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WEEKDAY SERVICES, JUNE 2014

Mon	2	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	4	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	5	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	6	9.00am	Shipton
Mon	9	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	11	9.30am	Burton Bradstock Holy
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	12	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	13	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	16	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	18	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	19	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	20	9.00am	Shipton
Mon	23	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	25	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton
Thur	26	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	27	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	30	9.00am	Long Bredy

FROM THE RECTORY

As we get our breath after all the 'roller coaster' events of Easter let's remember that we are all vital parts of the community and church. The church divine John Donne wrote 'Any man [or woman]'s death diminishes me because I am involved in Mankind'.

We are the lesser for anyone leaving us for whatever reason. However the converse is also true: The life of another (be they a new baby, a new neighbour, or a new church attender) develops and expands me. We are all part of our community, be it village or church. In all our villages at the centre is a church. It is significant that the physical shape of our Churches is generally a cross shape showing us that we are called to live the selfless life of the cross, considerate of one another. But the spiritual shape of our churches is a body shape. The church is called to be 'the body of Christ'. We are supposed to be the visible presence of Jesus in the world. Jesus should be seen in all our gatherings and goings.

The body however is diminished when people do not become a part and get involved. 'What me?' you may ask. 'What can I do? Who am I anyway?' First you are special to God, so special he has provided a 'you-shaped place' in your local church.

Second he has given you a gift for the body. You may not be another Sue (whose priesting we joyfully celebrate on 28th of June) but you are still important and are gifted by God. Without and without your gift being exercised that makes the people of God less than complete. Okay, our church may be able to get by - like someone who has a hand or a foot or an eye missing - because the rest of the body compensates, but how much easier it is when (as St Paul says) 'every part does it's bit in love'

Whether in the community or church let's be a whole person, not a half person.

And God bless us all in this Ryder

FROM THE REGISTERS



On 10th April a number of family and friends gathered at **Swyre Church** to give thanks for the life of **Kenneth Howard**, the younger brother of Joan.

All his life he was a gardener, even working for the gentry. Married to Vera for 63 years they had three children Mark, Matthew and Catherine. They

moved from Devon to Oxford and then to Swyre where they were regular worshippers and workers at Holy Trinity. His favourite hymn that he chose for his funeral was Rock of Ages.

After a period of time in Fordington they eventually became residents in Whitway Nursing Home in Winterbourne Steepleton. On April 1st, after a period of illness, at the age of 86 Ken passed into the presence of his Lord, his rock. Please pray for all the family and Vera who remains in Winterbourne Steepleton

The church at **Puncknowle** was filled on 15th April, for the funeral of **Charles Alan Collins**, known to all as Alan, who died at the age of 92.



Though born in Northampton he was a true Yorkshire boy, living near Ilkley where he was brought up on a farm. After a time at Leeds University Alan worked in Australia, Africa and the Americas as a Tropical Agricultural Advisor. After the death of his first wife he met Joan on the dance floor and they married 25 years ago. Alan was frequently described as a real gentleman. Your prayers are asked for his wife Joan and for his children and step children Mike, Helen, and Robin and their families that they may know as we sang *Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day*



On Monday 13th April, 2014, following cremation at Weymouth Crematorium, a Thanksgiving service to celebrate the life of **Kit Laughton**, aged 94 years, was held at St Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge. Kit and her late husband, Walter moved from

Leicestershire to Shipton Gorge in 1984 where they quickly settled into village life. In her later years, unflinchingly supported by her daughter and son-in-law Linda and Ed, she retained both her independence and her interest in village events. Three generations of Kit's family were supported at the service by her many friends and acquaintances who heard her described by her son-in-law Paul as, "kind, caring, hard-working and generous, fun to be with, loyal to family, sometimes forthright, often outspoken, but always loving and loved".

May she rest in peace, and rise in glory.

The funeral service of **Dennis Spittles** was held in St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney on Thursday 8th May. Dennis had lived in Litton Cheney close to his daughter Kathy Kourik and her husband Steve for around 10 years, until failing health required him to move about 2 years ago to Sydney Gale House and finally to Signature House in Dorchester.

Friends and family gathered, as the rain and mist cleared, to recall a long life well lived. A tribute to 'Our Dad' written by Dennis' daughters Pat and Kathy was read by Steve, and another to 'Our Granddad' written by his four grandchildren was read by Angela. Many more happy memories were shared over refreshments back home.

Yvonne Buckland LLM

LONG BREDY

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Garden Party Saturday 5th July 2-5pm

By kind permission of **Robin** and **Lavinia Barbour**. To be held at Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney in aid of St Peter's and St. Michael's Churches. Beautiful garden, music, teas, family attractions, cake and craft stalls. Hats encouraged!

Offers of help and items for stalls welcome. Contact **Jackie Cain** 01308 482379 or **Ruth Cullingford** 01308 482562.

Congratulations to the winners

£25 No. 41 Brian Lee

£15 No. 58 Briony Holmes

£5 No. 45 Bruce & Rachel Maltby



Congratulations to Troy Smith of 10 Long Bredy who has won a scholarship and unconditional offer to study Marine and Freshwater Biology at Aberystwyth University.



VILLAGE WEBSITES

giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc



www.burtonbradstock.org.uk
www.littoncheney.org.uk
www.shiptongorge.org.uk
www.puncknowle.net
www.swyre.org.uk
www.westbexington.org.uk
www.littlebredy.com



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE DON'T FORGET!!

Puncknowle Fete - Saturday 26th July at 2:30pm In aid of St Mary's Church, Puncknowle. A traditional church fete, a fund raising event

having been staged every year for over 50 years the Fete is part of the fabric of Puncknowle life

which we want to thrive for the future benefit of our church and community.

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP



Thank you to all those who came to our exhibition and plant sale. Much of the money will find it's way to the village hall. We must thank Monica for giving us such an interesting workshop based on the work of Linda Kemp. It must have taken a great deal of

preparation. We are also looking forward to our next two workshops which are 13th, Jane Huxtable-Brown on landscape and 27th, Jenny Trotman, Indian ink and watercolour. Christine Molony

BOOK CLUB



Our latest is "The Jane Austen Book Club" set in Sacramento. Valley, California – the characters being a group of mixed up people who meet once a month to discuss Jane Austen's six novels

HOLY TRINITY, SWYRE Swyre Trinity Fete -Saturday 7th June Opens 1pm

Our village fete is only a few days away on Saturday 7th June. Items such as books, bric-a-brac, cakes, bottles of all sorts,

produce and plants will be much appreciated. Please bring any produce and plants on the day and leave in the church porch. Bric-a-brac to Sue Taylor 898523, cakes and jams to Hazel Stirgess 897571, bottles to Stan Hancock 898014, Books to Caroline MacTaggart 898174.

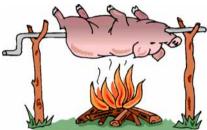
We are still seeking help on a few of our stalls so if you can spare the time between 12.30 and 4pm on Saturday please let me know. We will have teas, hot and cold refreshments, bric-a-brac, books, produce, cakes, plants, bottle tombola, raffle and games in the field.

Our comprehensive display this year will be local soldiers and family history at the time of the First World War, and our donation to Charity will be to the British Legion. Please get in touch if a family member was directly involved or contributed to rope making or other wartime industries.



If you are able to contribute please contact, Tony Taylor 898523.

HOG ROAST AT MANOR FARM SWYRE.



Come to Swyre for a Hog Roast on the 5th JULY and an afternoon out for all to enjoy. Tea will be available from 3pm together with a cake stall and there will be games for the children on the field.

The Hog will be roasted and ready at about **5pm**, there will be a Jacket potato served with cheese for vegetarians. Soft

drinks will be provided but if you prefer something stronger please bring your own bottle. There will also be puddings to follow the roast.

Tickets at £10.00 each and £2.00 for primary school age children, are available from **Annemarie Yeates** 897749 and **Ann Dillon** 898014. All profits will be donated to Holy Trinity Church Swyre for the upkeep of the Church and Churchyard.

WELCOME TO SWYRE

Welcome to **Susan** and **Dean Olliffe** and their daughters **Eloise**, **Emelia** and **Evie**, and **Jim Hogg** and **Kathy Samson Hogg** who have recently moved into the School House. We wish them every happiness in their new home and hope that they will stay in Swyre for many years to come.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB



The next meal will be on **Tuesday 17th June**. Any member who has not already ordered their meal should ring 897622 before 13th June. Members wishing to cancel a meal should contact the same number before 10am on **17th June**.

Ken Martin.

PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB

March Debbie Legge £15 Joyce Hardy £10



SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Summer Event

Weekend of 5th & 6th July 2014

A date for your diary, please look out for posters and further information in the next edition of the BVN.

PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING – CUCKOO LANE

A public meeting is being held on **Wednesday 11th June** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, where the County Council's Chief Engineer, John Burridge, will be telling us about their proposed options for the future of the lane. This is your opportunity to give your views on this to him and to the Parish Councillors who will be present. The briefing note from the County Council will be posted on the notice boards in the village prior to the meeting but if anyone would like a copy then please contact the clerk, **Paula Biss**, on 01308-898189

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9th July** at 7.30pm where the Parish Council's recommendation to the County Council for the future of Cuckoo Lane will also be an agenda item.

Thanks to everyone who completed the Broadband & Mobile Phone Survey forms. These will now be analysed and the information used to lobby for improved connectivity in the parish. Also thanks to all those who offered to help with the refurbishment of the fingerposts, Christine Huxtable will be in touch with you as this project progresses.

SGVS QUIZ NIGHT with FISH & CHIPS SUPPER on SAT 28th JUNE @ 7.00pm (Village Hall)

SAT 28th JUNE @ 7.00pm (Village Hall)

This will be our next Event. For those who require a 'Veggie' alternative, could you please state this at the time of booking your place with Sally Parker on 01308897168. Tickets are £6.50 (inclusive of meal).

DORSET BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION 2014



Shipton Gorge has again entered the competition for 2014. Community As you receive this June BVN the judging period will have begun (i.e... 1st May – 31st July). We may be visited more

than once, especially if the results are close. Prize giving will be at Mordern Village Hall on Thursday 18th September.

One slightly unfortunate aspect is that Dorset Community Action's records show that our awards in 2010 also count towards the 5 year exclusion, even though we did not win the top award, and so we are again this year in the Previous Winners Category - but we are in the competition.

We have entered the following Areas within the Village:

4 Areas to be judged, King George V Playing Field, The Village Hall, St Martin's churchyard and The Orchard.

People's Project: The Village Green on Brook Street (where the Telephone Box is located), and the **Saunders Richardson Wood** (Smacombe Lane) which is under the auspices of Shipton Gorge Heritage.

The Environmental Award was not open to us this year as it only includes Buildings' Environment, Recycling and Sustainability within the Village. In addition to the individual areas to be judged the overall Village is assessed on it's well kept and up to date notice boards and the absence of litter in all areas. Please do your bit, particularly on the litter removal and also please help with the various maintenance days which will be organised. The more Village participation we get the more likely we are to do well Simon Cleveland (SGVS Competition Co-ordinator)

SGVS SUMMER SHOW (FLOWERS/PLANTS/VEG/CRAFTS) SAT 9th AUGUST

Just an advance reminder of our Summer Show for you all to get those 'green and artistic fingers' working. Full details on Categories and Entry will be in the JULY edition of the BVN.



SHIPTON GORGE XMAS 'Get Together' SUNDAY 30th NOV @ 12.00 noon (Village Hall)



You will be aware that Robert and Christine Cornish have indicated that they would want others to take on this very successful Event for this year and others to follow. SGVS have booked the Hall and fully endorse Robert and Christine's wishes for others not connected with any Organisation within

the Village to run the Event. If you feel that you are interested in running this Event along the tried and successful format of Robert and Christine, please telephone me (Terry Diver 01308898656) or Robert/Christine (01308897833) who will be eager to assist you in any way we can.

SHIPTON GORGE TABLE TENNIS CLUB (SGTTC)

The 3 Teams of SGTTC playing in Divs A, B and C of the Weymouth and District Table Tennis League have concluded the Season on a high note. The A Team finishing 3rd; B Team 5th and the C Team finishing 3rd in their respective Divisions.



Many thanks are due to all 15 Players who turned out for the Club and congratulations to Derek Wheeler who completed the season with a 100% record in Div C.

We are always looking for new Players and if you are of a reasonable League standard and are interested in playing for the Club please contact Ed Buck (Chair/Player) on 01308898278).

Details of all SGVS Events for the year can be found on the SG website www.shiptongorge.org.uk/planned events.

TEA and CHAT

This village get-together will again take place on Friday 6th June. Come and chat with neighbours old and new over cakes and tea. Everyone is welcome and all money raised will be put towards new curtains for the Village Hall. Offers of help with cake-making, serving and washing-up will as usual be greatly appreciated. Contact Sally Parker for information on 897168.



IVY PLATT

Many of you in the village and beyond will know lvy who has lived at 5, Rockway for the past 50 years. On Tuesday 24th June Ivy will be 99 years young and is celebrating by having an Open Afternoon between 2pm and 4pm. All friends, and anyone from elsewhere who knows her, are very welcome to come and join her for a piece of cake and cup of tea during that time.



THANK YOU KIT LAUGHTON



The family of the late **Kit Laughton** wish to thank everyone for their sympathy and kindness. Your support is a great comfort THANK YOU to us at this time.

Kit will be sadly missed but leaves many happy memories.

John and **Kate Kent** would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for their support and good wishes for Ruth and Chris's wedding.



Your tolerance at the comings and goings during the preparations and the actual day was much appreciated.

A special thank-you to **Mark Wellman**, **Rose** and **Roger Sorrell**, **Colin Chambers**, **Dennis Jones's family**, and all involved with preparing the church for the ceremony.

We had a wonderful day!

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB May Draw

£20	19	Bob Ayers
£10	106	Roger Sorrel
£5	90	Anne Jones



BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE Thursday 7 August 2014

The Fete planning team plus stall

helpers are busy practising their scales and waiting for the baton to be raised at 2.00pm in the Rectory Gardens. Music will be the theme for this year's Fete and will provide a perfect prelude to the Burton Bradstock Music Festival.

The Church Fete Committee, when not busily rehearsing their arpeggios, are harmonising to make the 2014 Fete go with a swing. The team includes Alan & Judy Clarke (897051), Jenny Malyon (898768), Liz Orza (897451), Janet Pearson (898346), Peter Tompkins (897043) and Ian Wigglesworth (897083). They would be pleased to receive donated items including Books, Toys, Games/Puzzles, Cakes & Preserves, Fancy Goods, Plants & Produce, Wine & Drinks for the Tombola, and items for the White Elephant stall.

Fuller contact details for donations/contributions will be provided in the July BVN.

Judy & Alan Clarke - Church Fete Publicity

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*.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust 200 Club" May 2014 Draw

WDDC Licence no: \$L0080

Congratulations to the winners:

1st £44.40 No 65: Mr Peter Eaglestone 2nd £22.20 No 53: Mrs Noreen Short 3rd £11.10 No 47: Mr Tom Holmes



Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the June-December draws should telephone **Alan Clarke** on 01308 897051 and let him have £7 - one pound for each of the remaining 7 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

We will be having a Garden Party at Linden Cottage on Sunday, 13th July commencing at 2.30 pm to help raise much-needed funds for the above very worthy cause. Entrance 50p but children free. There will be a raffle and various stalls including plants, books, bric-a-brac, cakes,teas etc. and hopefully musical entertainment. Gifts for any of the stalls would be much appreciated. Do come and join us for a fun afternoon and help to support this little-known disease.

John and Veda Bull

Computer Training in Burton Bradstock

We had a very successful Open Day in the Library on 13th
February at which people could discuss their computer training
needs with Mollie Baldwin from BCLC@Home. Many completed a
form indicating their specific training interests and availability. As
a result Mollie, along with Adele Kemp has already run courses in
the library on the iPad, Windows 7, 8 and other topics. They have also made
a number of home visits.

If you completed a form, you will be contacted directly by Mollie (Windows Laptops or PCs) or Adele (iPads or MACs) as and when training in which you

expressed interest is planned. Their contact details are on their web site (if you have internet access!) .www.bclcathome.com

If you missed out on the Open Day and are interested in knowing about what training is available, either complete a form (held in the Library) or contact me for a form. Your interest will then be registered with the BCLC@Home trainers. If you are unsure what you want, you can discuss your training needs with Mollie on 07866-698796.

Feel free to contact me if you have any further queries or comments. We are also interested in knowing what you thought of the quality of the training – and what additional training you would find useful.

Chris Sundt 898531



Burton Bradstock Online

The Burton Bradstock web site has been on-line since the Millennium and by now has grown into a wide ranging and extensive compendium of information on village activities, past, present and future and the BB Online committee is confident that it provides a valuable service to the village & visitors alike. With almost six million visits to the site to-date it must be considered a success. Funds raised from adverts on the site have been used by the committee to help the village; by for example, setting up computer training, running photo competitions, funding Broadband to the library etc,.

The committee feels that now is the time to bring fresh ideas into continuing growth of our activities; either by incorporating new areas of interest or expanding the existing sections of the web site with yet more topics and information, particularly in the historical area. Additional help would also be very welcome; not necessarily on the committee, perhaps as a correspondent or researcher, and involvement of younger members of the community could bring a positive new approach. There could be funding help for anyone prepared to take on a particular project.

So....

- Have you any suggestions as to how the site might grow and improve?
- Have you any records (photos, recording, tales etc.) of activities in the recent or distant past which you think should be included in the history pages of the village web site?

- Would you be prepared to help the committee in some capacity as suggested above?
- Are there other activities that we should be involved in?

If you would like to assist in any way or just make suggestions, please contact **Ken Pett** on 897550 or other members of the committee.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

"FROM CATHEDRAL TO VILLAGE HALL"

The staging of a major Flower Festival and hints for a success in a Village Show.

Angela Turner the Creative Director of the Winchester Cathedral Flower Festival and a Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medalist is coming to Burton Bradstock Village Hall on **Saturday 5th July** at 2.15pm.Everyone from near and far is very welcome to enjoy this special event.

In the first half of the programme Angela is going to give a visual presentation on the planning preparation and mechanics of staging a flower Festival. The second half of the programme is based on Village Flower Shows. Angela will be giving us tips on what the Judges look for and how best to present our entries. Focusing on our own Flower and Produce Show the following week on July the 12th Angela will demonstrate two items from this years schedule, Class 20 an arrangement to include a bottle, and Class 53 a vase or bowl of perennial flowers.



Tickets for this event will be £7 each and are available from The Post Office in Burton Bradstock or from **Sandy Adderley** on 01308 898358. All proceeds will go to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

BURTON BRADSTOCK FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 12th July is our Annual Flower and Produce Show in the Village

Hall. Schedules are available in the Post Office and Library. The closing date for entries is Wednesday the 9th of July. Late entries will be accepted but will be charged an extra 20p per item. The MEN ONLY entry this year is three Gingerbread men so a nice easy one for the gentlemen. Our Show Secretary says please no



rude ones as we don't want to upset the sensibilities of our Lady Judges!!!!!!!!!!

The Handicraft and Photography sections this year allow more than one

entry per person. The Allotment Competition entry forms will be available from Monday the 16th of June from the Post Office or **Sandy Adderley** at 103 Southover. or telephone 898358. Judging will take place during the week preceding the Show. Good Luck everybody

Commemoration of the First World War

To mark the Centenary of WWI this summer, I will be setting up a Commemorative Exhibition to take place in Burton Bradstock Library and Village Hall. The Exhibition will be in the Library

during July and for two days in the Village Hall over the weekend of **2nd and 3rd August**. I am seeking artefacts and family memories / letters related to the Great War. Also if you have any original photos of Burton Bradstock in or around the war years, I would very much appreciate being able to see them.

If you have anything you would like to contribute or loan, please telephone me on 01308 897673 or email 'thestablebb@gmail.com'.

Susan Moores

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

The Parish Council has a new website www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

Here you will find information about the activities of the Council including how to contact the Council or your Councillors; the website has a meetings page where you will find the agendas, minutes and supporting documents available for you to view. There is a useful links page to the regular services that are provided by the County and District Council and links to reporting road faults and planning within the parish.

Consultation on the Parish Plan closed on 1 May and the Plan is now being finalised. It is hoped to launch it in the Summer.

The Parish Council still has places available on the following working groups for specific projects in the Parish obtained from the Parish Plan:

- Corncrake Project: A working group to develop and implement conservation, improvement and leisure projects on Corncrake. Councillor Dave Dixon will be leading the group.
- Pedestrian Safety and Speed: A working group to examine how pedestrian safety might be improved in the village. Contact the Clerk
- Sports and Recreation Working Group: A group to look at the Sport and recreation facilities in the parish. Contact the Clerk

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

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.

Allotments- If you would like to be added to the waiting list for the Parish Allotments please contact the Clerk.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Wednesday 4th June 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

ARTSREACH NEWS – Burton Bradstock

The next Artreach show at Burton Bradstock Village Hall will be "Red Hippo" on Friday 20th June



features three remarkable musicians and a stunning mix of strings, saxophones, Irish whistles and a sousaphone!
Together they explore a musical world influenced by English, Irish and Scandinavian folk melodies and original tunes, plus a few "posh jazz chords". "Red Hippo" is a combination of talented musicians who have played individually and together at various venues and festivals with great success. They have also supported leading touring bands such as the Oysterband. Red Hippo is serious, but full of humour and guaranteed to keep your feet tapping and a smile on your face.

Get your diaries out now for:-

RED HIPPO FRIDAY 20th JUNE at Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Tickets £8, when available, from the Post Office, or book in advance from 01308 897214

N . Saunders – White 01308 897214 Artsreach Promoter for Burton Bradstock.

CHESIL COURT COFFEE GROUP

A reminder to those who attend that we meet during June for lunch between 11.30am and 1.30pm on **Thursday 12th June** 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.

Thanks from Starlight

STARLIGHT

A huge thanks to all who have helped run the 4 Starlight Film Evenings over the last 2 years – *M. Hulot's Holiday, Some Like it Hot, Kind Hearts and Coronets* and recently *Only Two Can Play.* Thank you to all those who have attended, giving us sell-outs, and for your support on raffles, bar, choc ices, providing raffle prizes, donations and in several other thoughtful ways in making the series successful.

The Peter Sellers evening on May 3rd – which concludes our programme of fundraising on films for Starlight in Burton Bradstock - raised a splendid £600 profits from you all, and we, and indeed Starlight, and the children able to experience their personal Wishes being granted, are very appreciative indeed.

John and Annie Grantham

THE BURTON BELLES

Will be running for Burton on **Sunday 18th May** for race for life to raise money for cancer research.

Please sponsor us online at race for life, Group name Burton belles. Group id: ji7194 ref: 7015466 or www.justgiving.com/burton-belles

Contact Judi Kanellaki on 01308 898685



Children's Story Time for under 5's
A Story Time for Children under 5 will be held
at Burton Bradstock
Community Library on
Monday 23rd June 2014 at 2-30pm
It is hoped to become a regular event on the 4th
Monday of each month (except Bank Holidays)
Look out for posters outside the Library



LITTLEBREDY

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The Church predictably looked magnificent for the Easter season, so: very many thanks indeed and congratulations to all who contributed to the floral and other decorations. The late Easter made it difficult to find enough bunches of primroses to write "Alleluia!" in a moss background in the south window as

well as "He Is Risen" on the three windowsills facing north, but maybe in future years the full effect can be achieved again, if enough primroses (and more especially pickers) can be found...

The late Bob Thorn laid down two significant policies for the Benefice, both of which were entirely commendable, but which came into conflict here for Easter. The first was that we should reckon to build our ministry from within, rather than relying on retired clergy from outside, in fulfilling the service pattern in the valley. The second was that every Church should receive Holy Communion on Easter Day.

Easter fell on the third Sunday in the month this year, when we would not normally have had a service here. We are therefore extremely grateful that Bob (before his sabbatical), in conjunction with the Archdeacon of Sherborne, the Ven. Paul Taylor, had previously agreed that the second policy should over-ride the first, and that there should be a Holy Communion here, even without valley clergy to lead it. Accordingly, it was celebrated by **Canon David Letcher** [previously Rector of St. George's Fordington in Dorchester], to whom we are extremely grateful. With a goodly number of children in the congregation (including twins less than a year old – the great-grandchildren of **Jack & Norah Tippett** who used to live at West Lodge), and in a memorable address, his image of the palm crosses of the previous Sunday being able to be bent horizontal by elemental forces (i.e. on Good Friday) but yet springing back to the vertical on Easter Day made a powerful impression. Many, many thanks to him for coming, and maybe we shall see him again...

Early days, but the paperwork has arrived in the village for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust "Ride and Stride" event this coming September. In 2013, the combined efforts – i.e. sore bottoms – of 4 Littlebredy riders put us in the top ten of parishes as far as sponsorship in the Diocese of Salisbury was concerned. If we can manage the same again, it will be a great achievement. Enough said for now...!

LITTON CHENEY

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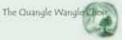


EVENTS AT LATCH IN JUNE

Art Classes continue on Thursdays 1.00 - 4.00 p.m. Yoga Classes continue on Fridays 10.00 - 11.30 a.m. Beavers meet on Mondays 5.45 - 7.00 p.m. Scouts meet on Thursdays 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.



The Quangle Wangle Choir Concert. Saturday 7th June 7.30 p.m.



Not to be missed – last time they appeared at the hall it was a sell-out – they really are good, and great fun! Tickets on the door – details on village notice boards.

Saturday 28th June - afternoon - TSA event with cream teas

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

DUCK RACE day brought just the weather for ducks and how they enjoyed it racing down the raging torrent as fast as their little legs could steer them, with "Admiral of the Fleet" **Chris Coville** sweeping up behind! **The Mulhalls** did a great job stopping the



ducks escaping to West Bay!! It was a clear course and given the rain a surprisingly good turn out thoroughly enjoyed the fun, both the race and the entertainments Val and Kelvan provided at The White Horse, not to mention the demonstration of how not to jump the stream by a village elder. Things grandfathers will do to keep up with the young ones!! We politely request a repeat performance next year, but suggest some training is required! Many thanks to all who helped and came along, including said village elder, and Bridport Rotary for the use of their well travelled ducks!

The BLUEBELL WALK did take place and a small but determined group



assembled at 9.30 a.m. under grey skies before driving to Leweston Hill. Surprisingly the bluebells were not quite at their peak compared to others in the hedgerows; what a difference being on the highest hill in Dorset makes! However it was still a great show with only one brief shower, so feeling very righteous we retired to the White Lion in

Broadwindsor for a very well deserved pint and lunch.

The SUMMER BBQ is on Sunday 20th July from 5.00pm. It was sold out last year so please do get your tickets early particularly as we are aiming for a minimum of 60 to ensure a good evening for all. Tickets should be available by the time you read this. Looking forward to seeing you there



Ron Davidson LCSC 482661



Thank you for all your cards and words of sympathy following the death of my father **Dennis Spittles** on 25th April and for your support over the last seven years, it has been much appreciated. Thank you Yvonne for the lovely service at St Mary's to celebrate the life of Dennis and for helping to make such a solemn and sad occasion into

a joyful one. I know Dad would have really enjoyed the gathering afterwards. Lastly, thank you for your donations to the Alzheimer's Society and the Margaret Green Animal Rescue. Kathy Kourik

VALLEY NOTES



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

Thank you to all who helped make our church service so lovely – bellringers,

musicians and readers – and to everyone who joined us at church.



Eggardon enjoyed a morning visiting **Ancient History Live at Hooke Court**. Activities included grinding flour, wattle fencing, flint knapping and tasting pottage.

All the children were given a workshop by the RNLI to make them better aware of safety on the beach and at the seaside.

We won our quarter final **football** match against Broadwindsor Primary 7-0. Absolutely brilliant playing well done to our team! Bredy enjoyed a **Tri-Golf** tournament at Colfox.

Our children participated in the **Bridport Ropewalk Fair**. Mrs Gundry came into school especially to help the children practise their **maypole dancing** – thank you. The dancing was accompanied by live music provided by



David Powell – another big thank you. The children also showed off their maypole dancing skills at the church fete in LATCH.

We had a special **Fairtrade assembly and shop** to make the children aware of the issues and to enable them to buy Fairtrade food.



The summer term is always so busy and we are rushing towards the end of another academic year!

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

FLEDGLINGS NEWS

Welcome to new girls **Evie**, **Casey-May** and **Evelyn** and their families to Fledglings! We hope they enjoy their time at preschool.



Spring visitors have included lambs from Swyre – so thank you Yeates family for bringing them in, and also from the police with police car! Children have also watched an entertaining safety film – how to keep themselves safe, which was age appropriate. In the Discovery area, they have been playing and seeing how plants are growing and also looked at frog spawn, which went into the two ponds. Fledglings children also sold fruit sticks to school children one day to raise funds. They also have some tadpoles and will watch them grow, as part of the Life Cycle of Growth.

Easter activities at the end of Spring term included an outdoor Easter Egg Hunt, making Easter baskets, decorating Easter hats, and painting boiled eggs. During Book Week they not only dressed up but made a Gruffalo crumble! Fledglings each have a Chatterbox shoebox with a different theme each week — something to talk about. They have been doing lots of painting indoors and out when the weather has permitted and have also - led by Archie - made a volcano from papier mache & sand, and have now painted it. This term visitors will include a Vet and a Coastguard. The children will also get to vote for the Summer Outing.

There was a Parents coffee morning on 3rd April, and some parents stayed to help with Easter activities. We want to say thankyou to **Caz** for the new green chair. Our summer Fund-raiser, "A Bit of a Do", was held again at LATCH on Sunday 11th May - more on this next time.

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

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

The children came back refreshed and ready for the Summer term after the Easter break. Obviously their return was tinged with sadness as they learnt of the death of Reverend Bob. We were grateful to Sue Linford who came into school and led a memorial service for the children. All the children have also contributed to a memorial book and talking about Bob has helped them to come to terms with his death. The class councils are now busy discussing a lasting memorial at school which the school council will vote on in the near future.

As part of our journey on the Rights Respecting Schools Award the children took part in a 'Right to Play' day at the start of the term. The children worked in their beach teams and enjoyed lots of activities which included learning games from the past and finding out about games played in different countries. It was lovely to see the older children supporting the younger ones and working as part of a team.

This week the children in Year 6 are all set to take their SATs (Standardised Assessment Tests) to assess their end of Key Stage 2 attainment. As always we try to make the experience as relaxed as we can and most of the children are excited by the challenge!

I would like to extend my grateful thanks to everyone who turned out on a very damp Easter Sunday to support our Duck Race. Despite the weather the Friends of the School raised £630. Our final fundraising event of the academic year is a **Grand Raffle**. Beaminster Sheds have donated a playhouse with the value of £500 as the first prize. Other prizes include a 2 course meal for four at the Three Horseshoes and a meal for two at the Market House. Raffle tickets will be on sale from the school or from various establishments in the village. The draw will take place on **22nd July 2014**.

Claire Staple Headteacher

GOOD BOOKS

Bridport's Christian Bookshop

St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL

Tel: 01308 420483

email: orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk website: www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk

Home of: Bridport Book of Hours, Threads of Hope, Pathways to Care, Bridport & District Good Neighbours & Hopeful Hampers.

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

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 13th June and Friday 11th July**. For any questions please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.



The Living Tree supports people in West Dorset and beyond, their families/carers at all stages of their cancer journey. Drop-in Fridays 2.00-4.30pm at Friends Meeting House, South Street, Bridport: speakers, activities, discussion, library, support, refreshments + events at other times. Contact: 01308 427851, jo@jovian.co.uk. See www.thelivingtree.org.uk

for details of 1 hr + tea on golf club driving range on **Tuesday 3rd June**, and a Mindfulness & Creativity Day in Salway Ash on **Thursday 26th June**.

SPONSORED MUSIC-A-THON Saturday 21st June 2014 Bridport United Church, East Street 9am-5pm



Calling musicians, singers, performers, groups, schools, choirs!

Details and sponsor forms from Good Books, Gundry Lane, Bridport or to book call 01308 427851, e-mail: jo@jovian.co.uk

Audience needed too! Non-stop entertainment & refreshments.



Raising funds for:

- The Richard Ely Trust for Young Musicians www.therichardelytrust.org.uk
- The Fortuneswell Cancer Trust www.fortuneswellcancertrust.co.uk

Bob Thorn's Funeral Service

Sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and everyone, church goers and nonchurch goers from throughout the Valley who helped in any way to enable our late rector Bob's. Funeral service to be such a memorable occasion.

Special thanks must go to: Shipton Gorge and Peter Parsons for the loan of and stationing of their respective marguees; Peter Mayo of Maydown Farm for transporting some 80 chairs to and from Norburton Hall: David & Karen Venn for the loan of these chairs; the village hall committee for the loan of their chairs; Peter & Pauline Tompkins for providing the car parking facility Sir Philip Williams for providing the signs, and finally John at Manor Farm: Grantham for overseeing the operation.

Burton Bradstock Churchwardens

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL



Saturday 13th September 2014

Cycle 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:-

Mr. Howard Bongers	898029
Sir Philip Williams	482232
Mr. Freddie Spicer	482617
Mrs. Elinor Frost	482269
Mrs. Katharine Jones	898553
Mrs. Kate Drew	898437
Mr. Tony Taylor	898523
	Sir Philip Williams Mr. Freddie Spicer Mrs. Elinor Frost Mrs. Katharine Jones Mrs. Kate Drew

Royal British Legion Bride Valley Branch.

Reminder for Social evenings held usually on the last Monday evening in the month in The Three Horseshoes Burton Bradstock commencing at 7.00pm for 7.30 pm:-



June 30th 2014

There are no social evenings in July and August, they will recommence in September and will be given in the July BVN Please let 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

This year is the 100th anniversary of the start of the 1st World War and there is a parade at 10.30 in Bridport and a Church Service at 11.00 at St Mary's Church in South Street Bridport on 3rd August

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)

Bride Valley Gardening Club

We held our AGM in April, taking the opportunity to look back on a successful gardening year, despite the late spring. Sadly, **Ed Atyeo** had to retire as our chairman following a period of ill health, he has now moved to Bridport and we wish him well, thanking him for all he did, taking the helm and helping to reinvigorate the club. We are very pleased that **Richard Jones** has agreed to become our new Chairman and was



confirmed in this post at the meeting. Our thanks were expressed to all those who serve on the committee and we now seek a Vice-Chair to replace (and support) Richard and we are still looking for someone to be our Programme 'Administrator' – a person who will pull together the ideas generated by the committee and club members and then negotiate with the speakers to create the programme.

Our meeting was followed by **Neil Lovesey**, from **Picket Lane Nursery** who gave us a fascinating insight into the life of bees, showing us how to identify many of our native species and how to provide plants suited to their needs. We concluded our evening with wine and cheese and an opportunity to buy plants to encourage bees to our gardens.

On June 16th **Clive Russell**, from The Iris Garden, Pilsdon will talk on 'Bearded Irises'.

Jobs to do in June

Now that the last frosts have finished, many of the more tender flowers and vegetables can be transplanted outside. In the vegetable garden this includes squashes/pumpkins/courgettes, runner beans, sweetcorn, leeks, outdoor tomatoes and melons. Spring onions should be ready for harvesting; so also are the young leaves of beetroot (providing you don't take too many from each plant, these can be steamed like spinach or added to salads). Keep sowing salad crops and now is the time to sow herbs: parsley, chervil, dill, coriander and basil. In the flower garden plant out pot-grown dahlias and cannas; tender summer bedding; half-hardy annuals and tender perennials. Place hanging baskets in a sheltered sunny spot, water and feed them regularly. Prune spring-flowering shrubs. Sow biennial Sweet Williams, wallflowers and foxgloves in a nursery bed in preparation for flowering next year.

Rooting around the Ridgeway

Artsreach will launch two new and unusual reading groups in Dorset this autumn, which aim to explore the wide range of literature inspired by - and written about - the South Dorset Ridgeway area.



Readers will be invited to delve into an exciting list of authors spanning three centuries, ranging from the familiar (William Barnes, Thomas Hardy) to modern writers (Ian McEwan, Christopher Nicholson). The reading list includes works by the Powys family (John Cowper, Llewellyn and Philippa) also their friend, Sylvia Townsend Warner. Readers will enjoy the beauty of Kenneth Allsop's observations and the gripping fiction of John Meade Faulkner. Lesser-known works by authors such as David Garnett, Emma Tennant and Christopher Priest will also be discussed.

A series of guest speakers will give an insight into some of the more challenging writers, and a walk within the South Dorset Ridgeway area is also planned to explore the landscape and settings of some of the writing. Readers can explore common themes, including the relationship between people and landscape, and see how writers have been inspired in their response to the landscape. Readers will examine trends in literature and their impact on authors remaining in print.

These new reading groups are open to anyone - especially those living in the South Dorset Ridgway area - who is interested in exploring this landscape and the literature it has inspired,. No specialist knowledge is needed. The groups will run monthly from October 2014 – March 2015 and again from October 2015 – March 2016. Registration for these two groups

will formally open in July, but for more information please contact Kerry at Artsreach on 01305 269512. Alternatively email info@artsreach.co.uk

BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

Last month, W.I. members enjoyed a wonderful "Spring Lunch". The members and guests arrived to find the Village Hall looking most attractive, with the tables beautifully set and decorated with flowers. There was a quiz - how well do you know Bridport's High Street? which helped to break the ice, and guests and members were soon chatting and laughing together. The menu met with everyone's approval - chicken or salmon with salads and new potatoes, followed by a choice of tempting desserts. Afterwards, we were challenged to complete a story from a given beginning. There were some highly original contributions - Booker prizewinners should look to their laurels. Our guests from Bothenhampton, Bride Valley, Portesham and Walditch WIs enjoyed themselves very much. The members of the "Spring Lunch" team who had organised the event so successfully, were heartily thanked.

At the meeting on 10th June we shall welcome Mr David Duff to speak on "Shakespeare's Grumpy Old Men: a Kid, a Con-Man and a King".

Plans are being made for the WI Garden Party on 3rd July, which will be held at Manor Farm, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Peter Tompkins. We hope for fine weather once again.

The Dorset Federation of WIs holds a Council Meeting in the autumn at the Lighthouse in Poole, and this year the main speaker will be Nicholas Owen, the former BBC News Presenter, who worked for many years for ITV as Royal Correspondent, and had the role when Princess Diana died. He has written a book about the Princess. He also has his own spot on Saturdays on Classic FM Radio. He appeared – albeit briefly! – on Strictly Come Dancing some years ago. So, a man of many parts with lots of interesting stories to tell.

The morning speaker will be Lesley Pearse, best-selling author, whose latest book is "Survivor", about a young New Zealand girl coming to London in 1939. Ticket price will be £10 per person, and the coach from Bridport will cost £8.50.

SOS for Honey Bees: WI Campaign action.

The WI welcomes the government's pledge to implement a Bee Action Plan, the National Pollinator Strategy and urges ministers to ensure that the Plan is as strong as possible.

The draft Strategy, launched in March this year, aims to address the multitude of problems bees are facing – from shrinking habitats to threats from pests and disease, extreme weather to the increased use of pesticides and other chemicals. The government is now consulting with the public on the content of the Strategy and the WI is calling on the government to implement a plan that is strong enough to reverse the recent declines we've seen and deliver long-term benefits for bees and other pollinators. Last winter was the worst on record for honey bee colony loss, and several species of UK bumblebee are under threat too – two species are already extinct.

Bees are responsible for pollinating up to three quarters of agricultural crops, and many of our wildflowers, as well as producing honey. Both our diet and our vibrant countryside would look very different without bees. The WI thinks that the Bee Action Plan has the potential to go a long way in tackling some of the problems but there is room to make the Plan even stronger. It is critical to ensure that the multiple threats to bees are tackled. This means action on a wide range of fronts and in particular the WI would like to see the final Plan set out clear targets for local authorities and

like to see the final Plan set out clear targets for local authorities and planners to ensure bee friendly communities become the norm, not the exception. The Bee Action Plan must be strong enough to make a real difference to bees.

"SOS for Honey Bees" is just one of the WI's national campaigns. Each campaign originates in the passing of a Resolution at the Annual Meeting of the National Federation of WIs. This year, delegates will be voting on a Resolution to increase the numbers of organ donors.

Burton Bradstock WI currently has over sixty members and is in its ninetyseventh year. New members are always welcome (contact secretary, 898484).



White Gates book launch with Canon Trevor Stubbs! Saturday 28th June 10am-4pm at Good Books, Gundry Lane, Bridport. 01308 420483

Join us at Good Books where Trevor, past Rector of the Bridport Team, will be signing copies of **The Kicking Tree**, the first novel in his new **White Gates** adventure series, described as **fantasy fiction with a spiritual twist**. At 11am and again at 2.30pm he'll be reading excerpts from the book.

Trevor's first novel tells the story of two young people, each with their own personal past, who are brought together by an unexplainable link between their worlds located in different parts of the universe. Jack Smith resides in the English Midlands on Planet Earth while Jallaxanya Rarga (Jalli) lives in Wanulka City, a seaside provincial capital under the glare of its three suns on Planet Raika. Follow the adventures of these two young people who come to be convinced that they have not met by chance but that some One has deliberately brought them together — and not just for their own delight but to be catalysts for change in the lives of others too.

For more details check out www.whitegatesadventures.com

LYME BAY DEANERY EVENTS

Bereavement / Visiting course {Acorn}

June 12th, 19th 26th. Symondsbury Church, 2.00-4.30pm with Diana and Peter Wright. Ideal for honing skills of visiting, listening and support. Please book in advance and attend all three sessions.

Creative Writing Workshop

Thursday 10th July 10-3.30pm. Eype Church. Led by local writer and artist Jan Godfrey. Bring along some of your own work. Beginners also welcome. Bring your own lunch – drinks provided.

Please book in advance.



St James the Least of All

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

On the impossibility of keeping silence in church

The Rectory St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your remark that you rather liked the silence we keep before starting Services gave me pause for thought. I suppose all things are relative. I know that the noise your congregation makes before worship resembles a packed stand on the football terraces any Saturday afternoon, but the days seem long-gone when I could expect our congregation to sit in real silence for ten minutes.

There's the sound of the treasurer counting the previous day's jumble sale takings, of the ladies at the back asking each other when the fish van will next come round, and of Major Hastings's deafening whisper as he comments some women's choice of hats. Add to this the weekly competition between the organist and the bell ringers to see who can make the most noise, the roar from the choir vestry as they all complain they don't like my choice of hymns and the sound of books, umbrellas and collection money being dropped. I sometimes suspect that an informal rota is arranged whereby people volunteer to drop heavy objects in rotation, thus maintaining a constant clatter, for which no single person can be held responsible.

There is also the weekly ritual when the verger – always waiting until the church is full – goes round each microphone, giving them a bash and bellowing "Testing, testing" and relishing the echo as it bounces off the walls.

The only time the noise level drops significantly is if the congregation see Miss Simpson sidle up to me to have one of her confidential little chats about someone in the village. Everyone knows that her information will provide more than enough to keep gossip flourishing for the following week.

Equally, periods of silence during Services are rarely welcomed; some find them threatening, but the majority simply assume it means I have lost my place. I gave up after one occasion when, on announcing we would say the Lord's Prayer and then leaving a time of silence for recollection, a choirman leaned over to me and whispered helpfully: "It begins 'Our Father'"

Your loving uncle, Eustace

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FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE







St ALBAN

St Alban, whose special day is 22nd June, was the first English martyr, the first English person to be killed for the Christian faith.

He lived in Verulanium which was an important Roman settlement in Hertfordshire. At the time the Romans were persecuting followers of Jesus and Alban was brave enough to shelter a travelling Christian priest. Exchanging clothes with the priest so that he could escape, Alban was arrested.

When asked to prove his loyalty to Rome and the Emperor by making offerings to the Roman gods, Alban



declared his faith in 'the true and living God who created all things'. He was condemned to death and had his head cut off.

All this happened a long time ago but St Alban is remembered today in the name of the place where he lived and died: Verulanium was renamed the city of St Albans.

THE FIRST

All the answers to this Bible quiz are the first: either the first thing in a list or the first person to do or be something.

- The first man (Genesis, chapter 2).
- The city where Jesus' followers were first called Christians (Acts, chapter 11).
- The first bird Noah sent out of the ark (Genesis, chapter 8).
- The first woman (Genesis, chapter 3).
- The first person to see Jesus on the first Easter Sunday (John, chapter 20).
- What happened on the first day of creation (Genesis, chapter 1)
- Israel's first king (I Samuel, chapter 10)
- The first of the four Gospels (New Testament)



What is a forum? Two-um plus two-um!



Why didn't the two 4s feel like dinner?

Because they already 8.



Answers: 1.Adam 2..Corinth 3.Raven 4.Eve 5.Mary Magdalene 6.God made light and dark 7.Saul 8.Matthew

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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Come and enjoy a traditional English
GARDEN PARTY

Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney, DT2 9AD Saturday 5th July 2-5pm *Hats positively encouraged!*

Admission £2.00 Children 50p Free parking
Family attractions, music, soft play, garden games
Craft, cake and plant stalls
Cream Teas, Raffle

In aid of St Michael's and St Peter's churches

DIARY, JUNE 2014

Mon	2	10.00	Julian Group	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Wed	4	19.30	Burton Bradstock PC Meeting	Reading Room, Burton Bradstock
Thur	5	14.30	G of H Prayer / Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Sat	7	13.00	Swyre Trinity Fête	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sat	7	19.30	Quangle Wangle Choir	LATCH
Fri	9	14.15	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Wed	11	19.30	Public Meeting - Cuckoo Lane	Village Hall, Shipton Gorge
Thur	12	11.30	Chesil Court Coffee morning	Chesil Court, Burton Bradstock
Fri	13	10.00	Art Club	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Mon	16	19.30	BVG Club - "Bearded Irises" C. Russell	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	17	12.30	Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thur	19	14.30	G of H Prayer / Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Thu	19	19.30	Bride Valley WI	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	20	19.30	Artsreach " Red Hippo"	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Mon	23	14.30	Children's Story Time for the under 5's	Library, Burton Bradstock
Fri	27	10.00	Art Club	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sat	28	19.00	Quiz Night and Fish'n'Chips	Village Hall, Shipton Gorge
Sat	28	pm	TSA Event with Cream Teas	LATCH
Mon	30	19.30	Bride Valley British Legion - Social	Three Horseshoes, Burton

	SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: JUNE 2014								
	1st Sunday 1 June Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary	2 nd Sunday 8 June Pentecost	3 rd Sunday 15 June Trinity Sunday	4th Sunday 22 June Trinity 1	5 th Sunday 29 June Peter and Paul Apostles				
Burton Bradstock	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	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	11am Holy Communion (United Service)				
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer						
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion by Ext	11.00 Morning Worship 17.30 Evensong					
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion by Ext	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion					
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	17.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 All Age Communion	9.30 Family Service					
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion					
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship						
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion					