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

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

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

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge HOLY TRINITY: Swyre

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WEEKDAY SERVICES, APRIL 2014

Wed	2	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	3	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	4	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	7	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	9	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	10	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	11	9.00am	Shipton
Mon	14	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	16	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	17	12.30pm	Littlebredy Bring & Share Lunch after
Thur	17	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	18	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	21	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	23	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	24	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	25	9.00am	Shipton
Mon	28	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	30	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock



Bob is well into his Sabbatical

(his 'waiting on God' time) somewhere in the depths of Cornwall. Clergy do need time to stop, be still, and meet the Lord again - as do we all. So please pray for Bob to hear that still small voice that the busyness of parish life so often smothers. As he's away I've been asked to write the 'Letter from the Rectory' this month, and the most obvious thing to think about is Easter. Do I hear an 'oh' 😞 or an 'ooh' 😊 ?



The thought of Easter can raise either a sigh (school holidays, special food, cards, Easter eggs & bunnies, & flowers, & of course more work to get it all done) or a shout - *Great! Good news!* ?

It is so easy to focus the on the immediate rather than the eternal, on the superficial rather than the central, and by doing that miss out on what Easter is really about.

The first Christians were given lots of nicknames - that Jewish Sect; People of the Way; those Jesus Followers; but the best, I think, was People of the Resurrection. They got this name because they were always talking about the fact that Jesus, though crucified, dead and buried, was still alive - risen from the dead. No *one* and no *thing* was greater than him and his power. Jesus could deal with the worst, and still come up smiling. Wow, what a man and what a message!

This Easter truth wasn't something that they had learned by rote, like a creed, but someone that they knew in reality. *We have seen the Lord* they said.

With the Spirit of Jesus in their hearts these first generation Christians were able face anything and anyone knowing that Jesus was with them and was greater - greater than fear, greater than failure, greater than disappointment, greater than death itself.

Doesn't that make you want to shout in the face of the storms of life 'Praise God. Jesus is Alive'? It does me.

So hear me shout: Jesus is Alive. Happy Easter!!

Ryder Rogers

FROM THE REGISTERS

Pearl Ella Elizabeth Miller's funeral was at Holy Trinity Church, Swyre, followed by interment in the churchyard, on Monday 3rd March, 2014. The packed church was testament to the life of a lady well loved. Her husband of 59 years, Fred, was supported by Pearl's godson Richard who gave a very fitting tribute, relatives, villagers, but largely by friends from the Sequence Dancing circle they belonged to for 40 happy years. Fred and Pearl first came together in primary school in Puncknowle and later at senior school in Litton. They married in Swyre Church in 1954 and lived for 40 years in Swyre, moving to Bridport 20 years ago. They maintained their ties to the place they loved through friends, Songs of Praise in Swyre each summer, and more recently the village Lunch Club. Pearl's final 2 years had been in hospitals and eventually St James' Nursing Home where she died peacefully on 18th February.



'For everything there is a season ... a time to be born, and a time to die ... a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance.' (Words from Ecclesiastes)

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Change Of Time For Evening Prayer

Please note that from 29th April 2014 **Evening Prayer** will begin at 5.30pm

Good Friday Litany - 10am Friday 18th April

Easter Day Holy Communion - 9.30am, Sunday 20th April

St Martin's floodlights have been sponsored in April in loving memory of Ken Mallet.

As the nights draw out, the church will only be floodlit over the weekend. However, sponsorship is still very much appreciated. If you would like to light up St Martin's for just £5, please contact Phyl Webster on 01308 898657.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 9th April** in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Please stay afterwards for a drink and some nibbles.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 14th May** in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend - please see what will be discussed on the Agenda notices which are displayed in all the notice boards a few days in advance of the meeting.

Mary Boughton - Chairman

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE - SAUNDERS RICHARDSON WOOD.

We are arranging a walk through the Saunders Richardson Wood on **Sunday 6th April** commencing at 2pm. Members should gather by the gate to the Wood near Small Combe Farm. If you are not a

member of SGH and would like to come, membership forms will be available for you to complete prior to the walk. Please note there is no footpath through the Wood and four large trees and several hazel clumps have been victims of the wet and windy weather and have been blown down so it will be a bit rough under foot. Finally it would be helpful if you will contact Steve (897088) or me (897928) if you wish to come so that we can get some idea of numbers.

Hilary Cunningham, Chairman



SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

SGVS 2014 AGM - Our well attended AGM was held on 12th February last where all the existing Committee members were returned onto the Committee. We were fortunate enough to welcome another member onto the Committee - Ruth Nunn. Ruth who lives in Rosamond Avenue fills one of the two vacancies on our Committee. **Welcome 'on board' Ruth....**

DORSET BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2014

Shipton Gorge is entering the main Competition this year having now served its 'exclusion period' - a penalty imposed as a previous winner. **Simon Cleveland** will again be SGVS Co-ordinator for the project and is currently in contact with Organisations within the Village. Our completed entry has to be with DCA (Dorset Community Action) by 7th April. Further detailed information will be published in the May edition of the BVN when the months of judging start.

He politely asks that all Villagers consider assisting with any Spring maintenance days which are organised !

SGVS EVENT LIST FOR 2014 This was inserted into last month's BVN by way of a 'Flyer' and can also be found on the Shipton Gorge website – [shiptongorge.org.uk/planned events...](http://shiptongorge.org.uk/planned_events...)

Terry Diver - Chairman

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall AGM will take place on **Wednesday 16th April** starting at 7.30pm in the hall followed by the bi-monthly VH meeting. All are welcome to attend.

'TEA & CHAT' Come along to the Village Hall on **Friday 11th April** between 2.30 and 4.30pm for a social afternoon over tea and cakes with friends and neighbours. Everyone is welcome, and it would be nice to see those of you with small children. All money raised will go towards new curtains for the Village Hall to further improve its appearance and comfort for all users.

Donations of small cakes and offers to help would be much appreciated. Please contact **Sally Parker** on 01308 897168.



CALLING ALL WILDLIFE ENTHUSIASTS! Change of date

Discover the myth, mystery and magic of moths in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 2nd April** at 2.30pm. There will be a light-hearted talk by a keen amateur enthusiast, illustrated with beautiful slides. Afterwards tea and cakes will be served. Entrance is free, but a donation towards Save the Children fund will be much appreciated.

Janet Lane - 897241

100 Club March 2014 Draw

£20	2	Pat Tucker
£10	87	Peter Varney
£5	32	Gary Warren



VILLAGE WEBSITES

giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc



www.burtonbradstock.org.uk
www.littoncheney.org.uk
www.shiptongorge.org.uk
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CHEFIL COURT COFFEE GROUP

A reminder to those who attend that we meet during April for lunch between 11.30am and 1.30pm on **Thursday 10th April** at Chesil Court, South Annings. Please remember to book your place with Lesley on 897695. If you would like to know more about the group or would like a copy of the 2014 programme then please contact Lesley on 897695.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust.

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308897648)

200 Club March 2014 Draw

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners:



1st	£44.20	No 200:	Mrs Jeannette Chadwick
2nd	£22.10	No 95:	Mrs Sue Moores
3rd	£11.05	No 54:	Mrs Jill Spinney

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the April-December draws should telephone **Alan Clarke** on 01308 897051 and let him have £9 – one pound for each of the remaining 9 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

Upcoming Hall Activities.

A new series of Pottery Classes & Clay Techniques are being held in the hall on Monday mornings from 09:30 to 12:30. Anyone interested in joining them please contact **Jennie Hanraha** on 01308 420765.

For those who like to plan ahead, the ever popular **Burton Bradstock Village Fayre** will be held on Bank Holiday **Monday 26th May** at 2pm in the Rectory Garden. Put the date in your diary and bring the children along to have some traditional family fun.

Burton Bradstock Films

Quartet will be our final film of this season and will be shown on **Friday 25th April** in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start, tickets will be £5 each and will include a glass of wine and can be bought in advance from the post office or, if available, on the night.

Quartet was released in 2013 and was a Golden Globe winner. Directed by **Dustin Hoffman** it has an all star cast including **Maggie Smith, Tom Courtney, Billy Connolly** and **Michael Gambon** and is a gentle drama/comedy set among the life of a home for retired musicians whose lives are disrupted by the arrival of an eternal diva and the former wife of one of the residents. There is much to savour about **Quartet** not least the illusion that it might be possible one day to inhabit such a place oneself!



Committee Vacancy

The Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust (BBVHT) has a vacancy for a **Secretary**. The main responsibilities of the role are administration of the Annual General Meeting and overseeing the annual submission to the Charity Commission (routine minutes of meetings are handled by someone else on the committee). Neither task is onerous or requiring any particular skills.



By running and maintaining the hall, the BBVHT plays an important role in Village life, as most organised events involve the Hall in some way. The committee normally meets 6 times a year at the Village hall, meetings take between 1 & 2 hours. It is an excellent way of both contributing to the good of the Village and getting to know people and Village activities.

Anyone who is interested please call the Chairman, **Richard Ferré**, on 01308 897648.

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS



A note for your diaries! We will be holding a Garden Party in aid of the above on **Sunday 13th July** at 2-30pm. There will be various stalls, teas and musical entertainment. Watch this space!

John & Veda Bull

Burton Bradstock Village Society

On Friday 7th February The former B.B.C. correspondent **Kate Adie** came to Burton Bradstock Village Society and gave us a talk about her work and how she ended up in journalism. It was a very entertaining and interesting evening.

In April **Bob Ayres** will be returning for the last talk of our 2013/2014 season. The talk is entitled “ **Sayings of Olde London town**”. This will be a light-hearted look at the origins of the sayings specific to London that have become common use phrases. They will include the sayings associated with London Trading, diseases and executions to name just a few. The talk will start at 7.30pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on **Friday 11th April**. So mind your p’s and q’s your 6’s and 7’s and hear how London Traders shaped our vocabulary.

If you are not a member you may still come along as a guest for a charge of £4.

Next Season’s Village Society Talk Dates (2014/2015)

By booking speakers early we feel we have a strong and varied programme just being finalised for next season. Why not make a diary note for the following Friday evenings in 2014/2015 at 7.30?

2014

September 19th October 17th November 14th December 5th

2015

January 16th February 6th March 13th April 17th

Details of speakers and talk titles will appear in the August 2014 BVN. and in the members Programme cards to be distributed then..

My definition of an intellectual is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture without thinking of the Lone Ranger.

Billy Connolly

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

There are vacancies on the Parish Council if you are interested in being a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk or speak to a Councillor about the role.

The **Parish Plan consultation draft** is now available to view on the website <http://www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.com/index.html>. Your comments are requested by **1st May 2014** as we are aiming to finalise the Plan and launch it in the summer.

The Parish Council is forming a working group to develop and implement **conservation, improvement and leisure projects on Corncrake**. Councillor **Dave Dixon** will be leading the group.

The Council is also forming a working group to examine how **pedestrian safety** might be improved in the village.

If you are interested in joining either of these groups please contact the Clerk in the first instance to register your interest.

The Parish Council still has **plots available** on the **new allotment site** and will be rotavating these as soon as the weather permits. Please contact the Clerk to put your name on the list.



The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Wednesday 2nd April 2014**. This will be held in the Reading Room at 7.30pm. 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 on the website. All are welcome and you may raise any issues you want to discuss under the “Parishioners’ Points” items on the Agenda.

You can contact the Council through the Parish Clerk, **Mrs Michele Harding**, by email on burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com

*Mrs Michele Harding
Clerk to the Council*



We would like to say a very big “thank you” to the **village volunteer working group**. Considering the amount of rain we have had in recent weeks had it not been for the wonderful volunteers in clearing the ditches we are sure that we would have been flooded again. The diligence of the volunteers managed to keep the road by the garage free of floods. Very many thanks - you all do a sterling job.

Ken & Noreen Short



BURTON BRADSTOCK
FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART

Spring Concert

The fundraising Spring Concert will be on **Friday 30th May**. The performers will be **David Juritz**, violin, **Caroline Dowdle**, piano and **Milos Milivojevic**, accordion.

Tickets for the Spring Concert will go on sale on **Friday 2nd May** either from the Post Office or from **Gill Redford** 01308 897203. Programme details will be in the May BVN.

Tickets for the **main summer Festival** will go on sale on **Wednesday 14th May** at 9 am in the Village Hall. The brochure giving the full programme will be available from early May.

Milos Update

The bad news is that **Milos** still hasn't got his Visa but the good news is that he has been made an Associate of the Royal College of Music! He will be presented with this honour in May. This is an award that is only given to musicians the College consider have made a significant contribution to the music profession. Lets hope this persuades the Home Office that Milos deserves to remain here.

Janet Whitaker.



PETER SELLERS for May 3rd Starlight Films Evening

Welcome to a **two-part** event on Bank Holiday **Saturday May 3rd** at 7.30pm at the BB Village Hall (proceeds in aid of the **Starlight Children's charity**).

Peter Sellers and **Mai Zetterling** feature in a most amusing film classic from 1962... the 3rd biggest box office hit that year (for those who can remember!) ...'**Only Two Can Play**'.... where we follow Peter Sellers' roving eye as he serves the public as a librarian ...



and amorous complications arise. This film gives perhaps particular scope to Sellers' acting abilities.



After the interval we'll see 20 minutes of miming gems demonstrating **Jacques Tati's** unique skills (he's often dubbed 'France's Chaplin' and is the creator of Monsieur Hulot), as he impersonates in turn a goal-keeper, an angler, tennis players and a boxer, then creates an extraordinary horse-and-rider sketch, and demonstrates the difference between English and French traffic policemen!

Tickets are £5 and include complimentary tea/coffee/biscuits. Cash- bar, raffle and many laughs. Tickets, now on sale, will *only* be sold in advance - from the BB Post Office or by calling **01308 897935**.

John and Annie Grantham

LITTLEBREDY

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It was just too late to report on the Social Club's **Valentine Evening** for last month's magazine, but it was a tremendous success and reflected great credit on all those who had romantically decorated the Hall and provided ingredients for the exotic cocktails and canapés available. How well some of us scrub up, too! Thanks and congratulations to all concerned.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter will be marked by various village events:-

There will be a **Frugal Lunch** (based on soup + bread & cheese) at Bridehead at 1.00 p.m. on **Friday 4th April**. Donations will go towards "Project Zoe", which exists to train volunteers and provide a specially adapted dinghy enabling disabled sailors to take to the water in Portland harbour.



There will be a **short meditative Service**, shared with Long Bredy, in St Michael's Littlebredy at 12.30 p.m. on **Maundy Thursday, 17th April**, followed by a bring & share lunch, following the pattern of other parishes in the valley.

On **Good Friday, 18th April**, there will be the customary short and simple **Litany Service in Church at 10.00 a.m.**, after which the Easter decorations will transform the building. All volunteers to join the team please meet in

Church at 11.00 a.m. Assuming there are enough primroses in bloom to allow the usual distinctive writing, this needs about 300 bunches of about 20 primroses each, so the more volunteers to pick, bunch and tie them and bring them to Church the better!

Our Service on **Easter Day, 20th April**, will be **Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.** All are welcome, and those confirmed into the Church of England are reminded that even if they only make Communion once a year, the expectation is that it should be at Easter ahead of any other day...

Another Church event will be the so-called **Easter Vestry Meeting** and **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** (about ten minutes between them) at Bridehead at 7.30 p.m. on **Thursday 10th April**. Anyone on the Church Electoral Roll can attend, and one function is to elect the Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year.

Back to rather more secular news next month, we hope!

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

20th April, Easter Day Service at 11am.

All are welcome and there will be coffee and an Easter egg hunt after the service.

Church Spring Clean

The spring clean of St Peter's and the churchyard will be held on Saturday **5th April**. Meet at the Church from 10am onwards, all are welcome. Bring any equipment you may wish to use e.g. garden tools, dusters etc. Coffee and cake provided.

Holy Week

The Holy Week Maundy Service will be at St Michaels, Littlebredy, on **Thursday 17th April at 12.30pm**. There will be a joint service with Littlebredy and a shared picnic lunch. This will be a short service for those wishing to attend, but not intending to stay for lunch.

February 2014 100 Club Winners

£25	No. 82	Robert Maltby
£15	No. 17	Caddy Wilmot-Sitwell
£5	No. 31	Susan Dyer

Dates for the diary - Long Bredy

'Songs from the Valley'

The **Bride Valley Band** are presenting an afternoon of music and song on **Sunday 13th April** at 3.00pm in the village hall. Tea and cake is included in the ticket price of £6.00 and tickets (limited number) are available from **Helen** on 01305 265072 or e-mail office@homestartwestdorset.co.uk. Local payment/delivery can be arranged.

This promises to be a special event with songs including musical interpretations of poems written by Douglas Northover who is a resident of the valley.

The band last performed to a packed audience in Burton Bradstock in 2012 and have added new material to be performed for the first time in public. Proceeds from the afternoon will go to Home-Start West Dorset.



David, Emma and Amy, we look forward to having you visit Long Bredy and entertain us!

Garden Party - Saturday 5th July

A note for your diary. After the success of last year's garden party, Long Bredy and Littlebredy will be joining again to organise this event. Our thanks to **Robin** and **Lavinia Barbour** of Baglake Farm who have offered to host it this year. We will be having a craft, produce and plant stall, so please start preparing now.

Any information required—please ask **Jackie Cain**, 482379.

Village Spring Clean

Thank you to all who helped with the village spring clean in March, many hands took part and with gloves and bags much litter was cleared from the paths and streams of the village on a sunny morning. A delicious reward of coffee and cakes was enjoyed at the village hall afterwards together with a raffle.

Let's all help to continue to keep Long Bredy tidy & clean!

With the coming of spring, I am calm again

Gustav Mahler

LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Our monthly working party will be on **Thursday 3rd April from 9.30 a.m.** - jobs inside and outside depending on the weather. Any help would be much appreciated and refreshment will be provided.

Change of date! The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held in Church on **Thursday 3rd April at 7.00 p.m.**

...and coming up very soon - **THE VILLAGE FETE at LATCH on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May 2.00 p.m.** Proceeds for the upkeep of St. Mary's Church. Please start looking out anything you may have to donate to our stalls: house & garden, provisions, plants, bottle tombola, toys, books, gifts, china and glass, and of course on the day we shall need lots of cakes, scones etc for teas and the cake stall. Full details will be in the May BVN. Prize Draw tickets will be on sale around the village shortly.

Please contact **Richard Jones** (482602) with offers of help.

Events at LATCH for April

Tuesday 1st April Film Club: "About Time" Starts 8.00 p.m.
Friday 4th April Yoga (last of term). New term starts 25th April
Saturday 19th April Village Café run by Stazicker Family.



Thank you to all those who responded to the **appeal for funds** to assist with building the much needed store annexe to the community hall. The construction nears completion thanks hugely to your generous donations. If you would still like to donate, you are most welcome – please contact Freddie Spicer on 482617

Litton Cheney Parish Council

Litton Cheney Parish Council would like to thank everyone who completed the short questionnaire about mobile phone coverage in the Bride Valley. This will provide compelling evidence to prove that the mobile phone reception is poor to non-existent in most parts of the valley contrary to the information given by the providers. With this information we can now begin campaigning for additional masts to provide the service we should be receiving.

Litton Cheney Social Committee

Unfortunately the dreadful weather prevented us organising a **snowdrop walk**. Hopefully many of us will have had a chance to see and admire the usual wonderful displays, signs hopefully that sunnier, drier weather is on its way!

However, no doubt the village stream will be full and fast for the annual **DUCK RACE on SUNDAY APRIL 20TH**. The flag will drop for the Off at 12.00 from the usual location opposite Fry's Yard. The White Horse will be providing a barbecue together with an Easter Egg Hunt and outdoor games for the children. Do come along and join in the fun along the way and post race at our village inn. Our thanks to Bridport Rotary Club once again for the use of their ducks - a well travelled raft (Collective term for a group of ducks on the water - not a lot of people know that - they do now!)

Surely the weather can't stop us having a **BLUEBELL WALK** in May?! Keep a watch on the notice boards and website, or phone Steve (482552) or myself.



We then move on to the **BRIDE VALLEY NAVIGATIONAL CHALLENGE** on Thursday 29th May from 6.30 pm at The White Horse, for an interesting trip round West Dorset followed by a light snack at The White Horse for those who make it back! Can Litton make it 3 wins in a row?? A feat not achieved before! More details in the May BVN and on the website.

Ron Davidson LCSC 482661



BRIDE VALLEY FILMS at Litton Cheney Village Hall.

N.B. TUESDAY 1 April ABOUT TIME 'a gem of a British Rom-Com'. Cert. 12 2 hrs.

At the age of 21, Tim is told an incredible family secret by his father: all the men in his family have the ability to relive their past. He can revisit any moment in his life to try things differently until he gets them perfectly right. He decides to use his special new gift to win the heart of the beautiful Mary, but finds that the course of true love can be hilariously difficult - even with the ability to try, try and try again. *About Time* is a romantic comedy about love, life and time travel, which discovers that, in the end, making the most of life may not need time travel at all.



Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)

Tickets in advance from: Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door if available. (All nos. 01308)

PROVISIONAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :

Wed 7 May – PHILOMENA

Wed 5 June – SAVING MR BANKS

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



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ST MARY'S CHURCH, PUNCKNOWLE Lent Study Group

This will continue in Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall on the **2nd** and **9th** April 7-9pm.

On Easter Day there will be an All Age Celebration of Holy Communion at 11am in St

Mary's Church Puncknowle.

EASTER WORKSHOP APRIL 18

There will be a Children's Easter Workshop on Good Friday, April 18th from **2 - 4 pm** in the Village Hall, **Puncknowle**, run by **St Mary's Church**. Activities including art & craft and woodwork will be based round the Easter Story. Children under 7 should be accompanied by an adult. Please contact **Liz Slater** (liz@ruddle.org.uk or **897751**) to register or for more details.

This will be followed at 4pm by an **Easter Egg Hunt** in the **Puncknowle Playing Field** organised by the Village Hall Social Committee. Please contact Debbie Legge if necessary on 898506.

Tea will be available in the hall at 4.30 pm organised by the Church. All children and their parents are welcome.



Crown Puncknowle Fundraisers

We would like to thank everybody for their help and support during the last 20 years.

We have raised over £60,000 for local organisations. The last donations were to **Help the Heroes, National Coastwatch, Fledglings, Hall, Luncheon Club** and **Dorset Air Ambulance**.

We have decided to "call it a day" and say we have had much pleasure and fun raising funds for the local community.

Thank you from The Crown Puncknowle Fundraisers committee.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Dr Marion Derbyshire** on being awarded her PhD at Birmingham University, the culmination of several years hard work. Her thesis concerns the spiritual transformation of imprisoned boys in the Philippines based on field research in jails, rehabilitation centres and voluntary projects in the Philippines.



Puncknowle Art Club

Exhibition & Plant Sale - May 4th at 'Patria' West Bexington 10am - 4pm

We really enjoyed our workshop with **Stephen Yates** which was another way of working with watercolour. Philippa, our co-chair, went to great lengths to prepare oil paint for us to use at her workshop. The technique was fluid and produced very atmospheric pictures. Thank you Philippa for all your hard work. On **4th April** we have a workshop with Monica.

Christine Molony



HOLY TRINITY, SWYRE

Pearl Miller

In a packed church Pearl's funeral took place in Holy Trinity on 3rd March. Pearl and her husband Fred married in Swyre and started a married life which was to last for sixty years. They began their lives together in Swyre where they lived until retirement. Fred was the shepherd for Manor Farm and Pearl worked at the Manor in West Bexington with her good friend Joan.

Pearl and Fred lovingly cared for their parents and later, even in ill health, Pearl still managed to visit and to cheer old friends in the three villages. Two years ago Pearl's poor health overcame her and she moved into a nursing home. Her quiet good humour was missed by her friends and former neighbours not least in the Village Luncheon Club.

Pearl and Fred had a lifelong love of ballroom dancing and the friends that they made in their "Dancing Years" had visited her over the last two years supporting and caring for her, were in Swyre supporting Fred and praying for Pearl.

Pearl now lies in peace and at rest in the Churchyard here at Swyre in the village where she had spent so many years.



Whist Drive 25th February

The whist drive held at the Bull Inn in aid of Church funds raised over £100.00 and our thanks go to **Jenny Sue** and **Ann** who worked so hard.

Swyre Trinity Fete – Saturday 7th June—Opens 1pm

A note for your diaries as our fete is on **Saturday 7th June** this year. We are seeking help and items/produce for sale. Our theme this year will be local and family history at the time of the First World War. Please get in touch if a family member was directly involved or contributed to rope making or other wartime industries. As usual we will have teas and refreshments, plus Bric- a-Brac, books, produce, cakes and plant stalls and a games field. If you are able to help please contact, **Tony Taylor** 898523



Another Date for your Diary

On **5th July** we shall have a **Hog Roast** in Manor Farm. All welcome for Good Food and Good Company.



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Centenary of the 1914-1918 World War.

There are six names recorded on the Swyre War Memorial if anyone has family connections with these soldiers we would like to hear from them. We hope to have a display of memorabilia at our Summer Fete, and are gathering information about these young men who are at the moment just names on a stone memorial. If you can help

please telephone 01308 897318 or 01308 898523.

They are:- **Dan Hallett** , Private in the Dorsetshire Regiment, killed in October 1917 aged 23; **John Northover**, Private in the Leicestershire Regiment killed September 1918 aged 19; **William Salisbury**, Trumpeter Queen's Own Yeomanry, killed August 1915; **Richard Smith**, Private in the Royal Berkshire Regiment killed September 1918; **Arthur Symes**, Private in the Royal Army Medical Corps, killed April 1915; **Stephen Symes**, Corporal in 129 Heavy Bty, Royal Garrison Artillery, died of his wounds May 1916.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The April 2014 lunch will be on Tuesday 15th 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 11th April.

Ken Martin 



ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters From 'Uncle Eustace':
On why a church should always resist change...*

PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB

February Valerie Martin £15

George Newton £10

*The Rectory
St. James the Least*

My dear Nephew Darren

I am not the least surprised you have got yourself into trouble; innovation is never to be encouraged. New ideas tend to cause revolutions. The move from incandescent light-bulbs to energy saving ones may ultimately change the Church of England.

Change is something everyone claims to be in favour of - provided it has no measurable effect on their own lives. I remember as a young curate once suggesting that at the Harvest Supper, tables might be enlarged so

that eight people could sit together rather than the traditional six, thus helping more people get to know one another. The response would have been similar if I had suggested we travel to London to murder the Prime Minister. I was firmly told that tables for six had been perfectly adequate for parishioners in Queen Victoria's day. For the rest of my curacy, I was regarded as a revolutionary, to be watched carefully.

So at your last visit to our Church, to suggest that our 11am Mattins may be moved to 10.30am, in order to encourage those who wanted have more of the day free to themselves, certainly lobbed a hand grenade among the post-Service coffee cups. The only person who was mildly in favour was Colonel Wainwright, who quickly realised that it would give him an extra half-hour at the gin and tonics before lunch.

Should you ever feel that people lack imagination, you should watch them in action when they find reasons for resisting an unwelcome suggestion. One said that the time couldn't be moved, since it would then be too early for the local bus - omitting to mention that none of our congregation travel to church by bus and that the service doesn't run on Sundays anyway. Another pointed out that it would confuse those who didn't attend church - not explaining why if they never attended, it mattered what time the Service was. A third, rather touchingly mentioned that it wouldn't give the rector time to enjoy his breakfast after the rigours of the 8am Service.

Your suggestion did, however, serve one useful purpose; it brought our congregation together in united opposition. They may not necessarily always know what

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they are for, but they certainly know what they are against. For that, I thank you.

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DAISIES

There is an old saying 'when you can stand on seven daisies at once then spring has come'. I like daisies with their bright yellow middles and tiny petals. If you look closely, you'll see that not all the daisies in any lawn will be white; some of them are edged with pink. When I was little I asked my mum why and she told me this story to explain why.

On that first Easter morning, when Jesus walked in the garden and was seen by Mary and the other women who thought he was a gardener, his bare feet touched just some of the daisies in the grass. And because he still had the wounds in his feet his blood touched the daisies and marked their petals pink.

I love this story and still to this day I feel sorry for the daisies that Jesus didn't touch - because when Jesus touches our lives all things change and spring comes into our hearts forever.



BIBLE 'D's

Can you find all the answers to this Bible quiz? All the words begin with the letter D. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. A tribe of Israel.
2. He spent the night with some lions.
3. Where Saul was going when he met Jesus on the road.
4. Followers of Jesus.
5. These made Joseph unpopular with his brothers.
6. A famous king of Israel who played the harp.



How do dinosaurs pass exams?

With extinction.



What is the main ingredient of dog biscuits?

Collie flour.

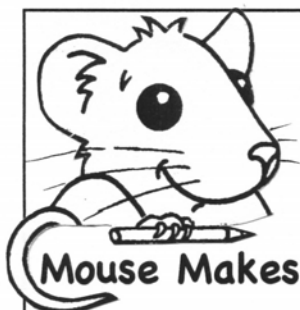
My little brother's name is Dad.

Why is that?

They named him after my father.



Answers: 1.Dan 2.Daniel 3.Damascus
4.disciples 5.dreams 6.David.



Mouse Makes

Glue onto card, colour, cut out the cross and hang up.

**HE IS
RISEN**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women went to Jesus' tomb. They found the stone rolled away but when they went in they did not find Jesus' body...



Jesus is risen

The angel said;
"Jesus...is not here, for he has risen, just as he said."
Matthew 28:6

Jesus is here

Jesus said;
"Where two or three come together in my name I am there with them."
Matthew 18:20

Jesus will come again

Jesus said;
"I will come back and take you to myself so that you will be where I am."
John 14:3

...Suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them and said,

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"



READ the Resurrection story in **Luke 24** and **John 20** and **21**.

How many people saw the risen Jesus?

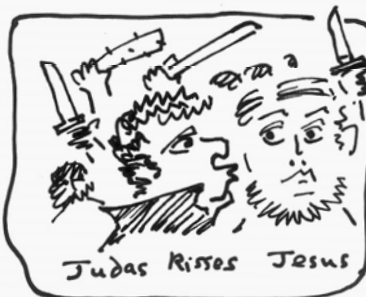
**JESUS
IS ALIVE**

Not my will but yours be done...

Jesus said to his followers in the garden: "Pray you don't fall into temptation," while he prayed (right). What did they do? Their "fall" was into sleep! (below). Jesus knew he was going to die and the powers of darkness were coming. He felt crushed by sorrow. He called out to God: "Please take this cup of suffering from me! Yet not what I want, but what you want."

Then Judas turned up with enemy soldiers and told them to arrest the man that he kissed.

He betrayed Jesus....(below right)...



.... One of his followers tried to fight . He cut off a man's ear. . "Enough!" Said Jesus. He touched the man's ear (left) and healed him. Even so the enemy came...

... they arrested him and led off (right) to be crucified...



How about you? Could you say "yes" to God like this? Read more in Luke 22, and Matthew 26.



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

One of our parents has very kindly made a decoration in the form of our **swallows logo** for the outside of our main building.

Celebration assemblies: We celebrated the children's learning. Eggardon read superb poems about the seasons. Bredy shared their poems and talked about their visit to the Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre. Litton and Chesil performed a dragon dance and played music and sang. It is always uplifting to see how confidently our children perform.

Special assemblies: Volunteers from **Julia's House** came to thank the children (and the TSA) for their contribution at Christmas time. They complimented our children on their knowledge and behaviour. Our drums teacher climbed **Mount Kilimanjaro** in January to collect for the Steve Charles Help-a-friend Fund. He gave an inspiring talk to the children about his climb.



Pancake day: Litton and Chesil made (and enjoyed!) pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. The whole school ran pancake races - we believe these were the very first such races at Thorner's! Bredy and Eggardon children had to flip the pancakes mid-way and a great time was had by all!

Weymouth Outdoor Education: Bredy had a fantastic visit to Weymouth. I am really proud of our children, many of whom overcame their fear of climbing and had a great time. Teachers from the Centre worked with Litton and Chesil in our own school grounds and the children enjoyed learning mapping and orienteering skills.



Games with grandparents: Chesil and Litton are enjoying playing traditional games on Friday afternoons.

Sports: Our **football** team played a superb game against Symondsburry and lost narrowly 2-1. Our children did really well at the Colfox **cross country** event and several Eggardon children received **sports leaders training**.

We celebrated **Chinese New Year** with a morning of activities, making and drawing dragons and fish and other animals. Martin Maudsley, a local **storyteller**, made up stories and songs with the children, including some relating to Chinese New Year.

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher



Burton Bradstock CE VC School

The month of March has had a Sports focus. With the end to the rain and floods (finally) we were able to catch up with the football matches that were postponed. Despite their valiant efforts the footballers were knocked out of the first round of the **Kenway cup**. They still practise each Friday with their coach Dave and are getting in as much practice as possible ready for the West Dorset Tournament later in the year.

Miss Varndell and **Mrs Haley** have also been training pupils in Years 5 and 6 ready for the **Tag Rugby Tournament** that is taking place on **Saturday 8th March**. Again, numerous training sessions have had to be cancelled due to the dreadful weather. This is the first year the school has entered the tournament and we wish the children the very best of luck.

Some children in Year 5 and 6 have attended the **West Dorset Primary Leadership Academy** in Weymouth where they have been trained as **Bronze Ambassadors** for Sport. During the day they were involved in various workshops where they considered how they could promote the positive values of sport in school. They are very excited and are looking forward to the different ways they can be the young people's voice on PE and school sport. The first area where they intend to have an input is Sports Relief and they are keen to have a sponsored 'fun mile', which we shall soon be busy organising.



The Annual Duck Race is being organised by the Friends and will take place on **Sunday 20th April** at 1pm. We do hope that you will be able to buy a duck, which will be available from the school and various establishments in the village, and come along to support us. All money raised goes directly to the school and we are raising funds this year to develop the outside area for the youngest children.



Claire Staple, Headteacher



FLEDGLINGS NEWS

Welcome to **Jack** who is new to Fledglings - and also welcome to a new member of staff, **Karen Meek**, who has joined Julie, Maureen and Emma.

The new Fledglings storage shed has finally been put in place thanks to **Darren Green** - with lots of help from **Emma Green!**

Activities

The children have been visiting the Discovery area a lot more now we have had some Spring weather and have taken home daffodils grown in pots for their mums for Mothers Day. In the garden area, quite a few spring bulbs have flowered early and some potato plants are growing where we missed some potatoes when they were dug up! The children dressed up as characters in books for World Book Day and also visited the Life Education Van when it came into school. They have been looking at animals in the world, exploring where they live in different countries and what sort of environment the animals live - in using maps, books, toys and ICT. Oh and also a globe. Easter activities at the end of March included an Easter Egg Hunt.

All the children have charts up for their personal goals, and they play games and sing songs to learn sounds, letters and numbers. There was a parents evening on 26th March for them to discuss their child's needs etc with their key workers.

The end of term is **Thursday 3rd April**, starting back for the Summer term on **Tuesday 22nd April**. A date for your diary - "**A Bit of a Do**" will also be held again at LATCH on **Sunday 11th May 2014** from 2-4pm.

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

First Steps Toddler Group

We would like to invite any parents, grandparents or carers of children from babies until 4 years old along to our lovely toddler group. We have a good selection of toys and soft play equipment. We provide snacks and tea or coffee for the bargain price of £2! Please come along and support the group as we only have a small number at the moment. We meet **every Wednesday (term time) 9.45am until 11.15am in LATCH** (Litton Cheney Hall). Contact **Claire Gauden** for more info: **01308 898728** email: claire.gauden@yahoo.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 14th March, Friday 11th April 2014 and Friday 9th May**. For any questions please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.

BRIDE VALLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our February meeting we had great fun with African Drumming with Ralf Cree from Osmington. So much fun in fact, that we intend to ask him back next year, and next time not during half term when so many people were away who wanted to do it. In March it was the turn of crafts with our medley of craft projects to try, including scented bath salts, Dorset buttons and little easter bunnies to sew. In **April** we'll be doing **origami** with **Matthew Brown** then in **May** we're off to the **Venner Bar** in Bridport to learn how to make **cocktails!**

We are a friendly and active WI and we very much welcome new members of all ages - please come along to meet us, the first meeting is free! For more information, contact Natalie Green on nataliejgreen@me.com or come along to one of our meetings, usually at Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall, third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.



ABOUT TIME
Tuesday 1st April
Litton Cheney Village Hall
See Litton Cheney Section for
further details



DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE Saturday 13th September 2014

Cycle, Ride or walk to Dorset's beautiful churches and raise money for the Trust and your own church at the same time! Alternatively, consider becoming a sponsor of a participant!

For further information, please contact your parish organiser:-

Burton Bradstock:	Mr. Howard Bongers	898029
Littlebredy;	Sir Philip Williams	482232
Litton Cheney:	Mr. Freddie Spicer	482617
Long Bredy:	Mrs. Elinor Frost	482269
Puncknowle:	Mrs. Katharine Jones	898553
Shipton Gorge:	Mrs. Kate Drew	898437
Swyre:	Mr. Tony Taylor	898523

BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES BRING AND SHARE LUNCHES

Just a reminder of the remaining dates when we meet in 2014 – they are **Sunday 4th May, Sunday 6th July, Sunday 7th September** and **Sunday 2nd November**.

Open to all in the valley whether residents or visitors. Please bring along a plate of savoury or sweet food to share on the buffet table. Drinks provided. We meet in **Burton Bradstock Village Hall** at 12.30pm.



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club A.G.M. will be held on **Monday 14th April** at 7.00pm and will be followed, at 7.30pm, by a talk on the **'Bee-Friendly Garden'** by **Neil Lovesey** from Picket Lane Nursery, South Perrott. Our meeting on May 19th will be given by **Sam Saines**, who will be telling us about **Horn Park Gardens**, where he is Head Gardener. All visitors are welcome to join us at the **Village Hall** in **Puncknowle**, entrance £2



Jobs to do in April

Sow half-hardy annuals under glass. Prune forsythia after flowering. Plant container-grown climbers. Ensure all summer flowering bulbs are planted

by the end of the month. Protect fruit trees with fleece if frost is forecast. In the vegetable garden continue with successive sowings of broad beans, beetroot, peas and radish; sow dwarf French beans under cloches; sow sweetcorn and courgettes under cover while half-hardy herbs, e.g. basil and coriander, can be sown on a sunny windowsill.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Bride Valley Branch.

Reminder for Social evenings held on a Monday evening in The Three Horseshoes Burton Bradstock:-

April 28th

May 19th (*note the date this is the 3rd Monday*)

June 30th



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

Other events:

Friday October 24th

Annual Band Concert in Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Thursday November 6th

Coffee morning in Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Saturday November 8th

Wreath laying in the Bride Valley

Sunday November 9th

Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock

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

So here we are in 2014, just a few months short of the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1. It was as a result of the experiences of the combatants that the Royal British Legion was founded and it has been going ever since, providing moral, social and financial support to ex-servicemen and their families. Locally our association has proved of immense value to quite a lot of residents one way and another and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

If you have need of advice or have welfare issues (or you know an ex-

service family that does) a telephone call to our call centre **0808-802-8080** will put you in touch with someone who can provide the necessary service and support.

The 6 - Day **Tour of Suffolk 7-12 April** (privately run by Des Baker) is in aid of the RBL Poppy Appeal and the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

We meet at 7.30 pm **Thursday 15 May** in the Ron Doble room of Portesham Village Hall for an introduction to “**Shelterbox**” charity by local organiser Ian **Brooke**. There will be a retiring collection for the charity.

Now is the time to reserve your seat for this year’s coach outing to a place of interest. On **5 June** we visit 18th C. naturalist **Rev. Gilbert White’s House & Garden** and **The Oates Collection** in the village of Selborne, Hants., to discover the stories of three great explorers of the natural world under one roof. Lunch will be taken at The Swan Inn, Alresford, after which we shall take a return trip on the preserved steam railway affectionately known as the “**Watercress Line**”. Non-members are welcome to join us - just add £2.50 booking fee.

*Des Baker 01305 267617 or email aveswood@sky.com
Social Fund Chairman (automatically open to all local Legion members)*



BRIDE VALLEY HOMEGROUP

The homegroup has now finished the series of studies based on the life of King David and we are joining others in the Benefice for the Lent course on Wednesday evenings in Puncknowle village hall.

Our meetings resume after Easter on **Thursday April 24th** (7.45 pm at the Newell's) when we shall begin one of the Pilgrim courses:

"Pilgrim is a major new teaching and discipleship resource from the Church of England. It aims to help every local church create a place where people can explore the Christian faith together and see how it can be lived out each day." (www.pilgrimcourse.org)

The homegroup has a core membership of 11. We are aware that evening meetings are not suitable for all those who either do attend or would like to attend, so we would like to know if there is any interest for an additional home group in the valley that could meet during the daytime.

If you would like to come along to the homegroup (whether daytime or evening) or just want to find out more about us, please contact **Heather Goffee** on 482667 or **Gill Newell** on 482136

LENT COURSE 2014



A lent course entitled “**Build on the Rock**” will be held at **Puncknowle Village Hall**. This follows one of the York Courses and is a 5 session ecumenical discussion course comprising a course booklet, CD and transcript. The course considers the strange and beautiful story of Christ himself, his teaching, his death, his resurrection and his continuing significance. The remaining dates are **Wednesday 2 and 9 April** and will run from **7-9pm** with light refreshment during discussion time.

Sue Linford—Ordination

Sue Linford will be ordained priest on **28th June** at Salisbury Cathedral. There will be a bus to take Sue's supporters from the Bride Valley to Salisbury on that day. Please let your churchwardens know if you would like to take advantage of this transport offer, I will be contacting them this month. At the moment I cannot give a definite cost, but will know well before we go, and will advise churchwardens accordingly.



Liz Orza 897451. lizorza@hotmail.co.uk.



Good Books
Bridport's Christian Bookshop

April: Focus on Fiction at Good Books

April is Fiction Month at **Good Books in Gundry Lane**, when we're promoting the new Lion Fiction imprint – and celebrating Shakespeare's 450th birthday! Come in and post your favourite mood-boosting books and quotes from the Bard on our pinboard.

Join us too at our **Open House on Thursday 24th April** from 10am-2pm for tasty home-made refreshments and browse a variety of recommended novels. Local author **Sheila Spencer-Smith** will join us at 11am to talk about writing fiction and share her favourite mood-boosting books.

Lion Fiction includes many fantasy tales from the pen of Stephen Lawhead, two books so far in Pam Rhodes' **Dunbridge Chronicles** series and several murder mysteries, such as **Game, Set and Murder** by Elizabeth Flynn, set at Wimbledon. And for Sherlock fans, don't miss **The Reichenbach Problem**, the first in a trilogy from Martin Allison Booth. And for children and young people, we have a range of **Michael Morpurgo** stories at keen prices. For more details: Good Books 01308 420483.

DEANERY ART REFLECTIONS

On **7th April**, the **Revd Nigel Done**, Vicar of Ilminster, will use art, including his own, to lead us into Holy Week at 7.00 pm at St Mary's, Bridport. The evening is entitled 'Seeing The Way': the reflections of a painter priest.



A SMOKE ALARM without batteries is a useless bit of plastic.'

That is the message from Group Manager Karen Adams, Head of Prevention at Dorset Fire and Rescue Service (DFRS).

Karen leads a team of firefighters and officers, who are taking DFRS's safety message out into the community, with a particular focus on educating vulnerable and hard to reach groups.



When someone dies in a fire, it is always upsetting. At Dorset Fire and Rescue Service, our aim is to reduce all preventable fire deaths to zero. We want to see every home in Dorset with a working smoke alarm and that means **testing your smoke alarms** every week! With the clock change fast approaching, when you go around your home changing the time on all your clocks, take the time to test your smoke alarms too!

Karen said: "We provide a **FREE home safety check service**. This means firefighters and DFRS staff visit residents in their homes and if appropriate, fit or replace smoke alarms, advise on the use of candles, unattended cooking, electric blankets, overloading sockets, chimneys, low energy light bulbs, escape plans and much more. This is all free of charge with the aim of encouraging people to think about fire safety in the home."

She added: "People need to consider their night-time routine – close doors, keep an escape route clear, and check they know where the door key is so they can let themselves out. Smoke alarms should be tested once a week to make sure they are still working and in good condition. A smoke alarm without a battery is useless piece of plastic."

To **request a Free Home Safety Check** for you, or someone who may be vulnerable and would benefit from a visit, please get their permission and contact us **FREE** on **0800 038 2323** or use the online form found at www.dorsetfire.gov.uk. Just fill out the form with your name and address details and click 'submit'. Our PinPoint technology will analyse whether or not we can make your home safer and you will either receive a **FREE Home Safety Check** or Home Safety Information Pack, containing a leaflet on safety and a checklist for the home.

The Bride Valley Band presents

'Songs from the Valley' (and beyond)

**A special concert celebrating
the Bride Valley in music and song**

**Sunday 13th April 2014 at 3.00pm
Long Bredy Village Hall**

Tickets £6.00 (including tea and cake)

***For tickets (limited seats), call Helen on 01305
265072 or e-mail
office@homestartwestdorset.co.uk (local delivery/
collection arranged)***



All proceeds from the concert will go towards supporting the work of Home-Start West Dorset a local charity which gives friendship, emotional and practical support to families

JUMBLE SALE

Loders Village Hall

Sat 5th April 10 – 12 noon—admission 50p

Home-made cake, tea/coffee

**Helping Charlie and Joe with their fundraising for a Borneo expedition in
2015 with Camps International and Colfox School.**

**They will be working on environmental, community and wildlife projects
for 4 weeks. Thank you for your support!!!**

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5	1	9	7	4	8	6	2	3
7	4	2	6	1	3	9	8	5

DIARY, APRIL 2014

Tue	1	20.00 Bride Valley Films - "About Time"	LATCH
Wed	2	19.00 Lent Study Group	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	2	19.30 Burton Bradstock PC Meeting	Reading Room, Burton Bradstock
Wed	2	19.30 Burton Parish Council meeting	Reading Room, Burton Bradstock
Thur	3	9.30 Working Party - St. Mary's Churchyard	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Thur	3	19.00 St Mary's Litton Cheney Annual Church Meeting	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Fri	4	10.00 Art Club	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Mon	7	10.00 Art Reflections - Seeing the Way	St Mary's, Bridport
Mon	7	10.00 Julian Group	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Tue	8	19.30 Burton W.I. - A.G.M.	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Wed	9	19.00 Lent Study Group	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	11	14.15 Tots Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Fri	11	19.30 Village Soc. - B. Ayres "Sayings of Olde London"	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sun	13	15.00 Songs from the Valley (and beyond)	Village Hall, Long Bredy
Mon	14	19.00 BV Garden Club - A.G.M. +"Bee friendly garden"	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	15	12.30 Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thur	17	19.30 Bride Valley WI - Origami	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	18	14.00 Children's Workshop	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sat	19	10.30 Village Café	LATCH
Sun	20	13.00 Great Litton Cheney Annual Duck Race	Litton Cheney
Sun	20	13.00 Annual Duck Race	Burton Bradstock
Thur	24	19.45 Homegroup	Newell's Litton Cheney
Fri	25	19.30 Film "Quartet"	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Mon	28	19.30 Bride Valley British Legion - Social	Three Horseshoes, Burton



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: April 2014

	1 st Sunday 6 April Passion Sunday	2 nd Sunday 13 April Palm Sunday	18 April Good Friday	3 rd Sunday 20 April Easter Day	4 th Sunday 27 April St George Patron of England
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	12 noon - 3 Hour Service	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Holy Communion by Ext	11.00 Holy Communion by Ext 6.30 Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion by Ext	9.30 Morning Prayer	10am Litany	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship 5.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe				8am Holy Communion	
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	11am Holy Communion by Ext		11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion by Ext
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer		11.00 All Age Holy Communion by Ext	9.30 Family Service
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	1-3pm Devotional Service with music	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion			11am Holy Communion	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion By Ext	10am Litany	11am Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion