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# THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

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

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy      Chilcombe (*dedication unknown*)

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Punchknowle

ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge      HOLY TRINITY: Swyre

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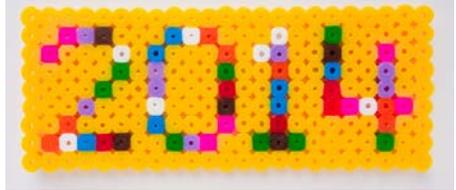
## WEEKDAY SERVICES, JANUARY 2014

Wed	1	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	2	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	3	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	6	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	8	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	9	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	10	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	13	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	15	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	16	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	17	9.00am	Shipton
Mon	20	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	22	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	23	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	24	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	27	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	29	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	30	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	31	9.00am	Shipton



### THE CHURCH'S NEW YEAR

began at the start of December, on Advent Sunday. And the birthday of Jesus is celebrated at Christmas, as we have just seen. Now the bidding to you is happy for the New Year of 2014 and for all three of these new beginnings – which is an odd thing to say, I realise. We talk of new beginnings and new starts, but I have yet to see an old one.



I suppose for a start that an old beginning would have to have already happened at least once, so it might look a bit familiar in a second hand sort of a way.

Or an old beginning might be a reminder of why we thought we needed a new one this time round, if only we knew what new meant or where it starts.

Or it might be just wanting things to be different in an anywhere but here, anything but this, sort of a desperation while the treadmill turns its weary way.

To bid you a happy new year, which I gladly do, might in the end only turn out to have meant “A happy year.” If the last one felt tired and a bit like the one before, then it may have been happy but not really new. If it is going to be new, then it is bound to be different, which may be only as happy as we are prepared to let it be. This bidding you happy new year thing turns out to be as much of a bind as a blessing, or perhaps both at once, and I am sorry to have to leave it up to you with such abandon: if it turns out that new is up to you, and happy is what you will make of it.

As for God, for whom a thousand years are like yesterday passing. He is always happy, as the very first light of a new day.

*Bob Thorn*

### FROM THE REGISTERS



The funeral of the late **Barbara Hicks** of Rockway, Shipton Gorge was held in St Martin's Church on Monday 2nd December.

Friends old and new gathered in number, joining villagers and family to recall many fond memories of Barbara as a person and her achievements as an accomplished pianist, chorister and skills acquired in apprenticeship with fashion designer Hardy Amies. Married to husband

Stanley for 60 years, Barbara was mother to their son Russell and Grandmother to Robert and James. Afterwards, the recollections continued as the congregation gathered at the New Inn for refreshments.

*James Webster LLM*

**Erratum:** in the last edition of the BVN registers I wrongly put that **Linda Samways** was born a **Laver**, which was not right. My apologies to both families for this error. Linda was a **Muden** and was born in Corfe Mullen.

*Bob Thorn*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK

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## BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IS TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014 IN THE READING ROOM AT 7.30PM. NORMALLY MEETINGS ARE ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH (EXCEPT AUGUST) BUT WE'RE

TAKING NEW YEAR'S DAY OFF!

The agenda will be available at least 3 clear days before the meeting on the Parish Council notice boards (outside the Reading Room and the Library), and is put on the Parish Council's website [www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.com](http://www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.com).

All are welcome and you may raise any issues you want to discuss under the "Parishioners' Points" items on the Agenda.

### Allotments

The Parish Council has vacancies at the Allotments in the new NT site. These will be free for the first year and will be rotovated in order to make them easier for cultivation. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk for further information.



You can contact the Council through the Parish Clerk, Mrs Michele Harding, by email on [burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com) or telephone 01305-871268 or through the Councillors' details on the web site.

Burton Bradstock Parish Council hopes you have a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

*Mrs Michele Harding  
Clerk to the Council*

# BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST.

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré  
(01308897648)



## “200 Club” Draw WDDC Licence no: SL0080

December 2013 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£84.80	No 172:	Mr Peter Parsons
2nd	£42.40	No 118:	Mrs Jill Spinney
3rd	£21.20	No 192:	Mrs Linda Knapp

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the **JANUARY 2014** draw should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £12. There are double prizes in the December draw.

## Recent and current Hall activities.

The Christmas Market on 7<sup>th</sup> December proved as popular as ever and stallholders did brisk trade and coffee and cakes were enjoyed by all.

The Christmas Quiz and light supper on 14<sup>th</sup> December sold out early on and the new Quiz Mistress, Sue Brown, ably assisted by husband Bryan, made the evening a memorable one; congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the losers.

Both events made very positive contributions to Village Hall funds, many thanks to all who attended.

## COMING EVENTS

### BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS.

Burton Bradstock Films will be showing the critically acclaimed, 2012 film, **ARGO** in the Village Hall on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January**. This triple Oscar winning thriller about the CIA rescue of six US diplomats during the 1979 Iran hostage crisis, starred **Ben Affleck** in the leading role of Tony Mendez, who led the rescue.

Doors open at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5 to include a glass of wine and can be bought in advance from Burton Bradstock Post Office or, if any still available, purchased on the door on the night.



## Thanks from Starlight



Thanks for another packed house to see two films on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, in aid of the Starlight Children's Foundation for seriously and terminally ill children. Starlight have asked us to relay their thanks to the community for the £600 profit raised.

We hope we managed to thank everyone on the evening who helped and supported the event, but would like again to thank Gwen at the Post Office for her invaluable 'Box Office' role, and our projectionist, Tim Linford, for his meticulous trial runs of the films, ensuring all would run 100% smoothly on our fine new village hall kit. The organisers received some very positive comments about both the film and quality of sound and picture.

We hold two evenings a year for Starlight. The BVN will hopefully carry advance details by April of our next Starlight evening which is on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the other Starlight evening will be Friday November 21<sup>st</sup>. Both will again feature classic films from 'yester-decades'... (Ideas always welcome).

*John and Annie Grantham*

## Village Hall Trust AGM.

The ninth Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust AGM will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 20:00. This is a public meeting open to all Villagers, so please come along and hear all about the Village Hall Trust activities of the last year and plans for future and then enjoy a free glass of wine and nibbles afterwards.

## ARTSREACH NEWS

### TOM LANGHAM'S "HOT FINGERS" FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

We begin the New Year with an old favourite, who is sure to be popular. **Tom Langham** has been entertaining for years at jazz clubs, and festivals all over Britain and has a large following. From his early days as banjo and guitar player in the rhythm section of many a group.

He has a devotion to the musical fashions (and the attire!) of the 1920's and 30's with all the knowledge of the highs and lows of performers and songwriters on both side of the Atlantic.

