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WEEKDAY SERVICES, MARCH 2013

Friday	1 st	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday	4 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	6 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	7 th	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	8 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	11 th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wednesday	13 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	14 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	15 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday	18 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	20 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
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Thursday	21 st	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	22 nd	9.00am	Shipton Gorge



FROM THE RECTORY

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A RESOLVE FOR LENT

I am at the end of the quest to discover what I should do with my old bibles. A decision has been made, or to put it more accurately, it has made itself. My sole contribution, I am glad to say, has been one of inertia born of indecision. I am going to keep them.

I am keeping them for when I find that I have lost my new bible. They will be there as a long stop for when I have taken a service up the Valley and have left my bible on the desk from which I have just been taking the service – along with my glasses, my diary and my common sense.

When I get home I will not have to turn round and go and fetch my new bible: there will be my old ones waiting for me. I will not mind that they are tatty, or even that some pages are missing (they must be around here somewhere). They can stay on the shelf still being of some partial use, if telling only part of the truth can still be described as being truthful. In the meanwhile I have solved my problem.

It may be observed that far from solving the problem I have delayed, denied and dodged it, but I beg to observe in return that the old bibles are not doing any harm for the moment, and anyway, if it ever comes to it, Jean will probably step in and dispose of them for me.

Bob Thorn.

Once I make up my mind, I'm full of indecision.

Oscar Levant

Indecision may or may not be my problem.

Jimmy Buffett

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS



FANNY CURRAN hailed from Blackburn, having been born there in 1927. She married the late Fred Curran, and the couple moved to Long Bredy in 1952 with their growing family. They all suffered the shocking loss of two of the boys, both at the age of 19. Douglas was killed in a freak farming accident in 1966, and then Paul was killed by a drunk driver in 1980. Fanny's funeral was held in St Peter's Long Bredy on Friday 8th February, where she now lies with Fred and the two boys. The mourning at the service was led by her daughter Dorothy and her son Peter.



The funeral of the late **ANNE BURWOOD** took place on 14th February. Anne was born and spent the early years of her life in Bath before training as a teacher. She and the children lived in West Bexington before moving to Burton Bradstock in 1992. A service of cremation in the morning at Weymouth was followed by a thanksgiving celebration of her life in the afternoon at St Mary's Burton Bradstock. Tributes were given, one of which was made by grandson Harry reading A.A.Milne's "Cupboard love", acknowledged by warm applause. The mourning of many friends and family was led by Mark, Mandy and Emma.



On 26th January we interred the ashes of the late **JOHN (BEN) BENNETT** in the cemetery of St Mary's, Puncknowle. Family, friends and neighbours gathered as John's ashes were laid to rest in that peaceful place, in the village which he and his wife Carol loved so well.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory.

BAPTISM



About 50 adults and children from the family and church from as far afield as Devon and Norwich gathered around the font at the the Christening, during the Family Service, of Alan & Lisa's daughter **AMELIE ROSE PINCH**. James, Amelie's older brother, helped with the water as Ryder used a scallop shell from Alan and Lisa's wedding reception to pour the water on Amelie's head - which she didn't like!!



February 3rd was an appropriate day for Amelie's parents to present her to the Lord as we were celebrating The Presentation of Our Lord by Mary & Joseph in the Temple. After the giving of a candle the service finished with the song "Father I place into your hands".

We pray that Amelie will grow up in the church in the faith of Christ to do that for herself



ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

On the perils of moving from city to country

*The Rectory
St. James the Least*

My dear Nephew Darren

Those parishioners of yours who won millions on the Lottery and moved into this parish have created quite a stir. It was perhaps a little unwise of them to tell everyone the reason why they had become so wealthy. While most of our parishioners also do the Lottery, few would ever admit it in public. (Since your friends arrived, the entire PCC is buying ever more lottery tickets, but from the shop in the NEX^T village, to try and keep it secret.)

However, your family still have much to learn about our country ways. Buying the old Dower House was impressive; and spending a small fortune re-stocking the gardens was certainly commendable. But someone should have told them about cattle grids. It must have been quite a shock for them to wake up one morning and find the thirty sheep from the neighbouring field had wandered in for breakfast.

*Their brand new purple Ferrari has certainly brightened up the country lanes around here. The noise it makes as it roars up behind you quite quickens the pulse. Mrs Beamish had been suffering with low blood pressure for months; she says she is quite cured now. The Colonel, who is all for the community supporting the church, then asked if the new-comers would drive the bishop around on the day he came to do his tour of the parish. The Colonel thought that an open-topped purple Ferrari would make a great bishop-mobile; and the new-comers were so kind to agree. What a shame that they decided to accomplish the several miles of parish lanes in record time: the bishop barely even saw the several farmers that they nearly ran down. His new nickname in this parish is: *The Purple Peril.**

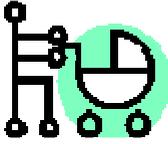
The new-comers have installed security lighting, which is understandable. But now I wonder how much sleep they are getting, as

the rabbits, foxes, and badgers who live in their grounds keep it flood-lit for much of the night. Meanwhile, the Colonel is grumbling about the effect of light pollution on his young pheasants in the woods nearby.

But these little inconveniences apart, I am sure they will soon feel at home. I feel confident that by the third generation, they will be properly settled in.

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

VALLEY NOTES



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 8th March. For any questions please contact either Audrey on 897227 or Heather on 897780.



2013 BRIDE VALLEY BIBLE QUIZZES

The life of Joseph (and his amazing coat) will be the section to study this year. So now is the time to brush up on Genesis chapters 37 to the end (minus ch 38 and all the genealogies). Also this is an ideal time to start putting together teams for the Junior (up to 11yrs) and Senior (11+) teams. Teams should have at least 4 members and people in their 90's are just as welcome as teenagers. In addition to the Valley Matches, Thorners and Burton Bradstock Schools will be competing for the School's Cup.

If you would like to be a quizmaster, scorekeeper or trainer, or cannot find a team to join, please contact Cilla Jones (01308 898473) or Heather Rogers (01308 897780) who will be happy to clarify any matters concerning the quizzes



RING & RIDE TO BRIDPORT & DORCHESTER

The Ring & Ride Bus Service provides transport from your own front door. It is for people with a special need for transport because they are elderly, disabled, parents with young children or people living in isolated areas where there is no adequate public transport.

This service runs on Wednesdays to Bridport & on the 1st Wednesday of each month goes to Dorchester instead. The free Bus Pass can be used. Any resident of Litton Cheney, Puncknowle & the villages to the west of these are eligible to apply. You do need to register beforehand (either on-line or by completing a form) and to Book one week in advance. For full information and to Book the Bus -please phone 01305 221059.



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Representing all the valley villages the Bride Valley Gardening Club starts its 2013 season on Monday, March 18th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall in Puncknowle, with a talk on Growing Vegetables.

We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month between March and October (except in August when there is no meeting). The annual subscription for members is £5 and visitors are very welcome at any of our meetings for a cost of £2.

DATES TO NOTE

The **AGM** will be held at 7.00p.m on April 15th followed by our regular meeting at 7.30pm when the subject will be Bulbs

The **Flower and Produce Show** will be at LATCH on Saturday June 29th.

JOBS TO DO IN MARCH

Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials. Prune bush and shrub roses. Plant summer flowering bulbs. Take cuttings from dahlia tubers.

In the vegetable and herb gardens March is usually the time to start sowing short rows of seeds, plant onion sets, shallots and first early potatoes ... providing the soil isn't still waterlogged. Remember the seed sowing rule: not too early, too deeply or too thickly (If we have a repeat of last year's weather and all else fails maybe we should be thinking about growing rice!!)

Ed Atyeo (Acting Chairman) 898323 and Cilla Jones (Acting Secretary) 898473



BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

When Clive Groves retired in 2010, instead of spending more time gardening, he and his wife set out to see where the plants he loved had come from: hence "Trekking the world of plants". They began with the rain forest of Costa Rica (and continued with Borneo and just about anywhere else remote and difficult that you can think of - oh, and Mount Everest!) Their adventures were hair-raising and extremely challenging; Clive has transformed them into stunning photographs and a vivid traveller's tale for the W.I's February meeting.

The Reading Group will also be travelling, with "Driving over Lemons"

by Chris Stewart. The Walking Group have given up hoping for drier weather and less mud, and are going to walk on pavements instead. Tapestry, craft and Mah-Jong are hopefully not affected by the weather!

On 12th March, the meeting reverts to a 7.30pm start. Wendy Knee will be talking about “Teaching Men to Cook”, and probably many other things as well; we expect to be entertained.

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



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

We are very pleased to say that **Ofsted** have informed us that, due to our sustained good performance, they will not inspect us until summer 2014. This follows a letter we had from the **Minster of State for Schools**, congratulating us on the excellent performance of our children in the 2012 Key Stage 2 tests.

On a cold morning with snow lying on the ground and below freezing temperatures, the whole school warmed up with an **American style breakfast** of bagels with cream cheese and chives, pancakes with maple syrup and bacon, and milk. This was part of National Farmhouse Breakfast Week and was all thanks to our super parents, one of whom woke up at 5am to make 150 pancakes!

Our **Discovery Area** is a very busy place. We supported the **RSPB's School Birdwatch** and Lynne Burningham from the RSPB spoke at a special assembly in our Discovery Area. She helped our Eco Club with a **bird walk** and showed all the children a powerpoint with **tips on identifying common birds**. One of our parents, Bec Freiesleben, very kindly made a **stone birdbath**, using the children's designs.

Paul Coggin from **Wessex Water** presented a cheque of £350 to the school for the pond dipping platform. **Waitrose 'Community Matters'** donated £227.00 to the Discovery Area. A big thank you to them and everyone who kindly put their tokens into our box.

The **Dorset Forest School** is proposing to run a **playgroup on Fridays** in our Discovery Area after half term. If you are interested, please call us for details.

Chinese New Year: We celebrated the Year of the Snake with a Chinese morning. The children made music and dragons, painted plates using oriental designs and even had a go at Sudoku in Mandarin!

Our **Drama club** has started



rehearsing its production of Cinderella. Eggardon made **Christingles** for the service at Puncknowle.

At precisely 2.45pm on 6th February, the whole school joined schools in the UK and abroad in **Sign2Sing** to raise awareness and funds for deaf children and adults. Later that week, at a special '**shoebox**' assembly, volunteers from Operation Christmas Child talked to our children about how their gifts bring cheer to children across the world.

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher



FLEDGLINGS NEWS

In February, there was a parents evening – with refreshments, which Fiona found very useful, being able to talk to parents on a one-to-one basis without distractions. There were also a couple of Stay and Play dates when dads were encouraged to come in as well, and parents could join in Messy Play, Language and Literacy activities, or Forest School activities in the Discovery Area, (although parents are *always* welcome to stay and play).

Now we are into the term, science activities are based around light and dark, water, wind, gravity and air. The group also celebrated the Chinese New Year of the Snake with the story, plus a Chinese Café and food. When it is not raining, regular use is made of the Discovery Area – one week collecting a box full of things they could find with different textures which they took back into Fledglings Room, where they made collages with the materials found. This was a joint activity with Reception Class.

Emma has developed a Nutrition Pack for parents to take home in turn – to help with ideas and guidelines for children's lunchboxes, in line with the new Lunch Box Policy. In the pack are games, recipes, healthy eating stickers to track what the children are eating and healthy lunch box choices. The aim of the pack is to teach children to make healthy choices, encouraging them to try and enjoy new foods, and to exercise with support from parents and pre-school.

Fiona, our Manager, recently completed her BA Hons in Early Years Education and also now has Early Years Professional Status from the teaching standards board, and Safeguarding Officer training. Wow!

Emma and Maureen are also continuing with their staff development and training – which are key to having a quality early years environment. Well done to all.

The next major Fund Raising Event will be "**A Bit of a Do**" again on Sunday 19th May, from 2 – 4.00pm. This event is in the process of being organised by the parent's committee.

The date of next Committee Meeting is 19th May at 8.00pm - an evening meeting in the Crown, Puncknowle. Spring Term ends on Thursday

27th 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

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH.



The next **SOCIAL EVENING** will take place at 7.00pm for 7.30 pm at the Three Horseshoes on Monday March 25th. Future dates will be advised when the New Landlord is in place.

Please let Malcolm Lawrence (898616) or Basil Dent (897091) know if you are attending. Dates for future meetings have yet to be agreed with the Permanent Landlord

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



The Branch **Annual Lunch** will be held at Highlands End Leisure Centre, Eype on Thursday 14th March. The 3-course meal is available at £18.50 per person. 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 and in any event before 11th March.

Our meeting on 4th April will hear Richard White's illustrated talk on "**Dorset Expeditionary Society's**" expedition to Kenya. Meet at 7.30 at Portesham Village Hall.

Des Baker will lead a 6-Day privately organised **Tour of Lancashire** starting on 19th May based on half board accommodation at 3* Park Inn by Radisson, Leigh. Daily excursions to places of interest include Manchester, Gawthorpe Hall, Bury and rides on the Lancaster Canal and East Lancs Steam Railway. Inclusive cost is £415. Early booking is advised. [In aid of the Poppy Appeal/Dors to India regd. Charities]

The week commencing 16th June is National Rose Week which seems an ideal time to visit the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at "**Rosemoor**" North Devon. Bookings are now being taken for what will no doubt be a popular day's excursion: those partaking will benefit from group admission

rates. Lots to see and with on site restaurant/café and gift shop, all we need is kind weather!

*Price reduction!! Due to the popularity of this tour I have reduced the cost by £50. September 17th 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, Orvieto, Assisi and Perugia, all for only £945 per person (in a shared room).*

Fully detailed itinerary available from Des Baker. Seat availability must be confirmed at the time of booking.

Des Baker, Entertainments Chairman (01305 267617) or email aveswood@sky.com.



BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

As the first half of the Spring term comes to a close we look back at a very eventful few weeks. The heavy snow that was forecast resulted in Burton Bradstock seeing very little of it, but it did mean that staff travelling from other areas of the County were unable to travel safely and the school was closed to children on the Friday. On return to school after the weekend we found that our boiler had broken down and the school was below the minimum temperature and so, again, the school was forced to close. I was very appreciative of the parents' understanding and co-operation and to my staff who all rallied round to ensure that information reached as many parents as possible before 9.00am.

Over the course of the half term we have looked at various plans for redeveloping the rear playground and we now have a design that will stimulate children's play and promote imagination and creativity. We are all looking forward to the development and hope that it can be completed before the end of the academic year so that all the children who have been involved in the planning are able to enjoy it before they move onto Secondary School.

Staff have also been auditing our Information and Communication Technology curriculum and resources. In a world of ever changing technology it is so important that as a school we keep abreast of developments so that we can deliver the very best curriculum to our children. I attended the BETT show in London with our ICT co-ordinator and a Governor where we were able to view the latest products and technology and listen to inspirational speakers. With this information we are looking forward to improving the technology capability in the school so that we are preparing our children for an ever evolving world. However, we are also very aware that as a school there are other valuable skills that need to be taught. Such as

children in Class 4 learning the skills of sewing when they have been making 'Sock Monkeys'. It is this broad and varied curriculum that is so important in schools so that we can engage and inspire all our children whatever their ability, interest or talent.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Beetle Drive at the Village Hall in February that was organised by The Friends of Burton Bradstock School. It is through these fundraising events that we are able to support the children in their learning and enhance the curriculum. The Friends are now busy organising their next events which are a Jumble Sale that is taking place at the school on Friday 8th March, 10am-12noon and the Annual Duck Race that is organised for Monday 1st April. Please note that this event is taking place on Easter Monday and not on Easter Sunday as in previous years. We do hope that you will be able to come along and support us.

Claire Staple, Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

at Litton & Thorners Community Hall.

“WE BOUGHT A ZOO”

a heartwarming comedy drama.

Thursday 21st March,
Cert. PG 2 hrs.

We Bought A Zoo is a funny, inspiring and true story about the efforts of a family to persevere in the face of challenging circumstances. Matt Damon is Benjamin Mee - who, decides to give his family a much needed fresh start after the death of his wife; he falls for a new home situated in the middle of a dilapidated zoo, which, with the help



of Scarlett Johansson, he sets about bringing back to its former glory.

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

MORE FILM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(all Thursdays): April 18th "Argo", May 30th (Film title to be announced). Look out for more details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.



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. It is a wonderful location to work in.

Some plot holders share free range chickens which are let out to roam for a few hours most days.

There are presently 2 plots available. For more information please contact Alison Dunbar, Secretary, 482376 dunbar.alison@gmail.com

BRIDPORT NEWS

Please don't forget 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 who 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.

Contact me with any items of interest or forthcoming events. Please either telephone me Kaz on 01308 897 709 or send info to my e mail kazmbroad@yahoo.co.uk

Looking forward to hearing from you.

' WELCOME SPRING '

A Concert by

THE BRIDE VALLEY LADIES CHOIR

At

ST PETER'S CHURCH
LONG BREDY

Saturday, March 23RD .. 4.30 pm

Rather quickly
Tickets £6. To include DELICIOUS TEA.

A snippet of musical notation on a five-line staff. It includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes. The text 'Rather quickly' is written above the staff, and 'Tickets £6. To include DELICIOUS TEA.' is written across the staff in a bold, sans-serif font. The notation ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

BEYOND THE VALLEY



LIVING WELL WITH CANCER

Last October, a new cancer self help support group was started in West Dorset. Called The Living Tree, it provides a **weekly drop-in** for anyone with any cancer at any stage of their diagnosis, treatment and afterwards.

Based at the Friends Meeting House in South Street, Bridport, on Friday afternoons from 2.00-4.30pm, the group offers information, companionship and opportunities to learn more about holistic practice to help people live well with and beyond cancer. This includes talks and demonstrations on diet and nutrition, complementary therapies, meditation, relaxation, exercise, singing, creative and therapeutic arts and crafts and more. There is a lot of laughter too, proven to be good for you!

Through The Living Tree, a grant has been made to Pathways to Care/ Bridport & District Good Neighbours Scheme to fund **transport to hospital for cancer treatment**. Good Neighbours volunteer drivers will take people to Poole, Bournemouth, Dorchester, Exeter and other specialist hospitals, providing a back-up service and respite from driving for family, carers and friends. Some cancer treatment for example involves daily trips to Poole for several weeks.

Please spread the word about both these projects and if you'd like more information or can help in any way, do contact Good Books in Gundry Lane, Bridport 01308 420483 or Jo on 01308 427851, jo@jovian.co.uk

BOOK OF HOURS

2013 - 10TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

We are looking for local community groups and organisations to contribute a page (or two) to the Book of Hours this year to mark its 10th anniversary.

The Book is really three books – Book of Days, Book of Seasons, Book of Life - and is a creative arts project of original writing and artwork (begun during the 750th anniversary of the granting of the Royal Charter to Bridport).

It could be something about your group, what you are doing this year or maybe things that are happening in your local area of West Dorset. We'd also love to bring the Books out to your town or village group/event this year for people to see. To find out more, contact Good Books 01308 420483 or Jo on 01308 2427851, jo@jovian.co.uk

In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies,
but the silence of our friends.

Martin Luther King Jr



THE STAND IN

It's not me; I didn't do it. Is it always *someone else* when the teacher asks 'who made this mess', or Mum says 'who broke this?' And if we hadn't done it, would we offer to clean up the mess or pay for what is broken out of our pocket money? Even though it wasn't our fault and we hadn't done anything wrong?

The answer is probably 'no'. Why should we? It wasn't our fault! It wouldn't be fair! But then things often aren't fair. It wasn't fair that the crowds in Jerusalem that first Easter shouted 'release Barabbas', a convicted criminal. They could have shouted 'release Jesus' – Jesus hadn't done anything wrong after all.

Jesus told us 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends' (St John's Gospel, chapter 15, verse 13). Jesus gave up his life for us. And others have followed his pattern, like Maximilian Kolbe, a Catholic priest in a German concentration camp took the place of another prisoner and was killed instead of him.

WHO? ME?

The answers to this Bible quiz are all words that begin with the letters **M E** ... answers at the bottom of the page

1. Was with Daniel in the lions' den? (Daniel, 3)
2. Is another name for Malta where St Paul was shipwrecked? (Acts, 28)
3. Who did Jesus call blessed, and said they would inherit the earth? (Matthew, 5)
4. Proverbs 17 says that a merry or cheerful heart is like what?
5. What were James and John doing when they first met Jesus? (Mark, 1)
6. Jesus compared the Kingdom of Heaven to yeast mixed with what? (Luke, 13)
7. King Saul's eldest daughter's name (I Samuel, 14)

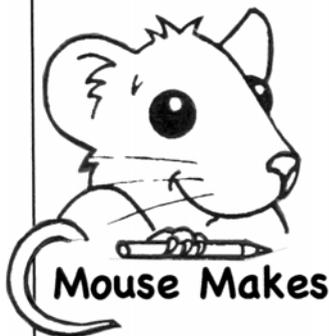


When did medicine first appear in the Bible?

When God gave Moses the tablets.



1. Meshach
2. Melita
3. the meek
4. good medicine
5. mending their nets
6. three measures of flour
7. Merab



JESUS IS ALIVE!

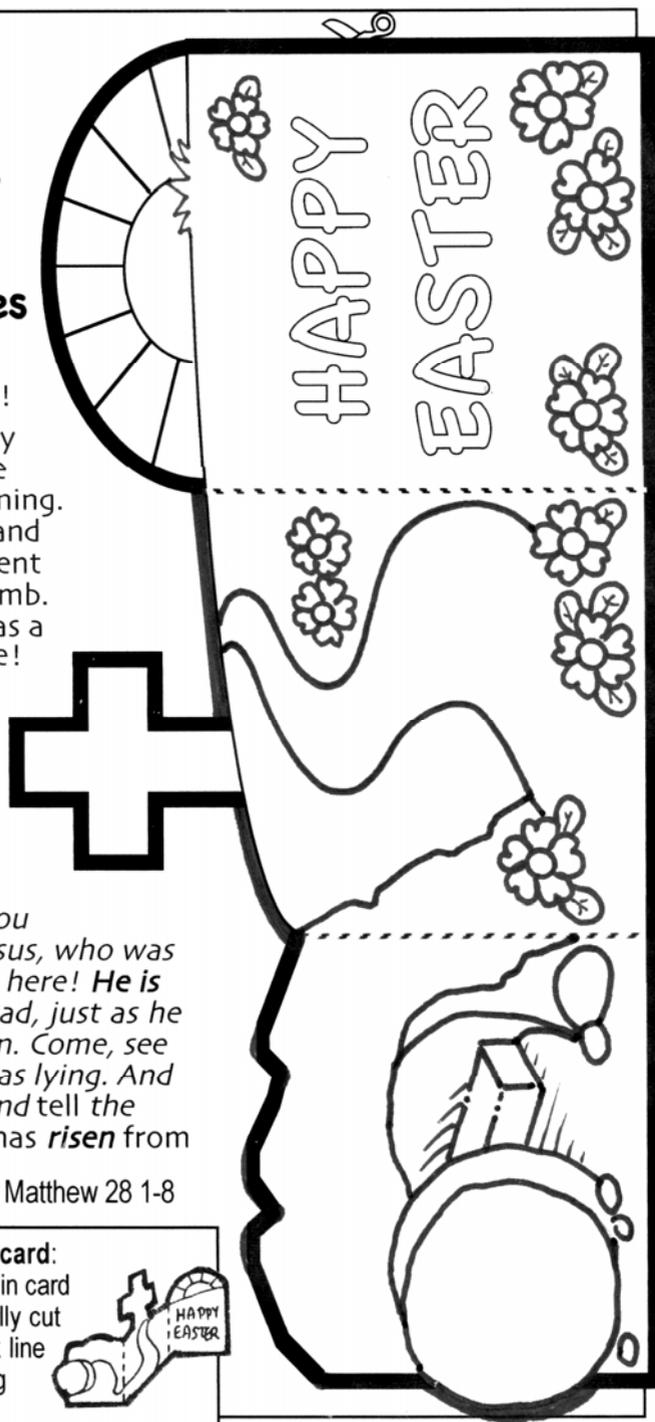
 Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an **angel** of the Lord came down from **heaven**, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it...

"Don't be afraid" he said. *"I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is **risen** from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell the disciples that he has **risen** from the dead."*

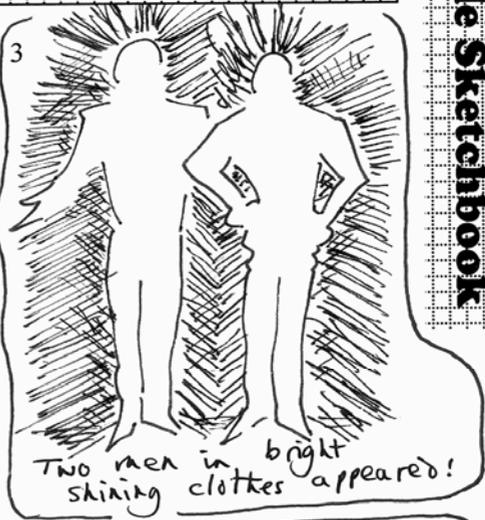
See: Matthew 28 1-8

To make the Easter card:

Glue this page onto thin card then colour in. Carefully cut around the thick black line then zig-zag fold along the dotted lines.



He is not here!



It was amazing. Some women came to the tomb where Jesus was buried. They wanted to anoint his dead body with spices. But the stone blocking the entrance was rolled away and there was no body. Suddenly two men in bright shining clothes appeared and told them: "His is not here, he has been raised!"



They rushed back to tell the disciples and most of them said: "Rubbish!" But Peter ran to the tomb, found the empty grave-clothes and was amazed. How about YOU. What do YOU think?!

Read more in Luke 24:1-12



LONG BREDY

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ST. PETERS CHURCH

The Bride Valley Ladies Choir, led by Janet Lane are coming to St Peters Long Bredy on Saturday 23rd March, at 4.30pm. A concert of music and song ; **WELCOME SPRING!**, followed by a delicious tea.

Offers of cakes, biscuits etc. for the tea would be welcome. Contact Elinor or Ruth.

The annual **FRUGAL LUNCH** will be on Thursday 7th March at Langebride, 12.45pm. The proceeds, this year, will go to the Weldmar Hospice Trust. Come and enjoy wonderful homemade soup.

A note for your diary- **BINGO** - Long Bredy Village Hall, Friday April 12th 7.30pm.

100 CLUB WINNERS

JANUARY 2013

£25	no. 79	Roy & June Clewlow
£15	no. 78	David Peretz
£ 5	no. 79	Norman & Selma Ling

LITTLEBREDY

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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS:

All of March falls in Lent this year, and here is notice of three particular events:-

There will be a **FRUGAL LUNCH** at Bridehead at 1.00 p.m. on Thursday 21st March. All are welcome (of course including visitors from other parishes), in return for a donation to charity at the door. Any offers of assistance in the meanwhile will be gratefully received on 482232.

GOOD FRIDAY (29th March) sees the customary short and simple Litany service in Church at 10.00am, following which the Church will be decorated for Easter that same afternoon. The "writing on the wall" in primroses needs

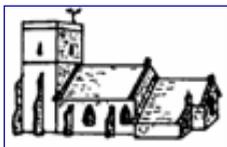
about 300 bunches of say 20 heads each, so let's hope this causes plenty of volunteers to help pick them and bring them to the Church that day.

Our **EASTER DAY** Communion Service in Church will be at 11.00am on Sunday 31st March. As that is a fifth Sunday in the month, we are not sure what is happening in Churches elsewhere, but parishioners and visitors will of course be very welcome to this great Festival.

N.B. The clocks will have gone forward one hour that same morning.

ANNETTE HALLETT'S distinguished bowls career makes her a much-travelled lady around the time this edition appears. Each of 32 Areas in the UK produces one competitor (or team, as appropriate) for the National Finals, to be held this year in Melton Mowbray, Lincolnshire, and Annette has won through to represent Dorset in both the Triples and the Pairs, so she and Phil will be away for about a week at the end of February. The very best of luck to her in both competitions – of course she already has a National Singles title under her belt from a few years ago.

A week or so afterwards, Annette travels further north with the England Ladies Team, to do battle with the Scots, Welsh and Irish Ladies in Durham. Again, we wish her every success which can come her way.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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WEBSITE FOR THE THREE VILLAGES www.westbexington.org.uk

Hopefully, many – perhaps even most – www.swyre.org.uk

will have noticed that the website for the three www.puncknowle.net

villages of West Bexington, Swyre and Puncknowle has begun to change – and is being kept updated regularly. For this, many thanks are due to the Parish Council, which has provided the support and the finance necessary to maintain this presence on the internet. Thanks are also due to Simon Nobes, who kindly hosts the website, and provides the necessary technical support.

At present much of the information carried on the site is of interest mainly to the people who live here. We expect to build on this base, and, in due course, to develop the site further so that the web-surfer, whether casual or looking for something specific, will stop, look, and perhaps be tempted to visit or stay in the area.

As part of this process, we want to include on the website, a list of

clubs, associations, organisations, charities and activities with which people from the three villages are involved. The purpose being to attract new members/supporters – even to attract the interest/involvement of visitors to the area, should that be appropriate.



We would like, therefore, to hear from anyone who runs/organises/belongs to any such group, so as to include them in this index - information needed includes the name of the group or activity, a short description of its purpose and an indication of times and location of any meetings and, of course, a means of finding further information if required. There will be no charge for such an entry, and should any locally based organisation wish to promote an activity (such as a concert or a charity fundraiser) we shall be happy to carry an appropriate “advertisement” – also free of charge.

We would also like to carry a “trades” directory, giving broad details of any businesses located in the three villages, giving contact details and links to any relevant websites. Such information will be of interest locally and to a wider audience – giving a web presence to those who do not have their own websites, and an extra pathway to those who do. If, therefore, you are in the hospitality trade, provide services to, or carry on any other business in the three villages, we shall be glad to hear from you. Again, at least initially, there will be no charge, although at some time in the future, we may ask commercial enterprises (including activities run by individuals as a source of income) to pay a small fee towards the costs of maintaining the website.

We also want to carry information about the three villages – their differing histories and their attractions, local walks etc., together with relevant pictures and other illustrations. However, we do need people to put these items together. Do you feel up to the job? Once they have been written, someone else can load them on to the website, so no technical expertise is needed – just the ability to write coherent English. Take care, however, that any copied text and/or illustrations etc., are not subject to copyright – the “owner’s” permission to use them will have to be obtained (in writing).

Lastly, we are looking for your suggestions as to what should appear on the website, and perhaps one or two more people to get involved in maintaining it: please let us know your thoughts via the “Contact” page on the website or email villageweb@btinternet.com. If you don’t have email but would still like to contribute, contact a Parish Councillor.

The purpose is to provide a web presence for the three villages which carries information of use to those who live here, and to those who think they might like to live here and to show that we live in a place that is worth visiting, where to stay, where to go and what to do.

Mike Brown



ST MARY'S CHURCH, PUNCKNOWLE

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

This year a new roll has to be prepared. Those on the existing roll will need to re-apply and new names are most welcome. Forms are available in the church or from the Secretary, Liz Slater 01308 897751. These need to be completed by 30th March so that a new roll can be prepared for the annual Church Meeting on 14th April.

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 10th March, Mothering Sunday, 11.00am, Family Communion
 (by Extension)
 5.00pm, Evening Prayer

Sunday 24 th March	Palm Sunday	11.00am Family Service
Sunday 31 th March	Easter Day	11.00 Holy Communion

LENT GROUP

This will be held in a different house each week, on Wednesdays in Lent from 7.30 - 9.00pm. Bob Thorn will be leading each session, looking at the reading for the following Sunday.



Meetings in March will be as follows:

- 6th March: "Ruddles", 1, Lytton Close
- 13th March: "Scrubbings", Hooper's Lane
- 20th March: 30, Springfield

A GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

March 29th in the Village Hall in Puncknowle, from 2.00 – 4.30pm. All ages welcome with parents accompanying younger children.

This will be followed by an **EASTER EGG HUNT AND TEA** in the hall. Look out for more information later or contact sue.brown@btinternet.com

EASTER SUNDAY

Family Communion at 11.00am. All Welcome.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE.

THE NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL.

This year we have to prepare a new roll, which means that everyone who wishes to be on the electoral roll of the church has to fill in a form, even if they were on the old roll. From 21st February there will be a notice to this effect displayed at the church and forms available inside for anyone to take and complete if they have not already received one. These should be handed to one of the church officers or members by 24th March. This new roll will be prepared by the Electoral Roll Officer – Peter Northover - and displayed at the church from 7th April.

COFFEE MORNING will be held on Saturday 9th March from 10.30am at Swyre Church. An opportunity to come and chat with friends and neighbours over a cuppa and to buy some goodies to enjoy later. At the same time you will be helping to boost our Church Funds. As usual we would be grateful for items to sell – particularly cakes, preserves, plants and books – and raffle prizes. Most of all we would love to see you there showing your support for Holy Trinity Church.

MOTHERING SUNDAY service on Sunday 10th March at 11am. You certainly don't need to be a mother to come and celebrate this special day; to receive a small posy of flowers as a sign of our love; and to enjoy tea/coffee, Simnel cake and shared friendship after the service. We look forward to seeing you there.

EASTER DAY is the 5th Sunday of the month this year (31st March), but we will have our own 11am service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church led by Revd. Jean Thorn.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held following the 11.00am service on Sunday 21st April. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served at noon preceding the 12.15pm meeting. This is an important meeting when the activities of the church over the past year are reported on, and officers of the church are elected for the following year. Do come along and find out what goes on in your village church and have an opportunity to have your say in its future. In order to vote at the APCM you will need to have your name on the new Electoral Roll.

Yvonne and David Buckland

LOCKING AND UNLOCKING THE CHURCH

Regretfully, in common with other Churches in the Valley we are unable to leave the Church unlocked at night for security's sake. For some years we have had a group of villagers who are on the rota to lock and unlock the Church. We are finding that with the passing of years our numbers are decreasing. If you feel able to spare the time to help it would be much appreciated. The commitment would be one week, evening locking and morning unlocking in every couple of months, or indeed any time you could spare. Please contact, Peter Yeates, or any member of the PCC for further information. *Madeline 897318*

NORA EVELEIGH

The passing of Nora Eveleigh aged 102, who died in a nursing home at the beginning of January should not go unmarked. Nora had previously enjoyed her earlier years living in Swyre at the Reading Room with her daughter Anna Lovell. She had two daughters, Anna and her sister Gwen, many grandchildren, great grandchildren and an extended family.

She was well respected for her loyalty to her family, friends and affiliations and her steadfast adherence to her principals and beliefs.

Dominant in her life was her love and appreciation of the countryside, that she worked for and defended, and her belief in the value of community and collective responsibility and action.

She lived through a century of unparalleled change and while reticent in her acceptance of all things “modern” whether they be views and attitudes or gadgets, she was always true to her seeking for equality and justice for all.

In typical practical manner, reflecting her forthright stance on life, we placed her memorial seat on the footpath in Back Lane looking down on Swyre village in 1997 so that she was able to use it herself as well as providing a resting place for weary walkers after her death.

If you should rest on her seat remember Nora, an indomitable figure remembered by those in the village who knew her.

A WARM WELCOME



We welcome to the village Natalie and Steve Green and Ann Dillon and Stan Hancock, both families have moved into Green Barton recently. We hope that they will enjoy living in the village for the foreseeable future.

POLITE NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS.

The problem of Dog Fouling on the village verges and Footpaths has increased this winter. Please can Dog Owners be responsible and pick up after their dogs have fouled -

BAG IT & BIN IT.

Bins are located outside the Playing Field in Clay Lane and at the top of Hoopers Lane at Puncknowle or please take the bags home.

Offenders will be reported to the Dog Warden & fines of up to £1000 can be issued or “on the spot fines of £100”.

Please keep our Villages CLEAN.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W.BEXINGTON



LUNCH CLUB

The March 2013 lunch will be on Tuesday 19th March 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 15th March.

PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE



NAPPER CHARITY FIELD ALLOTMENTS

We hold a waiting list for the allotments which at present is empty. If you are interested in an allotment then please contact debbielegge@hotmail.com for an application form.

PSWB VILLAGE HALL



Results, January 2013 Draw
John Holker £15
Tony Taylor £10

BIRTHDAY BASH

BRING AND SHARE SUPPER - FOOD & FOLK WITH MUSIC FROM BOB THORN

on March 1st at 7.30pm in PSWB Village Hall. Several of us have birthday's in March so come and celebrate with us.

Bring a dish of your favourite topping for a baked potato. Potatoes and bar available.

All welcome - £1 entry.



BOOK CLUB



Our last book called "Burning Bright" by Tracy Chevalier, was a tale of a Dorset family leaving their village of Piddletrenthide after the death of a son to go to London to start again – in 1792. So lots of historical details, re housing, travel back then, how they made a living, and where they lived in Lambeth – also the people they met and made friends with, including the famous poet, William Blake, who lived next door to them. The title of the book is taken from his famous poem "Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bight".

London was sometimes difficult and dangerous at the time because of all the fears that the French Revolution might be transported across the channel, so their experiences in London were not always happy ones. The Kellaway family decide in the end to return to Dorset – good choice!



ART CLUB

Many thanks to Sue for hosting our AGM. Committee members were all re-elected and suggestions for meetings put forward. Our exhibition and plant sale this year will be on May 5th in West Bexington. We meet on March 8th (venue to be decided) and on 22nd March there will be a workshop with Jane Coxhill in the village hall.

Christine Maloney

There's always somebody who is paid too much, and taxed too little - and it's always somebody else.

Wisdom is what's left after we've run out of personal opinions.

Cullen Hightower

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S, BURTON BRADSTOCK MOTHERING SUNDAY

On Sunday March 10th, we are holding a special Mothering Sunday service in St. Mary's Church at 11.00am. This will be led by Revd. Bob Thorn and Sue Linford. A Mothering Sunday Song, sung by a small choir from our school, will be among the musical items planned and we will be serving some traditional Simnel Cake after the service.

In times past, this Sunday was a day when young people could have time off to visit their mothers and return to the Church in which they were baptized. Now it is a day when we honour our mothers and we will be pleased to welcome everyone to come and give thanks to God for our mothers.

BURTON BRADSTOCK CHURCH "AWAY DAY"

Some notes from 12th January 2012

A day to consider various issues affecting the life of St Marys church and look towards the future has taken place. It was titled as an "Away Day" because it was held in the Hall in Litton Cheney rather than in Burton Bradstock.

In spite of dreadful weather, 35 people including most of the PCC met together and not only had a chance to speak fully and frankly, but also enjoyed coffee, lunch and tea and a good chat together. We were very fortunate to have been joined by the Bishop of Sherborne, The Rt. Revd. Dr. Graham Kings, who facilitated the discussions.

The day was spilt into four parts dealing with practical issues and space requirements, leadership, services and looking outwards.

Before Bishop Graham arrived we considered whether we should have better facilities such as accessible toilets, more storage space and perhaps a place for meetings. It was agreed that this could be a project worth pursuing.

Bob Thorn then outlined how the role of the Clergy has changed and will continue to change and how other roles could be developed to support him and the Churchwardens. Bishop Graham noted that it was unusual for a rural church to have the luxury of 4 Sunday Services and it was felt that perhaps some of the morning services could be brought together. It was agreed that ways of doing this (initially on an experimental basis) should be brought forward. It was acknowledged that any changes of timing of service patterns may have to be looked at across the Bride Valley as a whole.

We considered the special attributes of the village including its location, large numbers of visitors and second homes, the school and the music festival and plenty of ideas were put forward of ways to build closer contacts with all these people. The Parochial Church Council will be looking in detail at all these matters and see this as part of an ongoing process in which anyone can, and is encouraged to, participate, whether a regular church attendee or not.

Please give your thoughts to the Rector or any member of the PCC.

At its meeting on 11th February 2013, the PCC decided to experiment with a combined service at 11.00am with effect from the 5th May and to implement a feasibility study into the possibility of improving facilities.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

This year a new roll has to be prepared. Those on the existing roll will need to re-apply and new names are most welcome. Forms are available in the church. These need to be completed by 31st March so that a new roll can be prepared in time for the annual parochial church meeting which will be held on 22nd April.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL.

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308897648)

"200 CLUB" WDDC License no: SL0080

February Draw

Congratulations to the following winners:

1 st	£42.50	No 169	Mr Julian & Mrs Irene Piper
2 nd	£21.20	No 87	Mrs Wynne Hughes
3 rd	£10.60	No 212	Mrs Elaine Salway



VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

The Hall currently has a busy weekly schedule of regular users, including Art Group, Baby Sensory, Badminton, Indoor Bowls Club, Bridge Group, Brownies and Rainbows, Scouts, WI and Yoga. Contact details for these groups can be found on the noticeboard outside the Hall or by contacting either the Duty Manger using the contact number on the same noticeboard or the Booking Officer using the contact number at the top of this paragraph.

Events planned for this year by the Village Hall Trust to raise funds for the upkeep of the hall include:

Spring Quiz (Normally with fish & chip supper), Saturday 27th April

Village Fayre, Bank Holiday Monday, 27th May

Christmas Market, Saturday 7th Dec

Christmas Quiz, Saturday 14th Dec.

Full details will be published prior to the event.

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

On 23rd January 2013 the Burton Bradstock library became a Community Library (one of 8 in Dorset). This means that the Friends now provide the volunteers to operate the library service with support from DCC i.e. the DCC provide the resources (books, equipment, IT support and 3 hours per week of librarian time).



The change will not affect our users i.e. the library will be open for the same 2 hours per day, 6 days a week, except that talking books and DVDs will no longer be stocked at Burton Bradstock. They will still be available from the Dorset Library Service, but must be reserved on line, this can be done using library computers if necessary, and will then be delivered for collection from Burton Bradstock.

Opening Hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library

Monday	3.00pm to 5.00pm
Tuesday	10.00am to 12.00noon
Wednesday	3.00pm to 5.00pm
Thursday	3.00pm to 5.00pm
Friday	3.00pm to 5.00pm
Saturday	10.00am to 12.00noon

Now that the Friends are responsible for delivering the library service locally we will be considering if there are ways in which we can improve the service, and welcome suggestions. We do hope the library will be a useful resource for the whole of the Bride Valley and look forward to your continued support.

R. Hynds - Chairman of the Trustees of the FBBL charity.

RACE NIGHT

On Friday, 5th April, Friends of Burton Bradstock Library will be holding a Race Night as a fund raiser for the library. A supper of sausages mashed potatoes and baked beans is included in the ticket price of £6 (vegetarians catered for) There will also be a licensed bar available.

Doors will be open at 6.30pm at the Village Hall, in time for the first race at 7.00pm.

Please do come along for a fun evening and to support Burton Bradstock Library. Tickets will be on sale from the 15th March at the Post Office or from Sandy Adderley on 898358

‘SOME LIKE IT HOT’

Please make a diary note this film will be screened in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on May Bank Holiday Saturday, 4th May – in aid of the Starlight charity - full details in April’s BVN.

John and Annie Grantham

BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART

Dates for your diary for this years Festival!

The main Festival will be held from Sunday 11th to Sunday 18th August. Tickets go on sale on Wednesday 1st May in the Village Hall at 9.00am. The brochure will be available a few weeks beforehand.



The Spring Concert Fund Raiser (where you can always buy tickets for the Festival) will be on Friday 10th May at 7.00pm in the Village Hall and tickets will be on sale in the Post Office or from Gill Redford, price from £10, from 17th April. The artists performing will be the Artistic Director, violinist David Juritz and one of our most popular performers, Cellist Adrian Bradbury. This is an evening not to be missed so please make a note of the date now!

*Thank
You!*

After an extensive major operation which involved reconstruction of my spine at Southampton General Hospital I have been overwhelmed by the good wishes, thoughts, prayers and cards I have received from friends and neighbours especially those of the W.I. Mah Jong and Bridge groups, and I thank you all.

You have greatly helped both myself and my family towards a speedy recovery.

I am blessed to live in a village with so many thoughtful and considerate friends. Thank you all. *Joan Allan , Beach Road*

Artsreach

We hope that those of you who came, enjoyed Pip Utton's "Churchill" performance in February.

The next Artsreach show will be on Sunday March 10th at 7.30pm when the "Three Cane Whale" trio will be performing their spellbinding multi-instrumental music which combines the influences of folk, minimalism, classical and film music to produce something "impressively original" (The Guardian)

This is a new acoustic group that provides delicate music evoking a diversity of landscapes, journeys and atmospheres. Not to be missed!

Tickets ,when available , may be obtained from Burton Bradstock Post Office, or telephone bookings to me at 01308 897214.

Norman Saunders-White Promoter for Artsreach at Burton Bradstock

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

has a few vacancies for anyone interested in renting an allotment plot at Southover.

The Reading Room is also available for hire for meetings and

functions.

If you are interested in either case please contact the Parish Clerk for further information. Fel Moore tel 01308-459001 or email fel_moore@hotmail.com

Please remember that the Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month, in the Reading Room at 7.30pm.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Change of Speaker for the talk on March 15th.

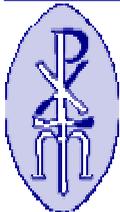
Unfortunately Jon Lee Anderson, Foreign Correspondent for the New Yorker magazine, will be unable to speak with us on March 15th, because of rapidly changing world events. I am glad to say he has however agreed to be our speaker in September this year when his planned schedule looks more feasible. He has been kind enough incidentally to forward me his current fascinating 11-page article in the New Yorker on Chaves' Venezuela 'Letter from Caracas': if anyone would like to have a copy emailed please just let me know by emailing john.grantham4@btinternet.com

We're delighted to say that one of next year's speakers has kindly agreed to bring his talk forward to March 15th to fill the breach – Jasper Shackleton, related to Sir Ernest. Jasper gave his talk here 7 years ago entitled 'In the Wake of Captain Bligh of the Bounty' - the story of his 4,000 mile voyage in a boat he built himself for his team to replicate and celebrate Bligh's extraordinary feat. It's a really enthralling talk, 7.30pm Friday 15th March.

John Grantham

LITTON CHENEY

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ST MARY'S CHURCH DAVID TAYLOR

As reported last month by the Rector, St Mary's was full for the thanksgiving service for David Taylor in January - it was standing room only after seating in the chancel and tower was filled. That around 170 people attended the service is measure alone of what David meant to us all - it was indeed a truly heartfelt thanksgiving both to God for bringing David to live and work amongst us and to David himself for his selfless, valuable, generous and professional service to his church, his village and the wider community. It was a privilege for us all to be present to hear the eloquent tributes from Andrew and Jo and the

rousing singing; and thank you Wendy from the many who braved the steep walk to Malahide for your generous hospitality afterwards.

ELECTORAL ROLL - This year a new Electoral Roll has to be prepared. Inclusion on the Roll primarily enables you to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and have your say as to how St Mary's is run and, if you wish, to seek election to the PCC. If you are not already on the Roll and would like to be included please contact Helen Jones who will provide you with the necessary form (Skep House, Litton Cheney, Tel: 482602 by 15th March.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING – This important event in the life of the church will be held at St Mary's on 10th April at 7.00 pm immediately following the Meeting of Parishioners to elect two churchwardens. All whose names are entered on the Electoral Roll shall be entitled to attend the Annual Meeting and to take part in its proceedings; if you have an interest in the village church and yard and its future then do please enrol so that your views can be heard.

 In the last few weeks I have been almost over-whelmed with cards, letters and kind words remembering David. I am very grateful for your thoughts and prayers and for all the invitations and offers of help that I have received. Thank you all so much for your care and support, which is hugely appreciated.

Wendy

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

As Easter is early this year so is the **DUCK RACE**. Sunday March 31st is the date, 12.00noon is the Off, Main Street is the place, quickly followed by the White Horse.

But, do come earlier to buy your Duck - it will be waiting for you, straining at the gate and ready for its great migration downstream. Hopefully not to Lyme Bay.!



As mentioned previously we will be having “themed” **VILLAGE WALKS** which will venture a little further a field than the valley. The first one will be at Bluebell time on Lewesdon Hill. We are currently planning this for a Saturday in May but waiting to see when they are likely to be in bloom!! Obviously we will need to drive there and hope to leave the Bus Shelter at 9.30. All these details will be confirmed in the April/May editions of BVN, and on the website.

Ron Davidson LCSC 482661



EVENTS AT LATCH FOR MARCH

Art classes continue Thursdays, 1.30 - 4.00pm.

Zumba continues on Thursdays, 6.00 - 7.00pm.

Yoga continues on Fridays, 9.45 - 11.15am (not 29th)

More details can be found at www.littoncheney.org.uk



Village Café Saturday 16th - - open 10.30 - 12.30. Y'all come!

Film Night "We bought a Zoo", Thursday 21st - Film starts 8.00 p.m.

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm, in Litton and Thorner's Community Hall (LATCH). All local residents are indeed welcome and actively encouraged to attend.

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

SERVICES IN SHIPTON GORGE:

March 10th - 11.00am Mothering Sunday - a short service led by James, finishing in time to take your mum to lunch!

March 17th - 11.00am St Patrick's Day - led by Canon

Tom Clammer (he sits in the Shipton Gorge seat in Salisbury!)

March 24th - Palm Sunday

March 29th - 10.00am Good Friday Litany led by Vicky and Janet

March 31st - 11.00am EASTER DAY SERVICE

All Welcome - please come and join us!

We were sorry to have to postpone the coffee & croissants morning due to the bad weather and hope to be able to re-arrange it in the near future - please watch out for details!

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

January Draw:

£20	No 36	Dave Curtis
£10	No 83	Doreen Rogers
£ 5	No 79	Greta Collis

February Draw:

£20	No 70	Bob Simpson
£10	No 19	Bob Ayers
£ 5	No 29	Vicky & Ernie Thomas



FUNDRAISER FOR
ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

A LOAD OF OLD BLARNEY

New Inn Shipton Gorge

March 18th, at 7.00pm

£15 per head

Irish menu, Raffle

Limited places

Ring: John Kent 897574, Marylin Hewitt 897302

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

SAUNDERS RICHARDSON WOOD

Shipton Gorge Heritage Ltd is delighted to announce that they have now leased the Saunders Richardson Wood for the next 999 years from the Woodland Trust, and this wood will now be managed by Shipton Gorge Heritage, our village charity, on behalf of the village. The wood was bequeathed as a wildlife haven and we are keen to improve the habitat so that the flora and fauna will thrive and we will be seeking advice from various conservation and wildlife organisations in the coming months to help us in this respect.

If you wish to become involved in the management of this Wood please contact Hilary Cunningham (897928), Mary Boughton (897958) or Steve Young (897088).

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY (SGVS)

SGVS has no Events planned for March. However, our next Event will be a **RACE NIGHT** on Saturday 20th April in the Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm. We plan to show some 16 races with 8 horses running in each race. Obviously for Events like these to be successful, those responsible for the organisation on the night need to be well trained for a 'smooth running' (*pardon the pun*) evening of racing and hopefully, this will be done ??

Full details will be available in the April issue of the BVN.

Terry Diver - Chairman

PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tina Wall, from Burbitt Close, was co-opted on to the council in February and we are very pleased to welcome her. With her previous council experience and knowledge of the village, we are sure she will be a great asset to the council.

ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

Letters from the series are now available in booklet form. Priced at just £4.95, 'The Letters of Uncle Eustace' was written by the Rev Dr Gary Bowness and illustrated by the Rev Canon Taffy Davies.

The book is based on a series of fictitious letters originally written for parishpump.co.uk. They cover the funny side of life in the obscure rural parish of St James-the-Least-of-All, blessed with a VERY old-fashioned priest.

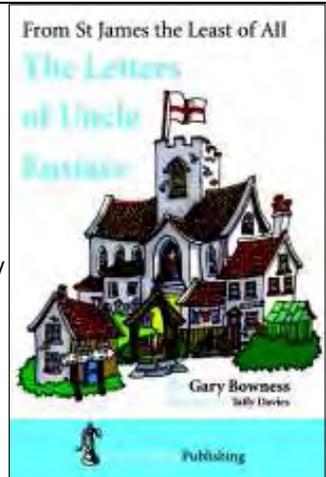
"Down the centuries the Church of England has been blessed with some extraordinary clergy," says Parish Pump editor Anne Coomes. "Uncle Eustace presides over life in the small parish of St James-the-Least-of-All, buried somewhere deep in the heart of rural England. Here time has stood still, kept firmly at bay by this elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar. He is in the habit of writing letters to his nephew and thus we gain a glimpse of what parish life once was - and may in some places still be, for all we know.'

Uncle Eustace first appeared in 2005, here on www.pariahpump.co.uk. He is the happy creation of the Rev Dr Gary Bowness, a former Director of Post-Ordination Training for Blackburn Diocese, and now vicar of Henbury, near Macclesfield.

When Parish Pump first asked Gary to write a humorous column on church life, he demurred. "Then he poured himself a glass of Zinfindal and thought it wouldn't be too hard to come up with ideas based on real-life memories, so 'Uncle Eustace was born. Nowadays, Gary admits that writing his monthly column has proved not so much work, as therapy.



To buy the booklet go to:
www.pariahpump.co.uk/pages/letters-uncle-eustace



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DIARY, MARCH 2013

Fri	1	19.30 Bring & Share "Folk & Food"	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Mon	4	19.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	5	15.15 Afternoon Tea	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		19.30 Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	6	19.30 Book Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		19.30 Burton Bradstock Parish Council Mtg	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Thu	7	9.30 Church Working Party	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
		14.30 BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	8	10.15 Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		14.15 Tots Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Sun	10	12.00 Bring & Share Lunch	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Mon	11	19.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Mon	18	19.00 "A Load of Old Blarney"	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
		19.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		19.30 BVGC "Growing Vegetables"	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	19	12.30 Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	20	15.15 Afternoon Tea	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	21	13.00 Lent Frugal Lunch	Bridehead
		14.30 BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
		19.30 BV Films "We Bought a Zoo"	LATCH
Fri	22	10.15 Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sat	23	16.30 BV Ladies Choir "Welcome Spring" Conct	St Peter's, Long Bredy
Mon	25	19.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	28	18.30 Agape Meal	Rectory, Burton Bradstock
Fri	29	14.00 Children's Easter Workshop	Village Hall, Puncknowle

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Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

Martin Luther King Jr.



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: March 2013

	1 st Sunday 3 March LENT 3	2 nd Sunday 10 March MOTHERING SUNDAY	3 rd Sunday 17 March JOSEPH OF NAZARETH	4 th Sunday 24 March PALM SUNDAY	5 th Sunday 31 March EASTER DAY <i>CLOCKS CHANGE</i>
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Morning Worship 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) 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family HC 11.00 Easter Service
Chapel in the Woods					6.00 Holy Communion
Chilcombe					8.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Mothering Sunday Service	11am Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Mothering Sunday Service	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Communion (by Extension) 5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by Extension)	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship		9.30 Holy Communion
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion