sought guidance or healing.

Icons were placed in the trees and sometimes the Church Authorities of the day tried to remove them but they moved (or were moved) back. In many places the Church took the view “if you can’t beat them – join them” and built churches around venerated trees. In one case the altar incorporated the remains of a very ancient tree.

A sacred tree grew near the village in France where Joan of Arc lived and its existence and the local beliefs were referred to in her trial but she cleverly side stepped attempts to trick her into admitting that she was such a believer.

The ancient Greek legends are full of associations between the Deities and various trees and these were illustrated in a variety of carvings and pictures.

Similar events and stories were spread around Europe and across the Atlantic. For example dead branches grew into trees again in Greece and elsewhere. Here the story of the Holy Thorn at Glastonbury is reputed to have grown from the staff of St. Joseph of Arimathea.

Holy trees often have thank offerings hung in them and they are credited with helping people in many different ways. We were encouraged to be open-minded about such happenings and beliefs.

## OLYMPIC TORCH PROCESSION 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY

The Olympic Torch will be carried through Burton Bradstock on the afternoon of 12<sup>th</sup> July. It will arrive about 4.45pm and be carried by the runners through the village. From about 3.15pm there will be activities on the playing field opposite the Spa shop and the procession can be viewed from there or along the route.

There will be *no parking* anywhere along that stretch of the B3157 including in lay-bys. All residents who normally park anywhere between the start of Barr Lane and Beach Road will be advised later where to move their vehicles for safety. All visitors arriving to watch the procession will be able to park free of charge in the top field of the National



Trust car park which has kindly been made available to the community for the afternoon.

Drivers need to be aware that they will not be allowed to cross the B3157 at any time after it is closed and so they need to be in Beach Road before the closures. Parents collecting children that intend to come and watch and enjoy the festivities need to be aware of where they will park that day after school closes.

More information will be available later but if you have enquiries please ring Jenny Malyon on 01308 898768



## **SHEILA CULLEN**

John Cullen and family would like to thank the very many friends and neighbours in Burton Bradstock for their kind sympathy and support on the sudden death of Sheila.

Burton Bradstock featured significantly in Sheila's life from honeymoon onwards and she was very happy here.

## **SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT NORBURTON HALL**

You are invited to a fundraising event on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2.30-4.30pm. Tickets purchased in advance are £3 and will include music and literary entertainment together with a cup of tea or coffee. Cake and other refreshments will be available for sale.



Tickets collected on the day will be £4. Numbers will be limited, however if the weather is fine the gardens will be open and additional tickets will be made available.

All proceeds will go to the charity Shelter in memory of John Surry.

*Contact Karen Venn 01308 897007*



## **BURTON BRADSTOCK SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB**

The Burton Bradstock Short Mat Bowls Club reached the final night of its 2011/12 season with Treasurer, Peter Colbert, presenting the singles championship shield to Colin Clark and the doubles shield to Joyce Kiley and Jim Rogers.

The Club was able to look back on another successful year. Evenings had been well attended by members not just from Burton Bradstock, but from other villages in the Bride Valley. More often than not three mats have been in play, and as much emphasis has been given to the game as well as having an enjoyable time.

The new season starts at Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.00pm. New members are always welcome and are invited to have a couple of free taster sessions to see if it is for them.

# BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE FAYRE

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012 from 2.00pm

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will once again be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June - this year as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Lots of stalls, games and snacks, with plenty for children and adults to do. And a Royal visit is rumoured.

All proceeds towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. Any queries to Graham Moody 01308 897817.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

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



## 200 CLUB, MAY 2012 DRAW

WDDC Licence no: SLO080

Congratulations to the winners:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£41.20	No114	Mrs Andrea Wilkinson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£20.60	No 71	Mrs Sheila Spencer-Smith
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10.30	No 65	Mr Geoff Adderley

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the June-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £7 - one pound for each of the remaining 7 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

## CANTABILE

- harmony & humour a cappella style

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Cantabile will be performing their show at Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Cantabile first came to prominence in the Tim Rice musical *Blondel*. Since then they have toured worldwide, released 15 albums and made countless television appearances building a reputation as one of the finest vocal groups in Britain today.

Tickets are available from Burton Bradstock Post Office, by telephone, 07796302539 or by email, [burlonlive@allelectricproductions.co.uk](mailto:burlonlive@allelectricproductions.co.uk)

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When I was young I was amazed at Plutarch's statement that the elder Cato began at the age of eighty to learn Greek. I am amazed no longer. Old age is ready to undertake tasks that youth shirked because they would take too long.

There are three rules for writing the novel. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.

*W. Somerset Maugham*

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# PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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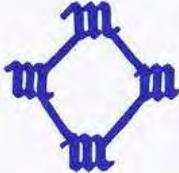
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## ST MARY'S, PUNCKNOWLE

CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

June 3<sup>rd</sup> on at 9.30am .

All are welcome to attend this special service before the street party and other celebrations.

## FETE

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July.**

Puncknowle Manor Gardens – by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Wild. Put the date in your diary NOW. Come and enjoy the lovely atmosphere, stalls and entertainment.

Do start collecting toys, books, bric a brac, good quality used clothing, baking cakes and nurturing plants.

Donations of fruit for jam making to Liz Slater.

Many thanks to those who have already offered to help.

We need as much help on the day as possible so if you would like to get involved, contact Geoffrey Fry on 898068..

*St Mary's Church, Puncknowle*



## HOLY TRINITY, SWYRE.

### THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

At the meeting in 15<sup>th</sup> April, David Buckland was re-elected as one Church Warden. The position of second Church Warden remains vacant. Other officers will be elected at the first PCC.

As the only Church Warden it is important that the burden is shared, and David will be grateful for continued help from all members of the church. Although the grass in the churchyard is kept cut by our grass cutters, we are still seeking help from the community with other tasks around the church and churchyard. If you could spare a little time to help please contact David on 898 492. The care of the churchyard is particularly important at the moment as Swyre has been entered for the Best Kept Village competition, and churchyards are part of the inspection. Ours is a very pretty and peaceful place and it would be good to see it having some extra care.

## TRINITY SUNDAY EVENSONG.

3<sup>rd</sup> June 6.30pm

This is a very special Sunday for us as our church is dedicated to the Holy Trinity. This year we will be celebrating with a full sung Evensong at 6.30pm. Jean Thorn will be conducting the service, and Janet Lane with the Bride Valley Ladies Choir will be leading our singing, which will include the anthem 'Rejoice in the Lord alway' by Henry Purcell. The service will be followed by refreshments in and around the church. We look forward to welcoming all from the village, around the valley and even beyond, so please spread the word and bring a friend or neighbour with you. Come and rejoice in the Lord!

*David & Yvonne Buckland*



## ROY TAYLOR

On April 4<sup>th</sup> Roy Taylor of Tudan Teki, West Bexington, died in Dorchester Hospital aged 82. His funeral service was held at Loders Church on the 18<sup>th</sup> April and he is buried there. He is survived by his widow Evelyn.

Roy purchased the plot for this house in 1960 and had it built between his many working years in Nigeria and Bermuda and Gibraltar. He was a Senior Construction manager for Taylor Woodrow, where he had trained as a young man and for whom he worked until retirement.

Roy was born in Loders, where his family had lived for many years. He was a member of The Wessex Road Club and had an awesome collection of cycling awards from his younger days, including one for cycling across the Sahara Desert!

Now at rest.

## ANOTHER



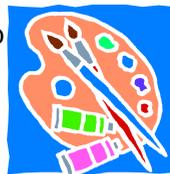
Just to let everyone know that £540 was sent to Marie Curie Cancer Care in memory of my husband John Bennett, so many, many thanks to all who made donations.

*Carol Bennett*

## PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

We had a morning of 'hints and tips' when members shared their acquired knowledge. This was very useful and showed that we have learnt something over the years. At our workshop, Annabel Wilson brought us her supper to paint in the guise of 'A Spring Still Life', 'And what about the vegetables?' - 'Oh they'll have the same?'

We would like to say thank you to everyone who came to our exhibition and bought plants. It was a lovely sunny day and the light streamed into the marquee, showing the wonderful colours of the paintings. Everyone who came seemed to enjoy the event.



On June 8<sup>th</sup> we meet in the hall but on 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be painting outdoors.

*Christine Molony*

## BOOK CLUB

All members enjoyed the novel set in Nigeria - the story told by a fifteen year old girl about her family, and extended family. The differences between her father's fanatical Roman Catholic faith and the traditional tribal religion of his father, and his sister's family who were able to accommodate both were interesting, as were descriptions of the different foods eaten, the contrasts between rich and poor, the plants and flowers, the political background - and much more - were educational.



Our next choice is "The Catcher in the Rye" - going back to a book published in the 1950's by J. D. Salinger - I wonder what we will think of it now!



## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The June meeting will be on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Anyone who would like to join the club, or has not ordered their lunch for that date, please telephone David on 01308 897492.

## AFTERNOON TEA

The Lunch Club has extended its services to an Afternoon Tea on The First Tuesday of every month from 3.30-5.00pm.

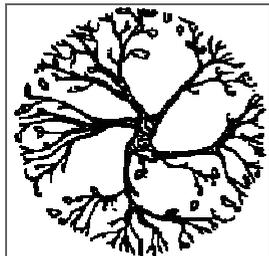


This is open to all whether or not they are members of the Lunch Club. The charge will be £2 per session which will include tea and cakes and go towards the cost of hiring the hall.

Do come along on Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> (Jubilee Day) and on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Sue Brown 897953 to book a place or to offer help.

## PUNCKNOWLE, HISTORY/ FAMILY HISTORY

The Group will be at an event at the Bull Inn, Swyre in the afternoon of Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June, to share family and local history.



Along with the history group will be Les and Lesley Keatley who will be at the Bull Inn from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June, hoping to share information, stories, photos, etc. They are also happy to help and advise anyone (and also willing to listen to anyone). They will be able to do lookups (free) and checks in our own records and hopefully be able to build on the Family Tree Map that



we have started. Please contact Debbie Legge on [debbielegge@hotmail.com](mailto:debbielegge@hotmail.com) or the Bull Inn Swyre for more details.

## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

**FISH AND CHIPS**, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 6.30pm in Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall. Please order in advance from [debbielegge@hotmail.com](mailto:debbielegge@hotmail.com)

**STREET PARTY** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 12.00noon-3.00pm, in Hoopers Lane, Puncknowle for residents of Puncknowle, Swyre, and West Bexington. Please bring a sweet and savoury dish on a paper or plastic plate to share. If you want to sit down please bring a seat!!

Please leave your car at home, but parking will be provided in the village, please look for signs. If it rains it will be held in the Village Hall.

For more information contact [debbielegge@hotmail.com](mailto:debbielegge@hotmail.com)

And don't forget the afternoon tea on June 5<sup>th</sup>, which will also have a Jubilee "flavour".

## PSWB VILLAGE HALL



### APRIL 2012 WINNERS

Sue Taylor	£15
Carol Bennett	£10

If you are interested in joining the 100 Club please contact me on 897318 or at 3 Green Barton, Swyre. Cost is £18 per year.

*Sid Marshall*

<h2>LONG BREDY</h2> <p>VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: CAROLINE MORRISH-BANHAM TEL: 482757 EMAIL: <a href="mailto:mark_banham@btinternet.com">mark_banham@btinternet.com</a></p>	
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## LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

Results for April

£25	no.70	Brian & Ann Peppiatt
£15	no.64	Caddy Sitwell
£ 5	no.57	Margaret Elliott

## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

At the time of going to press, our plans to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June are still being finalized but everything is coming together and looking good!



Our day will start with the ringing of the bells of St Peters around 10.00am followed by a service at 11.00am where we hope to have a large congregation to start our celebrations.

Many activities are planned to take place during the day including a prize for the best decorated house and/or garden (in appropriate colours for the occasion).

There will be a display of photographs in the Village Hall from 11.00am to 2.00pm with tea and coffee available and at noon, the children will have the opportunity to paint a mural of the village under the guidance of Val Shepherd for later display in the hall for all to see.

From the hall, we move to the main street for a 'stream pageant' of home-built boats starting at 3.00pm and hope that there will be many interesting entries!

The remainder of the day will centre on the playing field starting with a street-style tea-party at 4.00pm accompanied by music from a barber shop quartet, the planting of a Royal Oak sapling to commemorate the occasion, followed by entertainment, games and community singing.

Please help us to make this a day to remember, as happened for the Golden Jubilee in 2002.

For the latest information about the event, please contact Andrew Bailey on 482293.

## BEYOND THE VALLEY

### LEIGH VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday 21st July, 2012, 10.00am-4.00pm



***Barbecued Hamburgers & Sausages, Refreshments, Ice cream,  
Beer and Cider will be here!***

***Entertainment includes children's activities,  
cookery demonstrations and Musical Entertainment***

**£2 Adults Children under 15 Free**

Taste and buy some of the best food and drink on offer from local producers. The Stallholders will include:- Alweston Jam and Chutney Empire, Dorset Blue Cheese and Soup Company, Easy Beans, Fudges, Leakers Bakery, Longmeadow Organic Vegetables, Lovingtons' Icecream, Olivesetal, Reads Coffee Roasters, Sherborne Castle Estate Wines, Somerset Cider Brandy Co., and White Post Gate Honey. A variety of interesting cars & motorbikes will be on display. There will also be Flower Displays in St Andrew's Church.

## GOOD BOOKS

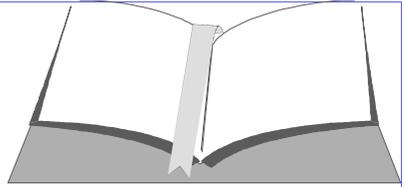
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Home of: Bridport Book of Hours, Threads of Hope,  
Pathways to Care (Bridport & District Good Neighbours & Hopeful Hampers).

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



It will be opened by Julian Temperley creator of Somerset Cider Brandy Company.

The proceeds will be split between Yetminster Pre-School, The Rendezvous in Sherborne, Leigh Village Hall and St Andrew's Church, Leigh.

This is proving to be a very successful show, AND will, of course, be in our amazing Village Hall. Please spread the word to your friends and relations – it really is a day NOT to be missed.

For full details got to

[www.westdorset.com/site/whats-on/leigh-village-festival-2012-p976973](http://www.westdorset.com/site/whats-on/leigh-village-festival-2012-p976973)

Organiser: Mrs Elizabeth Turnbull (Tel/Fax: 01935 873846), [julian.turnbull@virgin.net](mailto:julian.turnbull@virgin.net)

## LAST CALL FOR BRIDPORT MUSIC-ATHON!

**Saturday 9 June 2012, Bridport United Church, East Street, 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 include: Bucky Don't Ukelele Band, Rock Island Skiffle Group, Bothenhampton Handbell Ringers, Holy Trinity Bradpole Music Group, RC Music Group, Dorothy Collins, Caitlin O'Farrell, Harry Britton, Lauren Glover's students, Pete Milson, The Singamijigs, Wynne Hughes, Steve Jones and many more. Please call in and swell the audience on the day – homemade refreshments too! More details: [jo@jovian.co.uk](mailto:jo@jovian.co.uk) or 01308 427851.

## COFFEE MORNING

in aid of the Uparo project: 30th June 9.30am onwards at Bridport United Church, East Street.

Refreshments, stalls, Table-tops available. Contact Veronica Ziegler 862542.

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There are  $10^{21}$  stars in the galaxy. That used to be a huge number. But it's only a hundred billion. It's less than the national deficit! We used to call them astronomical numbers. Now we should call them economical numbers.

*Richard Feynman (1918 - 1988)*

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## ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

**Beware all donations!**

*The Rectory  
St. James the Least*

*My dear Nephew Darren*

*This has been an unusual month: we have moved from hysterical excitement to deep disappointment within the space of days.*

*For many years, our vestry has displayed an oil painting generously donated by the dowager duchess of Stansby – given to us, I suspect, because her son, the tenth Duke, would not allow it in his house. It was supposed to depict Daniel in the lions' den, although I always thought it looked more like a prospective adopter visiting a dog rescue centre. The dowager was less than pleased when it wasn't made the centrepiece in the sanctuary, but we managed to persuade her that her exceptional work of art would be safer from theft if locked away.*

*Our cleaner happened to knock it off the wall. If it had landed in her bucket of disinfectant and been totally destroyed, it would have been a sadness I suspect I could have learned to bear. But something more interesting happened. Some of the dowager's oil was chipped off – to reveal a painting underneath of what looked like a cherub.*

*The cleaner told the churchwarden, who instructed her not to tell anyone about the find. This inevitably meant that, within the hour, the entire parish knew of the discovery of what had already been transformed into a priceless pre-Raphaelite treasure. Our churchwarden has yet to learn the fact that if you tell someone something in complete confidence, they assume it means they can only tell one other person at a time.*

*By evening, mutually opposed camps had already formed. Miss Timmins wanted the treasure to be placed in a side chapel, as a shrine, preferably with candles permanently burning beside it. She envisaged St. James the Less becoming a place of pilgrimage and that this yet-to-be revealed cherub may work miracles of healing. She was already asking for opinions about where the car park should be built to cater for the thousands of tourists who would soon be flocking here. Another group*

wanted to sell it as soon as possible and use the money to repair our church tower. A third group insisted the fortune it would raise be given to African missionaries. Meanwhile, the tenth Duke was consulting his solicitors to see how he might get the canvas back to his castle.

We compromised by getting the thing X-rayed, to see what work of art lay underneath. It turned out to be by a local artist who had painted an advert for the village pharmacist to sell his own brand of gripe water.

Shrines, towers and good deeds were quietly forgotten and the last we heard of the tenth Duke was that he was consulting a second set of solicitors to see if he can get out of paying the first set for the work they had done to retrieve the painting.

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.*



## THE “JUNE GAP”

Tradition tells us that “the March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers” and that, despite the best efforts of climate change, still seems to be very much the order of things. But what happens then? Well, even though you may not have noticed it, there is often a dearth of flowers for the next month or so to the extent that honeybees often have no flora to forage because not all flowers are of any benefit to insect pollinators such as the honeybee.

The benefits to beekeepers of many of the highly decorative flowers seen in gardens up and down the country are limited as, in order to achieve their decorative effect, they have been bred specifically and have often sacrificed their nectaries in order, for example, to create an extra row of petals. In the wild, plants need to attract pollinators so that fertilisation may take place and that the species continues to flourish. In the case of many of the decorative flowers and certainly the F1 hybrids, the nurseryman or plant grower has displaced nature – the plant reproduction is done by mankind.

And so, we look to the range of flowers to which honeybees in particular are attracted – mostly





wild flowers though some agricultural crops are also beneficial, and we find that mostly the spring flowers, for example, dandelions, cherry, sycamore, apple, plum and pear are all over and gone by May. Oil seed rape may hang on a little longer though many of the current varieties which are grown are claimed to be self-pollinating and not needing insect pollinators. During June there is very

little in the way of flora for any self-respecting honeybee to get excited about and they have to wait until the blackberry (in many parts of the country a major honey producer), rosebay willow herb and lime trees come into flower. It can often be well into June before any of these make an appearance.

The dilemma for beekeepers is what to do about this situation. Many of the spring flora produce a honey which is rich in glucose which causes rapid granulation; beekeepers often want to remove this spring crop as quickly as possible to avoid having to extract honey which is set like concrete. But if all of the spring honey is removed at the end of May, will the bees have enough stores remaining if they are unable to win any income during June? In a bad year, typically a summer which is cold or wet where, even if the bees choose to venture out, there is little for them to forage and starvation may not be far away. And this can have a knock-on effect as, if there is no income, the colony will reduce the rate at which they feed the queen, she in turn reduces her egg laying rate or goes off-lay altogether leading to a shortage of bees to carry on the work when the late summer flowers appear.

The solution to this problem which many beekeepers adopt is to feed their colonies during this period. We are disinclined to do this as the artificial feed, sugar syrup, can easily get mixed up with the summer nectar if it has not all been used. An alternative approach is to remove less of the spring honey, leaving some of it for the bees to survive on, and then monitor the colonies carefully to ensure that they are not approaching starvation. The objective after all is for the colonies to maintain maximum strength to take advantage of that main summer nectar flow when it comes.

The apparent changes in our weather patterns, whether due to climate change or not, reinforces the need to align our beekeeping to the environment and the weather rather than to the calendar. There is an old adage in beekeeping that the right time for the first colony inspection of the year is when the flowering currant is in full flower and another that says it should be done when one can stand in shirts sleeves for 10 minutes without getting cold. Both of these bear truth as some years it can occur in late February (as this year if you can remember it) whilst in others it happens as late as early April. All good stockmen know that livestock cannot be kept just by the calendar alone and will read the signs which our environment offers.

Ruth & Ian Homer

# SUDOKU

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### THE SAINT & THE MONSTER

St Columba, whose feast day is 9th June, was born in Ireland and came to Scotland to be a 'pilgrim for Christ'. He founded a monastery on the island of Iona in 563. The monastery at Iona became a centre of learning and many missionaries were trained there. Columba carried the message of God's love throughout Scotland and monks from his monastery carried the message into England.

St Columba wrote a number of hymns and is said to have transcribed, or written out by hand, some 300 books in his lifetime.

And what has he got to do with a monster? Well, it wasn't the Loch Ness monster but a monster that was living in the River Ness. St Columba is said to have driven away this monster who was attacking a swimmer, with the sign of the cross and the words "Thou shalt go no further, nor touch the man; go back with all speed."

### MONSTER MUNCHIES

75 g (3 oz) margarine  
3 normal size Mars Bars  
(thinly sliced)  
3 large tea cups Rice Crispies  
100 g (4 oz) chocolate cake  
covering (melted)  
Grease and line a swiss roll tin.



In a heavy based saucepan, gently melt the margarine. Add the Mars Bar pieces and stir until no lumps are left.

Take the pan off the heat and stir in the Rice Crispies – adding more if the mixture will take it. Spread the mixture in the tin and press it down evenly with the back of a spoon.

Cover with the melted chocolate and leave to set. Cut into 24 bars when cold – or cut into less bars if you are feeding a very greedy monster!



How does a  
monster count  
to 17?

On it's fingers.



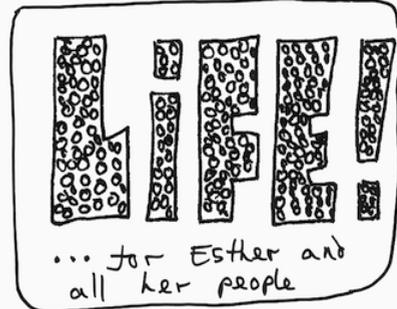
# A true Queen



Esther was a Jewish orphan who became a Queen. Her Jewish cousin refused to obey an order to bow to one of the King's officials. In revenge he tricked the King to order all Jews to be killed. Only Esther could stop this genocide – but it meant risking her life. She fasted, prayed and pleaded to the King. The result: a miracle – life for herself and all the Jewish people.

**Do you face a difficult decision? Can you be a true "Queen" like Esther?**

Read more in the Book of Esther.



# WANTED - YOUNG POETS!

## ARE YOU UNDER 11 YEARS OLD, AND COULD YOU WRITE A POEM?

Calling all children of 7-11! Could you write a poem. If so, the Bible Reading Fellowship would like you to send it to them. Your poem can be about anything that you feel is important in your life or in the world around you. Poems should be between 8 and 16 lines long and need to be submitted to Sue Fulford at [sue.fulford@brf.org.uk](mailto:sue.fulford@brf.org.uk) or by post to 15 The Chambers, Vineyard, Abingdon OX1 4TB by 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012. That gives you only a few weeks, so get writing...

The best two poets will receive a copy of Poetry Emotion, a book of poems by a modern poet, Stewart Henderson. (Barnabas in Schools, £6.99)

To help get you in the mood, here is a poem from his book.

Let's start off with a story  
about a strong man with long hair  
who sadly came a cropper—  
and there's more! It's all in there

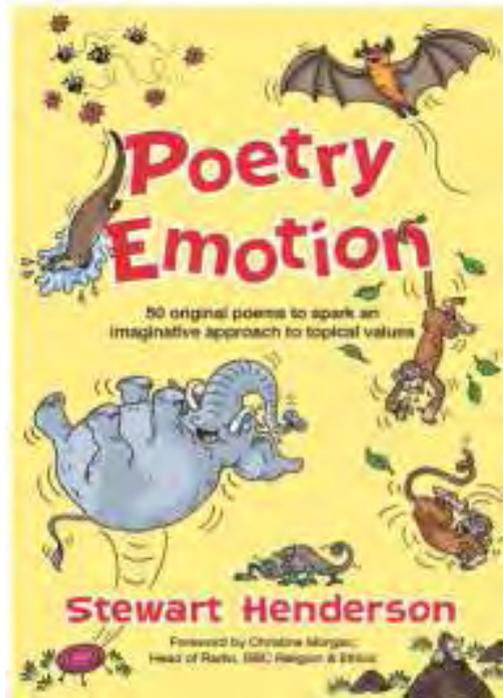
with its tale of talking donkeys  
and fables hugely weird.  
There are miracles concerning  
how the disappeared appeared.

There are epics in which tyrants  
get well and truly bashed,  
and a fee-fi-fo-fum giant  
who ends up pebble-dashed.

There are grudges and predictions  
and stairs up to the sky.  
There are desert walks to freedom  
watched by the camel's eye.

There are contrasts, visions, legends:  
Mary's kiss, The Holy Grail.  
There's also 'inter-active'  
in the belly of a whale.

There is courage as a shepherd  
sees off a prowling bear.  
There are tales of magic cities  
where there's peace. It's all in there...



## SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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The only thing that scares me more than space aliens is the idea that there aren't any space aliens. We can't be the best that creation has to offer. I pray we're not all there is. If so, we're in big trouble.

*Ellen DeGeneres*

You can't connect the dots looking forward, you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something: your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. Because believing that the dots will connect down the road will give you the confidence to follow your heart, even when it leads you off the well worn path.

*Steve Jobs (1955 - 2011)*

# DIARY OF EVENTS: JUNE 2012

Fri	1	9.45 Yoga	LATCH
Sun	3	13.00 Jubilee Village Picnic 19.00 One World Worship	Lakeside/Village Hall, Littlebredy Othona Community
Mon	4	14.00 Duck Race on R. Bride 17.00 Jubilee Extravaganza 19.15 Zumba 20.30 Zumba	Littlebredy Cricket Ground, Littlebredy Village Hall, Puncknowle Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	5	14.00 Bride Valley Knitting Group 15.45 Afternoon Teas 19.30 Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council 19.30 "The Hearties" Meeting	Ourganics, Litton Cheney Village Hall, Puncknowle Village Hall, Puncknowle Bridport Christian Fellowship Hall
Wed	6	19.30 Eastern Valley Home Group 19.30 Book Club	phone 897068/629 Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	7	9.30 Church Working Party 14.30 BV Guild of Health Meditation 17.30 Yoga	St Mary's, Litton Cheney Othona Community Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	8	10.15 Art Club: Outdoor Painting	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Mon	11	16.00 Pilates 19.15 Zumba 20.30 Zumba	LATCH Village Hall, Puncknowle Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	13	19.30 Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	14	13.30 Water Colour Class 17.30 Yoga 17.30 Zumba	LATCH Village Hall, Puncknowle LATCH
Fri	15	12.00 Tots & Prams Service 9.45 Yoga	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock LATCH
Sun	17	14.15 Family Afternoon Service	LATCH
Mon	18	16.00 Pilates 19.30 BVGC: "Roses Old & New"	LATCH Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	19	9.00 Burton Bradstock Volunteer Group 12.30 Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club 12.30 PSWB Lunch Club 14.00 Bride Valley Knitting Group 19.00 Bride Valley Youth Club	Reading Room, Burton Bradstock Village Hall, Puncknowle Village Hall, Puncknowle Ourganics, Litton Cheney LATCH
Wed	20	19.30 Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	21	10.00 BV Guild of Health Quiet Day 13.30 Water Colour Class 17.30 Yoga 17.30 Zumba	Othona Community LATCH Village Hall, Puncknowle LATCH
Fri	22	10.15 Art Club Outdoor Painting 9.45 Yoga	LATCH
Mon	25	16.00 Pilates 19.15 Zumba 20.30 Zumba	LATCH Village Hall, Puncknowle Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	27	19.30 Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	28	13.30 Water Colour Class 17.30 Yoga 17.30 Zumba	LATCH Village Hall, Puncknowle LATCH
Fri	29	9.45 Yoga	LATCH
Sat	30	14.00 BVGC Annual Flower Show	LATCH



## SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: June 2012

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June Trinity Sunday Diamond Jubilee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June Barnabas the Apostle	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June Trinity 2	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> June Birth of John the Baptist
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	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
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (Said)	11.00 Morning Worship 6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Chilcombe</b>			6.30 Evening Prayer	
<b>Swyre</b>	6.30 Even Song + Choir	11.00 Holy Communion (by Extension)	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion
<b>Puncknowle</b>	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Communion 5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion (by Extension)	11.00 Family Service
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by Extension)
<b>Long Bredy</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship	
<b>Littlebredy</b>		11.00 Holy Communion (by Extension)		11.00 Holy Communion