His verbal introductions to the "next" song draws you into that era of entertainment from the night clubs and theatres into the world of recorded sound and wireless, scenes of the talkies and even the glamour of Astaire and Rogers musicals.



Tom, in his last concert at Burton Bradstock, played to a packed house!

So book your tickets early (01308 897214), or, when available, from the Post Office.

Norman Saunders-White  
Artsreach promoter for Burton Bradstock 01308 897214

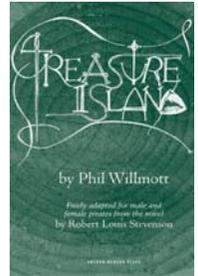
## TREASURE ISLAND

This year Burton Bradstock Players present Phil Willmott's adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale on:

Wednesday 19th – Friday 21st February at 7.30pm;  
Saturday 22nd at 2.30pm and 7.30pm

Keep the dates free for a swashbuckling adventure with treasure, pirates and a parrot (but no Pantomime!)

*'A delightful blend of the salty and the silly' Independent*



## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November we had our third talk of the season for the Village Society. Our Speaker was **Brian Pettit** on the subject of Wildlife in Dorset and Hampshire.

Brian had the most amazing photographs of wildlife from Damsel flies and Red Squirrels to Elephants and Giraffes, obviously the last two weren't in Dorset or not that I have noticed ! He told us always to keep our eyes open when we are out walking as you never know what you might be missing either underfoot or in the trees. Brian is a very entertaining speaker with some very amusing anecdotes and we hope to welcome him back in the future for another one of his talks.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January will be our New Years talk by **Seb Coulthard**. Seb works for the Ministry of Defence's centre of expertise for aircraft battle damage repair, aircraft enhancement and scientific support. In his spare time Seb explores the past and that is what he will be speaking to us about as he takes us on an expedition he and five colleagues made a year ago reliving the epic rescue journey undertaken from the **Antarctic to South Georgia by Sir Ernest Shackleton** 100 years ago .

Come along and join us - Village society members £1 guests £4

## February Meeting

We will welcome **Kate Adie** the well-known BBC correspondent as our speaker. On this occasion the meeting will be open to members only

who will be admitted on a “first come first served” basis. We hope that this will not cause disappointment but we do have a seating limit in the hall.

## Committee Vacancies

The Village Society is seeking new members for the committee at the AGM in May. Our long serving **Secretary Carol Lumley** is standing down, the **Treasurer Chris Clarke** would like to hand over the reigns as would **John Grantham** the **Programme Secretary**. These are all very important and fulfilling roles without which the Society cannot function.

*Carol writes “For anyone wishing to retain secretarial skills and nourish an active brain, a rare opportunity has just arisen. The last time it occurred was back in the last century (almost 18 years ago), when I took over as the Village Society Secretary. I feel it is now time to relinquish the task and let someone else enjoy this extremely worthwhile, interesting and stimulating job. It is not too onerous, just a bit hectic at times! The Committee meets not more than 5 times a year and it is a great opportunity to get to know people in the village, the Village Society being one of the principal players in encouraging the great social life enjoyed in Burton Bradstock. We have a happy and harmonious Committee, with everyone playing an active part. Please do consider whether you have talents to offer, I can assure you of job satisfaction and fun.”*

The role of Treasurer is equally interesting and rewarding and our Programme Secretary has the most fun of all tracking down and securing the services of high quality speakers

For more information please contact Carol on 897365, Chris on 898117, John on 897935 or me on 897408.

*Peter Broomhead, Chairman*

## Burton Bradstock Duplicate Bridge Group

Please be aware that the above meets every Tuesday in the village hall from 1-45pm to 4-45pm. For further information please telephone 898117.



## BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

**Don Moxom** was the October speaker with a fascinating lecture on the Chesil Bank and Fleet Nature Reserve, of which he is the warden. Later in the month, members enjoyed a trip to the Octagon to see the musical “Guys and Dolls”. The Christmas season began with a successful Early Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning in November; £600 was raised. At the November meeting, Mike Bolton gave



an illustrated talk on “Transports of Delight”.

December was busy with an excellent Christmas Lunch at the Golf Club; in the same week, the Group Carol Service was held at Walditch. The following day, the WI had a stall at the Village Hall Christmas Market. At the main meeting, former “Yettie”, **Bonny Sartin**, came to entertain with “A **Slightly Alternative Christmas**”, and members enjoyed mince pies and cake with their tea. At the first meeting in the New Year, members will be challenged when **Diana Perry** comes to teach “Creative ways with scarves”.

## LITTON CHENEY

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH

With the start of another year a big thank you to all who have helped to maintain the church and the yard during 2013. Inside the cleaners and flower arrangers have excelled, as is testified by the several compliments in the visitors' book. Outside, the mowers and gardeners have had a busy time and kept the yard and its approaches neat, tidy and a joy to behold.

Anyone who thought they had missed the annual clean need not worry as it's been postponed to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 am – all are welcome – equipment and refreshments provided!

## LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL

Zumba, Yoga, Table Tennis and Short Mat Bowls will all re-start in January. Dates not currently available. Please check with your class tutor/leader.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. Parish Council meeting

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – Thorner's School Association Big Breakfast –  
Village Café

## FUND-RAISING APPEAL

Many of you will have received letters from LATCH signifying the commencement of an appeal for funds to build a storage extension for the hall. We do hope you can contribute to a much needed facility and which will make life so much easier for those using the hall, including Thorner's School. We are delighted that funds are beginning to come in, but please keep that happening in order that building of the extension may commence

very soon. Every little helps! Please call 482617 or 482661 for more information. Many thanks.”

## LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the Litton Cheney Parish Council on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm at Litton and Thorner’s Community Hall. All village residents are welcome and indeed encouraged to attend. Happy New Year to one and all!

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The **NEW YEAR’S DAY WALK** will start at **10.00** from the Triangle and finish at The White Horse where food will be available. Do come along and enjoy a healthy start to 2014 in great company.

In February we are planning a walk round **Compton Valence** enjoying the **snow drops**. It is difficult to predict which weekend they will be in bloom but information will be available on posters and the website closer to the date. If in any doubt ring Steve Kourik on 482552. He would love to hear from you!

We are planning further interesting walks during the year including another bluebell walk in May, and a coastal one in July/August. More news in the BVN and on the website.

The annual **DUCK RACE** will be on Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>, and the annual **VILLAGE BBQ** is planned for Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>.



We, or rather Clive and Bob, are planning the **BRIDE VALLEY NAVIGATIONAL CHALLENGE** for May.

So, a varied feast of events with something for everyone and a lot for many.

How about a **NEW YEAR RESOLUTION** to come along and join in village events ? Get it on the (new) calendar!!!

To A Happy and Active 2014.

*Ron Davidson LCSC 482661*

## BRIDE VALLEY FILMS at LATCH

We have decided not to show a film in January; it was proving difficult to find a recent release we thought would generally appeal and with around 100 films on TV over Christmas felt it was too risky to pick an oldie! However we will be back in February, on either the





first or third Wednesday. Film choice to be announced. In the next few months we will be showing **About Time** and **Philomena**.

Meanwhile we have added **Before Midnight**, **Summer in February**, **I Give It A Year** and **Behind the Candelabra** to our library. See the Litton website for the list and borrow them at film evenings or call Alison Davidson 01308 482661 – it



could be just the way to relax after the festivities!

Thank you all for your support – we wish you a very Happy 2014!

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

## LITTLEBREDY

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Tel: 482232



**THE SOCIAL CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING** at the end of November re-elected the committee en bloc and said thanks to those (many) others who have rallied round and helped with events in the past as needed.

**Ben Pentreath**, the Chairman, apologised for a relatively low key year for the Club in 2013, but the funds had held up, and the feeling of the meeting was that no apologies were necessary: the occasional social evening and supper for villagers and guests in the Hall, leavened with other events from time to time, found general favour with the membership. Those present thanked the committee for their hard work – and also learned that they had to be better at paying their subscriptions in 2014 than most apparently were last year!

It seems likely that the next few events will be a **film show** in the Hall – of two films made in the village in the 1970s - sometime in January (on a date to be confirmed by flier), plus an event of some appropriate sort in February to mark **St. Valentine**, with one of our inimitable **Quiz Evenings** to follow later in the spring. For all of these, supper will be included, and the bar will be open. Therefore, massive value for money (if and when those subs are paid...!)

**A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS AND FULFILLING 2014 TO ALL.**

# LONG BREDY

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## ST PETER'S, LONG BREDY

The Parochial Church Council would like to send best wishes for the New Year to all Long Bredy residents.

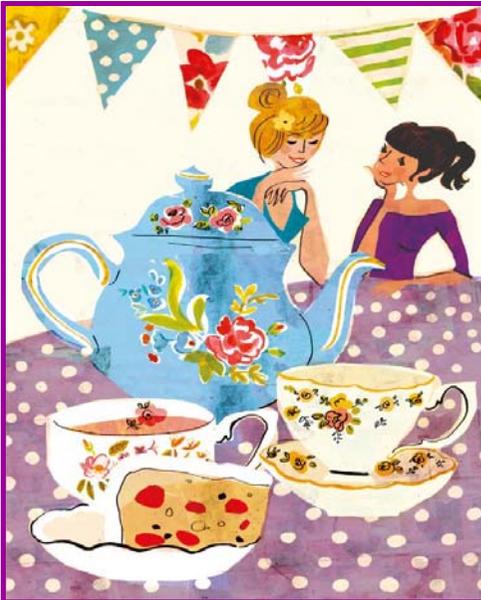
Thank you for supporting the Church and its fund raising throughout the year. We have a magnificent restored tower that will be here for the next generation. We are truly lucky to live in such a beautiful place with kind and generous neighbours.

## POPPY APPEAL VILLAGE COLLECTION

Thank you to all in the village who generously contributed to raise £192.30 for this year's Poppy Appeal. An excellent amount - thank you.

## 100 Club results November 2013

£25	no. 30	Barbara Bastable
£15	no. 51	David Cain
£5	no. 49	Andrew Bailey



Tea and Chat  
*All are welcome*

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January  
with Elinor Frost at  
Bridelands,  
Long Bredy  
3-5pm



# PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON



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## ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE Christingle

This celebration of the light of Christ in the world will take place on Sunday 26 January at 11am with the collection going to the Children's Society.

### Changes to Times of Church Services

Please note that as from February 2014 there will

be a few changes to service times in Puncknowle as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	5.00pm	Evensong ( <b>no</b> service at 11am)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	11.00am	All Age Holy Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	9.30am	Family Service ( <b>please note the change of time</b> )

*Christine Molony*

## PUNCKNOWLE ART CLUB

Thank you to Sallie for a very interesting workshop on stained glass windows. We designed our own on paper and put them all together. Our workshop with Jane Huxtable - Brown was a look at all the colours that could be green and white. We really enjoyed both these workshops.



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

### Holy Trinity Coffee Morning

Thank you to those who visited us on the 30th November for our coffee morning, with your help we were able to raise some welcome funds for the upkeep of the Church.

### Bingo at the Bull

Many thanks to Sue, Les and Peter who made the evening possible. With their help a fun evening was had by all who came. Sue provided us with tea, coffee and mince pies after we had finished "bingoing". Our very grateful thanks to her.



We shall be hosting our usual **Epiphany Songs of Praise** on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm**; after the service we shall serve tea/ coffee and Epiphany Pie.

Sue has agreed to hold a **Beetle Drive** on the **15<sup>th</sup> January** in the afternoon starting at **2.00pm for 2.30pm** again to raise needed finance for the upkeep of Swyre Church. Please come along.

*PCC Holy Trinity Church Madeline Marshall*

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



The January 2014 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> January.

*Ken Martin*

## **SHIPTON GORGE**

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## **ST MARTIN'S CHURCH**

**St Martin's Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting -**

7.30pm, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 Shipton Gorge Village Hall

**Candlemas Service/Christmas Carol Service** takes place on 6.30pm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February; Please note this replaces the usual 11.00am service.

**ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHTS** have been sponsored in January by:

**Doris Benselin** for Len,  
**Tony Mallet** for Jane's birthday  
**Karen Jones** for Tiger Jones' birthday  
**Dave Osmond** for his birthday  
**Ernie Thomas** for his birthday  
**Tony Mallet** for Jane's mum's birthday  
**Hilary & Richard Cunningham** for their anniversary, and  
**Doris Benselin** for her father.

Many thanks to you all for lighting up your church.

For just £5, you too can light up St Martin's, please contact **Phyl Webster** on 01308 9898657

# VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DECEMBER DRAW

£50	14	Anthony Kilroy
£20	39	Brenda Lavelle
£10	105	Jan Sorrell
£10	74	Christine Huxtable
£10	98	Tony & Margaret Tewson



## VALLEY NOTES

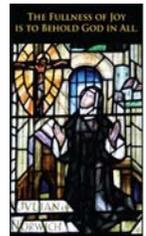
### GREETINGS PAGE

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all those who supported The Bride Valley News and Julia's House by sending greetings in the December issue. I am delighted to tell you that the total collected was an amazing **£890** which will be shared between the two of them.



### THE JULIAN GROUP.

The Julian group has changed its day and venue. From October we are meeting on the **first Monday of the month at Swyre from 10.00am until approximately 11.00am.** For enquiries, please 'phone Jean 01308 898799 or email [jean@jeanandbob.demon.co.uk](mailto:jean@jeanandbob.demon.co.uk)



### TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE

An informal friendly service for all tots, babies and bumps and their parents/carers is held at **St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock** on the second Friday of each month (except August) at **2.15 pm.** It includes singing, activities, storytime, refreshments and playtime. You're all welcome to the services held on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014.** For any questions please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780.**



### BRIDE VALLEY HOMEGROUP

We have spent the autumn term following a series of studies based on the life of David, looking at issues that are still highly relevant to us today.

Our **January** meetings will be on 9<sup>th</sup> ("Life after failure") and 30<sup>th</sup> ("Family ties"), both in Litton Cheney. There is a core membership of about 10 people although not everyone can make each meeting (which doesn't

matter!). The final session in this series will take place on February 20<sup>th</sup> (Leaving a legacy), in time for the Lent course.

If you are interested in finding out more about the homegroup, or would like to join, please contact **Heather Goffee** on 482667 or **Gill Newell** on 482136. We would be delighted to welcome new members and, depending on numbers, we may be able to offer a daytime homegroup in addition to the evening one.

## **WE NEED YOU!**

### **HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING AN ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER WITH DORSET FIRE AND RESCUE?**



Fire stations across Dorset are recruiting for on-call firefighters – a part-time job which could save lives. We had a chat with Deputy Area Commander for Dorset, Craig Baker to explain what’s involved and how you can sign up.

**What is an on-call/retained or part-time firefighter?** An on-call firefighter is someone who is able to work part-time for Dorset Fire and Rescue Service and who is able to respond to his or her local fire station when needed, to deal with an emergency. It might be someone who is in other full time or part-time employment or is a carer and is keen to support their local community.

Local emergency services form an important part of our community. Firefighters do a whole range of jobs from fighting fires to helping at all sorts of incidents. As a retained firefighter you might be called to floods, road traffic collisions or chemical spills as well as fires.

**What kind of person can become an on-call firefighter?** Anyone can be an on-call firefighter, provided that they are over 18 and are both physically and medically fit. You do not need any formal qualifications for the job but you should have good reasoning and numeracy skills. You must be someone with commitment as you could be disturbed from your work or your home at any time of the day or night.



If you are able to respond from work you will need to get the permission and support of your employer. Your employer is likely to expect you to make up the time you have missed when responding to an emergency.

**What kind of training do you get?** To begin with, you will have to complete a number of tests to show that you have the right skills and fitness to be a firefighter. If you

are successful in these tests you will then be asked to attend an interview at your local station. Finally, you will need to attend a medical and eyesight test.

Soon after your appointment you will have to travel to our Training Centre to complete a Basic Retained Training course. This course is Monday to Friday and is for two weeks. Once you have been an on-call firefighter for three-six months you will return to the Training Centre in order to learn how to wear and use Breathing Apparatus Equipment. Again, this course is Monday to Friday for two weeks. There are other training courses to gain specialist skills such as first aid and casualty care, but when possible these are at weekends or in the evenings.

We provide ongoing training in the form of a drill night each week at your fire station.

**How does the retained duty system work?** You do not have to work specific hours but you must be available at agreed times of the day or night, including weekends. During the application process, you sign up to a commitment of either 90 or 120 hours each week. This doesn't mean you have to be on duty at a fire station. You may be at work or at home with your family during this time. When you are needed for an emergency you are "alerted" and must be able to drop anything you are doing and get to the fire station within five minutes.

**So do I have to be on call all the time?** No, the number of contracted hours you are on call will depend on the amount of time you can give each week. The number of hours will be dependent on your work or other commitments and will be agreed following a discussion with the station commander of your fire station.

**Will I have to deal with unpleasant situations?** The nature of the work of a firefighter means that you may be asked to deal with unpleasant situations. It is difficult to train for such situations however, the training we do provide will help you prepare for and deal with an emergency. There are lots of different jobs that have to be done during an emergency. Every firefighter has different skills and strengths and these are used, where possible, having regard to the situation. On the rare occasion when you may find the emergency unpleasant we do provide help and support.

**What will I get out of it?** Joining us as a retained firefighter offers a wealth of opportunity to work for your local community on a part time basis. It is an exciting and hugely rewarding job where you will become a crucial member of a highly trained and tight knit team.

The job gives you an opportunity to help your friends or neighbours in an emergency in a very real and practical way.

There are also financial rewards; you will receive an annual retainer that is based on the level of cover you are able to provide. An hourly rate is paid for training and responding to an emergency. In addition, you are paid a disturbance fee when you respond to an emergency.

As an on-call firefighter you are entitled to annual leave and you are eligible to join the fire service pension scheme.

**How do I apply?** Full details of the role of an on-call firefighter together with an application form can be found on our website; [www.dorsetfire.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetfire.gov.uk). If you would like any further information please visit your local fire station.



## 'Community Credit Scheme'

### COMMUNITY CREDIT SCHEME

Time banking has been around in the UK since 1998 and since then has witnessed extraordinary growth, being applied to many and varied settings across the public, private and community sectors. Time banking is all about people listing the skills, experience they can offer in which others might need.

Our project will be focused on **people with learning disabilities** and providing a **volunteer mentor** to help support them to volunteer within their local community. In return for volunteering they and their **volunteer mentor** will receive time credits which can then exchange into an activity of their choice. This might be an activity supplied by a local business or by another time banking member, for example buying an hour at their local gym, or learning to sew.

People with learning disabilities have been excluded from many organisations in the past and we hope to break down some of these barriers. **We are looking for people who would be interested in being buddies for individuals with mild learning disabilities** so that they can volunteer locally. In return for mentoring you will receive a community credit note for each and every hour you volunteer.

If you are interested please contact me for an informal chat.

Siobhán Davis – Project Coordinator

01305 269214 or 07918639014 [S.Davis@volunteeringdorset.org.uk](mailto:S.Davis@volunteeringdorset.org.uk)

The Volunteer Centre, The Coach House, Acland Road, Dorchester, DORSET, DT1 1EF

## BRIDPORT STROKE CLUB

Have you had a Stroke or do you know anyone who has had a Stroke? Bridport Stroke Club could be the place for you.

Bridport Stroke Club is a small, friendly club which meets every Wednesday morning between 10am and 12noon at Vernon's Court, off South Street, Bridport.

Our meetings start with gentle exercises, followed by tea, coffee and biscuits, and various activities. We have interesting speakers and arrange outings throughout the year. Help with transport is usually available.

For more details, please call Nic Arundel, 01308 898474, or email [nicarundel@gmail.com](mailto:nicarundel@gmail.com)

## AXE VALLEY AND WEST DORSET RING AND RIDE ... from your own front door



This service has been in operation since September 2001 and is a registered charity running community transport for the West Dorset and East Devon areas. It is provided for people with **a special need for transport** facilities because they are **elderly, disabled, parents with young children or people living in isolated areas where there is no adequate public transport.**

The door-to-door service offers passengers security and comfort, taking a lot of the strain out of shopping. The fares are very reasonable with morning shopping trips to Bridport, Dorchester, Honiton, Axminster and Chard costing just **£5.00**.

Word of mouth proves over and over again to be the best source of advertising and many of the Ring and Ride passengers have told both neighbours and friends who have subsequently joined.

There is also a **Passenger Club** for each zone that offers a weekly afternoon trip and a day trip on one Saturday each month and is very popular with members. The annual membership fee is just £5 and gives the opportunity to visit destinations such as Sidmouth, Otter Nurseries, Sherborne, the Somerset Levels and Abbotsbury Swannery with day trips to Lynton and Lynmouth, Glastonbury, Wells, Swanage and many others. The service encompasses isolated rural areas and offers a lifeline to many who may find other forms of transport inappropriate or simply lacking.

For further information and details about any of the trips available please contact our office on **01404 46520** and we shall be happy to assist you.

## B3157 CLOSURE ABBOTSBURY- JANUARY 2014

Wessex Water will be working on the coast road through Abbotsbury from **6<sup>th</sup> January** for **up to 3 months**. It may at times be possible to get through Abbotsbury around the back roads but these are likely to be busy and slow. Wessex Water's advice is to avoid Abbotsbury completely and travel via the A35 to Winterbourne Abbas then down Portesham Hill.

Those needing to collect medication from Portesham Surgery will, as always, be able to arrange to collect from the usual collection points in Litton Cheney, Puncknowle and Burton Bradstock. Simply let the Pharmacy know when you order the necessary items.

During the closure, Wessex Water will be putting on two free bus services with wheelchair access:

a) A shuttle bus from Abbotsbury Sub-tropical Gardens to Portesham, marked Wessex Water Courtesy Bus, which you should be able to board along the route.

b) A "Wessex Water X53" (First Line X53 will be re-routed along the A35) which will run from Weymouth to Portesham and from West Bay to Portesham. This will take the back streets through Abbotsbury. When the western end of Abbotsbury is completely closed, passengers will walk at most 100 yards through the works to pick up a shuttle bus the other side of the closure.

You can check [www.wessexwater.co.uk/abbotsbury](http://www.wessexwater.co.uk/abbotsbury), or telephone 08456004600 Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 6.00pm for the latest details on the exact location and progress of the works.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### Bride Valley Branch

A special thank you to all those who helped with the various fund raising events and the door to door collections for the Poppy appeal I am pleased to say that we raised a total of **£3,766.00** of which **£ 2,622.00** was from the door to door collections.



Well done to everyone and particularly a big thanks to **Tom James** who organized Burton Bradstock and the many organizers in the other valley villages. Many thanks also to **Richard Cunningham** who organized the Valley ably helped by **Mags Chue**.

**Advance Notices of Social evenings held on a Monday evening in The Three Horseshoes Burton Bradstock:-**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** note the date this is the **3rd Monday**  
**February 17<sup>th</sup>** Annual dinner see below

March 31<sup>st</sup>

April 28<sup>th</sup>

May 19<sup>th</sup> note the date this is the 3rd Monday

June 30<sup>th</sup>

Please let Malcolm Lawrence (898616) or Basil Dent (897125) know if you are attending.

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#### Other events:-

The Annual Dinner will take place at the Golf Club on **Monday 17th February 2014 at 6.30pm for 7.00pm**

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*Membership of The Legion is not restricted to ex-Servicemen and women it is open to all and you are welcome to join us*

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

*Malcolm Lawrence Secretary (898616)*

### Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch

A happy and healthy New Year to everyone!

The Branch starts the year with a trip to Bournemouth Pavilion for the matinee performance of the popular musical **“Seven Brides for Seven Brothers”** live on stage. Coach pick-ups are as follows: Abbotsbury Square 12.25 p.m., Portesham Green 12.35 p.m., Dorchester (London Road) 1 p.m. *At the time of writing we have three returned tickets which will be sold on a first come first served basis.*



We next meet at the Swan Inn, Abbotsbury at 7 p.m. on Monday 10 February for the **skittles challenge match**, Branch v. Women's Section.

A light supper will be available. There will also be a raffle. If you can give advance notice of your intention to come, all the better, but it is not essential.

This year we are holding the **Branch Annual Lunch** at Highlands End, Eype on Thursday 27 March. We look forward to our return to this welcoming establishment where we are assured of an excellent meal. Non-Members are invited to join us for a convivial event and a cordial welcome. (Visitor's booking fee £2.50 extra)

Des Baker will escort a **6-Day Tour of Suffolk** starting on 7 April and based on a 4\* waterfront hotel in Ipswich. Already fully booked, you can still call him for any cancellations that may occur. Proceeds this time will be shared between the Poppy Appeal and Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

**National Memorial Steam Engine “The Unknown Warrior”**. This engine being built at Llangollen has reached the half-way stage. A worthwhile

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project, which is endorsed by the Legion, it is creating something which steam enthusiasts and members of the public will be proud of for years to come. Voluntary donations (upon which the enterprise depends) are welcomed by The LMS-Patriot Co Ltd, P.O. Box 31188, Hixon, Stafford ST16 9JL.

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

## “Save the Aged” ...?

I was cycling along the Bride Valley road from Litton Cheney back through Long Bredy and Little Bredy, when a milk tanker overtook me, with that slogan on the back. Wondering if skimmed milk had become the latest superfood for older people, I looked again, and saw that what it actually said was: ‘Cave Aged.’ The tanker belonged to the Ashley Chase cheese factory, which regularly sends the best cheese to finish maturing in the constant temperature and high humidity of the Wookey Hole caves. The factory uses the brand name ‘Ford Farm’, but geographically it is



Ashley Chase Chapel

really Parks Dairy Farm. The name Parks Farm came long ago from being on the boundary of the medieval deer park of Litton manor, owned by Ralph de Gorges (the Norman family that gave its name to Shipton Gorge). Ashley Chase is the name of the almost hidden big house built about 1925.

Large family-owned estates, like Frampton and Leweston, could not always manage the financial burden of death duties and were sometimes sold off in small units, and the big houses demolished. Often nouveau riche industrialists bought them. Sir Eric Rose, a Scottish shipping magnate who had made a fortune from Rose’s Lime Juice, bought Leweston. Sir David Milne Watson, a Scottish gas baronet, and his wife the poet Olga Herbert, bought Ashley Chase.

The Milne Watsons were thrilled to find in their woods a ruined 13<sup>th</sup> Century Cistercian chapel, St Luke’s, which had once belonged to Netley Abbey. They partly restored it and arranged to be buried there: he in 1945, and she seven years later.

We revisited the chapel on one of our cycle rides. We found the couple’s tombstones, plus a third one of a close friend. We saw a slate wall plaque, and a smaller stone that bears the words:

*The silent night  
The early dawn  
The badgers come  
And the birds do sing  
You were my everything.*

We were first shown this magic spot by George Fox about 30 years ago having cycled here via Abbotsbury Hill but an easier route is via Long Bredy, Cox's Lane and Parks Lane, though that does degenerate beyond Parks Farm into a kilometre of pretty rough bridleway before you find the gate into the wood at the start of the path to the chapel. When cyclists pass away, I feel them looking over my shoulder, checking that I'm hanging on to the 'old knowledge'. Phil Fisher was one of those wise old people. He will be prodding me to continue discovering the stories that make cycle rides a time traveller's adventure. Yes, I know we can't really save the aged forever, but we can preserve the stories.

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## BRIDE VALLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



What a great time our new WI is having. Our December meeting was a social evening at the Crown in Puncknowle with a fine raffle plus we supported a local food bank for homeless people with donations. In January we are looking forward to our speaker **Chris Curtis** on '**It's a Grave Business: Dead Interesting Dorset**' which sounds very intriguing, not forgetting the **African Drumming Workshop** in February and lots more to come! Our membership is growing steadily month by month and we very much welcome new members of all ages, from all over the valley.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month, usually at the village hall in Puncknowle, but check the Diary page for details.

For more information contact **Natalie Green** [nataliejgreen@me.com](mailto:nataliejgreen@me.com) or 01308 898202.

## FLEDGLINGS NEWS

Welcome to new boy **George**, who started in November - and to his family. There was a parents evening in October, where they could talk to children's key workers. December activities included a big North Pole display with polar bears and penguins plus arctic hares, and decorating their Christmas tree, as well as making lots of Christmassy things, and reading Christmas stories. The Christmas party was held on Tuesday 17th December after lunch, with parents and siblings coming along too.

The **Cake Sale** raised **£20** and the **Christmas Bazaar** was held on Sunday 15th December to raise funds - more on this next time. "**A Bit of a Do**" will also be held again at LATCH on **Sunday 11th May 2014** - a date for your new diary.

Fledglings children have also been voting as to which new equipment



they would like, after looking at pictures of the same. A special new easel has been ordered for which **£200** was donated by **The Crown Puncknowle Fundraisers**, to support the children's learning. So **A BIG THANK YOU** to them.

The children joined in with a school Assembly before the end of term – the start of next term is on 7th January.

*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)*

## THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

### Assemblies

**Bredy's** very informative assembly was all about the human body, using a combination of narrative, enactment and rap. For their assembly, **Litton** and **Chesil** performed 'The Little Red Hen'. It was wonderful to see the confidence of these young children; you would not have known that it was the first time that Litton had performed to an audience. Great stuff!

The whole school enjoyed an **Indian style breakfast** of chapatti, curried vegetables, cucumber raita and mango lassi. A great big thank you to an ex parent and an ex pupil who prepared it all!

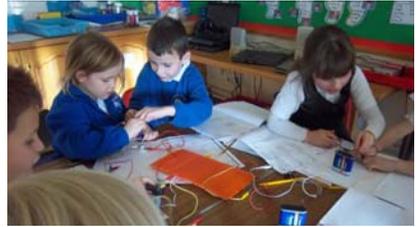


### Visits and visitors

Our **school nurse** talked to the Litton children about being healthy and a **fire officer** to all the children about fire safety. **Chesil** went to Colfox for a morning of **multiskills**. **Bredy** went to the New Barn Centre in Bradford Peverell in support of their history topic on the Romans. The children thoroughly enjoyed (oh yes, they did!) a **pantomime** of Jack and the Beanstalk at Freshwater.

For several weeks, the children trained for **cross county running** at lunchtime and after school in preparation for the annual cross country event at Symondsburry. It was tough and muddy but they all made it to the end – well done!

Chesil children have been busy learning - solving maths problems and making circuits, including a 'buzzer' quiz!



### Charities

The School Council organised a non uniform day to fundraise for **Children in Need**. The children came wearing something spotty and/or yellow and also covered Pudsey in

coins. We raised **£85.80**.

We collected **40** shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. These go to children less fortunate than our own in various parts of the world.



Our **cookery club** is using increasingly complicated and challenging recipes which are evidently working very well – delicious smells waft through the school every Monday!

The **TSA cake sales**, which raise money for the TSA and for charity, are very popular.

*Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher*

**Saturday 18th January 2014**

**At LATCH, from 10.00 to 12.00**

**The one and only Village Cafe**

**BIG FARMHOUSE BREAKFAST**

**Local and delicious!**

**Cakes, books, raffle ,stalls**

**run by Thorner's School Association**

## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL



As I write this report on the 5<sup>th</sup> December the school is in full festive swing. Each class is busy making crafts to sell at our Christmas Fayre, children are busy learning their lines for the Performance and the adults are frantically trying to fit everything in before the end of term!

The children are working hard rehearsing the Christmas Play. This year we are having a whole school performance of 'The Christmas Jigsaw' where each year group tells a different part of the Christmas story culminating in the completion of the jigsaw at the end.

As you read this report in January the festive celebrations will be over, the costumes packed away but no doubt Christmas will be a distant memory. We will be looking forward to a successful 2014 and all that the new year brings.

One event that is already in our diaries is a Beetle Drive that is being organised by the Friends of Burton Bradstock School. This will be taking place in the village hall on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. Tickets will be available from the school office beforehand and we hope that villagers will be able to support this event. We had a wonderful time at last year's Beetle Drive. All money raised by the Friends goes directly back to the children and the school and this year they are raising funds to develop the outside learning space for the Reception children and to purchase new technology (tablets/laptops) across the whole school.

The staff and children of the school wish you a very happy, healthy and peaceful 2014!

*Claire Staple Headteacher*

## JANUARY SKY GUIDE

This month I am going to focus on the constellations. In particular Orion the hunter. It's located low in the south and its shape is impossible to miss. If you have never seen Orion then a simple way to find it is 3 stars low in the south that form a line rising up to the right (Orion's belt) and above to the left there is a bright orange variable star called Betelgeuse.

If you're new to stargazing then finding the belt of Orion, Betelgeuse, Rigel (an even brighter white star below to the right of the belt and Saiph) below to the left of the belt will be a good target for this month. If you own a pair of binoculars or a telescope then you might want to spot the beautiful and very famous Orion nebula. If you look closely in Orion there will be a faint white star in the middle of the triangle of Saiph, Rigel and the belt. If you point your telescope or binoculars in that area there is a good chance you'll see it. I have seen it and it's incredible!

*Thai Chant*

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## ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters From 'Uncle Eustace':  
On the perils of the Diary*

*The Rectory  
St. James the Least*

*My dear Nephew Darren*

*So, you have just attended a course on 'Diary Management', to get you prepared for another year. If you had visited me, I could have told you all you need to know in half the time. Allow me to provide you with useful information which was probably not provided in your conference hand-outs.*

***First:** buy the smallest diary you can find: large blank pages only encourage you to fill them with too many appointments; the smaller the page, the easier it can be made to appear that your days are fully booked.*

***Second:** make sure that it is of a size that will conveniently fit into any pocket. When dates are being arranged for subsequent meetings, you can theatrically start going through jacket, trouser and overcoat pockets. By the time you discover it was in your briefcase all along, all the dates will have been fixed and no one will notice you never got any of them.*

***Third:** adopt your own private code for bookings. This means that any parishioner looking over your shoulder and seeing "1.30pm PLS" or "7.30pm WTD" will assume you are attending important church meetings. The fact that they mean "Post Lunch Sleep" and "Walk The Dog" will be known to you alone - although do have alternative possibilities for your*

acronyms should you ever be challenged. My congregation know I am assiduous in attending the “Pauline Letters Seminars” and my membership of the “World Theology Directorate” is of many years standing.

**Fourth:** Record everything in pencil so that once you return home, you can rub most of it out and can then deny you knew anything about those meetings you were supposed to attend - and to prove it, you can show the blank page in your diary.

**Fifth:** Put someone else’s address inside your diary. Should you ever have to resort to the ultimate act and need to lose it, you do not want some Good Samaritan returning it to you from the churchyard compost heap.

So you see, your day of flip charts and group discussions were quite wasted - and I would gladly have presented my course for half their price.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

## SUDOKU Solutions

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## St WULFSTAN

19<sup>th</sup> January

St Wulfstan was Bishop of Worcester from 1062-95. He lived during the Norman Conquest of England and was the only Saxon bishop to remain under William the Conqueror.

Wulfstan was a caring and hard-working monk. He rebuilt the cathedral at Worcester, cared for the poor, and struggled to ease the harsh conditions imposed by the Normans on the Saxons. Unlike some priests, he baptised children of the poor without charge. It is said that he never turned away people asking for help.

Wulfstan fought the slave trade in Bristol (slave trading didn't just start with slaves from Africa but had been going on for centuries with slaves from England being sold to Ireland and North Africa).

Wulfstan died whilst washing the feet of 12 poor men during a service in the cathedral. He died as he had lived, serving God and caring for others.

## CATHEDRAL SAINTS

Some cathedrals are associated with or dedicated to particular saints. Can you link the saint with the cathedral?

St Giles	Lichfield
St Mungo	Ely
St Chad	Durham
St Etheldreda	Edinburgh
St Cuthbert	Winchester
St Swithin	Glasgow



**Did you hear about the man who took his car in for a service?**

It got stuck in the church doors.

**What's green, curly & religious?**

Lettuce pray.



**What lives in a paper bag and hangs around in French cathedrals?**

The lunch-pack of Notre Dame.



Answers: St Giles at Edinburgh, St Mungo at Glasgow, St Chad at Lichfield, St Etheldreda at Ely, St Cuthbert at Durham, St Swithin at Winchester.

# Get belted up!

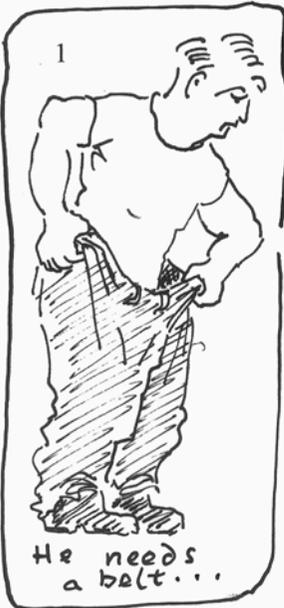
**“Go buy a belt,”** said God to Jeremiah. **And he did.** It worked really well. **“Now bury it!”** Said God and he did.

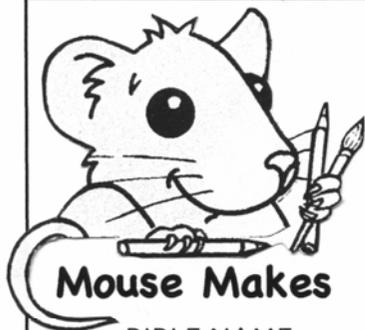
When Jeremiah dug it up later it was rotten – useless! God said, **“That’s what too many people are like – useless!”**

He said people should be belted up close to him and listen to him, but because they refuse and are stubborn – they are useless.

This is a very big reminder to us all to get right with God – be belted up to him – all the time!

**How’s your belt?  
Read more in  
Jeremiah 13:1-11.**





## Mouse Makes

### BIBLE NAME WORDSEARCH

- ABRAHAM =father of many  
 ADAM =man  
 ANDREW =strong man  
 AMOS =burden bearer  
 ANNA =gracious  
 BENJAMIN =son of the  
                   right hand  
 EVE =to breathe  
 ELIZABETH =fullness of God  
 ESAU =hairy  
 DEBORAH =bee  
 DANIEL =God my judge  
 DAVID =beloved  
 GABRIEL = man of God  
 GAD =fortune  
 HANNAH =gracious  
 ISAAC =laughter  
 JESUS = God is saviour  
 JOSEPH = increase  
 JOSHUA = saviour  
 MATTHEW =gift of God  
 MOSES =deliverer  
 NAOMI =beautiful  
 NATHANIEL =gift of God  
 PAUL =small, humble  
 PETER =a rock  
 PHOEBE =bright, pure  
 JOHN =God is gracious  
 PRICILLA =ancient  
 RUTH =friend  
 SARAH =princess  
 SHEM =name  
 STEPHEN =crowned  
 TAMAR =palm tree  
 THOMAS =twin  
 TIMOTHY =valued of God

Eight days after he was born,  
 Mary and Joseph named their  
 baby with the name the angel  
 Gabriel had given them.  
 It was a special name  
 for a very special baby..  
 the name **JESUS**  
 which means  
**GOD IS SAVIOUR**

Read: *Matthew 1:21*  
 and *Luke 2:25-38*



Can you find all these bible names in the grid?

Does your name have a meaning?

### TIME OUT AT PILSDON

In the beautiful West Dorset Hills in the late 1950s, a group gathered to develop a common life of prayer, hospitality and work, off the beaten track. Decades later, the stunning views make the Pilsdon Community a great place for a retreat, particularly for those facing a major change in their lives.



The community also welcomes people in crisis, from all ages and backgrounds, providing a safe environment where people can begin to rebuild their lives.

There are up to seven full-time members of the community, but there are many opportunities to volunteer for cooking, gardening, care of livestock and building maintenance.

Learn more at [www.pilsdon.org.uk](http://www.pilsdon.org.uk) or contact 01308 868308, [pilsdon@btconnect.com](mailto:pilsdon@btconnect.com).

### PRAYING FOR JUDGEMENT

*“Court is a hard place – judgements are made and there’s nowhere to hide.”*



Andrew Wells is the volunteer lay chaplain to Salisbury Law Courts and a worshipper at the Cathedral. An Australian who lived in mainland Europe during a legal career with the UN and later private consultancy, he retired to the city in 2011 with his wife Sally, a priest.

“I started in March and still feel like the fishermen who Christ called to follow him onto dry land. When I encounter difficult situations, I pray, ‘Please Lord, stop me getting in your way’”.

Salisbury’s court complex hosts everything from serious Crown criminal cases to benefits and pension tribunals. Family court hearings often see people endure deep emotional pain.

“My tasks here are to pray and simply to be present. I pray in different parts of the building to start the day. Then for the staff by name, and for all who will be present – lawyers, defendants, witnesses, victims and others.

“This is a stressful place, and people usually pass through briefly. If people want someone to talk to, I try to listen in a non-judgemental and practical way.

“Sometimes, these short meetings give me the chance to refer people on to others who can help them long term. Maybe the man about to be released with £45 and no home to go to, or the woman who finally confronts addiction after a conviction.

“It can be tough for the people who work here too. The details of some cases are disturbing to any sane person. Judges and lawyers, like everyone else have their own problems at home which can leave them emotionally drained.”

Andrew would appreciate prayer support, and asks people who could join a prayer network to contact him on [chaplain.slc@gmail.com](mailto:chaplain.slc@gmail.com).

## A PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES

“I found myself thinking, ‘I’m having a bad dream, I’m going to wake up soon.’”

A year into his first headteacher’s post, John-Paul Draper felt he’d found his ideal job, at a 60-pupil Church primary school in pretty Powerstock, above Bridport.



In autumn half-term 2011, a phone call told him the beautiful Victorian building was an inferno. Fire crews were on site for 12 hours. “At first it was devastating”, says John-Paul, “but even in those worst days, I kept finding little symbols of hope in the rubble that had somehow survived, signs that someone cared for us.”

In heaven?

He laughs, “Let’s just say it got me thinking more seriously about faith.

“People on earth cared for us too, rallying to help – nearby schools, the Education Authority, even the press. Local people were great, and let us use the Village Hall for nearly two years.

“Movingly, we had equipment donated from our partner school in Ghana. Their building was badly damaged by a storm recently, our kids raised money for them without teachers prompting.

“We’ve rebuilt, opened up space with today’s building techniques, and have the latest equipment. We couldn’t have done it without financial support from the Diocese or its expertise.

“The kids love having modern gizmos while being able to feel the old bricks and beams. And after two years of stress, it’s a joy to come to work here.”

## GOOD BOOKS

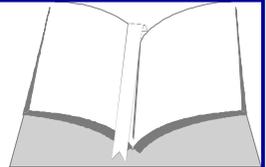
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## VILLAGE WEBSITES

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



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## DIARY, JANUARY 2014

Wed	1	10.00	New Year's Day Walk	Litton Bus Shelter
Thu	2	14.30	BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Mon	6	10.00	Julian Group	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Tue	7	13.45	Burton Bradstock Duplicate Bridge	Vilage Hall, Burton Bradstock
Tue	7	15.15	Afternoon Tea	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	8	19.30	Burton Bradstock Parish Council Meeting	Reading Room, Burton Bradstock
Thu	9	19.30	Bride Valley Homegroup	Litton Cheney
Fri	10	9.30	St Mary's Litton Cheney Work Party	St Mary's Litton Cheney
Fri	10	10.15	Art Club AGM	Members House
Fri	10	14.15	Tots Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Fri	10	20.00	Film "Argo"	Vilage Hall, Burton Bradstock
Tue	14	13.45	Burton Bradstock Duplicate Bridge	Vilage Hall, Burton Bradstock
Tue	14	19.30	Litton Cheney Parish Council Meeting	LATCH
Wed	15	15.15	Afternoon Tea	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	15	20.00	Village Hall Trust A.G.M.	Vilage Hall, Burton Bradstock
Thu	16	14.30	BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Thu	16	19.30	Bride Valley WI Village Society - Seb Coultard: Shackleton	Vilage Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	17	19.30		Vilage Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	18	10.00	Big Breakfast by Thorner's School Assn.	LATCH
Mon	20	19.00	British Legion Social	Three Horseshoes, B.B.
Tue	21	12.30	PWSB Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	21	13.45	Burton Bradstock Duplicate Bridge	Vilage Hall, Burton Bradstock
Fri	24	10,15	Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sun	26	11.00	Christingle	St Mary's Puncknowle
Tue	28	13.45	Burton Bradstock Duplicate Bridge	Vilage Hall, Burton Bradstock
Wed	29	19.30	St Martin's Annual P.C. Meeting	Village Hall, Shipton Gorge
Thu	30	20.30	Bride Valley Homegroup	Litton Cheney
Fri	31	--	Tom Langham's "Hot Fingers"	Vilage Hall, Burton Bradstock



## SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: JANUARY 2014

	1st Sunday 5 January Epiphany	2nd Sunday 12 January Baptism of Christ	3rd Sunday 19 January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	4th Sunday 26 January Conversion of Paul
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service  6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion  6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service  6.30 Evening Prayer	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 3.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Swyre</b>	3.30 Epiphany Service	11.00 Holy Communion by Ext	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion
<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 by Extension		9.30 Morning Worship	
<b>Littlebredy</b>		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion