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## THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

ST MARY THE VIRGIN: Burton Bradstock    ST MARY: Litton Cheney

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy                      CHILCOMBE (*Dedication unknown*)

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge                      HOLY TRINITY: Swyre

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### WEEKDAY SERVICES, FEBRUARY 2013

Fri	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thur	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Long Bredy

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

**13<sup>th</sup>    10.00am    PUNCKNOWLE, HOLY COMMUNION**  
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES  
**10.00am    BURTON BRADSTOCK, HOLY COMMUNION,**  
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Thur	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thur	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	22 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thur	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Swyre



### WHAT AM I TO DO WITH MY OLD BIBLES?

That was the question of my last month's letter, inviting suggestions - but respectable ones I should have added.

I mention two of those proffered. The first of which was to put my old bibles on the internet. Not on an internet shopping site, you understand, lest there be complaints about missing pages, but on the internet itself, as if floating on a lattice of interconnected strands of living communication; books bent like super villains on global domination. I was not keen.

My preferred option was that I should take the pages and cover the walls with them, as someone had once seen a room papered with sheet music.

Collage is when shapes or images are put side by side to set them to complement or to contrast. Montage is when shapes and colours are placed over each other so that they appear as if from depth through each other to the surface. This sounded moiré fun, and anyway I have lots of pages. The idea is that I can put up the paragraphs layer upon layer so that they might, over a wide surface, suggest some word or image from within the structure. It might be clear, but it is more likely that I will have to imagine my way into what I see and then interpret to the waiting world the mysteries revealed.

And so the question for next month is that of what I might expect to find. Perhaps some dreadful word of judgment for having so blasphemously dealt with holy writ. Or perhaps, because it is holy writ, there will be vouchsafed a beautiful revelation, or a message for our life and times. Even as I write I reach excitedly for the glue pot, which I have already carefully blessed as a precaution.

Bob Thorn.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### FUNERALS



The funeral of the late **BRENDA CHENEY** was held on 13<sup>th</sup> of December at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. A friend of many years, Sue Thompson gave the address, remembering the sadness of Brenda's life in the loss of her daughter Ruth, and later her husband Gordon, with whom she ran the garage in the village.

Sue remembered happy times as well, when Brenda had money and enjoyed the spending of it on clothes and her garden. Many from the village, and family from near and far came to give thanks for her life. The Church service was followed by a ceremony at Weymouth crematorium.



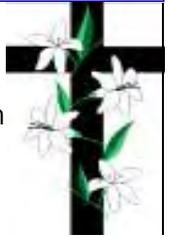
The funeral of **BERYL HAINES FOX** of Burton Bradstock was held at Weymouth crematorium on Monday, the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2012. She had died just a few short months short of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Leading the mourning were her sons, Peter and Robin, and their respective wives, Eve and June. Paul, one of her 5 grandchildren spoke of her long life and her devotion to her family. One of the hymns we sang at her request was, Now the day is over, a childrens' hymn not sung so much these days, but taking us back in musical time to a little girl in Sunday school learning to sing in the faraway days before the first world war. To be there was a privilege. To have lost her was a great and evident sorrow to the family.



On January 10<sup>th</sup>, following a ceremony at Weymouth crematorium in the morning, a thanksgiving service was held at noon. **DAVID GEORGE FULLARTON TAYLOR** was Churchwarden at Litton Cheney, a good and faithful man and a much loved and respected member of the community.

Before he and his wife, Wendy, had come to the village they worked for the B.B.C., David as producer of many of the game shows that are household names to us now. He loved gardening and adored cricket among his many enthusiasms. He was a school governor at Thorner's, a bell ringer and a moving spirit in the building and development of the Communityhall in the village.

St Mary's, Litton Cheney was full for his funeral, at which his son Andrew Taylor and his daughter, the Revd. Jo Neary spoke beautifully, amusedly, lovingly and respectfully of their Father. The Revd. Anthony Ashwell led the prayers, and we all sang rousingly, "Thine be the glory, risen conquering son". And we missed him, very dearly.



The deadline for the B.V.N. comes too soon for me to be able to write of those funerals that, as I write, are to happen shortly. And so I mention arrangements that are made for:



the late **DAVID WILLY** whose funeral will be on 11<sup>th</sup> of January at St Martin's, Shipton Gorge.

**SUSAN MCDONALD ROBERTS** of Puncknowle, arrangements for whom have been made for the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month.

and arrangements are also being made for the funeral of the late **JUNE NEALE** of Burton Bradstock.

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

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## CHURCH OF ENGLAND RESPONDS

### TO PM'S SAME SEX MARRIAGE STATEMENT

Published on the C of E website 7.12.2012

<http://churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2012/12/church-of-england-responds-to-pm%E2%80%99s-same-sex-marriage-statement.aspx>



Responding to the Prime Minister's recent statement on same sex marriage, the Church of England issued the following statement:-

“It is important to be clear that insistence on the traditional understanding of marriage is not knee-jerk resistance to change but is based on a conviction that the consequences of change will not be beneficial for society as a whole. Our concern is for the way the meaning of marriage will change for everyone, gay or straight, if the proposals are enacted.

“Because we believe that the inherited understanding of marriage contributes a vast amount to the common good, our defence of that understanding is motivated by a concern for the good of all in society.

“The proposition that same-sex relationships can embody crucial social virtues is not in dispute. To that extent, the Prime Minister's claim that he supports same-sex marriage from conservative principles is readily understandable. However, the uniqueness of marriage is that it embodies the underlying, objective, distinctiveness of men and women. This distinctiveness and complementarity are seen most explicitly in the biological union of man and woman which potentially brings to the relationship the fruitfulness of procreation.

“To remove from the definition of marriage this essential complementarity is to lose any social institution in which sexual difference is explicitly acknowledged. To argue that this is of no social value is to assert that men and women are simply interchangeable individuals. To change the nature of marriage for everyone will be divisive and deliver no obvious legal gains given the rights already conferred by civil partnerships.

“We believe that redefining marriage to include same-sex relationships will entail a dilution in the meaning of marriage for everyone by excluding the fundamental complementarity of men and women from the social and legal

definition of marriage.

“Given the absence of any manifesto commitment for these proposals - and the absence of any commitment in the most recent Queen's speech - there will need to be an overwhelming mandate from the consultation to move forward with these proposals and make them a legislative priority. In our view the Government will require an overwhelming mandate from the consultation to move forward with on these proposals and to make them a legislative priority.

“We welcome the fact that in his statement the Prime Minister has signalled he is abandoning the Government's earlier intention to distinguish between civil and religious marriage. We look forward to studying the Government's detailed response to the consultation next week and to examining the safeguards it is proposing to give to Churches.”



## ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

***On why rural church-goers like to freeze in church***

*The Rectory  
St. James the Least*

*My dear Nephew Darren*

*Winter certainly exposes the difference between those of you who live in cities and us rural folk. While you bask in your centrally heated flat, with every modern convenience that could be imagined and complain about the half an inch of slush that makes your life so inconvenient, we country folk wear overcoats in our houses, open all doors and windows to let the heat in and battle through snow drifts, measured in feet, to get the morning paper.*

*Colonel Wainwright has acquired a new toy: a snow blower, of sufficient power that I believe it could clear the Antarctic. He kindly volunteered to clear the paths around the church. Working outwards from the church door, the path to the church soon became snow free. Unfortunately, he only realised when his job was complete that the blown snow then formed a ten foot drift under the lych gate. We now have to climb over the churchyard wall and negotiate buried gravestones before we can reach his pristine paths.*

*Miss Margison, ever helpful in the worst sense of the word, decided to unfreeze the pipes in the church hall. A blow torch was not the ideal solution, although the resulting burst did make some rather attractive ice sculptures round the*

kitchen equipment. The village badminton team that uses the hall has now temporarily changed sport to ice hockey.

Inevitably, congregations have soared. There is nothing like adversity for making people want to prove they have the moral fibre to overcome it. Much satisfaction seems to be obtained on discovering who has not dared venture out, which is taken as judgement on their strength of character. The Prentices upstaged most people by arriving on a sleigh. Mr Prentice was warmly wrapped in a travelling rug, while his wife pulled it. As her husband explained, he couldn't possibly let the pony work in such conditions.

What I momentarily thought was applause during my sermon was merely people keeping their hands warm and the hymns were drowned out by the stamping of feet. Our organist complained that the cold made his fingers so numb that he couldn't play properly - although I didn't notice that things were much different from normal.

No, my dear nephew, you continue to fret about your church heating dropping to temperate from tropical and a few flakes of wet snow obliging you to close your car park for health and safety reasons. We shall continue to triumph heroically over adversity and return home after Mattins, knowing we have proved our Christian commitment in being utterly uncomfortable.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

## VALLEY NOTES



### BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

### BRING & SHARE LUNCHES FOR 2013

The Bring and Share Lunches are open to all who live in the Valley and also to visitors of the villages in the valley. It is an informal event held in Burton Bradstock Village Hall a few times a year for a time of food and fellowship together following our church services throughout the valley. There is no charge, all we ask is that you bring along a plate of food to put on the buffet table to share with others. Tea and coffee are provided.

If you would like to join us then make a note in your diary of this years dates - they are: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May,

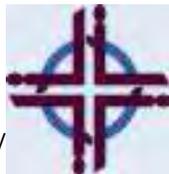


Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

People usually start to arrive from 12 noon and we begin to eat at 12.30pm. Do join us if you can: you will be made most welcome.

Lesley Dove - 01308-897695

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FROM FRANCE



This year the special annual service will be held at The Unitarian Church, Chapel in the Garden, South Street, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30 am. This is an important service of unity with more than 180 countries across the globe as we all come together in prayer.

All people (not just women!) are welcome at this special service from France on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Let's take this opportunity, in some small way, to join with others across the world, as we come together in prayer and praise, to share in the theme "*I was a stranger and you welcomed me*".



## TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE

An informal friendly service for all tots, babies and bumps, followed by refreshments and playtime, is held at St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock on the second Friday of each month at 2.15pm during term time. You're all welcome this month on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. For any questions please contact either Audrey on 897227 or Heather on 897780.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

John Lay-Flurrie came to the January meeting not only to talk about puppets, but to introduce some from his collection. His friend Jack (a ventriloquist's dummy) sat in the President's chair. Puppets of all shapes and sizes, from many countries, some old, some new, were passed around as John reminded us of puppets we knew and showed us others, such as Javanese shadow-puppets, which were not at all familiar. It was a most unusual and interesting presentation enjoyed by all.



The Reading Group's "Book of the Year" was "*The Wedding Officer*", by Anthony Capella; "*One Day*" was runner-up. The Walking Group are hoping for drier weather and less mud, and the tapestry and craft group plan to make party hats from old Christmas cards.

At the February meeting, Clive Groves will speak on "*Trekking the world of plants*".

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

## PORTESHAM SURGERY NEWS

Drs Baird, Fowler and Beale are looking for feedback on the service we provide you. Last year we established a "Feedback Group" of interested patients, who helped us to compile the survey questions and took part themselves in the survey. You can see last year's results by going to our website: [www.porteshamsurgery.co.uk](http://www.porteshamsurgery.co.uk) and clicking on the Patient Feedback Group button.



Members of the feedback group are emailed around 4 times per year to ask for ideas about questions to include in the survey, with the survey itself, and with the report and action plan based on the survey results. We are particularly interested in having more representatives under the age of 54, as this section of our population was not so well represented in last year's survey.

If you would like to be part of the feedback group this year, please email [portesham.feedback@gp-j81609.nhs.uk](mailto:portesham.feedback@gp-j81609.nhs.uk), telephone us on 01305 871468 or fill in a leaflet next time you are in the surgery. We are running this year's survey during February and you can complete it online (via the link on our website) or request a paper copy from the surgery.

We really appreciate your involvement in helping us provide the best possible healthcare. Thank you.

## THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

It seems a long time ago now but I have to mention our **Nativity**, which was brilliant and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience and the children. The children sang, danced and performed very confidently. We raised £125 for the Weldmar Hospice.



In the week before Christmas, we had our **traditional tea party** to thank all who come and help us in school. We greatly value their contribution which so enriches the children's learning. The very wet weather meant that we had our **carol service** in the hall instead of in church. All sang in good voice and enjoyed mince pies very kindly provided by the TSA.

**Music:** All children who learn keyboard in school performed in an informal concert in the school library. It was wonderful to see the children, many performing to an audience for the first time, play with such confidence.

Bredy have started a term of weekly clarinet lessons – very exciting for them!

Chesil have been enjoying **board games with Grandparents**; thank you to all the grandparents who have been coming in.

**Sport:** Our netball team took part in the pyramid tournament, Bredy

are learning TriGolf and Eggardon have 7 weeks of swimming at the Bridport Leisure Centre.

*Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher*



## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

The children returned to school at the beginning of January full of life and eager to start the new term. The very successful Christmas Fayre organised by the Friends of the School and the delightful Christmas performance at St Mary's Church have become a distant memory.

The Spring Term, although a short term, is a very busy one in school. The younger children in Key Stage 1 will be working around the topic of 'Homes and Buildings' and the older children in Key Stage 2 will be working on geography/history projects - 'Our Environment' (Years 3 & 4) and 'Invaders and Settlers' (Years 5 & 6); alongside the other curriculum subjects.

Our theme for collective worship during January and February is 'humility'. As a school we will be reflecting on ways all members of the school community are encouraged to serve one another, how we are empathetic and sympathetic to the experiences of others and how the ethos of the school helps to create children and adults who are confident to ask for help and to receive help from others.

The Friends of Burton Bradstock School are hard at work organising fundraising events. An event that is coming up shortly is a Beetle Drive that is being held in the village hall. Please see the advert for more details. We hope that some of you will be able to join us at this fun event.

*Claire Staple, Headteacher*

## FLEDGLINGS NEWS

Happy New Year to all – first apologies to Kim Pearse, who did actually take over as Chair from Vanessa Vicary last term. Thanks Kim.



The last committee meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> December and the next one will be held during the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> February. Exact date and time to be confirmed.

New topics for this term will be connected with science based on children's interests and they might even do some experiments!

The next major Fund Raising Event will be **"A Bit of a Do"** again on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May – a new date for the diary.

Term dates: we finish for half term on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and return on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February and Spring Term ends on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Fledglings Pre-school is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time, and children can stay for a hot lunch, or bring a

packed lunch. For further information about Fledglings Pre-school please contact Fiona Evans, Manager, on 01308 482410 or check out the website [www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk](http://www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk)



## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Bride Valley Gardening Club starts its 2013 season in March with a topical talk on Growing Vegetables. At this meeting we will be providing details of the 2013 annual programme which we think will prove to be very interesting and includes talks on bulbs, one on clematis and another on 'Trekking in the Himalayas through a Nurseryman's Eyes'.

### JOBS TO DO IN FEBRUARY (weather permitting!)

Prepare seed beds for vegetables and warm the soil with cloches. Sow some early vegetables indoors or under glass for planting out under cloches next month. Sprout early potatoes. Lift and divide mint plants. Start dahlia tubers into growth. Prune jasmines and late-summer-flowering clematis. Start tender perennials into growth under cover. Sow sweet peas, if not done last month, and pot up those sown in autumn

*Ed Atyeo (Acting Chairman) and Cilla Jones (Acting Secretary)*

## TRAIDCRAFT - FAIR TRADE

A big thank you to all who ordered, purchased and supported TRAIIDCRAFT - FAIR TRADE goods over the past twelve months. I have once again been able to forward £100 to Charities, the accumulation of the 10% discount which I receive on the orders.



The stall is always in St Mary's Burton Bradstock on the second Sunday of the month. I am always delighted to take it elsewhere in the Valley.

*Liz Orza - 1308-897451*

## BridportNEWS

I have been appointed the 'Down Your Way' correspondent for the Bridport News - I would like to hear from anyone living in Burton Bradstock and the Bride Valley that has any interesting village news, issues or events going on, or any society or organisation that has an event to promote that they would like to see endorsed in the Bridport News 'Down Your Way' page.

Please contact me with any items of interest or forthcoming events - either telephone me, Kaz, on 01308 897709 or send information to my e mail at [kazmbroad@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kazmbroad@yahoo.co.uk)

Looking forward to hearing from you.

# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

## BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH.

### Advance Notices:-



Following the change of Landlord at the Three Horseshoes the following dates for the **SOCIAL EVENINGS** in **2013** have been agreed with the stand in Landlords: -Monday January 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday March 25<sup>th</sup>: Dates for future meetings have yet to be agreed with the Permanent Landlord and will be advised when the New Landlord is in place. Please let Jim Reeves or Basil Dent know if you are attending. (897091 or 897125)

The **ANNUAL DINNER** of the Branch will be held at Bridport Golf Club on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February, at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Please put this in your diary so that we get a full turn out. Please contact The Secretary if you want a form for your choice of menu and I will arrange to get you a copy.

A reminder to all members that we are still in need of a Chairman of the Branch, any volunteers will be welcome.

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 myself, or Basil Dent on the above telephone number for more details.

*Malcolm Lawrence Secretary (898616)*

## ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

*We will remember.....*



**Frederick David WILLY** (Portesham). Formerly a farm manager up until the time of his life-changing accident involving farm machinery in 1990, David was a familiar sight in and around Portesham in his wheel-chair. Athletic build helped him to propel himself around the village where we were always pleased to meet him and have a chat. Despite his adversity, he could be relied upon for a smile and an amusing take on the affairs of the day.

**Murray ORGAN** (Abbotsbury). Branch President from 1999 to 2004 and loyal supporter of successive Branch Chairmen, Murray also certified the branch accounts for a number of years. He had an air of authority, was highly respected and readily drew an audience for the benefit of his words of wisdom. Irrespective of advancing years he never lost his interest and enthusiasm for the Branch and the Royal British Legion.

*To both families we offer our sincere condolences*

The pre-Christmas '**Evening of Gentle Jazz**' was well supported and enjoyed by foot-tappers and dancers alike - courtesy of Mill Street Band. £377 was raised for the Poppy Appeal as a result.

On 7<sup>th</sup> February we visit the Pavilion Theatre, Bournemouth for “**One Night in Vienna**” (fully booked, but there is a waiting list). Coach pick-ups as follows: Abbotsbury Square 5.25pm, Frys Close 5.30pm, Portesham Green 5.35pm, Steepleton Pond 5.45pm, Martinstown 5.50pm, London Road, Dorchester 6.00pm.

The Branch **Annual Lunch** will be held at Highlands End Leisure Centre, Eype on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. The venue will add to the sense of occasion - don't miss out on this pleasant social event. Book your place with the writer at your earliest convenience.

Indicate your choice of menu when booking and whether you will require transport. Open to non-members.

On 4<sup>th</sup> April we welcome Richard White at Portesham Village Hall to talk to us about "Dorset Expeditionary Society Expedition to Kenya."

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, an **8 Day Tour of Tuscany & Umbria, Italy**. Privately organised and escorted by Des Baker for the benefit of RBL Poppy Appeal & 'Dors to India'. Coach travel to/from Gatwick, British Airways flights, 3\* half-board accommodation, local guide accompanying daily excursions to Florence, Pisa, Pienza, Montepulciano, Siena, Obviator, Assisi and Perugia, all for only £995 per person (in a shared room).

Fully detailed itinerary available from Des Baker. Plenty of seats available at the time of writing. (As a result of the Kent Tour 2012, £350 was donated to the Poppy Appeal)

*Des Baker, Entertainments Chairman (01305 267617 or email [aveswood@sky.com](mailto:aveswood@sky.com))*

## REGISTER FOR BROADBAND

Superfast broadband for Dorset would seem to be a year or two away so why should we worry about it now? No contractor has been appointed, so we don't know what we will get or when it will happen, but there is something you can do right NOW! Something which will help all rural internet users - you, your neighbour and the whole community. Dorset County Council is running an on-line survey aimed at giving potential providers, such as BT and Fujitsu, information concerning the sort of demand for Superfast Broadband in each area around every exchange and all villages. The more people who answer this survey, the better the service we will get because the contractor will be aware of the potential demand for the Superfast service. It doesn't cost you to do this - it is a survey to determine your intentions and wishes, not a form to sign up to the new service. That will be coming from your present service provider and competition should mean it won't cost any more for a substantial improvement in speed and service. Even if you are lucky and are getting an adequate service for your needs now, think about those in our community who live in black spots and cannot get proper broadband. If we can persuade the contractors to give us all an upgrade,

they will get the greatest benefit. What you think is good now will not seem so good in a few years' time when those in the towns will have got something better and we won't. The contractor will only pass by here once, so register for yourself, your family, for your neighbour and for the Bride Valley. Go on line at: [www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast-dorset/register-interest](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast-dorset/register-interest) fill in the survey and do something really important today – and then go and get your neighbours to do the same!

## BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

### THE ARTIST

at Litton & Thorners Community Hall.  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> February Cert. PG 1.5hrs.

*'a beautiful homage to the early days  
of cinema'.*

A visually stunning film, the Artist is set in 1920's Hollywood. George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) is the stereotypical silent movie star. When he bumps into young Peppy Miller (Bérénice Bejo) in front of on-looking press photographers, the flash bulbs spark a hunger in the aspiring actress which drives her rise to stardom. Miller's career flourishes in the new world of 'talkies' cinema but Valentin's star wanes and his pride forces him down the road to ruin. With a little help from Uggie the jack russell, *The Artist* tells the story of their interlinked destinies.



Visually, the film is stunning – each frame is crisp and beautifully contrasted by cinematographer Guillaume Schiffman, winner of 5 Academy Awards.

PLEASE NOTE: the film is in black & white with a music only sound track.

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

Look out for more film details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Despite the attractions of a meeting of Rotarians from the brown estate in Annings Lane, it was reassuring to find that there were enough bikers left in the village to produce a full house for “An Epic Motorcycle Trip by Two Upwey Women”, given by Sheonagh Ravensdale and Pat Thomson at

the December meeting of the BBVS.

The pair had made a motorcycle journey through Central America, the West Coast, to Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Burma, Thailand, Laos and Cambodia. Their commentary, in couplets, and reminiscent of Psalm 119 (just as long, only more interesting and with nigh on 150 slides), held us to the last and induced a sense of timelessness, of space, and of a very long journey: many of us were soon whispering, “Where did they get their petrol?”

After Panama, they reached El Salvador, missing the eruption of a volcano by a week. In Honduras hundreds of bikers congregated to get their bikes blessed, while up the spine of Mexico, in a car park, they discovered literally millions of Monarch butterflies resembling Autumn leaves. In Xilitla was the concrete garden built by the English aristocratic nutter, Edward James, described by even Salvador Dali as “strange”. Copper Canyon, bigger and deeper than the Grand Canyon, was followed by Ojo de Liebre where Gray Whales give birth.

From camping in Tokyo and a diversion to plant rice with a Korean farmer, their visit was completed by Hiroshima and Nagasaki with pictures of the ruins of the Town Hall. Korea provided an irresistible snapshot of Pat’s (harmless) fall from her motorcycle.

Malaysia, they said, is the most bike-friendly country in the world; Thailand is lovely, said Sheonagh, provided you stay away from the flesh pots. They visited the site of the Bridge on the River Kwai and one of several Burmese camps housing 100,000 refugees, none marked on any official maps. Not far from the Ho Chi Minh Trail, outlines of casualties were taped to the road surface.

We were treated to a brief overview of eating-out in the various countries visited: crickets, BBQ rat, scorpions and seahorse. It was amusing to see pictures of eye-watering mechanical aids available to those using a water closet in Cambodia.

The talk raised money for Motorcycle Outreach, which enables motorcycle health workers to gain access to remote areas of rural Indonesia.

The Committee is fortunate to have two bikers amongst its members; Bourne-Taylor (Vincent-HRD) was persuaded to give the vote of thanks. He remarked that he was glad to learn that branches of the Ace Café were still to be found in remote places, that those present now knew how to park a bike on a steep hill and how to avoid having to bung a Managuan traffic cop. Next BB Village Society Talk:

Local theme - “Secret Places of West Dorset” by Louise Hodgson on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February. (Please also make a note of 15<sup>th</sup> March - on the Arab Spring - and 19<sup>th</sup> April - on the London Blitz - in your diary)

John Grantham

# ROBIN HOOD



**Burton Bradstock Players**

present

## ROBIN HOOD

### A Pantomime

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An amateur production in arrangement with  
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**From Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb till  
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Every evening at 7.30pm plus  
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Tickets £7 (£5 for children 16 and under)

Available from Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> onwards at  
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## Beetle Drive

Organised by The Friends of Burton Bradstock  
Primary School who are raising funds for the  
development of the school playground



**On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**7.00 - 9.00pm**

**At Burton Bradstock Village Hall**



**Entry is £5 per head to include refreshments  
There will also be a raffle and a bar available**

Tickets are available from the school office or the Post Office.  
Please contact the school office or a member of the 'Friends' for  
more information.

# SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

The bells rang out and villagers and visitors filled the festively decorated church for this year's Carol Service. St Martin's in candle light was very atmospheric and as the carols selected were old favourites and the congregation familiar with the words, everyone seemed happy enough to share the service sheets and torches. The ambience was added to, by the lights of the magnificent Christmas tree which was so kindly donated by Paul and Jan Sorrell. After the service, the congregation was rewarded for singing so heartily with mulled wine and mince pies dispensed by Gary and Jo in the village hall.

Thank you to everyone for contributing to this lovely occasion.

*Phyl & Janet - Churchwardens*

## ST MARTIN'S ELECTORAL ROLL

If you wish to be included on Electoral Roll which has to be renewed this year, would you please contact Linda Buck on 898278.

## KEY ROTA

We know that villagers and visitors alike appreciate the church being open during daylight hours. However, we do need some more volunteers to take a turn on the locking and unlocking of the door. If you are able to do this, for one or even two weeks, please put your name on the list in the porch. Many thanks.

*PCC*

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY AGM

This will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013, starting at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

## CHRISTMAS TREE (outside The New Inn)

SGVS wishes to thank 'Big' Bob and Jean Ayers (Suppliers to Villagers of Eggs and Lamb) for their kind donation of the Christmas Tree placed outside The New Inn throughout December and early January.

We would also like to thank Marilyn (The New Inn Landlady) for the free supply of electricity lighting the Tree.

## POST XMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Thank you to all who gave their Xmas Tree to SGVS for WDDC disposal. Although we only had 25 trees collected by WDDC - they are giving us £25!

'Every little helps' (in the words of that well known supermarket chain).

## **QUIZ + SUPPER (FISH/CHIPS)**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

This will be our first Event of 2013 and run by Simon Cleveland.

Tickets are £6.50 from Sally Parker on 01308 897168. Please bring your own refreshments.

## **EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR 2013**

All our Planned Events for 2013 which were printed in the Jan 2013 BVN are also now listed on the SG website ([shiptongorge.org.uk](http://shiptongorge.org.uk)) - *Parish Council* pages.  
*T Diver - Chairman*

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the village hall. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Many thanks to Shipton Gorge Village Society for organising the bulk collection of Christmas trees, on behalf of the Parish Council, following the festivities. Altogether 25 trees were collected by West Dorset District Council, which was an excellent result for a small village. WDDC are paying £1 per tree collected and this will be passed to the Village Society to boost their funds. Thanks to Richard Cunningham for allowing his car park to be used for the storage and to Simon Cleveland for organising the collection so efficiently.

## **SPONSORS NEEDED**

I am running the London Marathon in April this year and am looking for sponsorship for my chosen charity, even if you can only spare a pound or two. I am running for the UK based charity called Sense who help deaf blind children. You can take a look at the work they do on their website which is [www.sense.org.uk](http://www.sense.org.uk)



I had seen their advert on TV a few times and the sight of those children who can neither hear nor see really got to me and I felt I had to do something to try and make their lives a little better. So I have taken it upon myself to run those 26 miles and hopefully raise a fair amount.

Donations can either be made via my "Just giving" page which is [www.justgiving.com/sarah-bullen1](http://www.justgiving.com/sarah-bullen1) or to me direct at home. My address is 10 Home Farm Way, Shipton Gorge, DT6 4TA.

Thank you in advance for any support and I will be in touch again once I have completed the marathon to let you know the final total raised.

*Sarah Bullen*

## LITTON CHENEY

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### ST MARY'S CHURCH

At the time of writing the congregation are in deep shock following the sad death of Churchwarden David Taylor and hasten to send their condolences to Wendy, Jo and Andrew. No doubt a future edition will contain a report of his Memorial Service.



*(See "From the Registers" this month - Ed.)*

On a happier note the PCC is pleased to report that the collections at the Christmas services enabled them to send £200 to each of the two local charities – the Pilsdon Community and Footprints. Thank you to all who attended those services and gave so generously.

Monthly churchyard working parties resume for 2013 with the first on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30 am.

## LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

### ALLOTMENTS

See separate notice at end of village section

### POTHoles

You do not need to go far these days to find potholes which seem to be littering the roads of Dorset as a result of the continuing wet weather. Please do not wait for someone else to report it. Go to the Dorset for You website [www.dorsetforyou.com/](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/) where you will find a telephone number and email address so as to report the matter.

## LATCH

### DAVID TAYLOR

No doubt elsewhere in this worthy organ you will have been informed of the sad and untimely death of David Taylor, Church Warden of St Mary's and a Governor at Thorner's School. David was also Deputy Chairman of the LATCH committee and had been involved with the hall since the very beginning, raising funds, building the hall and then ensuring it all ran like clockwork.

David, together with his wife, Wendy, devoted much time and effort to ensuring the hall functioned properly, was maintained, bookings were efficiently dealt with and events well managed. LATCH has lost a true and

dear friend who will leave a giant gap that will be very difficult to fill.

## EVENTS AT LATCH FOR FEBRUARY

**Zumba** continues on Thursdays 18.00 - 19.00pm

**Yoga** continues on Fridays 9.45 - 11.15am

**Village Café** : 10.30 - 12.30 Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

**Film Night**: "The Artist" 20.00 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> (Doors open 19.30). See Valley Notes.



## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Village Carol Singing was most enjoyable and successful with a cheque for £250 going to Julia's House. Many thanks to all who helped with singing, donating, and providing refreshments en route. For the first time in 3 years the weather treated us relatively kindly, but we always appreciate the refreshments provided by Chris and Irene, David, and Cassie.

Thanks also to Brian, John and Pete for erecting the Christmas tree on the triangle. Not to mention all those helpful people who gave us advice as they passed by. A hot toddy would be much appreciated next year! The tree looked very good, and certainly added to the festive spirit.

The New Year's Day walkers were very surprised to spot a strange glow in the sky. Apparently it was a phenomenon called the SUN. Whatever it was it certainly enhanced a great view of the valley as we walked on the hills above and blew away the cobwebs.

The next event will be the **DUCK RACE** on Easter Sunday.

We are very pleased to welcome Helen Jones onto the committee.

*Ron Davidson. 482661 LCSC*

## LITTON CHENEY ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

The Litton Cheney Allotment Society was established in February 2008 when land was made available to villagers at the southern end of the playing fields. We have 12 plots, approximately 10m x 8m each - small enough to manage in an hour a week - large enough to grow fresh produce for the family.

Some plot holders share free range chickens which are let out to roam for a few hours most days. They make happy companions as they potter and fuss around as we tend our plots.

It is a wonderful location to work in.

**There are presently 2 plots available.** For more information please contact Alison Dunbar, Secretary, 01308 482376; [dunbar.alison@gmail.com](mailto:dunbar.alison@gmail.com)

*A lot of people mistake a short memory for a clear conscience.*

*Doug Larson*

## LITTLEBREDY

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**THERE WERE** several villagers at St. Mary's Church in Dorchester shortly before Christmas, for the funeral of **DAVID FRY**, formerly of Foxholes Farm.

He had remained a regular visitor to Littlebredy after his retirement from farming, especially once his long period of devoted caring for Doreen had ended when she died earlier in 2012. He was a welcome guest at our 2012 Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper, and will be much missed.

We send best wishes and sympathy to his four sons (who all grew up here) and their families in their loss.



**ON A MUCH** happier note, we also send all best wishes to **RORY BATE**, who will marry **AMY BRIGHTWELL** at Mount Edgecombe House near Plymouth on the 16<sup>th</sup> February. We trust their married life will be both long and happy, and that we shall see them together in the village before too long.

**“WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?”** is the theme of the Social Club's first event of 2013, which will take the form of a glamorous (black tie and smart dress) evening of romance in the Village Hall from 7.30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Entry will be strictly by ticket (£5.00) purchased in advance from Mandy Wilkinson (482525) or any other committee member. The £5.00 will entitle you to a cocktail on arrival and supper later on. Further details should be on posters and on a flier which should be inserted in this magazine for Littlebredy readers.



## VILLAGE WEBSITES

*giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc*



[www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk)

[www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk)

[www.shiptongorge.org.uk](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk)

[www.puncknowle.net](http://www.puncknowle.net)

[www.swyre.org.uk](http://www.swyre.org.uk)

[www.westbexington.org.uk](http://www.westbexington.org.uk)

[www.littlebredy.com](http://www.littlebredy.com)

# BURTON BRADSTOCK

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## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Been shopping? So what do you do with the coppers? These small denomination coins are not of great value and can make your purses or pockets heavy. A worthwhile solution is to use one of The Children's Society home boxes. Putting together these small amounts, donated by many people, contributes to the work amongst vulnerable children in the UK. You can read about this work on [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk) where recently the focus has been on childhood poverty and runaway children (a child runs away from home/care every 5 minutes in the UK).



This year we have received £518.43 from our box holders to send to the Society and on its behalf we say, "thank you". If you haven't already got a box, please consider having one. It could make all the difference to a child.

Our candle-lit **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** was a welcome event during a damp, miserable December afternoon. As well as children and parents from the school, it was good to welcome some of our village supporters of the Society. In the darkened Church, we celebrated that Christ came to be the light of the world as the children lit their Christingles and held them high. This was followed by our usual party where there was plenty to eat, fun and games and a visit from Father Christmas. Thank you to the very many who helped in so many different ways with this event. The collection from this was £ 66.75 and the school children's December candle boxes added £13.66 to this.

Our last event of 2012 was our **CAROL SINGING** round the village. The rain kept away until the very end and our 30 strong village singers produced a sound which was judged by some of the listeners to be the best ever in recent years, and raised a total of £175.21. Our last carols were at 'The Shoes' where we were very kindly treated to some welcome refreshments. Thank you on behalf of the Society, to singers and givers. Well done!

The total amount sent to the Society for 2012 was £794.05.

*Pauline Woodford (898327)*

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Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized life.

Immahuel Kant, 1724 - 1804

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# BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308 897648)



**“200 CLUB”** WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners of the January

2013 Draw

1	£41.60	No 129	Mrs Margaret Oldridge
2	£20.80	No 14	Mrs Janet Tolputt
3	£10.40	No 57	Mr Matthew Taylor & Ms Susan McRae

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the February-

December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £11 – one pound for each of the remaining 11 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

## VILLAGE HALL AGM.

The Village Hall Trust held its AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> January, with a pleasing attendance from Village people interested in the Village Hall future.

The meeting received a short presentation by the Chairwoman, Susan Moores, covering the investments made in the hall during 2012, including a new ceiling mounted film quality overhead projector, enhancements to the sound system, stage curtains and refurbishment of the Hall floor.

This was followed by an update on the financial position of the Hall Trust, which remains healthy.

The main agenda item of the night involved the election of replacements for Susan Moores (Chairwoman) and David Edwards (Bookings Officer) who are both standing down.

Both Susan and David were involved in setting up the Village Hall Trust to take over the running of it from the WI in 2004/5. Since then they have both worked tirelessly to both raise funds and oversee a long list of major improvements to the hall which have made it the well equipped, much used facility which forms the heart of most Village activities today.

The incoming Chairman, Richard Ferré, offered them both heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Village and wished them well on their next venture. Both received a warm round of applause from attending Villagers.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK FLOOD PREVENTION

As I write this (early January) we seem to be having some respite from the extreme wet weather of 2012 when flooding, once again, became a major concern in the village. Unfortunately, with the ground still waterlogged there is no guarantee that flooding will not continue to be an issue during 2013, so everyone in the vulnerable areas of the village should be prepared if we experience more heavy and prolonged spells of rain.

To help prepare for such an event, should it happen, I have arranged

for a supply of filled sandbags to be situated in the village for those residents at risk of flooding. These are currently situated behind the wall to the right of the village hall.

If your home is at risk and you require sandbags please help yourselves, if you need assistance or have other flood related concerns please feel free to call me on 897358. *Keith Delves (Flood Warden)*

## PARISH COUNCIL

The Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Reading Room at 7-30pm.



### “WILDLIFE CHAMPION” AQA AWARD SCHEME VOLUNTEER TRAINING

An opportunity has arisen for an exciting new volunteer training programme aimed at raising awareness of the natural environment and empowering your nominated volunteers to take a lead in environmental issues within the parish.

You can find more details on units and how to register on the following website:- [www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife%20champions](http://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife%20champions) or via Fel Moore Parish Clerk on 01308-459001 or email: [fel\\_moore@hotmail.com](mailto:fel_moore@hotmail.com)



### “CHURCHILL”

Our next event will be a one man show in the Village Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February, when Pip Utton will present “Churchill”.

Those of you that saw his “Dickens” show will remember that he has the remarkable ability to ‘become’ the characters he represents. This show has been seen in various countries in Europe and has had great success and good reviews.

*“Utton is the doyen of the Fringe one man show...” Daily Telegraph.*  
*“takes you to a history that we must not and will never forget...”*  
*Theatre Paradijs (Nederlands premiere)*

Put the date in your diary NOW !

*Norman Saunders-White, promoter for Artsreach, Burton Bradstock, 01308 897214*

## FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

The Friends have now taken over the library on a community basis and are now running this with volunteers. We are looking for a volunteer building manager and anyone interested should contact Bob Hynds on 01308-898339.

For those members and patrons who have kindly paid their subscriptions for the current year membership cards



will be available in the library from 1<sup>st</sup> February. If you would like to become a member or a patron then application forms, together with “gift aid” forms, are available in the library.

thank  
you!

## BETTY STARKEY

was delighted to see so many friends at her 100th Birthday Party!

She would like to thank you all for your good wishes and birthday cards.



## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE.

Christmas will seem a long while ago by the time you read this, but we were pleased to see a good congregation for our Christmas Eve ‘Midnight’ service, and it was lovely to have so many stay afterwards to enjoy mulled drinks and mince pies

with us.

Epiphany Carols of Praise was a smaller gathering, but nevertheless we enjoyed singing eight of our favourite carols in a ‘Songs of Praise’ format, followed by much chatter over Tea and Epiphany Tart. It was lovely to welcome friends from Burton, Litton, Puncknowle, Sipton and elsewhere at both of these Christmas services.

## LOGS.

There are still a few logs left in the churchyard by the stream if anyone in the village would like to collect them for their own or a neighbour’s use. We have been grateful for the donations received so far for logs collected. This has in some small way helped to defray the considerable cost of the tree felling.

*Yvonne and David Buckland*



## ST MARY’S CHURCH, PUNCKNOWLE

Thank you to all those who came to sing carols, read and put the animals in the crib at our candlelit Carol Service. Many thanks to those who donated mulled wine and mince pies for afters the service.

The Carol Singing on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> raised £120 in aid of Charis House

(Alabare Christian Care & Support) and ReRun. It was an unusually dry, mild night. Perfect for singing round the village before we stopped at 'Merlins' for some welcome refreshments. Thank you John and Mary. Unfortunately the weather then changed but we managed a bit more singing in the rain before we had to give up and head for home. Thank you to those many who joined us singing and to those who gave so generously.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

10.00am on 13th February.

This will be a Holy Communion Service with the Imposition of Ashes. All are welcome to join in this special service.



### **PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB**

The February 2013 lunch will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall, Puncknowle, 12.30pm for 1.00pm. Any member who has not already ordered their meal or wishes to cancel a meal should telephone Ken Martin on 897622 before Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February..

### **PSWB VILLAGE HALL**



Results of the December/Christmas Draw

Barbara Harper	£75
Carol Bennett	£25
Valerie Martin	£15

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

This was held in Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall on Sunday afternoon of 9<sup>th</sup> December, where there were stalls including Chocolate Tombola, Cakes and produce, Gifts and games. There was also mulled wine and refreshments including home made mince pies which were enjoyed, as well as Santa's Grotto where younger children could visit our very own Santa and receive a present. The hall had been decorated and the atmosphere was joyful – there were lots of donated raffle prizes and some lucky winners.

A big **THANKYOU** to anyone who helped decorate, donate, or give their time to help on the day. We did raise £230 towards the upkeep of the hall so thank you to all who came along and spent their money too.

Many went on afterwards to enjoy the Carol Service in church afterwards.

## BOOK CLUB

The latest book was called *"The Last Weekend"* by Blake Morrison – which was televised in play form recently. This was a modern novel to which members could relate much more easily, with excellent plot, plenty of dialogue and characterisation (Thanks, Cindy). Set over a long weekend, it was a chilling story of a rivalrous friendship, as told by one of the main characters, which led to irreversible and horrifying consequences.



Our next book is going to be *"Burning Bright"* by Tracy Chevalier.



## ART CLUB

Many thanks to Jennifer who hosted our Xmas party and to Philippa for organising the quiz. A very good time was had by all. The coming year will see more events and workshops. New members are always welcome. Our meetings in Feb. will be on the 8th - venue to be decided, 22nd we meet in the village hall.

*Christine Maloney*

## LONG BREDY

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## ST PETER'S CHURCH

What a joyous Carol service was held at St Peters on the Sunday before Christmas. The singing by the children, the music playing, candles, stars and refreshments. A huge thank you to the 'production team' and all who contributed in so many ways.

The collection of £270 has been given to the Three Ells Trust, a children's cancer charity based on Portland, to help the family and the children.

## LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

Winners of the December 2012

£25	no. 130	Mike Felce
£15	no. 99	Duncan Chamblor
£ 5	no. 79	Caddy Sitwell

and of the 2012 'Superdraw'

£100	no. 11	Giles Maltby
£ 70	no.111	Win Reed
£ 35	no.19	David & Ruth Cullingford

## BEYOND THE VALLEY



### COMPTON VALENCE SNOW DROPS

#### VILLAGE HALL LUNCHEES & TEAS

From Monday 4th- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, open daily (weather permitting) 10.30am -3.30pm, come and walk or drive through our beautiful village and see the stunning white drifts of snowdrops. (The village hall is below the church by the red phone box)

If possible please ring Pippa James 01305 889338 or Tessa Russell 01308 482 227 to book so we can cater accordingly. Pre booked guests will take priority as the hall is small. In bad/icy weather we may not be open.

Please be considerate of our village/verges etc when parking or ring us to discuss your needs so we can advise you where to go. We look forward to seeing you.

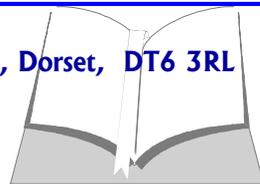
### GOOD BOOKS

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Opening hours: **Mon, Tues, Thurs. 9.00am-1.00pm,  
Wed & Fri. 9.00am-3.00pm, Saturday. 10.00am-12.00noon.**

### SNOWDROP SUNDAYS AT MAPPERTON – HALF PRICE!

Mapperton Gardens will open to visitors half price on two 'Snowdrop Sundays'. A variety of early spring flowers and flowering trees and shrubs can be seen, including a display of snowdrops in the spring garden, hellebores and – perhaps – crocuses.

The gardens, featured recently in *Country Life*, will be open on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 11.00am till 5 00pm. There will be teas, coffees and cakes (no lunches) in the Sawmill Café and a selection of plants and gifts.

Entrance fee this year will be half price, at £3.00 for adults and free for children; the proceeds will go towards garden maintenance and the National Gardens Scheme.

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I was to learn later that in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganizing; and what a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency, and demoralization.

*Petronius Arbitr*

# FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



## Mouse Makes

God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread." But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, **"Human beings cannot live on bread alone."**

Then the Devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. "I will give you all this power and all this wealth, it has been handed over to me and I can give it to anyone I choose. All this then will be yours if you worship me." Jesus answered,

*The scripture says,*  
**"Worship the Lord your God and serve only him."**

Then the Devil took Jesus to the Temple and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here. For the scripture says, 'They will hold you up with their hands so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'" But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, **"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."**

But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, **"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."**

READ  
Luke 4: 1-13

## THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After he was baptised Jesus returned full of the Holy Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the desert where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. In all that time he ate nothing, so that he was hungry when it was over.

The Devil said to Jesus, "If you are

THE DEVIL SAID:  
"If you are God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread."

JESUS REPLIED:  
**"Human beings cannot live on bread alone."**

read Deuteronomy 8:3



WE LEARN:  
**Read the Bible  
Learn God's word.**

THE DEVIL SAID:  
"If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, the scriptures say God will take good care of you"

JESUS REPLIED:  
**"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."**

read Deuteronomy 6:16



WE LEARN:  
God cares, **trust** Him  
do not test Him.

THE DEVIL SAID:  
"I will give you power and wealth if you worship me"

JESUS REPLIED:  
**"Worship the Lord your God and serve only him"**

read Deuteronomy 6:13

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WE LEARN:  
Put God **first**  
Worship **only** Him



Cut out the three cards  
and during Lent learn  
the bible verses



## ASH WEDNESDAY

13<sup>th</sup> February

The date of Ash Wednesday changes each year according to the date of Easter. The earliest possible date for Ash Wednesday is 4 February and the latest possible date is 10 March. So this year it is quite early.

It is called Ash Wednesday because of the church service where palm crosses kept from last year are burnt and their ashes mixed with water to make a paste. This paste is used to make the sign of the cross on peoples' foreheads.



For Christians these ashes are a symbol of being sorry for things that they have done which make God sad. It is

also a reminder that we are all mortal.

The mark of the ashes on the forehead shows as a sign of our commitment to Jesus Christ and God. And it reminds us that we are saved through Christ's death and resurrection.

## FIRE & ASHES



All of these Bible questions have answers to do with fire or ashes... answers at the bottom of the page

1. Who saw a burning bush in the desert? (Exodus, chapter 3)
2. According to Isaiah chapter 58, what should you wear with ashes when you fast?
3. In the second letter of Peter, what cities does he say were turned to ashes?
4. How did an angel cook a cake for Elijah? (I Kings, chapter 19)
5. In what year did the seraph touch Isaiah on the mouth with a live coal? (Isaiah, chapter 6)
6. Where was Peter when he heard the cock crow? (Luke, chapter 22)



### Which English King invented the fireplace?

Alfred the Grate.



1. Moses
2. sackcloth
3. Sodom and Gomorrah
4. he baked it on hot stones
5. in the year that King Uzziah died
6. While sitting by a fire in the courtyard of the house of the High Priest.

# SUDOKU

*Solutions on page 67*

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# DIARY, FEBRUARY 2013

Mon	4	19.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	5	15.30 Afternoon Tea	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	5	19.30 Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	6	19.30 Book Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	6	19.30 Burton Bradstock Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Thu	7	9.30 Church Working Party	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Thu	7	14.30 BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Thu	7	18.00 Zumba	LATCH
Fri	8	10.15 Art Club	??
Fri	8	14.15 Tots Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Sat	9	19.30 Artsreach "Churchill"	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Mon	11	19.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	14	18.00 Zumba	LATCH
Fri	15	19.30 Valentine Evening	Village Hall
Fri	15	19.30 BBVS "Secret Placs of West Dorset"	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Mon	18	19.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	19	12.30 Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	20	15.30 Afternoon Tea	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	20	19.30 BBP "Robin Hood"	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Thu	21	14.30 BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Thu	21	18.00 Zumba	LATCH
	21	19.30 BVFilms "The Artist"	LATCH
Fri	22	10.15 Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Mon	25	19.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	28	18.00 Zumba	LATCH

## SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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Don't throw away the old bucket until you know whether the new one holds water.

*Swedish Proverb*



## SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: February 2013

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 3 February Presentation of Christ	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10 February Sunday before Lent	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 17 February Lent 1	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 24 February Lent 2
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Morning Worship  6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (by Extension) 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer  6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Sipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship 6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Swyre</b>	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion
<b>Puncknowl e</b>	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Communion 5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
<b>Long Bredy</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship	
<b>Littlebredy</b>		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion