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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

www.longbredy.org.uk



THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

ST MARY THE VIRGIN: Burton Bradstock ST MARY: Litton Cheney
 ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy
 ST PETER: Long Bredy Chilcombe (*dedication unknown*)
 ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle
 ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge HOLY TRINITY: Swyre

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 please telephone the Administrator on 01308 897695*

WEEKDAY SERVICES, JULY 2015

Thursday	2	9.00	Puncknowle
	2	9.30	Burton Bradstock
	2	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	6	9.00	Long Bredy
Thursday	9	9.00	Puncknowle
	9	9.30	Burton Bradstock
	9	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	13	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	14	9.00	Swyre
Thursday	16	9.00	Puncknowle
	16	9.30	Burton Bradstock
	16	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	20	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	21	9.00	Swyre
Thursday	23	9.00	Puncknowle
	23	9.30	Burton Bradstock
	23	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	27	9.00	Long Bredy
Thursday	30	9.00	Puncknowle
	30	9.30	Burton Bradstock
	30	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion

By the time this goes to press, the colonies of sea-cabbage plants down on Cogden Beach will have lost their flowers. The gardener Christopher Lloyd once likened the flowering kale to *'white cumulus clouds.'* To the naturalist Richard Mabey's eyes the clumps brought sea-urchins and *'outsized cauliflowers'* to mind. In his book *'Flora Britannica'*, Mabey relates the way that the sea-kale's large leaves and round seeds became toys in the hands of children wanting to play *'shops'* (*'the leaves representing cabbage and the fruit, peas..'*). As he cultivated his garden at East Chaldon one hundred years ago the Dorset novelist T.F. Powys saw his sea-cabbages as *'honest'* and *'genial.'* There's been a long tradition of domesticating this wild plant – the sea-cabbages on the Chesil Beach were once harvested in large numbers for consumption in Britain's cities. For those who had the task of picking sea-cabbage there was a surprise in store: the roots went very deep down into the shingle. In the 1990s the filmmaker Derek Jarman, who cultivated sea-cabbage in his garden on the shore at Dungeness in Kent, marvelled that the roots could run as deep as twenty feet. In the ancient world, a Greek word *hupomene* was used to describe plants that had adapted to live under hard or unfavourable circumstances – plants that had to drive their roots deep into stony soil or through pebbles. In the New Testament the word was taken up by the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews: he encouraged his fellow Christians to run *steadily (hupomene)*, keeping their eyes on Jesus, the pioneer of faith, the one who brings faith to perfection (Hebrew 12:1). Wherever we have to keep faith, at home, in our work-places and among our churches, may we be encouraged by these words – and the example of the local sea-cabbages as they lose their flowers and run to seed – to be steady and deep-rooted in love.

Stephen Batty

<p>Benedict's Ark</p> <p>Spirituality for a time of environmental crisis</p>		<p>Stephen is a regular contributor to a website headed 'Benedict's Ark: spirituality for a</p>
<p>time of environmental crisis.' Anyone wanting to go to the site can find it at http://www.compusmall.co.uk/benedictsark/</p>		

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS



On Sunday 24th May Hannah and Nick Bunting walked up their road to Litton Cheney Church for the baptism of their 5 month old daughter **Harriet Anne Barnaby Bunting**. Together as Christ's church we celebrated the gift of human life and, on this Pentecost Sunday, the gift of spiritual life in the coming of the Holy Spirit. We thought about S.Peter's words that *'the promise [of salvation] is to you and your children'*. So we celebrated our understanding of, and commitment to, God's love in Jesus Christ on this special day in the two sacraments of Baptism and Communion. Unfortunately two of the godparents weren't able to be there as Sarah, who was heavily pregnant, had to be taken into hospital, so Mum stood in as proxy.

We pray for Harriet, who smiled throughout the baptism, and her parents to grow in the love of Christ.

WEDDINGS



On 6th June the bells rang out from St Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge to announce the wedding of **Laura Mayo** and **Dean Ferrett**. The couple chose a farming theme for their wedding, and the church was beautifully decorated with flowers arranged in wellies. Laura arrived at the church on a trailer pulled by an old tractor, both of which had been painted blue; a colour which was reflected in the bridesmaids dresses. It was a truly joyful occasion, and we wish the couple continued happiness in their life together.

FUNERALS



On 15th May, after a funeral service at Weymouth Crematorium, a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of **Betty Starkey** was held in **St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock**. Born in January 1913, Betty had memories of both world wars, which she wrote down for her great grandchildren, and Betty's daughter, **Mary Ibbotson**, included some of these memories in her tribute. Betty moved to Burton Bradstock with her late husband **Len** in the early 1950's, and combined motherhood with teaching at Colfox. She was also fully involved in the life of the village and of the church, and many friends and former colleagues came to the service in thanksgiving for her life. Betty had a strong Christian faith and a great love for people, and these were reflected in the words of the hymns and the reading. The musical solos added another dimension to the service, giving time for reflection on such a long and well-lived life. The

service ended with “A Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square” performed by Ross Brown on the trumpet; a song that Betty and Len used to dance to. We pray for Betty as she is reunited with Len both of them resting in the boundless and perfect love of God.



On 19th May the funeral of our brother **Christopher Skues** was held at Weymouth Crematorium where family and a number of **friends gathered to give thanks for Chris’s 86yrs of life. Born in Canada and serving in the Merchant Navy, later in life he met and married Thelma. Retiring to Burton Bradstock he was renowned for his humour, dancing in the street as he came to greet you and down our church aisle where he came regularly to worship. After Thelma’s death he was increasingly confined to his home, and following a fall was hospitalised where later he died.**

The reading Chris had chosen was from Ps 139 that reminded us that the Lord understands, cares and is near wherever, whatever and whenever

We pray the Lord’s peace for his sister-in-law Ann (who recently lost her husband) & her children Andrew & Jonathan who works in New York.

CONFIRMATION

There has been an enquiry from one young person for **Confirmation**. If there are any others, young or old, in the Valley who are interested in attending to some classes to find out about this demonstration of our commitment to Christ would they please contact the Administrator - **Lesley Dove** - 01308 897695

Please come and enjoy a traditional
CHORAL EVENSONG WITH HYMNS

led by “Laudemus”

at St. Michael & All Angels Church, Littlebredy,

Friday 17th July at 6.00 p.m.

Followed by lakeside wine and canapés
(Weather permitting – otherwise in Village Hall)

[See Littlebredy Village Notes for further details]

LITTLEBREDY

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In 1991, a group of mainly London choristers and choral scholars visited Dorset for a week in the summer, singing **Choral Evensong in various of the county's Churches**. This event has taken place every year since then, and Littlebredy was considered for an Evensong in 2013. However, on seeing the Church and village, the organisers decided the surroundings and atmosphere were so exceptional that they should save it up for their silver anniversary tour, which has now come round in 2015.

The choir is called "**Laudemus**" (Latin for "Let us praise" for those whose classical languages are shaky) and they will be singing **Choral Evensong** here at **6.00 p.m. on Friday 17th July**. All are invited for what should be a moving and memorable occasion in the Church.

The service will be followed by a picnic consisting of wine and canapés in the Bridehead grounds, to which everybody is also invited. The collection in **Church is for the choir's funds and a choral scholarship fund they support**, but we hope those coming to the party afterwards will make a contribution to our Church roof repair fund, which is getting off the ground as the need for substantial repairs is growing.

Anyone who became aware of a funeral in Church on 12th June and wondered whose it was can relax – it was not an immediate neighbour. **Mrs. Jennifer McCaffrey of Weymouth had often come to Littlebredy ("her favourite spot", according to her family) and had asked for a Commemoration and Thanksgiving Service here before her cremation in Weymouth that afternoon.** The Rector and Churchwardens were pleased to comply, and we trust the family drew solace from the service and the village. Mrs. McCaffrey asked that half of any sums donated in her memory should come to the Church, so we are very grateful to her family and herself.

Cruse Bereavement Care runs an informal monthly meeting at Bridport

Hospital for any who have been bereaved.

Feel free to drop in any time between 10.00am and 12.00
on the **3rd Friday** of each month for a "cuppa" and a chat.

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LONG BREDY

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THE LONG BREDY SUMMER EVENT SATURDAY 25th AND SUNDAY 26th JULY

Discover the lost generations of Long Bredy

Join us from 11am on **Saturday 25 July** to discover the lost generations of Long Bredy with live archaeological digs, an exhibition of finds and local history and a geophysical survey and display. Hear expert analysis of finds during the morning and witness demonstrations throughout the day by the Ancient Wessex Network of flint knapping, pottery making and bronze smelting. Set in Long Bredy village where in 2013 the oldest human remains in Dorset were found.

Refreshments throughout the day.

On **Sunday 26 July** from 11am enjoy guided walks through local history with **Dr Peter Northover** of Oxford University, and from 2.00pm onwards stalls and activities.

Refreshments throughout the day.

FLORAL DISPLAY AND FLOWER ARRANGING COMPETITION

There will also be a floral display and flower arranging competition in **St. Peter's church, Long Bredy** from **12 noon on both Saturday and Sunday**. Entries are welcome from anywhere and are to be arranged from home in your own vase and brought to the church from 4.30pm on 24th July and before 11am on 25th July at an entry fee of £2.00: entry form and rules are on the Long Bredy website - www.longbredy.org.uk and at churches in the Bride Valley and at shops in Burton Bradstock: 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes: any queries please contact **Jane Peretz** - 01308 482762, mobile 07885631270, email janeperetz@mac.com

100 CLUB WINNERS

The winners for May 2015 were:

£25	No. 64	Lavinia Barbour
£15	No. 117	Susan Dyer
£5	No. 48	Caddy Sitwell

Congratulations all!



LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The next churchyard working party will be on Thursday 2nd July from 9.30 - please do come along and help if you have an hour or so to spare.

THE VILLAGE FETE

Production schedules for the BVN mean that by the time you read this memories of the fete on 25th May may be fading.



We welcomed more than 400 visitors, some 50% more than in 2014, and our experiment of starting at 12 noon and offering barbecue lunches was a success, except for those who went hungry because we unfortunately sold out of burgers having underestimated their popularity. They will be there in profusion next year!

Maypole dancing by the very proficient pupils of Thorner's School was popular, as were the falconry displays by Xtreme Falconry, from the barn owl which made a bid for freedom down the valley to the finale of a dive-bombing peregrine falcon.

The Prize Draw was well supported and the winners were:

Kindle Paperwhite

Dinner at Summer Lodge, Evershot

Dining Voucher for The Manor, West Bexington

Afternoon Tea at Combe House, Gittisham

Voucher for Jaxsons Deli, Bridport

David & Pauline Clack

Relative of Shirley Spiller

David & Jill d'Adhemar

Markus Ruetimann

Nick & Janet Lunn

Nick and Janet were winners for the second year running – they must know **something the rest of us don't!**

A big thank-you from the PCC to everyone who helped before and on the day, who donated cakes, bottles and plants, who bought tickets for the Prize Draw or who simply decided to come along and enjoy themselves.

The day raised £3300 for the St Mary's Church fabric fund, a super result.

Richard Jones, Churchwarden

BELL RESTORATION PROJECT

Great news for our fund-raising - **Palmers Brewery** has pledged £500 towards our project when other funding is in place. This is a huge boost for us and gives us the incentive to make a final push towards our goal. We



await the result of our application to the Diocesan Bell Restoration Fund.

A reminder for those of you who may not have contributed yet - you can donate online by visiting the village website www.littoncheney.org.uk and following the link to the bells restoration page. There you will find a link to the mydonate page. Click on this link and you can use your credit or debit card to donate and claim gift aid at the same time.



LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday 14th July** of which the historians amongst us will note that this is Bastille Day. Notwithstanding local residents will not need to storm the barricades at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall where the meeting is being held at 7.30 pm, and where they will be warmly welcomed.

LATCH EVENTS IN JULY

Mondays	Beavers 5.45pm - 7.00pm	} 6 th & 13 th
	Cubs 7.00pm - 8.00pm	
Tuesdays	Short Mat Bowls 4.00p.m.	(wet days)
Wednesdays	Table Tennis 4.00p.m.	(wet days)
Thursday evenings	Scouts (2 nd , 9 th & 16 th)	
Fridays	Yoga 10.00 a.m. (not 24 th)	
Tuesday 7 th	Youth Club	
Tuesday 14 th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m.	
Saturday 18 th	Bride Valley Gardening Club Show	
Sunday 19 th	Village BBQ – You will need a ticket. See Social Committee article below.	



LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A lovely sunny evening provided the ideal setting for the THE BRIDE VALLEY NAVIGATIONAL CHALLENGE. Starting at The White Horse 7 cars covered 30 miles , some more, passing through Puncknowle ,Martinstown, Winterbourne Abbas and Little Bredy looking for 40 clues and identifying a further 10 photos . Everyone was back by 9.15. - well done!, and ready for a chicken curry whilst Bob and the team marked the sheets. The winners were the “Road Runners”, namely **Sally and Philip Dyke, Diana and Paul Cheater**. Many congratulations. As Philip said, it was a brilliant evening, and many thanks to **Clive, David** and team, but especially **Bob Blackstock** for setting the route and clues.

The SUMMER BBQ will take place on **Sunday July 19th** at 5.00pm. If you **haven't yet bought a ticket there maybe some left. We will be distributing a survey sheet during the evening with some ideas for future events.** Please

do take time to put your tick or cross against these as we do need YOUR input. A CROSS is as valuable as a TICK as we need to know what is of real interest. Other ideas and suggestions, and a willingness to help are also welcome!

Ron Davidson LCSC 482661

A VERY SPECIAL PARTY.....

Peggy Paterson hosted a very special 90th birthday lunch at a brightly decorated LATCH on 6th June when around 90 friends and relations sat down to a wonderful feast expertly prepared under the direction of Coo Jones and Elizabeth Kingston and a plentiful supply of wines sourced from across the water by Lois and Clive Edwards. Lunch was followed by some old style music and a toast to the birthday girl after which Peggy cut the splendid birthday cake.



Peggy can arguably claim to have lived in Litton Cheney the longest having moved here with her family before WW2; she helped out at Gordon Moxom's mother's guest house at Weymouth before the bombing there caused her to return to her parents at Riverside and the Moxoms also to move here for it's relative safety. At the end of the war Peggy married Andrew, who she met at the Moxom's at Weymouth and who had enlisted in the Royal Navy from the French Navy - they lived in Portsmouth for six years before Andrew left the Navy and finally moved to Litton in 1956.

AND A THANKYOU FROM PEGGY....

Peggy would like to thank everyone who came to her 90th birthday party - it made for a very happy day. A big thank you to everyone who helped make it such a memorable event, for everyone's good wishes and donations for Portesham Surgery.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE REFLECT & STUDY—ADVANCE NOTICE

Starting in September there will be a new Thursday evening service twice monthly allowing a time of reflection and study of Bible texts at St Mary's. Stephen Batty and Sue Linford will lead the evenings, starting with a simple Holy

Puncknowle Fête

Sat 25th July 2015 2:30pm - 4:30pm



**Let us entertain you
at a fund raising event in support of St. Mary's Church**

Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun in the beautiful grounds of **Puncknowle Manor**
by kind permission of Jim and Sarah Wild.

Linda and her team **will be serving "delicious refreshments"** - homemade cakes, teas, coffees and soft drinks within the *court-yard* throughout the afternoon - 897520

Lois & friends have a *humongous range of good 'nearly-new' clothing* for all ages - 422605

Chris & David *ever-ready* to surprise you with something from the bottle tombola - 898185

Ellie & family will assist you on the bric-a-brac stall – *something for everyone* - 897907

Coo & Co have trestles weighted

down with *stacks of books* to browse from every genre - 898553

Pam & her cakeilicious team offering cakes, small and large, be quick *they go fast* - 898711

Sue and her munchkins will be able to help you choose plenty of toys and games - 897953

Produce/Plants stall with Liz - 897751

Chocolate Tombola with ***Puncknowle's own 'Julie Chocolate'*** - 897178

"Quality Curtains" featuring **Nick and Sylvia plus their amazing** team are making their annual pilgrimage to Puncknowle with incredible quality made curtains at amazingly realistic prices -remember to *bring along your measurements* to grab a bargain.

PLUS *Sideshows – Childrens' Games – Stalls – Icecreams and a Grand Draw Tombola with lots of prizes first prize £100 CASH - along with a great bunch of people to spend the afternoon with come rain or shine*

Entry: Adults £1.00 Children under 12 Free Free Parking

Everyone welcome but please help our team of volunteers (names/tel nos above) by baking, donating bottles, bric-a-brac, chocolate, cakes and by sorting through cupboards/lofts/garages/barns games, toys, clothes etc etc in good condition please. Arrangements may be made to collect from you if required.

For further information please contact Geoffrey Fry 01308 898068 or Sarah Turner 01308 898035 Email: puncknowlefete@gmail.com

Communion service at 7.00pm and this will lead into an opening up of the Bible readings which are set for the coming Sunday's worship - so there will be a chance for us to explore the set readings from the Old and New Testaments and the Gospel reading. Please bring a Bible with you - sharing different translations can be illuminating. The sessions will close at 8.15.

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB.

Our next meal will be on **Tuesday 21st July**. Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone **David Buckland** on 898492. New members are always welcome. We often have over 30 members enjoying the meal and company. If you would like to join this popular social event and are over 50 years of age please get in touch. I will be pleased to explain anything about the club you wish to know.



Helpers are always welcome whether it is setting up the hall for the meals, preparing food and/or cooking or clearing up afterwards. You do not have to be a committee member. We are looking to have enough helpers/cooks to enable us to have more than one team. If you feel you would like to join us in this venture or want to know more please telephone me David Buckland 898492 and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

David Buckland

PUNCKNOWLE ART CLUB

In June we had really good workshops with Philippa using the hake brushes we have mentioned before - doing scenes of the Bride Valley and in a previous workshop we painted a seascape scene under her tuition. We went to Abbotsbury to choose a spot to paint/draw a landscape or a feature we chose there and prayed we would not get caught in a rain shower!



In July we meet in the hall on the **10th July** to do our own work, maybe work on the Bembridge Trophy which is a competition in the Club for our summer break - the topic being "My favourite West Dorset landmark or Scene. On **July 24th** we will have our Summer Lunch, the venue to be decided.

It has been a difficult year, with much illness of several long term members of this small Club and the very sad loss of a very talented, calming and very brave lady..

Norma Millard Vice Secretary

PUNCKNOWLE BOOK CLUB

This month we read 'Alfred and Emily' by Doris Lessing. Lessing wrote it in 2008 the year after she won the Nobel Prize for Literature when she was 88 years old and it is her last published work. It is a book about her parents and how the First World War damaged them both in different ways but she treats this story in an unusual way. In the first half of the book she imagines what her parents' lives might have been like if the war had never happened and gives them each a fictitious life. In the second half she tells the story of what actually happened and her own tempestuous relationship with her mother. Some members found the fictitious part rather pointless but we all agreed that real story was worth telling and for a couple of us the mother/daughter relationship certainly struck a chord.



Michele Vassar



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SWYRE SWYRE PCC

The family of Kenneth and Vera Howard have given the Church a framed copy of the Millennium Map to raise funds for the upkeep of the Church. The copy is $\frac{3}{4}$ size and measures 39 inches by 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Over the years we have been asked for copies but the original run was a one off and the map is no longer in print. It is very rare for one to become available. We shall sell the map to the highest bidder, over £60.00, if you are interested please let the PCC know. Closing date will be the 31st July. Contacts:- Peter Yeates 897235; Sue Taylor 898523; Madeline Marshall 897318;

JULY MORNING PRAYER AT HOLY TRINITY

Morning Prayer will be said at 9.00am on Tuesdays 14th and 21st July.

JULIAN GROUP

The group will meet at 10am on Monday 6th July in the Church.

BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE

DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM GETTING TO YOUR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS?



IF YOU LIVE IN THE BRIDE VALLEY, A B.V.C.S VOLUNTEER DRIVER CAN GET YOU THERE

For more information, contact Virginia McShane: 425591

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Our PCC has now met with Rev Canon Stephen Batty and has arranged future events. By way of advanced notice they are:

- **July 18th 3.00pm TEA PARTY** in the Village Hall, come and experience an authentic tea party in rural setting!
- **August 8th 2.00pm CELEBRATE SHIPTON!** As part of the combined Village Organisations' Summer event, St. Martin's will be holding a cake stall (any donations of cakes or tray bakes welcome – see any member of PCC or Nesta Symes). The church will be hosting a "Feast of Flowers" and anyone is welcome to bring flowers to the church as formal (arrangements) or informal (jam-jars) as you like! The church Tower will be open for wonderful views across the village, the surrounding countryside and out to the sea.
- **September 20th at 5pm - HARVEST FESTIVAL**, a simple service of Thanksgiving followed by apple cake and cider.
- **September 21st (time tbc) – HARVEST SUPPER** (tickets available from PCC members)
- **October 18th 3.00pm – PETS' SERVICE**
- **November 1st 11.00am – ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS SERVICE**
- **December 20th 5.00pm (tbc)– CAROL SERVICE** followed by Mulled wine and mince pies
- **December 25th 11.00am – CHRISTMAS MORNING – Celebrate Our Lord's Birth!**

Please look out for further event details on the village notice boards nearer to the time.

Kate Kent

HONOURING THE FALLEN OF HILL 60

St Martin's Church was recently the scene of two unique and special acts of remembrance. Friday 1st May saw the 100th anniversary of a poison gas attack at Hill 60, near the Belgian town of Ypres, as a result of which 150 soldiers of the 1st Battalion of the Dorsetshire Regiment died, including Private Alexander William (Will) Sanders of Shipton Gorge. Members of the Dorset County Association of Church Bellringers rang a full peal of 5,040 changes in his memory. Will was a keen bellringer and had taken part in ringing the bells at St Martin's on the last Sunday before leaving for the

Western Front in December 1914. On Saturday 2nd May, the centenary of his death, a Remembrance Service was held at the church to honour the memory of Will and his comrades who had made the supreme sacrifice for King and country a century ago.

Will Sanders' great-niece Barbara Montgomery, who comes from Glasgow, spoke movingly of her great-uncle and laid a wreath of Dorsetshire apple blossom intertwined with heather and thistles reflecting her Scottish ancestry. **After the service Barbara said: "It was a great privilege for me to be present in the church where Will and his twin brother Harry, my grandfather, had worshipped and to be joined by so many people who shared my wish to remember him. He was just 20 years old when he and the other members of his battalion lost their lives in such a horrific way. Until recently, Alexander William Sanders was to me just a name on the war memorial in St Martin's Church along with a few photographs and some medals. But having found out so much about him as a result of research into family history and his war service and sharing this with many other people, I feel that in a way I have given Will back his identity and helped to keep his memory alive."**

ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHT SPONSORS

ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHTS WERE SPONSORED FOR A WEEK IN JUNE BY:

Harry & Lily Myers in memory of their beloved daughter Beverley

If you would like to light up St Martins for a special occasion or a fond memory, sponsorship is just £5. For your occasion to be mentioned in the BVN for the appropriate month, please contact me in good time to reach **the BVN submission date. Our sponsor's names are also posted in the church porch.** Our grateful thanks to all our sponsors including those who wish to remain anonymous.

Phyl Webster 89865

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th July** at 7.30pm in the village hall. Please note that the following meeting in September will be held one week later than normal on the **16th September**. At the first meeting of the new council in May, Mary Boughton was elected as chairman and Richard Cunningham as vice-chairman. We are pleased to have a full council of nine members representing a wide range of interests in the village and we look forward to being able to serve the residents of Shipton Gorge, so please do come along to our meetings when you can, we are always pleased to see residents and there is always an open forum where you can voice your views, although councillors can also be contacted at any time if you wish to raise any issues. A full list of councillors and their

areas of responsibility and interest is available on the village website. We hope that work will be starting on the re-opening of Cuckoo Lane shortly and are sure this will be welcomed by everyone after such a long period of closure.

THANKS FROM MARTIN HEWLETT AND THE UNOGWAJA TEAM.

I have just returned from successfully cycling over 1000 miles across South Africa and completing the 56 mile Comrades marathon. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the residents of Shipton Gorge and Burton Bradstock – your support for my challenge proved invaluable. There were many tough times during the challenge but the encouragement from home helped to spur me on.

As a team the Unogwaja challenge has raised over £56000 for the Unogwaja Light Fund, enabling vulnerable South African communities to empower themselves. When I told the communities we came into contact with that people from Dorset, England were lending their support they were truly touched. Thank you for your contribution.

If you wish to see some short videos from my trip please visit [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search Unogwajachallenge.



Many thanks, Martin

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB JUNE DRAW

£50	21	Nova Varney
£20	26	Geoff Adderley
£10	74	Christine Huxtable
£10	10	Dick & Barbara West
£10	105	Jan Sorrell

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

The Shipton Gorge Fete and Flower and Vegetable Show will take place on **Saturday August 8th** at the Village Hall. Other village organisations will be participating and anyone requiring space for a stall should contact **Sally Parker** on 897168.

All entries can be brought to the hall from 8.45 am and judging will take place from 11.00 am. The main show will open at 2.00 pm. Trophies and entries can be collected at 4.00 pm.

A flyer can be found for villagers in this edition of the BVN detailing the different categories for entry.

Could all holders of trophies please return them to Sally in good time for this years presentation.



63 Years 216 days

LONGEST REIGN

Simon Cleveland would be pleased to receive your ideas as to how the village may commemorate the **Queen's longest reign in September.**

Jo and Georgina Warren



63 Years, 12 days @13/6/15

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

FETE & MUSICAL EVENING

Thursday 6 August 2015 starting at 2.00 pm
& Friday 7 August starting at 7.00 pm

August 2015 will see another spectacular programme of entertainment in Burton Bradstock. During the afternoon of Thursday 6th, there will be the celebrated Church Fete in the rectory garden, followed by a wonderful and varied programme of music in the church on the evening of **Friday 7th**. Later in the month, on **Saturday 15th**, **Burton Bradstock's Festival of Music and Art** gets underway.

During the Fete, the **St Swithun's Band** will provide a melodious miscellany of background music. On Friday evening come and listen to a mix of music and song which will be sure to start the feet tapping. At the time of going to press, *Mor or Less*; *Bride Valley Band*; *Jurassic Drifters* ukulele band and *Moveable Feast*, all local groups, have agreed to perform. All proceeds will go to the **Fabric Fund of St Mary's**.

The Church Fete is a truly traditional village affair, with fun and entertainment provided by a non-politically-correct **Punch and Judy**, a once-in-a-year opportunity to view the surrounding countryside from the top of the church tower, a chance to see the beautiful church flowers, to indulge oneself with scrumptious cream teas and to enjoy a large variety of stalls and games.

The Fete will once again include a **Fun Dog Show**, with classes such as the Waggiest Tail, the Most Appealing Eyes and the Best Six Legs. Come and enter your pooch and win a rosette!

Although the Church Fete plans are well advanced, contributions are still needed, so clear out your wine cellars, bookshelves, attics and garages and/or make items for the following stalls:

- Books Stall:** Chris & Gaye Sundt (898531) – no magazines or videos/cassettes. Items can be collected, left or delivered on the day;
- Bottle Tombola:** Richard Ferré (897648) would like to receive wine, beer and soft drinks, at least a week in advance for labelling;
- Cakes & Preserves:** Betty Champkins (897419) and her team would be pleased to receive home-made items;
- Cards & Crafts:** Barbara Pursey (897496) & Jane Stubbs (898002) – crafts, cards & stationery please;
- Children:** Irene Smith (897020) would welcome toys, games, **crayons, children's books, fancy dresses;**
- Nearly New:** Elizabeth Wigglesworth (897083) is looking for good quality gifts;
- Plant Sales:** Peter & Pat Broomhead (897408) would like to receive plants;
- Produce Sales:** Peter Colbert (897922) – any fresh garden or allotment produce (flowers & vegetables);
- Water into Wine:** Julian & Irene Piper (898603) are seeking empty plus full wine bottles (only screw top).
- Bric-a-brac:** Chrissie Bailey (897603) will collect items or you can leave at Graston Farm, Annings Lane;
- Grand Draw:** Liz Orza (897451) would welcome non-perishable items for a food hamper plus other items for prizes;
- Auction Promises:** Janet Pearson (898346) would welcome donations that can be bid for during the afternoon.

Volunteers are always welcome to help with running stalls – if you have not been contacted and would like to help, ring **Liz Orza** (897451) or **Jenny Malyon** (898768). Extra pairs of hands are also welcome to help set up tables, gazebos, bunting, etc from 8.30 am and to clear the Rectory Garden at the end of the afternoon.

Loans of Gazebos on the day, for sheltering stall holders against the hot sunshine, would be welcome!

Judy & Alan Clarke – Church Fete Publicity

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our annual Flower and Produce Show is on **Saturday July 11th**. Schedules are available in the Post Office or Library, you can also download them from <http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk/flowershow/>

Entries need to be in by Wednesday 8th of July and cost 30p per entry. We do accept late entries but the cost goes up to 50p per entry
So come on everybody there are lots of classes to choose from.

This year the MEN ONLY class is a pineapple upside down cake, a challenge **for you men out there but I'm sure you will all rise to the occasion** (, there's a joke there somewhere) We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Colin Clark our Show Secretary is resigning from his post this year so we are looking for someone to take over the job or even a small team of people to take it on.If there are no volunteers sadly the Show will close and this will be the last one.If anybody is interested please get in touch with **Colin** or **Sandy** on 898358



Burton Bradstock Defibrillator Fund Raiser



"The Pleasures of Puddings & Pimms" Evening

In the Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
29th July 2015 from 7.30pm

Entry by ticket only - £5 for 2 taster 'Puds' & glass of Pimms /Soft Fruit/
Fizz

Tickets available at P.O. from 4th July
or contact Maureen 898250 Chris 898117

HOME WATCH NEEDS NEW VOLUNTEERS

It's easy to think that Burton Bradstock is a sleepy village with no crime – yes, we are lucky but there is crime and the criminals are getting shrewder. We are all aware of cyber-crime which happens simply because someone is innocent, unaware and trusting, criminals are becoming more and more plausible and their crimes more devastating. Becoming a Home watch volunteer simply means you care about the community in which you live and its vulnerable residents.



Being a Home watch volunteer requires little commitment, you do need to be computer savvy and have internet as this is not only a medium for all alerts, but for quick communication if need be.

As your Home Watch coordinator all I ask of you is a commitment to notify your immediate neighbours when an alert comes through, attend a twice **yearly meeting which updates you of new legislation. It's not a demanding** role by any means. It is a rewarding role and offers a vital service to the

village. You are not expected to run out in your nightclothes brandishing pick forks, we are not vigilantes. Home watch is a communication between the police and the Home watch Team, alerting us to any suspicious activities in the village. Communication is the key –**it’s simple, we alert you** and like a Mexican wave, the news travels round the village alerting everyone to be vigilant.

If we do not get new volunteers in all corners of our village, we risk losing the service completely - if we lose it some 500 homes may find that their home insurance is incorrect and claims would be invalid. However, we also lose something more significant, we lose a service that protects our young, our elderly and our vulnerable -This is a proven scheme that safeguards us all, so please consider becoming part of our team.

Please contact Karen and Paul on 01308 897709

BURTON BRADSTOCK COMMUNITY LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	3.00pm to 5.00pm
Tuesday & Saturday	10.00am to 12.00am
info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk	www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

The FBBL held its first meeting in June 2008, but the project to save the Library began two years earlier. It is worthy of note that the advice offered by **Geoffrey Seward**, who has recently died, proved to be invaluable in setting up the agreement for the charity committee at this time. Many of the people who started this project nine years ago are still involved today. However we will soon be losing two valuable members of the team. **Carolyn James** is leaving the village to be nearer her family and Ian Wigglesworth who kindly agreed to stay on as Treasurer following the AGM, is handing over the accounts to **Pat Grafton**. They will both be missed, but I am sure the members will join me in thanking them for all their hard work and wish them well in the future.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Stop on 20th May, and congratulations to the winners in the Waterloo Bicentenary table quiz and ‘**How many words can you make from 'Arthur Wellesley' competition**’. **Janet Tolputt**, won the individual category with 118 words, and ‘**Young at Heart**’ with 130 words were the best team.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE STARTS 11TH JULY

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the school summer holidays to help children keep up their reading skills and build a

lifelong reading habit. Children can sign up, at the Library, to read six library books of their choice, collecting stickers and other rewards along the way. The Summer Reading Challenge is a national event and available for all children including summer visitors up to 11 years of age.

STORY TIME (FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN)

Monday 6th July, 2.30pm at the Library.

Meet Story Time Bear and help us choose a new name for him.



There are lovely children's books available to borrow for all ages.

Diary of Events

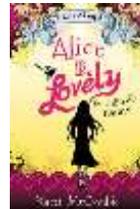
Monday 6 th July	2.30pm	STORY TIME for Children under 5
Tuesday 7 th July	11.00am	Police Surgery with Dave Ash. (See posters <i>outside the Library for any changes</i>). ☺
Monday 3 rd August	2 weeks	Exhibition: to mark 70th Anniversary of the end of War in Burma. <i>by Susan Moores</i>

R.Daniels Chair FBBL

BOOK REVIEW BY POPPY & INGRID

LIFE ACCORDING TO ALICE B. LOVELY, by Karen McCombie

Alice B. Lovely is a book about Edie Evans and her younger brother Stan. Their parents have split up and her mum is getting a nanny. Edie and Stan always work together to try and get rid of their nannies, their last nanny ran out of the house screaming after an incident with worms in her handbag.



Alice B. Lovely is different to their normal nannies. She has a pet magpie and wears different coloured eye contact lenses and shows them gum art. **Stan loves her but Edie still doesn't want a nanny.**

Available to borrow at Burton Bradstock Community Library.

Poppy and Ingrid :)

VILLAGE FAYRE

As many of you will know, The Village Fayre was held on Spring Bank Holiday Monday in almost perfect weather conditions – too nice not to be out, but too cold for the beach! There was a terrific holiday atmosphere in the Rectory Gardens and, as usual, the Village Hall was buzzing with people enjoying cream teas and cakes. As our poster says – probably the best village fair in Dorset!

We raised about **£5,800** for the upkeep of the Village Hall, a record year, with funds going towards maintaining the Hall and improving its facilities.

Sincere thanks to everybody who got involved and helped make the Fayre such a great success.

Graham Moody Chair – BBVF Organising Committee



A VEAST OF FOLK 10TH – 12TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Bride Valley Twinning! – we are very pleased to announce that we will be welcoming a



second **Bride Valley Band to this year's Veast. They are**

from Conna in the Bride Valley in County Cork and are travelling over to Burton Bradstock to take part in the Veast and play with our Bride Valley Band.

They are keen to take part in twinning events this year and in the future with an invitation for a group from here to make a return visit to Ireland. To help with the twinning we are looking for accommodation for some of the visiting Bride Valley Band. If anybody feels they can offer a bed please let us know(contact details below).

The Veast will be spread over 3 days this year kicking off with a 'Veast Anchor Session' on Thursday evening and an acoustic singaround session on Friday both at the Anchor pub. On Friday evening a Ceilidh with dancing to both Bride Valley Bands will be held in the Village Hall with bar and ploughman's supper. On Saturday the main event will be held at The Three Horseshoes Pub and Kitchen with music from the two Bride Valley Bands, Mor or Less, Acoustic Rooster, Delta 88, and more. Wyld Morris will be dancing outside the pub during the afternoon.

If any musicians amongst you are interested in taking part in the Friday afternoon singaround session (1-3pm) or if anyone would like to help with the events on Friday and Saturday please contact us on 898707 or email us at us at burtonfolktickets@gmail.com or find us on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockfolkfestival

In the spirit of the Veast of yesteryear we are once again raising money for the RNLI and donations at the Anchor session will as always support the Dorset Air Ambulance.



BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual Parish Council meeting it was agreed to continue with the rotating Chair system for the coming year, this will change on a two monthly basis.

MEETINGS AND CHAIRMEN ARE LISTED BELOW:

June and July-	Graham Moody
Aug and Sept-	Dave Dixon
Oct & Nov-	Mike Evans
Dec & Jan -	Dave Venn
Mar & April-	Darren Batten

BB PARISH COUNCIL 2015 LEAD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The lead roles and responsibilities for the Parish Council, including the various Parish Plan Projects details, have been decided and are available **with contact details on the Council's Notice Boards and on its web site - www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org**

If you would like to get involved with any of the Projects or have any concerns or issues please contact the Lead Councillor or contact the Clerk for further information.

CONSULTATION

The Parish Council will soon be consulting on the trees on the Village Green.

PARKING ISSUES

A site meeting will be held with DCC highways after concerns were received from some residents on the visibility issues at Charles Road

VOLUNTEERS

The Parish Council would like to thank **Mr John Lewis** who is stepping down as the Burton Bradstock Volunteer organiser. The Volunteers work very **hard to improve the village's appearance and keep it tidy**. They undertake a range of Projects and repairs and maintenance to the public areas in the village. If you would like to get involved please contact **Cllr Graham Moody** (01308 898548) or the Clerk.

JULY COUNCIL MEETING-

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Wednesday 1st July** 7.30 pm at the Reading Room. All welcome.

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. www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

If you have any queries on any of the above information you can contact the Council through the Parish Clerk, **Mrs Michele Harding**, by email on burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com or by phone on Tel: 01305 871268

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS



We invite any interested in drama to come along on **Tuesday 7th July** to watch a rehearsal for our next production, **Bothered and Bewildered**. Rehearsals are held at Burton Bradstock Village Hall and begin at 7.00 p.m. Come along and see how we run our rehearsals and find out from some of our members how much fun they get out of drama.

If you would like more information, please contact Janet Tolputt on 01308 898041 or email janettolputt@btinternet.com

VILLAGE HALL TRUST.

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308897648)



“200 CLUB” DRAW WDDC LICENCE NO: SL0080
Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£42.40	No 53: Mr Malcolm Peach
2nd	£21.20	No 48: Mr Derek Parsons
3rd	£10.60	No 4: Mr Bob Ayers

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the July-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £6 – one pound for each of the remaining 6 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

COFFEE STOP MORNINGS

The Coffee Stop mornings in the hall where a hot drink and a biscuit are available for 50p are very popular. Dates of the next 2 are listed below.



Date	Organiser
Wed 15th July	Village Hall Trust
<i>There is no event during August due to the Music Festival, holiday events and hall repairs.</i>	
Wed 28th Sept	Friends of Burton Bradstock Library.

Please come along and meet some friends, they run from 10:00 to 12:00 and all are welcome. While they are not intended to raise funds, they have made small contributions, so all the various organisers have agreed to contribute any profits from them into a fund to purchase a defibrillator for general use at the Village Hall. They cost in the region of £1,000, with extra costs if they are to be wall mounted outside, so you may see extra functions being organized to speed up the process.

The first of these is will be a “**pudding & Pimms**” evening at the Village Hall on **Wed 29th July** in the evening. Details of this event are elsewhere in the BVN.

VILLAGE HALL REPAIRS.

The Hall will be closed for 2 weeks after the Music and arts Festival from 24 Aug to 3rd Sep. During this time it is planned to rectify damage to internal wall woodwork caused by damp and replace current rusting steel windows with new, double glazed aluminium windows that are virtually identical in appearance and colour to the existing ones.

BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

The popular Spring series of films has now ended for the summer period. They will recommence in September, look out for posters and BVN announcements nearer the time.

BRIDGE WITH AFTERNOON TEA

Tuesday 28th July in Burton Bradstock Village Hall – 1.45pm.

Come and enjoyed a relaxed afternoon of Bridge. All welcome.

Tickets £4 pp please telephone 01308 898334 or 898117

This event is in aid of “MOVING ON” a local reg. Charity in Bridport , which is a support group & social club for people recovering from mental illness.

BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

June saw, first, the WI Centenary honoured with a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, and then the Queen herself opened the 100th Annual Meeting on 4th June. Burton was invited to send two members to the Garden Party and a delegate to the Annual Meeting; it was good to be represented at such notable occasions.

At our June meeting, Clinical Reflexologist **Abbigail Langstone-Wring** talked about self-help for joint pain, and gave many tips on pain relief, diet, exercise and hand massage. Members went away armed with strategies to try out.

On **14th July**, **Sandra Brown** (the mayor of Bridport) will talk about working in the Bank in Bridport in the old days – **before the computers took over....** Sandra is very much a Dorset lady who has a wealth of information on local life.

COACH OUTING TO MAGNA FLORA FLOWER FESTIVAL IN SALISBURY CATHEDRAL, 17TH SEPTEMBER.

Open to all. The coach will set off from Burton at 9.15 and return by 6.30 pm approx. Cost £23 including Festival entry (£14 without). Ring 01308 897154 for further details, before end of July.



SEA SUNDAY

12 JULY 2015
SEA SUNDAY

On July 12th we shall welcome the Revd Bill McCrea, a representative of the Sailors Society, to the 11.00am Communion Service at Burton Bradstock. Many thanks to the host of enthusiastic knitters who have made more than 100 woolly hats which will be presented at this service and given out to needy seafarers by the Sailors' Society. The Missions committee would also like to thank Muriel for storing the growing pile of hats since February, and all those who have opened their homes for coffee mornings - particularly Irene, Noreen, Susan and Muriel in addition to Missions Committee members.

There will be sales of cakes, preserves and garden produce in the Reading Room from 10.00am-12.00 noon on Thursdays July 23rd and 30th and August 13th and 20th in aid of our missions charities for this year: Farm Africa and Sailors' Society.

VALLEY NOTES

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

As I write this report we have just started the last half term of the school year. The beginning of this half term started with an INSET (non-pupil) day with the focus on the school's curriculum; planning our Learning Quests for the next academic year. We also had a telephone call during the morning informing us that we were to have an Ofsted inspection with a HMI inspector over the following two days. We welcomed Mr Burr into our school and he spent the two days finding out about the strengths and areas for improvement through talking to pupils, parents/carers, staff and Governors, observing lessons and looking through the children's books. We are now awaiting his report and will use this to feed into our School Development Plan for 2015/16 where we will address the areas for improvement that we have identified and that have been confirmed by the inspector.

Since the last report in the Bride Valley News our Bronze Ambassadors for Sport have been very busy promoting physical activity within the school. Last half term they organised a Skip Hop Talent Show where children as young as four up to 11 years old wowed us with their skipping skills and talents. The Ambassadors for Sport had a very tricky job judging the



winners as the standard was so high! So far this half term they have also organised and co-ordinated a sponsored obstacle run that every child participated in. They devised a challenging course around the school playground and all children were encouraged to complete 11 laps which is equivalent to 1 mile. What determination there was to complete the course and, quite understandably, the children were very proud of themselves when they met the challenge. The event raised over £800 for the school and the Ambassadors for Sport are now busy liaising with the children to decide how they would like to spend the money! You can keep up to date with the events in the school by looking at the photographs on the school website at www.burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk



Other exciting events this half term include Class 4 going to the Magdalen Project on their residential trip as well as Sailing at the Portland Academy, Year 2 attending Hooke Court for their residential weekend and the Reception and Year 1 visit to the Axe Valley Wildlife Park. Not to mention Sports Day, the Music Concert, an Artist in Residence, Jurassic Coast Exhibition, Burton's Got Talent and the Leavers' Service! All within the next six weeks! The Summer Term is always one of the busiest terms, but it is also one of the best. It is through these wonderful opportunities that we offer the children a broad and full curriculum thereby meeting the diverse needs of all our pupils.

Claire Staple, Headteacher

THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

We are delighted that we were judged to be a **good school in all areas** by a recent **Ofsted inspection**.

Although we were also judged to be a good school at our last full inspection in 2010, the bar has since been raised considerably and a good judgement now is very pleasing indeed.

The inspector was impressed by the support of our parents and the **commitment of our governors, and said that the children were 'delightful'**. We are fortunate in having so much support from everyone, and we have received many compliments and congratulatory messages following the publication of the Ofsted report. Some favourable comments in the report:

'Pupils are pleasant, very polite and well mannered. They welcome visitors warmly to the school, open doors for them and are delighted to show them their work.'



'Pupils value the opportunities they have to take responsibility, including acting as school councillors, play leaders and being members of the eco club. They move around the school sensibly and show pride and care for their school environment.'

WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR CHILDREN!

Each class enjoyed showing their learning to their parents and families in their **class celebration assemblies**. **Eggardon** displayed their fantastic maypole dancing skills, joined by their younger siblings and Reception children for the complicated last dance! They had, of course, already impressed the audience at the village fete in May. **Bredy** read their superb **'Magic Box'** poems, sang a song and played flute pieces they had learned (after just 5 lessons!). **Litton and Chesil's assembly** showed their huge creativity and was about their learning in art and geography – oceans and planets. Our new vicar, Stephen Batty, **joined us and enjoyed seeing the range of the children's learning.**



Sport: Our Year 5 and 6 team won the Bridport area Kwik Cricket tournament and beat the winners of the Lyme area to enter the finals. Our Year 3 and 4 team won the Dorset Kwik Cricket tournament held at Bryanston. Superb job, teams!

We got through to the quarter finals of the West Dorset **Football** Tournament at Bridport. Well done, team!

Eggardon had a superb day **sailing** in Portland. The Year 6 children enjoyed it all the more, having just completed their SATs that morning! Year 5 children attended a **sports festival** at Colfox. **Swimming** started in school and will continue this half term. We now have our own **golf putting green** at the front of the school. The green is kept well-mown by our Eggardon 'green keepers'!



An author, Kaye Umansky, kindly donated some of her **books** to the school and will be visiting us to inspire the children's writing.

100 Club Winners:

April: £15 - Giles Maltby, £10 - P. Patterson (3rd win!)

May: £15 - Marion Harp, £10 - Robert Maltby

The **Bride Valley Fledglings Barn Dance** in LATCH raised a massive **£464.95**. Thank you to all who attended.

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

In addition to the above I should, as Chair of Governors, like to quote **exactly from the Ofsted Inspector's Report:**

"The headteacher is relentless in her drive for improvement and is passionate for all pupils to achieve well. This drive is raising standards and improving teaching. Together with an ambitious staff, she is determined to pursue excellence in everything the school does to support pupils' learning and progress.

Pupils and staff show high levels of respect for each other. This ensures a happy, welcoming and harmonious school where pupils enjoy learning. In the words of one pupil, 'It's such a friendly place to be and we have great facilities.'

Governors are actively involved in all aspects of school life and visit the school regularly to check on the progress pupils are making. They have a thorough understanding of performance data and keep themselves fully informed about pupils' progress and attainment. Governors are very proud to serve the school and have ambitious plans for its future development."

Congratulations to Jyotsna, Staff, Parents, Pupils and Governors who have all made such a valuable contribution to the continuing success of **Thorner's School**.

Janet Jackson Chair of Governors, Thorner's School

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Well hasn't this term flown, as I write this we are looking forward to our summer trip to Abbotsbury children's farm and our end of term party with a bouncy castle and lots of fun and games.

We held our Barn dance fundraiser on the 9th May. We had live music kindly supplied by the Bride Valley Band, it was a great evening. We made **£465.00**, well done to everybody.

Maureen has started our art and craft workshops which the children have loved, the school children have also joined in.

We had an Ofsted inspection in May and we are very pleased to announce



we attained a “Good”. Well done to all the staff. If you would like to see a copy of the report it is available on the Ofsted web site.

Term finishes on **Thursday 16th July**

Wishing you all a very happy, peaceful and sunny (hopefully) summer.

We re-open on Wednesday 2nd September at 9.00

Opening times: Monday to Thursday 9.00-3.15

Funding and spaces for 2,3 and 4 year olds.

Call **Emma** on 01308 482410

www.bridevalleyfledglings.btck.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) from 9.45 am to 11.15 am in LATCH** (Litton Cheney Hall) Contact **Claire Gauden** for more info (01308 898728 or 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, story time, refreshments and playtime. You're welcome to the service held on **Friday 10th July**, which will also be a special garden party celebrating 20 years of Tots. On this occasion we shall be welcoming **Mrs Pam Atkinson** who started Tiny Tots in 1995. Our new Rector will also be with us.

For more information about the tots' events please contact either **Audrey** on 897227 or **Heather** on 897780.

REFLECT & STUDY @ PUNCKNOWLE

Anyone in the Bride Valley is very welcome to come and join a time of reflection and study of Bible texts on **Thursday evenings at St Mary's Puncknowle** beginning in September. Sue Linford and Stephen Batty will lead the evenings, starting with a simple Holy Communion service at 7.00pm and this will lead into an opening up of the Bible readings which

are set for the coming Sunday's worship - so there will be a chance for us to explore the set readings from the Old and New Testaments and the Gospel reading. Please bring a Bible with you - sharing different translations can be illuminating. The sessions will close at 8.15.

UPDATE

The house to house collection in the Bride Valley raised **£971.12**. Thank you very much to all the collectors and a very big thank you to everyone who gave so generously. Putting envelopes through letterboxes has given me considerable appreciation for our postmen and women who have to deal with scraped hands every day!



Thinking ahead to next year, I have already been given some suggestions **for fundraising that don't involve house to house collecting. If you have any good ideas, or would like to be part of the fundraising effort in 2016, please do get in touch and let's see if we can raise even more money for the poorest people in the world.**

If you are interested in finding out more about the work of Christian Aid, **please contact me on 482136. I'm a volunteer speaker for Christian Aid and I'm happy to give talks to church and non-church groups.**

Gill Newell

GOSPEL SINGING WORKSHOP

On May 30th a group of people enjoyed another opportunity of being a scratch gospel choir. Some of us had attended the previous workshop last October, while it was new for others. It was great fun, exhilarating and rewarding to be part of a group that made such a fantastic sound together after a relatively short time to learn the songs.



Jo Sercombe was her usual inspirational self, leading us and enabling us to achieve a lot in a few hours. Thank you to Elfrida for organizing another great day and we look forward to the next time!

LAUDEMUS

The Wimborne Arts Festival of 1991 included a novel attraction: 'cathedral-style Evensong sung in churches throughout the East Dorset area'. The choir returned in 1992, and kept coming back even after the demise of the

Festival. Laudemus! ('let us praise') now celebrates its 25th anniversary, and by 19 July will have sung 128 services of Choral Evensong in 61 different churches across the county.

Laudemus! was dreamed up by Festival Director Maurice Howell and King's Singer Jeremy Jackman (right), who aimed to bring a week of glorious music to Dorset's rural churches ('why should cathedrals have all the jam?'). Although congregations were initially small, a loyal following developed over the years; people now travel considerable distances to attend, assured of high musical standards under Jeremy's excellent direction.



Logistical difficulties occasionally threaten to sabotage the music. The organ may emit quantities of dust with the first few chords, or it may unexpectedly shed pipework; choir stalls were usually built for small boys, and provide little room for longer legs; and any form of plumbing was a luxury in the early 90s, although lottery funding has since improved village amenities. Somehow these niggles never seem to detract from the enjoyment of the tour, and singers return on a regular basis.

In July you can catch Laudemus! at the following churches: Whitchurch Canonicorum (14th), Broadstone (15th), Sturminster Newton (16th), Littlebredy (17th) and Wimborne Minster (18th). An additional day of celebration takes place at Sherborne Abbey (19th), where the choir will also sing the Eucharist. Join them at any of these venues for an uplifting experience, both musical and spiritual.

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2015



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. Janet Lane	897241
Swyre:	Mr. Tony Taylor	898523

RECTORY GARDEN SUMMER CLEAN

Looking ahead to the Church Fete and the Music Festival : if you can spare some time to come and join us working on the Rectory Garden, anyone's contribution on **Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July** would be gratefully received. Frances and I see that with such a large garden space to maintain for the three main community events of the year we need the help of others in keeping it in good shape. If you can join in (even for an hour) from 10.00am - 7.00pm on either of those days, we would be really grateful.

Please bring tools. Refreshments will be available.

PRESENTATION EVENING

Basil and **Howard** thank most sincerely all those who were concerned in any way in making their presentation evening such a fantastic occasion.

Special thanks must go to Peter and his team of helpers for laying on such a magnificent buffet.

Whilst we shall both treasure our engraved tankards, particular thanks also to all the very many parishioners who were there, including those from the East end of the valley. Their presence really made a truly memorable evening, which we both shall remember for a long, long time.



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

At our May meeting **Malcolm Mills, from the 'Gold Club'**, gave us all the information we could need to grow Roses, with advice on planting, pruning, and various ways to deal with pests and **diseases. Apparently the only thing we can't do anything about is the fact** we have clean air – a condition which encourages black spot!



At our monthly meeting on **July 20th we will have a talk on 'Summer Pruning'** **This year's Flower and Garden Produce Show** takes place in LATCH on **July 18th** at 2.00pm (Free entry). All are welcome, the exhibits are judged by the visiting public; tea and home-made cakes will also be available.

JOBS TO DO IN JULY

Feed, water and deadhead flowers in containers regularly. Transplant seedlings of biennials sown earlier. Take cuttings of fuchsia, osteospermum and other tender bedding plants. Keep dead-heading roses. Start to collect seeds from perennials. Keep harvesting vegetables as soon as they are ready. Sow vegetables for autumn harvesting e.g. beetroot, carrots and

turnips. Lift and dry shallots, harvest new potatoes. Harvest annual herbs regularly to keep them bushy and stop them running to seed. Harvest **blackcurrants when they turn an even purple/black and have some 'give' in them when squeezed.** If we have a dry spell don't forget to ensure there is water available for the birds.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

POPPY APPEAL COLLECTORS - URGENT!!

We are looking for **Collectors in Puncknowle for next year's Poppy** appeal. **PLEASE PLEASE** If you are feel able to help please contact **Mr Richard Cunningham (01308 898928)**



SOCIAL EVENINGS

Social evenings are usually held on the last Monday evening in the month commencing at 7.00 for 7.30 pm, but there are no social meetings in July and August; they will recommence again in September

OTHER EVENTS

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| Friday Oct. 23rd | Annual Band Concert in Burton Village Hall 7.30pm |
| Thursday Nov. 5th | Coffee morning in Burton Village Hall from 10.00am |
| Saturday Nov. 7th | Wreath laying in the Bride Valley |
| Sunday Nov. 8th | Remembrance Service at St Mary's Burton 10.45 |
| 2016 | |
| Monday 15th Feb | Annual Dinner at the Golf Club 6.30 for 7.00pm |

There are a number of historical events occurring during the course of the year. On **August 15th** we remember the 70th anniversary of victory in Japan (**VJ Day**). And then we remember the 75th anniversary of the **Battle of Britain** on **September 15th**.

2016

Monday 15th February Annual Dinner at the Golf Club 6.30 for 7.00pm

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

Thanks to the free services provided by 80 London Black Cab drivers (London Taxi Benevolent Association). for the War Disabled), 160 war veterans were driven to Holland in April to enable them to take part in the Dutch National Liberation (4 day) celebrations.



They drove in convoy on the other side of the Channel, escorted by police outriders who stopped all the traffic to allow the convoy to stay together. The attitude of the Dutch motorists and pedestrians comes as a shock because they are so patient, even pleased to wait and wave the convoy through! It shows how much the Dutch appreciate the veterans and the sacrifices they and their comrades made on their host's behalf.

From an early age Dutch children are taught to appreciate those sacrifices. They have a strong sense of gratitude for their freedom, and every person, young and old exudes a sort of national feeling that they should be thankful to all the allied forces for helping them during wartime. The local schools allot each child a war grave as soon as they are old enough to understand what it means; they research the details of the soldier who is buried there, and they go to that particular grave every year and lay flowers on it. They have grown up with that understanding, so when the veterans come along, you see this immense respect for them. (*Legion Magazine April, 2015*).

The ever popular **Fish & Chip supper and Games** evening starts at 6 pm for 6.30 pm on Wednesday 15 July in Portesham Village Hall. Tea and coffee will be available but for alcoholic choice bring your own bottle and glass please. Event is open to non-Members at £2.50 a head.

LONDON POPPY WALK EVENT

Fund-raising event. Whether you fancy a **gentle stroll or an all-out team expedition**, this promises to be a great day out for everyone to discover some of **London's** hidden gems. You will even be able to meet our Poppy Mascot who will be cheering you all on your way! It takes place on **19 July** and participation is free, with no sponsorship target - but raise as much as you can for the Poppy Appeal! Email mbowler@britishlegion.org.uk for further details.

On Thursday **13 August** at 7.30 p.m we meet in the Ron Doble Room, Portesham Village Hall, to greet **Bruce Upton** of Bridport Museum who will talk on the subject of **"The Bridport Trade"** which is shorthand for the rope and net making industry still carried on in Bridport, but generated by years of history. There will be visual aid as well as artefacts to examine. I thoroughly recommend the evening.

Two-day **London Trip (Friday 20/Saturday 21 November)** : it will be based on a 4* Raddison Blu Hotel (actually on Cromwell Rd. near Gloucester Rd.) on a B&B basis; we shall visit the West End musical show **"Miss Saigon"**, Prince Edward Theatre on Friday evening. On Saturday morning there will be an opportunity to see the **Houses of Parliament** on a guided tour. Deposit of £50 with your booking, final payment due 15.9.15. Please ring the editor to confirm details, including the very competitive price, but if you

would like to partake please inform me as soon as possible – only a few seats left.

Payments to **“The Social Fund”** please. Open to non-Members.

Des Baker The Social Fund Chairman 01305 267617 or veswood@sky.com

WATER SUPPLY WORK PLANNED

Work will start next year on building an underground water **storage tank at Martin’s Down to ensure local people in West Dorset** have a secure supply of water for future years.



Wessex Water is carrying out the £3.5 million scheme as part of its water supply grid project – a series of schemes that will help meet future demand for water without the need to develop new resources.

The new storage tank will be constructed adjacent to the existing Martins Down storage tank, which is located adjacent to the A35, approximately 5km west of Winterbourne Abbas. On completion of the new storage tank the existing above ground storage tank will be removed and the site landscaped.

Wessex Water said construction is due to start in early spring 2016 and is anticipated to be completed by spring 2017.

To carry out the work, a new junction at Long Barrow farm for construction traffic will be put in place and a 700m temporary access track to the storage tank site. Temporary traffic signals and speed restriction on the A35 will be required to ensure safety of all road users during construction. All temporary accesses will be removed and landscaped on completion and no new permanent accesses are required during construction or for operation.

Project manager Joe Edmunds said: “The site is located in the West Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is adjacent to a number of scheduled ancient monuments including the Long Bredy bank barrow.

“We are committed to carrying out the work in a way that protects the environment and preserves local history. Extensive consultation has taken place with English Heritage, the County Archaeologist, West Dorset AONB and the LPA to agree mitigation to minimise impact on the heritage and landscape settings both during construction and in operation.

“All public rights of way will remain open but minor diversions may be required at certain times during construction.”

Mr Edmunds added that the storage tank will be underground, with the only

surface features being access hatches, a new fence, a small extension to the existing access track and a small kiosk.

Wessex Water is contacting local parish councils about the proposed work and will be offering to explain more to councillors at future parish meetings. If anyone has any questions or would like further information about the scheme they should call customer services on **0345 600 4 600** (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm).

Travel Dorset
Check before you travel



A35 ROAD CLOSURES

A reminder of the following scheduled closures:

Location	Start date	End date
Dorchester/Bridport West	06/07/15 20:00	10/07/15 06:00
Dorchester Bypass	08/07/15 20:00	11/07/15 06:00

(Excluding Saturday and Sunday nights)

THE LIVING TREE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Bridport Quaker Meeting House, South Street.

Friday 3 rd July	Simone Thomas, hair loss expert and cancer survivor massage with Amanda, reiki healing with Debbie.
Friday 10 th July	12.45pm Rising Voices singing, 2pm Healthy Hair with Mary Tassell, medical herbalist.
Friday 17 th July	12.45pm Rising Voices singing, 2pm Jo Jenner from Brindon Abbey Wellness Retreat in Wool, reiki healing with Debbie.
Friday 24 th July	2pm Hazel Hatch, Wessex Cancer Trust. www.thelivingtree.org.uk



GOOD BOOKS

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



DIARY, JULY 2015

Wed	1	19.30	Burton Parish Council Meeting	Reading Room, Burton
Thu	2	9.30	Churchyard Working Party	St Mary's Litton Cheney
Thu	2	14.30	G of H Prayer/Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Mon	6	10.00	Julian Meeting	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Mon	6	14.30	Story time for the under 5's	Library, Burton
Tue	7	11.00	Police Surgery	Library, Burton
Tue	7	19.00	Burton Bradstock Players – rehearsals	Village Hall, Burton
Wed	8	19.30	Shipton Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, Shipton
Fri	10	10.00	Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	10	14.15	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's Burton
Sat	11	14.15	Village Society - Flower and Produce Show	Village Hall, Burton
Tue	14	19.30	Litton Cheney Parish Council Meeting	LATCH, Litton
Tue	14	19.30	Sandra Brown - The Bank as it was	Village Hall, Burton
Wed	15	10.00	Coffee Stop hosted by the Village Hall Trust	Village Hall, Burton
Thu	16	14.30	G of H Prayer/Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Fri	17	18.00	Laudemus - Choral Evensong with Hymns	St Michael's Littlebredy
Sat	18	10.30	Village Café - Cancer Research	LATCH, Litton
Sat	18	14.00	BV Gardening Club - Annual Flower & Garden	LATCH, Litton
Sat	18	15.00	Tea Party	Village Hall, Shipton
Sun	19	17.00	Village BBQ	LATCH, Litton
Mon	20	19.30	BV Gardening Club - "Summer Pruning"	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	21	12.30	PWSB Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	23	10.00	Cakes. Preserves, Garden Produce for Mission	Reading Room, Burton
Fri	24	10.00	Art Club Summer Lunch	TBA
Sat	25	11.00	Lost Generations of Long Bredy	Long Bredy
Sat	25	12.00	Floral Display/Flower Arranging Competition	St Peter's, Long Bredy
Sat	25	14.30	Puncknowle Fete	Puncknowle Manor
Sun	26	11.00	Guided Walks	Long Bredy
Sun	26	12.00	Floral Display/Flower Arranging Competition	St Peter's, Long Bredy
Mon	27	19.30	Bride Valley British Legion - Social	The Anchor, Burton
Tue	28	13.45	Bridge with afternoon tea	Village Hall, Burton
Wed	29	19.30	Puddings /Pimms for defibrillator fund	Village Hall, Burton
Thu	30	10.00	Cakes. Preserves, Garden Produce for Mission	Reading Room, Burton



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES JUNE 2015

	1 st Sunday 5 July Trinity 5	2 nd Sunday 12 July Sea Sunday	3 rd Sunday 19 July Trinity 7	4 th Sunday 26 July Trinity 8
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
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer	
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship 5.30 Evensong
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 All Age Holy 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		11am Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion