

# Bride Valley News



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**I HAVE** been told at the start of April, that the lambing season will be memorable for the wrong reasons. There is no grass coming through, and so the ewes have to be kept in. Fodder is in short supply and therefore expensive; straw for bedding has all but run out. Some of the lambs are dying of cold, in particular those of triplets that are small and weak. The raw East wind keeps blowing. And this following on a year when the cold, wet Summer, following a dry Spring meant for a difficult 2012.

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of May are rogation days, much ignored in our times. They are the Spring version of Autumn's Harvest, being one of the ancient blessings of the land. Being very modern, we concentrate on the material goodies produced at harvest, in the same way that we buy stuff without knowing much about where it comes from. Rogation is a traditional time of the blessing of the fields, their preparation and sowing, and the nurture of the crop. It is a blessing of work in hopes of what is to come from it. In time, patience rewarded will look to a blessing of harvest, but in Rogation tide the looking forward is a blessing in and of itself.

We may do well to remember Rogation this May time: to pause by the odd gate in our moving about the Valley, so as to pray a blessing on the land in front of us. The weather may be balmy by now, but remember how wild and frozen it was. The fields may look green



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and lush, but they have been soggy and empty not so long ago. Pray for the land and those who work upon it for a break from the disappointments of the last couple of years, so that in being blessed the fields may bring a blessing upon us all.

*Bob Thorn.*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### BAPTISM



**ORLA ROSE BARNETT** and her mother Kate are regulars at the Tots Service, so it was a great joy to welcome them and dad, Julian, to the 9.30am Family Service on

March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Kate and Julian wanted to say a big Thank You to God for their longed for baby, and to give her to the Lord Jesus in Baptism. Together with Orla's parents, the godparents, Richard, Ruth and Jenny, promised to bring up their baby (as Joseph of Nazareth did) in the way of faith, and we as a church promised to pray for them and encourage them in this path.

Let none of us forget, and may Orla be (as her name means) a golden princess for the Lord



### WEDDING



On Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April Joanne **LOUISE EVANS** and **BENJAMIN JAMES LAWES** were married in St Mary's, Burton

Bradstock. A break in the previous weeks of weather meant a sunny day, if not altogether warm, for the very happy occasion. Emma Ashworth read a poem and Tim Sellers a reading from the Song of Solomon. Jo and Ben made their solemn vows before friends and family in a joyful congregation.



### FUNERALS



On Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> March the funeral of the late **FLOSSIE STILWELL** was held at Weymouth Crematorium.

Flossie had moved into Burton Bradstock 23 years ago from Bothenhampton, where she and her late husband, Doug, had retired. She had lived a reclusive life with her dogs, spending much time in gardening and in very fine needle work; a private and contented life which sadly began to fail with her memory. She was cared for by her niece, Sandra and by others of the family until very near the end. It was a simple, said service with time spent in quiet and grateful recollection.



The funeral of **SHEILA BARNES** was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. A service was held at Weymouth crematorium early in the morning, attended by many family and friends. In the afternoon the Church of St Mary's, Litton Cheney was full to overflowing for a service of thanksgiving, held in Sheila's memory. We remembered her in tribute, in



prayer and in the singing of "Ballerina Girl" in memory of one whose love of life, and courage in the face of death, was a celebration in itself. Keith then led the mourners with Jamie and John into the churchyard where Sheila's ashes were interred in the grave of her late son Daniel who had died in his childhood.

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,  
And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK

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### FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

A big thank you to all of you that came and supported our Race Night on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April. A good time was had by all and we are especially grateful to those of you who sponsored the seven races on the race card. It was a full house and the money that was raised will go toward the upkeep of the library

We have now purchased a printer to provide a photo copying facility for use at the Library. The cost will be 10p a sheet either black and white or colour.

A sale of books will be held in the Library on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> of May between 10.00am & 12noon - hope to see you there.



*Sandy Adderley*



### SOME LIKE IT HOT

Just a reminder, after last month's BVN feature, that this Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon black & white film classic is being shown on the large screen in Burton's Village Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday May 4th at 7.30pm. Tickets are at the Village Post Office.

Many had sold at time of going to press – if all gone please phone 07990-583167 for possible returns. Tickets £5 each to include tea/coffee/biscuits after the film. Profits to Starlight Children's Foundation.

*John & Annie Grantham*



A plant sale will be held at The Red House, Middle Street, Burton Bradstock on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00am to 1.00pm. There will also be homemade marmalade for sale. The proceeds will be divided between The Bible Society (Charity no. 232759) and The Church Mission Society (Charity no. 220297). Please come and support us, you will be most welcome.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY AGM & COFFEE MORNING

Just a reminder for the BBVS Annual General Meeting on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, following which we shall serve light snacks and wine. There is a vacancy on the committee and if you are interested please contact our Chairman, Peter Broomhead, or myself.

We are also holding our Coffee Morning and Cakes and Plants sale the next day, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 10.15am to 12noon. The money we raise from this event helps fund our Flower & Produce Show in July. So if you have any spare cuttings, seedlings or plants, we would be very grateful to sell them on the day. Also cakes, biscuits, buns for the cake stall. Please bring your contributions along to the Village Hall before 10.15am on the morning. Very many thanks in advance (and in anticipation).

*Carol Lumley, Hon. Secretary*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST.

*For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308897648)*

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

Congratulations to the winners of the April Draw

1st	£42.40	No. 141	Mrs Mary Ibbotson
2nd	£21.20	No. 13	Mr David Barnikel
3rd	£10-60	No. 199	Mr Richard Seebohm



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

## VILLAGE FAYRE

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will once again be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm. Your support in previous years has made this event a great success with the money raised contributing towards the running, maintenance and

improvements to the Hall which the Village Hall Committee continues to undertake.

There will be many stalls and games with plenty for children to do and again they can test their speed and agility over a fun Obstacle Course. In order to make this event a success we need volunteers to help with the stalls and games and we need donations for the stalls, the General Raffle and Bottle Tombola. If you can help in any way the people to contact are:

**Fancy Goods** – Carolyn James – Tel: 01308 898222

Carolyn would be grateful for any soap, small pieces of china, costume jewellery, scarves, sewn items, embroidery etc. or anything suitable for a gift.

**Children's Stall** – Irene Smith – Tel: 01308 897020

Irene will be grateful for any donations. Any toys, books, games, soft toys, crayons etc. (new or used) must be clean, in good condition and safe for young children.

**White Elephant** – Julian Piper – Tel: 01308 898603

People willing to offer any items for the White Elephant Stall should contact Julian who will let them know time and place for delivery of White Elephant Goods - all reasonable items accepted

**Books, CDs, and DVDs** – Gillian or Roy Perkins – Tel: 01308 898707

There will be a box in the Library in the two weeks before the Fayre where you may leave any Books, CDs, and DVDs (not White Elephant items).

**Plants and Produce** – Pat Broomhead – Tel: 01308 897408

Pat will be pleased to receive any plants or produce in the Rectory Gardens on the morning of the Fayre between 10.00am and midday.

**Sweet Surprises** – Joan Allan – Tel: 01308 897511 and Noreen Short – Tel: 01308 898766

Joan and Noreen would be grateful if you could donate wrapped sweets to fill plastic containers which will be provided.

**Cakes and Preserves** – Linda Knapp – Tel: 01308 897300

The WI is organizing this stall and they would be grateful for any donations and these can be brought to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fayre and left in the Hall itself (not the Kitchen).

**Bottle Tombola** – John Cullen – Tel: 01308 897137

John would like donations of any bottles or cans of alcoholic or soft drinks.

Donations can be taken to Granary Cottage, Shadrach.

**General Raffle** – Jan Clark – Tel: 01308 897412

Jan is organizing the General Raffle and as well as standalone items, it is hoped to put together hampers of food and fruit so tins of food, packets of tea, coffee etc; will be much appreciated.

A lot of help will be needed to set up and take down on the day; if you are able to come to the Rectory Gardens at 9.00am to help set up the stalls etc. or at about 5.00pm to help pack them away your help would be gratefully appreciated – and please contact Graham Moody on 01308 898548.

Note: The Village Hall Committee Room will be open from 9.30am to

midday on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May to receive items for any of the stalls.

Please contact Graham Moody on 01308 898548 if you have any queries.

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY**

### **MARCH MEETING REPORT**

We were pleased to welcome back Jasper Shackleton who lives at the head of the Bride Valley. He stood in for our scheduled speaker Jon Lee Anderson who was due to speak on the Arab Spring. but the constantly moving situation in the Middle East had called him there at short notice. He will be giving his talk later in the year.

Jasper told us of the background to the "Mutiny on the Bounty". He spoke of Captain Bligh and of his 3600 mile journey through the Southern oceans and his amazing seamanship skills.

This feat had so captivated Jasper that he decided to replicate it. He built himself a boat, recruited a 6 man crew, shipped it out to Tonga and set sail. They had many hair raising experiences including finding a way through the Great Barrier Reef. They finally arrived in Timor which should have been journey's end, but were refused permission to land and had to sail to Bali. By this time Jasper nearly had his own mutiny as everyone had more than enough!!

They got there safely and their tale left us full of admiration and just slightly queasy from the sight of the enormous waves on the screen.

### **RED NOSE FUNDAY**

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March a Red Nose Funday was held in Burton Village Hall to raise money for Comic Relief. This was arranged by Nia Kanellaki and her friends. As usual for Burton Bradstock, the whole village supported the event. Thanks to Mrs Pursey and the members of the W.I. for the cakes, to Pauline Woodford and her crew in the kitchen, to all the children who ran "Malteser" stalls and of course the Mums who supported them.

There were many donations of money and Mrs Val Ferre donated the hire of the hall. We are grateful to everyone who supported the event in any way, by bringing of cakes or buying them. We believe everyone enjoyed the afternoon. The cakes that were left over were sold after Church services the following day and the total raised was £388-06.

They say £5 can vaccinate one child against malaria. I shall leave you to do the maths!

*Judi Kanellaki*



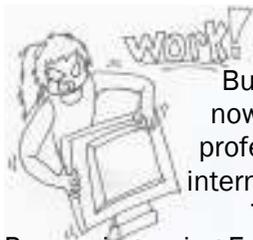
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I wonder what it means when your grandson is more  
CrotChety than you are.

*Aaron McGruder, The Boondocks*

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## WOULD YOU LIKE SOME COMPUTER TRAINING?



We are pleased to announce that Burton Bradstock ONLINE has funded the installation of Broadband in Burton Bradstock's Village Hall. This means that we will now be able to run a full range of reasonably priced professional computer courses in the hall with all the latest internet/audio/visual facilities.

Topics could be Computing for Beginners, Word Processing, using E-mail, using the Internet, PC Security (how to avoid being conned by enticing e-mails, or picking up a Computer Virus), Online Shopping, Managing Digital Photos/images, Online Banking, Spreadsheets, Databases, Desktop Publishing, Web Design, Introduction to Windows 8, how to use an IPAD or Apple Mac, Smartphone etc. The choice is endless, but we will focus on the more popular topics first and then work through the list – provided, of course, that there is enough support for a course – we would need a minimum of six per session.

In order to identify your training needs, there are blank questionnaire forms included in this BVN, and further copies in the Burton Bradstock Library so you can tell us what your priorities are. Completed forms should be returned to the Library. Based on your feedback, we will soon start running new courses to suit you.

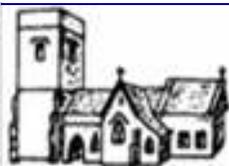
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## ST PETERS CHURCH

Thank you to all who helped with organising and assisted with the teas etc. for the Bride Valley Ladies Choir concert in April. A very enjoyable and well attended concert was performed with, £200 raised for Church funds.



## CONGRATULATIONS

to **GERALD** and **JANET CUFF** who celebrated their Diamond Wedding in April.

## LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

Winners for March:

£25	no. 35	David Peretz
£15	no. 131	Liz Hemsley & Steve Evans
£ 5	no. 93	Hugo Busby



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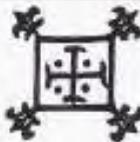
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## ST MARY'S CHURCH,

The Village Hall was packed for the **CHILDREN'S EASTER WORKSHOP** with around 35 children and 35 adults, many of whom returned along with others for the tea that followed the Easter Egg Hunt. Many thanks to all who helped make it such an enjoyable experience. It would have been impossible to manage without your help at the craft tables or in the kitchen or registering the children.

We placed the Easter garden in the Church, along with the Easter flowers for the Easter Sunday Family Service which was also well attended. We hope to keep the garden growing through Eastertide until Ascension Day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.



## CALLING ALL BOXHOLDERS

If you have a Children's society box would you please deliver it to Mike and Sue Brown, 30, Springfield, Puncknowle as soon as possible so we can send in this year's donation.

The Children's Society is a children's charity which helps children of all faiths and none, including children at risk on the streets, disabled children, young refugees, young carers or those within the youth justice system.

Through lobbying and research, the charity seeks to influence child protection policy and perceptions at all levels, so young people have a better chance in life.

If you would like to have a box for those pocketfuls of loose change – it quickly adds up – do ask us for one.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE

Will be held in Puncknowle Manor Grounds on Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> by kind permission of Jim Wilde. Put the date in your diary now!

Do start collecting toys, books, bric a brac, good quality used clothing, baking cakes and nurturing plants, and donations of fruit etc for jam making will be welcomed now by Liz Slater.

Many thanks to those who have already offered to help.

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



## **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE.**

The outcome of the Church Annual Meeting, due to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> April will be reported in the next issue of the BVN. The first PCC to follow this meeting will be held on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at 4, Green Barton.

### **SPECIAL EVENSONG FOR TRINITY SUNDAY.**

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm, Holy Trinity Church, Swyre will be having a special service to celebrate their Patronal Festival, to which everyone is warmly invited. Janet Lane and her Bride Valley Ladies Choir will be leading the singing, and there will be refreshments following the service.

Please make a note of this in your diary now, and come along with a friend to join our celebration. (There will be no Morning Service on this day.)

### **SWYRE TRINITY FETE**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June Opens 1pm

Just a reminder that we are seeking offers of help and items/produce for sale. As mentioned in last month's BVN, if you have unwanted books about Dorset or items of local interest we would appreciate any that you can offer. We will have a family history display this year and stalls with books, bric-a-brac, produce, cakes and plants. There are the usual teas and refreshments and a barbeque together with games in the field. Raffle tickets will be sold at the door.

*Tony Taylor 898523*

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



#### **LUNCH CLUB**

The May lunch will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> May.



### **PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP**

#### **EXHIBITION & PLANT SALE**

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May at Patria, West Bexington 10.00am – 5.00pm

Our latest workshop with Jane Coxhill was a new idea to us and something to spark the imagination.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be working at Patria and on 17<sup>th</sup> we will be at the hall exploring 'Dark Matter'.

We have been working hard for our one day exhibition at 'Patria'. There will also be plants so come and see us.

*Christine Molony*

## PSWB VILLAGE HALL



Results of the March Draw

Ellie Pearson	£15
David & Yvonne Buckland	£10

Just to let you know that the new 100 Club year starts from 1<sup>st</sup> May. I will be sending reminders to all current members during April. If you are not a member and would like to join please let me know, (or download the application form from the website [www.puncknowle.net](http://www.puncknowle.net)).

Sid Marshall, Owl Bank, 3 Green Barton, Swyre. Telephone 897318

## BIRTHDAY BASH

This was held as a Bring and Share supper with Jacket Potatoes, fillings and puddings – all good! Some people celebrated March birthdays and it was enjoyed by all who came along – despite the cold, cold weather – gas ran out the day before but we lit the fire and had a big blaze going, gas arrived at 7.00pm so it was an extra on the night. Bob was a revelation!! On his guitar, singing all his own songs – even a protest song – the Bride Valley's own Bob Dylan??

## BOOK CLUB



Our last book was the second in a series of autobiographies by Paul O' Grady called "The Devil Rides Out". It began when Paul was eighteen and living at home with his mother in Birkenhead – getting ready for the Big Saturday Night out in his white T shirt, freshly ironed jeans, looking good. His Mum on the phone to his auntie tells her, "Oh, the devil rides out tonight, Annie, the devil rides out!" Hence the title.

He relates his years working in bars and clubs around Liverpool, meeting all sorts of characters including drag queens, surprisingly also working in a children's home, fathering a daughter, moving to Littlehampton, even trying to live in Manila before finally settling in London in Crouch End (which some of our members knew well). Paul at last realises that he wants to perform and Lily Savage was born.

This was not everybody's cup of tea – like Lily or Paul - but different.

Our next book goes from Moscow & St. Petersburg to London and the French Riviera – a novel called "The Oligarch's Wife" – topical or what?

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Many people think that if they were only in some other place, or had some other job, they would be happy. Well, that is doubtful. So get as much happiness out of what you are doing as you can and don't put off being happy until some future date.

*Dale Carnegie*

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## LITTLEBREDY

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**THERE IS** a collection of thank-you messages this month, though some of them arise from the aftermath of the tragic fire which claimed the thatched roof of the two Yew Tree Cottages in the afternoon and evening of Easter Day.

Fortunately, there was no loss of life or limb, and most of the contents were recovered by a large team of villagers before the houses had to be abandoned. Both sets of occupants express their great gratitude to all those – a distinct majority of the villagers – who came to the rescue on the day and then helped with further moral and practical support, sorting out, washing, etc. afterwards. They are grateful too to the two local families who have provided them with housing in the short term whilst other plans in the village take shape. Terrible though the episode was, it brought out the Littlebredy community spirit at its best.

This was shown again a few days later when the Social Evening planned for the Village Hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> April went ahead, but at Bridehead instead, as the Hall was full of belongings stored there after the fire. The main reason for the gathering was to say farewell to Fred and Sheila Prideaux, who will have moved to Portesham before this edition is read. They too send their thanks to everyone who attended, and to all who have made them so welcome in the village these last 25 years and more. We wish them well in their new home, and feel sure they will be here again from time to time. Anne Bate will be moving to Middle Lodge from 2, River View Cottages when the time comes, and we wish her well there too.



Because of the length of this, one or two other comings and goings in the village will have to await next month's magazine – they haven't been overlooked or forgotten!

**THE VILLAGE** and Bridehead see their third Williams wedding in four years on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May, when Sarah marries Dominic Waddington in Church.



Their time together has encompassed medical work in Newcastle, South Africa and Sierra Leone so far, and the next step will be making their home and starting as doctors in North Devon. We wish them nothing but happiness and fulfilment in their married life together.

# LITTON CHENEY

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## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

### VILLAGE FETE IN AID OF THE UPKEEP OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2.00 p.m. at LATCH

Come and enjoy an afternoon of Maypole dancing by Thorner's pupils, Bouncy Castle, pony rides, teas and ice creams, coconut shy, games and wonderful stalls. Entrance only £1 for adults, children FREE. Grand Draw tickets are on sale throughout the village now and on the day with wonderful prizes to be won!

We should be very grateful to receive items for the stalls:

**Cakes:** (Emily Cave 482266) please bring on the day.

Also tray bakes, scones and cakes for **Teas.** (Irene Coville 482210)

**China, Glass & Gifts:** Jennie Prentice (482535) and Janet Jackson (897163)

**Provisions:** Diana Spicer (482617) fresh vegetables and produce on the day, as well as preserves, etc.

**Books:** To arrange delivery or collection, please contact Wendy (482532)

**Plants:** (Ron & Alison Davidson 482661) please label them so we know what they are!

**White Elephant:** any household items, garden tools/furniture etc.

Please deliver to Richard Jones, Skep House, The Paddocks (482602)

**Toys:** Clean, complete and in working order, please deliver on the day.

**Bottle Tombola:** (Janet & Nick Lunn 482102) Collection round the village from 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**Offers of help with games:** Contact Elizabeth Kingston (482162)

**Donation of prizes or offers of help with stalls:** Freddie Spicer (482617)

Looking forward to seeing you on the day!



Keith, Jamie and John would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support during Sheila's illness and their sad loss of a dearly loved wife and mother. Keith,

## MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION

Have you ever wondered how your copy of the BVN reaches you? It does so courtesy of a web of volunteers between Creeds the printers and your letter box. A valley wide rota takes it in turn to collect in bulk from Broadoak and deliver to the Bride Valley villages. On receipt Litton's 220 copies are parcelled up into bundles ready for house to house delivery by five volunteers in the village. For the past seven years Georgina Hartigan has been the kind person acting as the "sorting office" for

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the village – a task from which she has now retired and which Bella Spurrier has kindly agreed to take on. Thank you very much Georgina for your long and efficient reign in ensuring we all receive our copy as early as possible. Thanks also to the continuing house to house deliverers for their dedication in standing by their phones at the month's end and turning out in all weathers to deliver to the houses on their "patch".

## EVENTS AT LATCH FOR MAY

**Zumba** classes continue on Mondays 19.30 - 20.30 and Thursdays 18.00 - 19.00

**Yoga** classes continue on Fridays 09.45 - 11.15

**BV Scouts** meet on Thursdays at 19.15

Thursday 2nd May: **Polling Station** in Meeting Room 07.00 - 22.00 for DCC Elections

Tuesday 14th May: 19.00 **Parish Council Annual Village Assembly** with Martin Crabb of Ford Farm – The Art of Cheesemaking

Wednesday 15th May: **AGM Night** (LATCH + Social Committee + Web Group) + speaker: Jo Davies from The Gilded Teapot, Dorchester "Teas to your Taste".

Sunday 19th May: **"A Bit of a Do"** 14.00 - 16.00 - Fledglings fundraising event.

Monday 27th May: **Village Fete** – see details elsewhere in BVN. See you there!



## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The **DUCK RACE** produced its usual great weather together with thrills and spills, including a few ducks left stranded on the "sandbanks". However the stand-in "Admiral of the Fleet" coped very well with all the challenges! Thanks Bill O.

Children scooped the main prizes, well done, but it was notable that the winner of the Last duck was Steve Kourik, Chairman of the Parish Council. Let's hope he makes a better job of getting the Parish ducks lined up!!

Thanks to everyone who helped, not only on the day but clearing the stream before hand. Also to Pete C for making the new starting gate!

The next event will be the **BLUEBELL WALK** now on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, as the bluebells are just poking through the ground and will not be in full splendour until much later. We will meet at 9.30 by the Bus Shelter to share lifts to Lewesdon Hill.

Please do check the website and notice boards for any changes. Also contact Steve Kourik for more details, 482552.

We are planning another **AGM FEST** on Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 7.00pm. This will follow the successful format of last year, with LATCH, Social Committee, and Web Group combining to present their version of that was the year that was. This will be followed by a complimentary glass of wine/cup of tea and a talk, “Teas to Your Taste” by Jo Davis from The Gilded Teapot in Dorchester.

Later in May on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> is the **BRIDE VALLEY NAVIGATIONAL CHALLENGE**. We meet at the White Horse at 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start to what is always an entertaining and challenging drive around the byways of West Dorset. Do come along and see how much local knowledge you know, or not, as the case maybe!

Most of us end back at the WH around 9.00pm for a light snack and a drink whilst Clive and his merry band of helpers figure out who has won, or rather not lost. Only £5 a head to cover costs and a snack. Please let Clive on 482605 know if you are coming. More details are now on the website and will be on the notice boards.

The **SUMMER BBQ** is planned for Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>. We have brought the date forward to take advantage of longer and warmer evenings. We had to cancel last year as ticket sales were low due to conflicting events therefore another key date is July 10<sup>th</sup> by which time we need to know how many tickets are sold to allow for catering. Tickets will be on sale from early June and if we haven't sold sufficient, (60), we will need to CANCEL. Last year some people told us they intended to come AFTER we had cancelled, so it is important to buy your tickets sooner than later which will be much appreciated by the committee.

We were very saddened to hear of the death of **SHEILA BARNES**. Sheila had been an active member of the Social Committee for many years, and the power for the Christmas Tree lights was run from her garden shed. Her cheerful personality will be much missed by all the village.

*Ron Davidson LCSC 482661*

## **LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Annual Village Gathering/Assembly and Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 7.00pm with a talk by Cheese Maker Extraordinaire Martin Crabb, from Ford Farm, and this will be followed by the Annual Meeting. All are welcome and indeed actively encouraged to attend.

## **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

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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.

There may also be the added opportunity to join our chicken co-operative. Our free range chickens 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](mailto:dunbar.alison@gmail.com)

<b>SHIPTON GORGE</b> VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: BARBARA CHAMBERS WEST COURT, BROOK STREET, SHIPTON GORGE <a href="mailto:bjc39@btinternet.com">bjc39@btinternet.com</a> TEL: 01308 897482	
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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Please accept our apologies as there will be no Evening Prayer at St Martin's on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Morning Worship led by James Webster will take place as normal at 11.00am.

## FUNDRAISING

We are hoping to hold two fundraising events in the near future: The first on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> is a showing of “**The Navy Lark**” at the Village Hall beginning at 7.00pm and to include a seaside supper (you’ve enjoyed “Broadchurch”, now come and see another filmed at West Bay!)

And advance warning for our **Barbecue** to mark the Diamond Anniversary of the Coronation, to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> – look out for more details of these events. PCC

## PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This is the annual meeting of the parish council where positions of responsibility for the coming year are agreed. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

We still have vacancies for councillors – if you feel you are able to give some time and join the council please contact the clerk, Paula Biss, on 01308-898189 or email [clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk](mailto:clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk)

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This was held on 10<sup>th</sup> April and provided the usual opportunity for representatives of village organisations to tell parishioners about their work and it was a well attended and informative evening. The Parish Council also consulted the village about it’s proposals for outdoor exercise equipment

that it is proposed to add to the existing equipment in the Playing Field. There was support for this project which will be discussed further at the May Parish Council meeting. Thanks to all parish councillors who also provided wine and nibbles for villagers following the meeting.

## **SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY (SGVS)**

We have nothing planned for May but our next Event will be the SGVS Village Fete to be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June starting at 2.00pm in and around the Village Hall.

We are seeking to have a fresh look for this year's Fete and are asking Villagers for any new ideas on how to achieve this. One area we have looked at is the 'bric a brac' stall which we feel has 'run its course'. We are now looking for any Villagers with something to display or sell which is different to the appearance of 'bric a brac' as in a 'Car Boot' sale, to apply for the use of a Table/Pitch for this. A small charge will be applied. Further details can be obtained from Sally Parker on 01308897168.

## **COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

We have had some response to our appeal for new Committee members as in last month's BVN and have now arranged our next Committee meeting for the morning of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May @ 11am in the Village Hall. This is to enable any Villager interested in coming onto the Committee to come and meet us. Once again, if you are interested please phone the Chairman Terry Diver on 01308898656 for further info.

## **DORSET BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION 2013**

As you will know the Village is again entering the Dorset Best Village Competition. Our entry went in by close of play on 8<sup>th</sup> April and we have entered the single category of Best Kept Village. The 4 areas selected are the King George V Playing Field, The Village Hall, St Martin's Churchyard and The Orchard/Saunders Richardson Wood (Shipton Gorge Heritage).

The Judging begins as at 1<sup>st</sup> May and runs through to 31<sup>st</sup> July and villages can be visited more than once. Those 'chiefs' of the organisations above who act as Trustees or Stewards of the areas entered, hopefully will now be able to organise maintenance day(s) accordingly. Also main parts of the judging are Notice Boards which should be kept tidy, presentable and up to date. Various Members of the SGVS Committee will help in this but everyone please do what you can to help.

The results and prize giving take place at Puddletown Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Good Luck to everyone and thank you in anticipation of your help!!.

*Simon Cleveland (SGVS Competition Project Coordinator).*

# VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

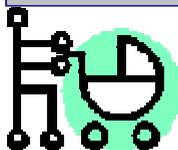
## MARCH DRAW

£20 No 50 Tye Love  
£10 No 80 Steve Larcombe  
£ 5 No 69 Colin Chambers

## APRIL DRAW

£20 No 28 Ian Daniel  
£10 No 24 Linda Stockwell  
£ 5 No 60 Peter Bates

## VALLEY NOTES



### TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE

Numbers continue to increase which is so much fun for all the tots who come. All pre-school children, babies and bumps with carers and parents are welcome to come to St Mary's Burton Bradstock on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2.15pm for an informal, friendly service with singing, activities, story time, refreshments and playtime.

Any further questions, please contact either Audrey (01308 897227) or Heather (01308 897780).

Future dates are 14<sup>th</sup> June and 12<sup>th</sup> July.

## 2013 BRIDE VALLEY BIBLE QUIZZES

This is for the third time of asking. Please contact Cilla Jones (01308 898473) or Heather Rogers (01308 897780) if you would like to be a quizmaster, scorekeeper, trainer or to take part in a quiz team this coming Autumn. All questions will be on the life of Joseph as recorded in Genesis Chapters 37 to the end (minus Chapter 38 and all the genealogies). Teams need to be put together now and training sessions (for those who require them) organised.

Thank you.



## THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

Our **Book Week** focussed on the production of a school newspaper. Thank you to Chris Denne who gave the children some top tips about newspapers and journalism. One evening, the children returned to school, in pyjamas and with a teddy, for a **bedtime story** with hot chocolate and biscuits. While the children were read stories, their parents were provided an **information session** on assessment, which they found very useful. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing as their favourite book character from fairy tales, Roald Dahl, Tolkien, comic books and many others. We even had several James Bonds! Please look on our website for pictures of the superb costumes. Several

Governors and friends came into school and read to the children during the week. Our Book Fair raised nearly £600, as a result of which the school was able to get more than £300 worth of books. A great big thank you to all who support this enjoyable and educational annual event.

Our **Easter concert** saw music performed to a very high standard, from a Chinese tune by Litton and Chesil and a clarinet piece by Bredy to Eggardon's own composition. After a brief interval, during which the audience enjoyed ice cream and drinks, the Drama Club performed **Cinderella**. A huge thank you to Kath who has given so generously of her time, not only to produce the show but also to make superb props and costumes. Our concert collection, for **Cancer Research**, was £70 – thank you to our families and friends for their generosity.

Litton and Chesil learned about **Judaism** as part of their RE topic. The Oddments Theatre Company performed an **interactive Bible Story** for the whole school.

One of our parents brought **lambs** into school – our children are so fortunate to enjoy such enrichment to their learning.

We were joined by our families and friends for our **Easter service** at St Mary's. The sun shone on the excited children walking down to church and on our Year 6 bellringers who so enjoy this privilege. Thank you to all who prepare the church for our services and help our bellringers. The service was followed by hot cross buns and tea/coffee back in LATCH, kindly provided by the TSA.



Our children had a great time at the **West Dorset Swimming Gala** and did really well. One of the children came first in her heat and all the others were placed in theirs – brilliant!

In order to raise money for **Marie Curie Cancer Care**, the children planted daffodil bulbs in the Autumn term. In the Spring Term, they took their plants home and raised more than £100 through sponsorship for their flowers. We are so proud of them.

*Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher*



## FLEDGELINGS

Before the end of term we did manage to plant some early Rocket potatoes, some runner beans in pots and radish & pumpkin seeds in trays. We do have some pretty spring bulbs in flower to brighten up the outdoor play area. One new thing the children will be trying – using Chatter Boxes – to talk about items

brought in from home, a bit like Show and Tell.

We are very pleased to confirm Emma Christmas as our new pre-school Manager, and that Julie Arak-Newman is now a permanent member of staff. Many thanks to helpers over the transition period.

Can we say a warm Welcome to Edward and his family – also to Daniel and his family – we hope you enjoy your time with us at Fledglings.

We wish to say a Big Thankyou to Howdens Joinery Co of Bridport for their generous £100 discount off the new dishwasher following the refurbishment of the kitchen. Also thankyou to Martin Yeates for bringing in lambs for the children to feed and care for.

The next major Fund Raising Event will be **“A Bit of a Do”** on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00 – 5.00pm. Come along and see the stalls, Big Band Music, old Cars and take refreshments. A Great Date for your Diary. If you have any outgrown children’s bicycles, tricycles, balance bikes or scooters, Fledglings would be very glad to have them – please ring the school number, as below, if you can donate any of these. Look out for a children’s sponsored bike ride which may be organised soon.

Spring Bank Holiday is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, and half term week begins on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May. 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 staff on 01308 482410 or check out the website [www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk](http://www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk)



## BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

The Annual General Meeting on 9th April found Burton Bradstock WI members in good heart. Outgoing President Barbara Pursey recalled highlights of the past year, including the Institute’s 95th Birthday, the Jubilee and the passage of the Olympic Flame. She was thanked for all her hard work on the WI’s behalf. Mrs Noreen Short was elected as the new President. The first event of the new WI year will be the Spring Lunch for members on 24th April. At the meeting on 14th May, members will be taken on “an imaginary walk through 17th Century Dorchester”.

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

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



### BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** The next **SOCIAL EVENING** will take place at 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Three Horseshoes on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

I am pleased to report that we have discussed dates with the

new Landlord and he has agreed to welcome us to the Shoes so that we can hold our meetings on a Monday.

The date for our June social evening is the 24<sup>th</sup>. Please let Malcolm Lawrence (898616) or Basil Dent (897125) know if you are attending.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Tess Pritchard has very kindly accepted our invitation to become our new Chairman. We were pleased to welcome her at our meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> and trust that she will enjoy her time in this position.

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



Once again it is necessary to advise that membership of the Royal British Legion is open to anyone over 18 years of age who supports our fundamental aims - it is NOT necessary to have served in HM Forces - that rule applied once, but it does not any longer. We always welcome new members: applications received by 14<sup>th</sup> July will gain fourteen months membership for the cost of twelve months (£16).

Last month we heard about the work of the Dorset Expeditionary Society which exists to enable youngsters aged 16 to 25 to travel, explore, fund raise and help with projects of a charitable nature abroad. In particular Richard White spoke of his leadership of groups travelling to Kenya and how the expeditions (during ten such trips) have climbed Mt. Kenya and been instrumental in building a health centre for people in the rural part of the country.

On 19<sup>th</sup> May Des Baker will lead a group of thirty on a 6-day tour of **Lancashire**: Branch Members Alan and Jenifer Ashworth will be our guides locally, since they are natives of that fair county! (*In aid of RBL Poppy Appeal/Dors to India*)

For our summer outing this year we have chosen National Rose Week as the best time to visit the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens at **R.H.S. Rosemoor** near Great Torrington, North Devon. Nestled in the Torridge Valley, just south of the coast, and west of Exmoor National Park, the gardens are spread across 65 acres. Within a dramatic backdrop of steep wooded valley sides, it consists of sculptured gardens intercepted by cool restful areas of parkland, meadows and trees. Rose gardens, herb and cottage gardens, hot and spiral gardens can also be found within the formal areas. To complete your day out there is a well stocked gift shop, plant sales centre and restaurant. The date for your diary is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Non-Members are welcome to join us. Book now with the writer and join the thirty

who have already done so!

Departures as follows:- Abbotsbury Square 0800, Fry's Close, Portesham 0805, Portesham Green 0810, Steepleton Pond 0820, 35a London Rd. Dorchester 0830, arriving Rosemoor approx. 11.30 am. Leaving at 4.00pm via the R. Taw valley, we complete the day at approx 7 - 7.30pm. Fare £16 (non-Members add £2.50 booking fee). Entry is free to RHS Members, otherwise the group charge will be £7.

We meet at Portesham Methodist Hall at 7.30pm Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, when Gavin Churchill of the **Red Cross** will be giving us practical tuition on how to deal with medical emergencies. This is such an important issue that can confront any of us any day of our lives, that we welcome any visitors who feel they might benefit - we ask a donation of £2 to the speaker for Red Cross funds.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> an 8 Day Tour of Tuscany & Umbria, Italy, gets under way. Privately organised and escorted by Des Baker for the benefit of RBL Poppy Appeal & 'Dors to India'. Coach travel to/from Gatwick, British Airways scheduled flights, 3\* half-board accommodation, local guide accompanying daily excursions to Florence, Pisa, Pienza, Montepulciano, Siena, Orvieto, Assisi and Perugia. Fully detailed itinerary available from Des Baker. Only a few seats remaining, so book now or you will miss the boat. Bargain: Price reduction!! Due to the popularity of this tour I have been able to reduce the cost by £50, now for only £945 per person (in a shared room).

*Des Baker Entertainments Chairman (01305 267617 or email "aveswood@sky.com".*

## GUILD OF HEALTH GROUPS QUIET DAY RETREAT AT OTHONA

MAY 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00am - 4.00pm

'The Good Shepherd' is the theme, led by Caroline Ellerby and Maggie Robertson. We will begin with sung worship in Othona's most beautiful chapel. We shall be sitting informally in a circle, which seems to help a feeling of sharing and understanding. Our leaders will give us a Godly Play presentation, which I personally am very much looking forward to, and I think it is the theme of the day.

It is a Quiet Day, so when we are not listening to or working with our leaders we will keep silence as we walk in the lovely grounds or meditate in the Chapel, the Library or the sitting room. Opportunities will be available for individual direction and healing prayer ministry.

Othona is giving us their famous good soup for lunch to accompany our own sandwiches when we will be talking and getting to know new friends or meeting up with old ones.

The afternoon will end with The Revd Jean Thorn leading us in her Communion of Quiet which is something very special ..... and tea!



Othona  
WEST DORSET



Othona  
WEST DORSET

Everyone who feels drawn to such a day is so very welcome. The cost is £5, at the door, If you want to know more details please phone Josephine Pearse - 01308 897784



## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's 2013 season began in March with an excellent talk on growing vegetables by Chris Smith from Pennard Plants. He encouraged us to grow different varieties of vegetables to those we can easily get in the shops. To this end he brought with him many different vegetable seeds and potatoes (including red ones, and we don't mean just the skins!) to tempt us.

On May 20<sup>th</sup> our speakers will be Chris and Heather Robinson, from Dorchester, who will be extending our knowledge on Clematis. On June 17<sup>th</sup> Jane Peretz will be advising us how to manage our gardens when we can't be there to tend them All visitors welcome, £2 entrance.

### Jobs To Do in May

This month you can sow many vegetable seeds both indoors and outside at the same time, giving a continuity of crops and not a glut all at once, including sweet corn, runner beans and French beans. Continue successional sowings. Plant out marrows and courgettes at the end of the month. Lift and divide mint plants. Clear spring bedding from the garden and containers, and prepare the soil for summer bedding. Protect tender bedding plants from frost until the end of May. Tie in vigorous climbers regularly.

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

## BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART

Hoping that Spring has arrived by then - what could be nicer than our Spring Fundraising Concert on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

David Juritz (violin) and Adrian Bradbury (cello) will be playing Beethoven, Gliere, Kodaly, Bach and Paganini.

Tickets are available from the Post Office and Gill Redford (01308-897203).

Tickets for the concerts for the Main Festival (11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August) are on sale from May 1<sup>st</sup> in the Village Hall from 9am to 12-30pm. Postal tickets will be on a first come first served basis from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May and at the Spring Concert on the 10<sup>th</sup> May or from Gill Redford.



*Janet Whitaker*

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The reason grandparents and grandchildren get along so well is that they have a common enemy.

*Sam Levenson (1911 - 1980)*

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## BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LATCH

### THE SAPPHIRES

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
Cert.PG 1.½ hrs.

*'Music, comedy, romance,  
racial politics - What more  
could you want?'*

For four young  
Aboriginal sisters from a  
remote town, 1968 was  
the year that would  
change their lives  
forever. Around the  
world there were  
revolutions and drugs.  
And there was Vietnam.



The sisters, Cynthia, Gail, Julie and Kay are discovered by Dave, a talent scout with a kind heart, very little rhythm but a great love of soul music. Billed as Australia's answer to 'The Supremes', Dave secures their first gig, and then takes them to Vietnam to sing for the troops. Based on a true story, The Sapphires is a captivating film with great music.

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



## 'A Bit of A Do'

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013

2.00 - 5.00pm

At LATCH, School House Lane, Litton Cheney

An Afternoon of Historic Vehicles, Cream

Teas, Stalls, Cake & Live Jazz

Only £1 entry

More information at [www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk](http://www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk)

Bridport Choral Society presents

# “A Night at the Opera”

Classic Choruses from the best-loved operas  
*Carmen, Nabucco, Madame Butterfly, Phantom of the Opera,*  
*and more!*

Soprano: Anna-Maria Geare

Conductor: Kris Emmett

Accompanist: David Illingworth

Saturday, 11th May 7.30pm

Bridport United Church, East Street

Tickets £6 (£3.50 under 16s)

from Bridport Music Centre or at the door.



## ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

***Beware those modern choruses***

*The Rectory*

*St. James the Least*

*My dear Nephew Darren,*

*I am afraid we shall have to agree to disagree on yet another topic – although I suspect the list of items we agree to agree on would be considerably shorter. I like to think my appreciation of hymns resembles a connoisseur of fine wines savouring a grand-cru claret: yours seems to resemble a Russian female tractor driver who is a Hero of the Nation.*

*We at St. James the Least are more than happy with “Hymns Ancient & Modern” – the original 1861 edition, naturally - the later editions display a dangerous tendency towards modernism. Sadly, St. Paul was not able to sing “Onward, Christian soldiers,” but I am sure he regretted the fact that it had yet to be written. The hymns our*

*grandparents pretended to sing when they were in church are quite good enough for the ones we pretend to sing when we sit in the same pews.*

*At least when we come to the last verse, we know that we can then sit down, mission accomplished. The last time I attended your church, just as I saw the last words and, therefore, the finishing line of one of your choruses, coming into sight, we were told it would be splendid to sing the thing another three times. At least it gave me another analogy to use when I next preached on eternity in hell.*

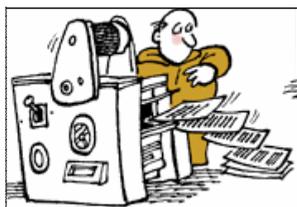
*And your method of singing would plunge our congregation into an existential crisis. What do they do with their hands when they don't have books to hold and are obliged to look at a screen? To be deprived of being able to hold a book in church is like a smoker who is trying to give up, being unable to grasp a cigarette when in the pub.*

*The ladies do not know whether to clasp their handbags, which then makes it look as if they suspect the rest of the congregation of theft, or to hold some flowers, which looks a little too matrimonial. The men experiment with putting hands in pockets, which they then realise looks scruffy, so they try to hold on to the pew in front, which is inevitably too low, so they have to adopt some form of half crouch, which makes them look as if they have recently had hernia operations.*

*Your choral tradition – if I can flatter it with such a description – also seems to require half an hour before the Service spent singing for our congregation, that time is more usefully spent discussing Government incompetence, livestock prices and why Miss Threlfall always wears a red felt hat with her tangerine coat.*

*Should we ever have a joint Service, I can't imagine how we'll all get through the first hymn together.*

*Your loving uncle,  
Eustace*



If you would like a copy of the published booklet of Uncle Eustace's letters, please email [enquiries@parishpump.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@parishpump.co.uk)

## FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



### St BONA of PISA



May 29th

Bona was born in Pisa, Italy in 1156. When she was 14 she made her first journey, going to see her father who was fighting in the crusades near Jerusalem. On the way back she was captured by pirates in the Mediterranean. Rescued, she set out again, this time taking with her a large number of pilgrims to make the 1,000 mile journey to the shrine of St James at Compostella in Spain.

Bona became an official guide on this famous pilgrimage route and made the journey 9 times, "full of energy, helpful, and unselfish, ready to reassure with her smile those who were sick."

In recent times St Bona has come to be associated as the patron saint of travellers along with St Christopher; and in particular of couriers, guides and air-hostesses.



### TRAVELLING ON...

There are lots of journeys recorded in the Bible. Can you find the answers to these travel questions? Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Where Paul was ship-wrecked on his journey to Rome (Acts, chapt. 27)?
2. Where was there no room for Mary and Joseph when they journeyed from Nazareth?
3. Which country did Joseph's brothers travel to find food? (Genesis, chapt.42)
4. Why does the Bible always say that people were 'going up' to Jerusalem?
5. When Moses led the people out of Egypt, what did he take with him? (Exodus, chapt.13)
6. Which of the 4 horsemen of the Apocalypse rides a red horse? (Revelation)

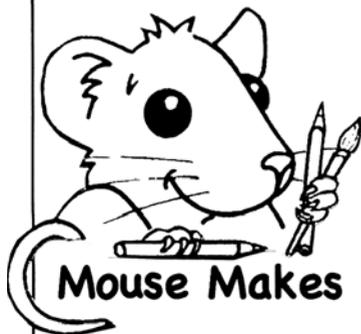


What do you say to a hitch-hiking frog?  
Hop in!

What do you call a penguin in the Sahara Desert?  
Lost.



Answers: 1.Malta 2.in the inns of Bethlehem 3.Egypt 4.because Jerusalem is built on a hill, so whatever direction you come from, you will always be going up to it.  
5.Joseph's bones 6.War.



It was the festival of **PENTECOST** and the Apostles and other believers were all together when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like tongues of **fire** which spread out and touched every person. All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. A crowd had gathered outside and each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language about the great things God had done.

  
**Read Acts 2:1-11**  
 Which countries had the crowd come from?

## The Holy Spirit

  
**Teaches**  
 John 14:26

  
**Reveals**  
 John 16  
 14-15

  
**GUIDES**  
 John 16:7-11

  
**Helps**  
 Romans 8:26

  
**Comforts**  
 John 14:16-17

  
**Transforms**  
 2 Corinthians 3:18

  
**The work of God's Holy Spirit in us brings:**

LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

HUMILITY

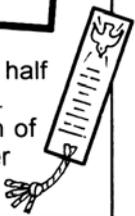
SELF CONTROL

Galatians 5:22-23



**To make your bookmark:**

Carefully cut around the outside, fold in half along the dotted line and glue together. Add a tassel to the bottom with a length of wool or ribbon. You can make it stronger by gluing onto card before folding.



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# DIARY, MAY 2013

Wed	1	19.30 Book Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	2	9.30 Church Working Party	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Thu	2	14.30 BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Thu	2	18.00 Zumba	LATCH
Wed	3	19.30 Burton Bradstock Parish Council Mtg	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	4	19.30 Some like it hot"	B.B.Village Hall
Sun	5	10.00 Art Club Exhibition & Plant Sale	Patria, W Bexington
Fri	5	10.15 Art Club	Patria
Sun	5	12.00 Bring & Share Lunch	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Mon	6	19.30 Zumba	LATCH
Tue	7	15.15 Afternoon Tea	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	7	19.30 Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	9	18.00 Zumba	LATCH
Fri	10	19.00 Spring Concert	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Fri	13	14.15 Tots Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Mon	13	19.30 Zumba	LATCH
Tue	16	10.00 BV Guild of Health Quiet Day	Othona Community
Thu	16	18.00 Zumba	LATCH
Fri	17	10.00 Plant sale	The Red House, Middle St, B.B
Fri	17	19.30 B.B. Village Society A.G.M.	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	18	10.15 BBVS Coffee, Cakes & Plant Sale	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Fri	19	10.15 Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Mon	20	19.30 Bride Valley Gardening Club - Clematis	Puncknowle V. Hall
Mon	20	19.30 RBL Bride Valley Social Evening	Three Horseshoes, B.B.
Mon	20	19.30 Zumba	LATCH
Tue	21	12.30 Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	22	15.15 Afternoon Tea	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	23	18.00 Zumba	LATCH
Mon	27	14.00 Village Fete	Rectory Garden, B.B.

## SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 5 May Easter 6</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 12 May Matthias the Apostle</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 19 May Pentecost</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 26 May Trinity Sunday</b>
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Morning Worship  6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship
<b>Chilcombe</b>			6.30 Evening Prayer	
<b>Swyre</b>	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	11.00 Morning Worship	6.30 Sung Evensong
<b>Puncknowle</b>	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Communion (by extension) 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