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www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

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www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

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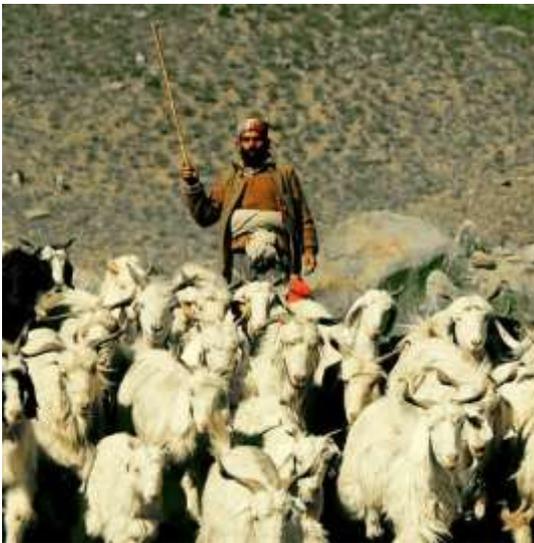
www.littlebredy.com

www.longbredy.org.uk



Congratulations are due to a set of residents in Swyre who had the **distinction of being 1st prize winners at this year's Melpash Show: Sue Taylor** won the Monica Page Trophy for Floral Decoration; and the **Yeates family** won in the category of **'a herd of sheep over 600 animals'**.

It was Peter Yeates who told me the story of a farm in Burton Bradstock that became involved in the making of the renowned 1960s film adaptation of **Thomas Hardy's novel *Far from The Madding Crowd***. Among the memorable scenes is one where the shepherd Gabriel Oak (played by Alan Bates) loses his valuable flock of sheep when one of his dogs runs amok and drives them over a cliff. The farm in Burton Bradstock which specialized in sheep was asked to supply creatures who could be filmed on the clifftops near Lulworth Cove (before being safely returned). When the movie was released (to popular acclaim) eagle-eyed sheep farmers and shepherds spotted a glaring error: the breed of sheep being harassed by the dog on the clifftop was different from the breed of the sheep corpses later shown being washed by the waves on the shore.



This is a marvellous example of the sharp vigilance necessary to the work of being a shepherd (just ask my colleague Sue Linford and, from the experience of keeping her own **flocks, she'll give testimony to this!**). **"I know my own and my own know me"** says Jesus the Good Shepherd (John 10: 14); he knew, from his familiarity with the agricultural life of Galilee, that when a shepherd leads a flock out to pasture, each creature is known by name (John 10:3). **"I know them"** (John 10:27). That every

living thing in creation is intimately known and loved by Good Shepherd Jesus in this way can be a great comfort. ¹

¹*Aelred, the 12th century Abbot of Rievaulx Abbey in Yorkshire, addressed Jesus as 'O Good Shepherd Jesus, good, gentle, tender Shepherd...'*

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE - 31ST OCTOBER

On **Saturday 31st October** at 4.00pm there will be an opportunity to gather at **St. Mary's, Burton Bradstock** for a service of Remembrance commemorating departed members of our families and circles of friends; folk from our villages who have died over the last twelve months will be remembered and there will be provision for adding the names of those you would like to be recalled at this quiet reflective service on the eve of All Saints Day.



RYDER

As Ryder changes from being associate priest to being included among **those with 'permission to officiate' at services locally, he, and Heather with him**, deserve our heartfelt thanks for his huge contribution to the pastoral care and worship in our Benefice, especially during the period of the interregnum; on behalf of everyone in our Valley, our gratitude goes to both **Ryder and Heather for everything they've given and a big 'thank you' for what they will continue to offer.**

FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

On 5th September the sun eventually broke through on family and friends who came to witness the marriage of **Thomas Charles Dunne and Katie Nichole Burton** of Weymouth at Littlebredy Church. The service began with the ever popular *Give me joy in my heart* and a poem by the chief bridesmaid, Deborah. After people were tested on their knowledge of road signs ending with two roads joining, the couple made their declarations and vows to one another, signed the registers and went on their way rejoicing. We pray that the One who on joined the two disciples on the road to Emmaus will bless Tom and Katie in the future on their new united road together.



BAPTISMS



On 16th September Litton Cheney Church rang aloud to the lively sounds of 19 children as **Chris and Caroline Pike** came to join the morning service with family, godparents and friends to have their two baby girls **Mollie Violet Louise and Poppy Jean Sarah, who attend the Valley Tots' Service each month, baptised. As at Tots the children paraded up and down the aisle singing *Thank you Lord for this fine day* and in the message about Thanksgiving and Blessing joined in**

enthusiastically with *If you happy and you know it... you really ought to show it.* Like parents brought their children to Jesus seeking his touch of blessing we, as a church, continue to pray for Christ's continuing touch on Mollie and Polly's lives in the coming days.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE MORNING PRAYER

Please note that Puncknowle Weekday Morning Prayer is now being held on the First, Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month.

PUNCKNOWLE BOOK CLUB

This month we discussed both our August and September books.

Homeland by **Clare Francis** was not her usual thriller but a rather poignant story set in the Somerset levels of Polish soldiers living in camps after WW2 unable to return to their homeland which had been annexed by the USSR. Whilst we enjoyed her descriptions of the landscape and the way of life we found the characters and plot a bit uninspired.



Our other book was **Wives and Daughters** by **Mrs Gaskell** - an unfinished novel originally published in instalments in Cornhill magazine. We all really enjoyed her account of life in a small town and the social mores and machinations of the characters.

We currently have a vacancy in the group so if you are interested in joining please contact the coordinator Michele by emailing vassar14@gmail.com. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at Puncknowle village hall at 7.30.

Michele Vasser

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP



The group is 30 years old this year. We still have some founder members to whom we are very grateful for starting the Art Group which was such a good idea. To celebrate we hope to make a trip on **9th Oct.** but be back in the hall again for **23rd.**

Christine Molony



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE.

Harvest Evening Prayer will be held on Sunday 4th October at 6.30pm, and **Swyre's Harvest Supper** will be on 17th October, as usual the meal will be a "bring and share". More details will be circulated nearer the time. Anyone who would like to share supper with us

will be very welcome.

PCC Holy Trinity

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

Our next meal will be on Tuesday 20th October. Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone **David Buckland** on 898492.



We will also be holding the **Annual General Meeting** immediately following the lunch and look forward to hearing from you with your views and ideas for the future at that time.

New members are always welcome. 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. We often have at least 30 members enjoying the meal and company.

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

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Thank you to **Marilyn Hewitt** from **The New Inn**, who donated a joint for our meat raffle as a fundraiser, and to **SGVS**, whose generous donation was added to this and enabled us to purchase a new lawnmower for use in the church grounds. We are truly grateful.

Thank you, too, to all those who supported the **Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride**. We are keen to support this society as it has been generous to our church on a number of occasions when we have required grant aid for necessary repair projects.

And, finally, thanks to those who joined in our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** and the **Harvest Supper** (which, at the time of writing have yet to take place!).

We will be holding a short **Pets' Service on Sunday 18th October at 3.00pm**. This is being led by **Stephen Batty**, ably assisted by **Janet Lane** who says *"all pets and their well-behaved owners are cordially invited to join us!"* Come and join in our thanksgiving for the animal kingdom, there will be treats after the service! Our last service like this was almost entirely doggy-led, so it would be good to have more **"All Creatures!"**

We will be holding a special service for **All Saints and All Souls on Sunday November 1st at 11.00am**. Come and light a candle as we remember those special to us from whom we are parted.

Our customary **Service of Remembrance** will be held on **November 8th at 9.30am**. We hope to be able to replace and re-dedicate the memorial triptych at this service; and possibly to dedicate a peal board commemorating the peal rung on May 1st by Dorset County Association of Bellringers to mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Will Sanders from this village.

Kate Kent

I believe alien life is quite common in the universe, although intelligent life is less so. Some say it has yet to appear on planet Earth.

Stephen Hawking

ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHT SPONSORS

The floodlights of St Martin's Church will light up the sky in October for:

Toria Maxfield on her birthday

Nova & Pete Varney's wedding anniversary

Christine Cornish on her birthday.

Jill Curtis on her 65th birthday

Geoff Adderly for Sandy's birthday

Tom and Lyn Grace for Kian

Barbara Willey in memory of her husband David.

Our grateful thanks to all our supporters including those who wish to remain anonymous.

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.

Phyl Webster

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

SG VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS – APPEALS FOR DONATIONS

In response to appeals for funds from SGPCC (St Martin's Church) and NISL (New Inn Support Ltd), the Committee has decided on the following :
SGPCC – we have donated the sum of **£250.00** towards the purchase of a new lawn mower in line with their request to raise £300-£400 for a mower which will be for the sole use of St Martin's Church.

NISL – On discussing the issues associated with the **NEW INN SUPPORT Ltd** request for funds, we have donated the initial sum of **£250.00**. We have also passed over the anticipated proceeds of our next 2 scheduled Events on **Sat 17th October** and **Sat 14th November**. Both of these Events will now be organised and run by the 'NISL Fundraising' Team. Further info on the 'NISL Fundraising initiative' can be found elsewhere in this Shipton Gorge section of the BVN.

Terry Diver

NISL (NEW INN SUPPORT LTD)

NISL (with the generous support of Shipton Gorge Village Society) present

- On Saturday October 17th - A Race Night in the village Hall.
- No need to follow Ascot's dress code (though you can if you wish!) just bring your own drinks and nibbles and see if you can beat "Honest John" and "Steady Eddy" on the tote.

On **Saturday November 14th** – a talk by “**Big Bob**” entitled “**An evening on the river with Bob Ayers**”

Please put these dates in your diary and join us for what promises to be two enjoyable community events. Look out for posters with further details.

John Kent

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

September Draw:



£20	No 23	Jane Mallett
£10	No 96	Eileen Heaver
£5	No 75	Tracey Linwood

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

Our annual village Harvest Festival Service, with traditional hymns and readings in **St. Mary's Church**,

Burton Bradstock on Sunday October 11th at **11am** (the

Communion Service that day will be at 6.30pm).



It will be followed at **12.30** by a 2 course lunch in the Village Hall to which all are invited. Tickets are £5 are on sale in the Post Office from September 20th until October 8th (no ticket sales on the door).

BURTON BRADSTOCK MISSION COMMITTEE A FARMERS AND SAILORS EVENT

There is to be an evening of Games, Shanties and Supper on **Saturday 24th October** in Burton Bradstock Village Hall in support of our two chosen charities:-

Farm Africa works directly with farmers to help them unleash their potential to **feed Africa's people** and believes that its smallholders hold the key to lasting rural prosperity.

**END HUNGER >>> GROW FARMING
FARM AFRICA**



The Sailor's Society provides a personal lifeline for merchant seafarers on board ship and when they step ashore.

Come along and have fun - no tickets, pay by donation on the night.
Please let us know you would like to come so we can organize the food.
Please phone **Heather Rogers** 897780 or **Ian Ibbotson** 898484

Our last morning coffee and sale of the year will be 10 till 12 **on Thursday 5th November** in Burton Bradstock Reading Room.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION - BURTON BRADSTOCK

The amount raised this year was £498.49. My belated thanks to all who collected and contributed.

Janet Proctor

VILLAGE HALL TRUST.

*For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré
(01308 897648)*

“200 CLUB” SEPTEMBER 2015 DRAW

WDDC LICENCE NO: SL0080



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS:

1st	£42.40	No. 160	Gillian Perkins
2nd	£21.20	No. 195	Mrs Pauline Woodford
3rd	£10.60	No. 132	Mrs Pauline Woodford

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the October-December draws should telephone **Alan Clarke** on 01308 897051 and let him have £3 – one pound for each of the remaining 3 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.



Please come along and meet some friends, they run from 10:00 to 12:00 and all are welcome.

Date	Organiser
Wed 21st Oct	Burton WI
Wed 18th Nov	Bowls Club

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 and outside cabinet** for general use at the Village Hall. They cost in the region of **£2,000** including VAT. So far, including some generous private donations and income from the **Pudding and Pimms** event the fund stands at about **£1,000**.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

There will be a Halloween Party be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 31st October** with all proceeds going to the defibrillator fund.



The fun evening will run from 7pm to 11pm and include a bar, live music from local bands **Mor or Less** and **Moveable Feast**, a jacket potato meal, music to dance to, prizes for the best fancy dress, male and female, with secret judges, possibly some spooky games and a seriously spooky atmosphere. (Fancy dress is optional, but a token effort would be appreciated).

Tickets, which includes the meal, will be £6:50 each and will go on sale at the Post Office Saturday 10th October. Look for final details on local posters around the Village nearer the time. Tickets will be limited, so put the date in your diary and get in early.

VILLAGE HALL REPAIRS

The Hall was closed for 2 weeks from 24th August to 3rd September. During this time new double glazed aluminium framed windows were fitted, the internal damp damage to the front wall exposed and repaired, new front doors fitted and a refurbishment of the stage carried out.

The high cost of the windows has been largely offset by a generous grant of £10,000 from the **Big Lottery Fund**, for which the Hall Trust is very grateful.



BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

The resoundingly popular **The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** is the next film to be shown by Burton Bradstock Films on **Friday 30th October**. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are £5, which includes a glass of wine or fruit juice, and can be obtained beforehand from Burton Bradstock Post Office.



This sequel to the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel takes up the story where the previous film left off with the hotel thriving and full up with its long-term residents. The co-managers have a dream of expansion, and think they've found just the place - The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. With all the superb, original cast plus the addition of **Richard Gere** the story follows the lives of the residents and the fortunes and misfortunes, highs and lows this venture has on the co-managers.

We shall again be sharing this film with Bride Valley Films who will be showing it in Litton Cheney on **Wednesday 4th November**.

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman for the forthcoming meetings:-

Oct & Nov Mike Evans
Dec & Jan Dave Venn
Feb & Mar Darren Batten

BURTON BRADSTOCK PC CURRENTLY HAS 3 VACANCIES

Please contact the Clerk for further information about the role.

The **Leisure/Recreation** working group will be forming in September this year to consider the future use of **the play area**, how it can be improved and maintained, if you would like to volunteer please contact the **Clerk** or **Cllr Mike Evans** for further info

TABLE TENNIS!

You will no doubt have seen the new Table Tennis Table that was installed by the Parish Council using a large donation from the Youth Club. To hire the bats and balls for the table please call in at the Post Office.

WHEELIE BINS

You will now have received your wheelie bins from WDDC waste department, ready for the new collections in **October**. As they are rather large it is hoped that they will be stored away from the pavements and street view the rest of the week.

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Wednesday 7th October** 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.

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.

Contact **Diana Wright** 01308 456 967



BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

David Croman will be giving a fully illustrated talk on **Charles Darwin His life, achievements and lasting influence** on Friday 16th October at 7.30pm.

Darwin's ideas were highly controversial when put forward in the 1850s, yet they have been absorbed into mainstream thinking and now form the basis of biological, genetic and evolutionary science. He worked in many other fields of biology and through his numerous experiments he discovered many things new to science, such as the form and function of animals and plants, animal and human emotions, selective breeding and even pigeon fancying!



David a former Departmental Head at Salisbury College, also taught for a decade at the Open University. With his interest in history and biology he is an experienced speaker on Darwin and evolutionary theory, as well as on **Admiral Robert Fitzroy, the Captain of the “ Beagle”**. He has given numerous talks on the subject to many societies and groups, including the National Trust.

Here are a few of the speakers we have for the coming months:

Friday 13th November

“The Lancaster to the Vulcan” -

Squadron Leader (rtd) Kevin Lawry

Friday 4th December

“Xmas...Pagan or what?” - Susan Moores

Friday 15th January 2016 “Three roads to Istanbul”

Jason Godwin author & travel writer.

I hope this has whetted your appetite and encouraged you to come along. The entrance fee for all the talks is £1 for members or £4 for guests. If you would like to join the Village Society and become a member the cost is £5 a year. All enquiries to our Secretary **Roger Ashman** on 01308 898442.

BURTON BRADSTOCK INDOOR BOWLS

The Indoor Bowls Club has opened its doors for the new winter season and is on Monday evenings from 7.00pm for 2 hours. New members are most welcome and can have a try out with us without charge for their first two weeks.

With three indoor mats and all equipment supplied you will be warmly welcomed and guaranteed a convivial evening of friendly competition.



Further information can be supplied by **Colin Clark** (Secretary) 897412

BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

The WI Centenary was celebrated nationally on 16th September. Here in Burton, members put on an Afternoon Tea, and enjoyed “Social Time” with some games in the old-fashioned style.



On 13th October we shall welcome Bruce Upton to our main meeting. “Never mind the News, let’s watch the Adverts!” is the intriguing title of his talk.

WI members are hosting the “Coffee Stop” on Wednesday 21st October, and invite you to join us in the Village Hall, 10 - 12 for coffee and cake.

Looking further ahead, the traditional WI “Early Christmas Fair” will take place on Saturday 7th November from 10.30 - 12 in the Village Hall, and we look forward to welcoming you.

Any woman living locally is welcome to come to some meetings before deciding whether to become a member (contact secretary, 897648).

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 (FBBL)

The Trustees would like to thank **Ian Wigglesworth** for all his hard work and time over the years as he finally hands over the FBBL accounts to **Pat Grafton**. So it is Pat who will be collecting your annual Friends subscriptions this year due on the **1st October**. For those new to the village please consider becoming a Friend to our community Library and help to keep this valuable resource in the village.

STORY TIME *(for Children under 5)*

Monday 12th October, 2.30pm at the Library. Children’s books are available for all ages. Children should be accompanied by a parent or carer.



Children’s books to suit all ages can be borrowed from the Library.

FEATURED AUTHOR THIS MONTH

Edward Marston is a prolific and highly successful writer, known for his mysteries set in seven distinct periods of history. The first in his latest series of novels “Shadow of the Hangman” is set in 1815 immediately after the Battle of Waterloo. It follows the adventures of Peter and Paul Skillen,

identical twins, who fight against the rising crime wave in London. Other Series of Books by Edward Marston include “Domesday” set in the late 11th century; “Nicholas Bracewell” featuring an Elizabethan theatre company; “Redmayne” set in London after the Great Fire of 1666; “Inspector Colbeck” an early Victorian railways detective; “Daniel Rawson” career soldier and ladies’ man, who distinguishes himself at the battle of Blenheim in 1704 and “Home Front Detective” set in Britain during the Great War. A collection of his novels will be on display and available to borrow from the Library.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year’s library Christmas card will be available to purchase from the Library towards the end of the month. Please see notice boards for more information.

FBBL PLOUGHMAN’S LUNCH

The FBBL Annual Ploughman’s Lunch will be held on Saturday 14th November from 12.15pm until 2.00pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. We will be serving a choice of Gammon, Cheese or Pate, with a licensed bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks. Tickets are £7 each and will be on sale from Monday 26th October at **Burton Bradstock Post Office** or from **Sandy Adderley** on 898358.

We also have a sale of books, so if anybody has any books in good condition they no longer want and would like to donate them to our fund raising event, please phone Sandy on the above telephone number.

Do come along to a very social lunchtime. We look forward to seeing you there on the day.

DIARY OF EVENTS

1 st October		FBBL Annual subscriptions are due
Friday 2 nd October	4.00pm	Police Surgery with PCSO Dave Ash.
Monday 12 th October	2.30pm	Pre-school Children Story Time
14 th November	12.15pm	FBBL Ploughman’s Lunch in the Village Hall

R.Daniels Chair FBBL

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ARTSREACH NEWS

“THE BALLAD OF MARTHA BROWN “

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER AT BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL 7.30 p.m.

Angel Exit Theatre presents an original drama based on the life and times of Martha Brown – the last woman publicly hanged in Dorset. (It is said that Thomas Hardy witnessed this gruesome event and possibly used this when writing Tess of the D’Urbervilles.)



Presented in the company’s rich visual style blending storytelling and Exciting physicality, the show contains wicked humour, an original score, Live music and macabre songs. A chorus of hollowed eyed storytellers invite you to a mysterious world of reality and fantasy.

This production was highly acclaimed when it first toured Dorset and elsewhere. *Recommended age range from 12 plus.*

You just mustn’t miss this amazing performance !

Tickets when available, from Burton Post Office or you can book from 01308 897214 Adults £10. Under 18 £8. Family ticket (2 adult and 2 children) £30

*Norman Saunders–White Artsreach Promoter for Burton Bradstock
01308 897214*

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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At the end of September, we said farewell to **David Lowe** from Spring Cottage, as he moves a little further north. He has played a notable part in village life whilst he has lived among us, especially on Burns Nights and Remembrance Sundays, and we send him every best wish for the future.

The Village’s Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be at 5.00 p.m. on Sunday 11th October in Church, and any children present are invited to present harvest gifts at the altar during the service. The service will be followed at about 6.30 p.m. by a collective Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. This will be on a Bring & Share basis, co-ordinated by **Nic Armstrong** (482452). Please let her know in advance if you are going to attend, and also nominate your contribution. This is usually a highly enjoyable event, so please support it if you can.

FIGHTING EBOLA IN SIERRA LEONE

As a further effort to help Kenema Hospital, where they worked for a year in 2012, Drs. Dominic and Sarah (nee Williams)



Waddington will be giving an illustrated lecture at Bridehead at 7.00 p.m. on Saturday 24th October: **“Fighting Ebola in Sierra Leone”**, about their more recent experiences in the country among the first group of NHS volunteers to travel there in 2014. This will be followed by wine and cheese, and entry will be **£10.00**, by cheque in advance payable to **“Sir Philip Williams (Lecture)”**, please, or at the door, space permitting. (See the block ad elsewhere for details). This should be a really interesting evening, and we hope it will be well supported.

LONG BREDY

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FIRSTLY.....

IN MEMORY

Roy Clewlow 7 April 1927 - 30 May 2015

Roy moved to Long Bredy with his wife June in 1983. Roy was born in Leicestershire in 1927 where he went to school and college and where he studied Physics. It was his passion for Physics which bought him to Weymouth in 1960 and he inspirationally taught both A level Physics and Engineering at South Dorset Technical College, which was later to become Weymouth College, until his retirement. Roy had many interests including cricket, rugby, steam locomotives and classical music - particularly opera. But most of all, Roy was a family man and his greatest delight was to be together with June, their four children and six grandchildren. It was rare for the drive at "Streamside" not to be full of family cars.

During his time in the village Roy was a valuable contributor to village life and was well-known to everyone with his friendly manner and dry sense of humour. When he was not enjoying being with his family that he so dearly loved, he carried out in a conscientious manner his duties as a church warden of St Peter's Long Bredy, a parochial church councillor, and,

together with June, organised the village fetes. It is hard not to remember a fete without thinking of Roy on the gate in his smart white Panama hat. Roy was a truly decent man full of integrity.

Sadly as Roy's health deteriorated he was unable to participate in village life, and he was missed at many events. He remained at home where June devotedly cared for him until he passed away on May 30th; his funeral was held on 25th June at Weymouth Crematorium. His generous and many contributions to Long Bredy will not be forgotten.

Win Reed

In August we were very sad to hear of the passing of Win Reed, a friend and **fellow bellringer at St Peter's church. Win was a well-known and respected ringer and with David, her husband and our tower captain, she rang with us for many years. In recent times Win regularly rang at Bradpole Ringing Centre who have a more accessible ringing chamber but she always supported St Peter's bellringers and the church as a member of the congregation. The bellringers paid their respects to Win with a Sunday morning ring in the company of Pauline, her daughter, who read one of Win's favourite prayers at the start of ringing.**

Win and David came down to the Bride Valley in 1983, firstly to Littlebredy and then to Long Bredy where they soon became stalwarts of village life. Win kept herself busy with several jobs including the of making countless pots of jams and chutneys for sale at Dorchester market, something she will be long remembered for. She stayed interested in the village to the end and we will miss this caring but determined and independent lady. A **Thanksgiving Service was held at St Peter's in August following a cremation at Weymouth earlier in the day. (GK)**

BELLRINGERS' HARVEST LUNCH

On **Sunday, October 25th** the bellringers are holding a Harvest Lunch to celebrate the harvest in the valley and to raise funds for work on the ringing chamber. The delicious home-made lunch will be served in the newly decorated village hall in Long Bredy and all are very welcome. Tickets Adults £10 or £5 for children under 12 years old and arrival



time 12.30 for 1pm. For tickets or further information please contact **Gwen Kinghorn**, 7 Bedford Terrace 01308 482270; **Ruth Cullingford** 11, The Gardens 01308 482562 or **Colin Dyer**, Corner Cottage 01308 482882. Alternatively see the Diary Page on the website www.longbredy.org.uk.

THE BELLS RING OUT

On Wednesday September 9th bells throughout the land were rung during the day and the evening, to celebrate the fact that Queen Elizabeth the **Second has become our longest reigning monarch. Long Bredy's ringers** joined in this tribute with a special peal in the evening.

LOCAL SHOW SUCCESSES - CONGRATULATIONS MELPLASH

Delia Andrews -1st in the Diamond Veteran ridden horse class;
Caddie Sitwell -1st and 2nd in the unusual vegetable class (for the second year running), and for growing the heaviest pumpkin!



DORCHESTER

David Cain - Winner of both the County Novice Shield and **Weymouth and Dorchester Beekeepers' Cup for honey.**

If there were other successful exhibitors whom I have not included, my apologies; please let me know. (SD)

100 CLUB WINNERS

The winners for August 2015 were:



£25	No. 116	Michael Felce
£15	No. 22	David Cain
£5	No. 5	Robert Maltby

KINGSTON RUSSELL AND LONG BREDEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday, 16th November**, 7pm in the Village Hall, Long Bredy. As we do not meet regularly sometimes the publicised meeting date will change to accommodate planning applications received. Please check notices or contact the parish clerk. If you have any issues regarding the two parishes please do contact the Parish Clerk: **Gwen Kinghorn**, 7 Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy, DT2 9HW; tel: 01308 482270 or email krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk. All are welcome to the meetings.

.....and finally the re-decoration of the village hall is progressing well; the hall and toilets should be finished by the time you read this!

THE LIVING TREE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Living Tree meets on **Fridays between 2pm and 4.30pm at the Friends' Meeting House in South Street, Bridport.** It offers friendship, mutual support, creative activities, holistic therapies, diet and lifestyle information for anyone with any kind of cancer.

www.thelivingtree.org.uk or contact Jo O'Farrell on 01308 427851



LITTON CHENEY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: JOHN YATES
2, SUNNYSIDE COTTAGE, LITTON CHENEY
john-and-sandra@hotmail.com Tel: 01308 482392



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The churchyard working party will be on **Thursday 1st October**. There is always plenty to do and volunteers are in short supply, so please come along from 9.30, even if you only have half an hour to spare - every little helps!

VISITING BELL-RINGERS:

Friday 2nd October from 14.15 - 15.15 and
Saturday 31st October 10.30 - 11.15

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This will be celebrated on **Sunday 4th October** at 11.00 a.m. followed by a Bring & Share Lunch in the church. Do come and **join us to celebrate this time "of mellow fruitfulness"** and a convivial lunch. Your gifts will be passed on to the Pilsdon Community.



LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council would like to place on record its congratulations to **Her Majesty The Queen on becoming Britain's longest serving monarch**. Written whilst listening to the bells of St Mary's as they rang out across the Bride Valley on Wednesday 9th September 2015. Thank you.

ANNUAL WINE TASTING WITH STEVEN SPURRIER – SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER

Note the date and book your ticket. This is a must attend event if you have an interest in good wine which this year concentrates on six fine wines from Bordeaux that have been personally reviewed for Decanter magazine by Steven. Those who have attended this annual event in the past will need no second bidding, but numbers are limited hence the need to make your booking soon. You can do this by phoning **Freddie Spicer** (482617) or **Wendy Firrell** (482532). This is a fund-raising event for the hall which Steven kindly hosts every year. Tickets are **£30** each. There is a bring and share supper after the tasting. The event begins at 7 pm, doors open 6.30 pm.



LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL (LATCH) EVENTS IN OCTOBER



Mondays	Beavers & Cubs (not 26 th)
Wednesdays	First Steps Toddler Group 9.45 a.m
Thursdays	Art Class 1.30pm–4.00pm in Meeting Room (not 29 th)
Thursdays	Scouts (not 29 th)
Fridays	Yoga Classes 10.00 a.m. (not 30 th)
Tuesday 13 th	Youth Club
Saturday 10 th	Discover Thorner's Fair 12.00 noon – 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 14 th	Fledglings AGM 7.15 p.m. in meeting room
Saturday 17 th	Village Café run by the Scout Group
Saturday 24 th	Wine Tasting with Steven Spurrier 7.00 p.m. (see separate notice)
Sunday 25 th	Screen Bites from 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 28 th	Art Workshop 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. (Lynda Connolly 01305 871178)

SCREEN BITES - SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER, 7PM

THE LUNCH BOX was a huge success with the Screen Bites audience last year, the story of a lonely and disgruntled Indian government officer nearing retirement whose life is transformed when he starts receiving delicious lunches from the famous Dabbawallahs. So what if they were intended for someone else ... but who is sending them. This gentle romance is a joy.



Food producers include Denhay, Charmouth Dragon, Dorset Gourmet Hotdogs and Portesham Vineyard, among 20 food producers.



The doors open at 7pm for tastings.
 Tickets £8. Telephone to 01963 32525 or email screenbites@thanksgiving.demon.co.uk .
 Visit the website, www.screenbites.co.uk, for more information.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

As the season of mellow fruitfulness draws in we are looking forward to the **CAROL SINGING** on **Wednesday 16th** and **Thursday 17th December**. As with last year **Paul Cheater** and **St Mary's Church Choir** will join with the Social Committee to provide two magical evenings as we proceed around the village celebrating the Christmas spirit and

collecting much appreciated funds for Julia's House. Unfortunately this year it is highly probable that Irene and Chris Colville will no longer be in residence to provide such a splendid backdrop on the Wednesday evening. (Any volunteers?). Also Chris will no longer be around to marshall the "Duck Paddle Past" next Easter Sunday. Many thanks to Irene and Chris for all their support over the years, and all the best for the future.

We continue to progress several ideas for future events put forward at the BBQ and you are reminded of the "HAS LITTON GOT TALENT?" appeal in the September's edition of the BVN. Do get in touch with Caroline (482117) or Gill (482136) who will be delighted to hear from you – *Your Village Needs You!*

Ron Davidson LCSC 482661



BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LATCH

It is not until just into November, but so you can get the date in your diary!...



Wed. 4 November **THE SECOND BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL** *'the sense of the magic of the place and emotions caught in the full flood of life are there again'* Cert. PG 2 hrs.

Richard Gere and Tamsin Grieg join the all-star cast - including Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy and Dev Patel - returning for this heartwarming sequel to The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel! Now that his first venture has been proven successful, ever-confident Sonny (Patel) is busy juggling plans for a second resort...as well as his own wedding. But his efforts are constantly hampered by hilarious complications not least rumours of the arrival of a hotel inspector. The guests provide funny and poignant moments in sub plots throughout as Sonny tries to bring together the new property and an indian wedding with all its flamboyance and colour. The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel is a worthy sequel to the original.

Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m.

TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine) - in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

We are sharing the licence for this film with Burton who will show it the previous Friday, 30 Oct.

NEXT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY :

Wed. 2 December Film to be decided. Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.

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ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters From 'Uncle Eustace':
On what those adverts from parishes wanting clergy REALLY mean...*

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you are being encouraged to look at adverts for parishes for that happy day when you will have charge of your own church. You wonder if you should look to moving to another part of the country; I suspect it may be better if you look to moving to another planet, as your reputation may not yet have travelled that far.

Reading the specifications that parishes provide, giving a picture of life in their community, need to be read in the same way as estate agents' specifications for houses for sale. Both demonstrate a triumph of optimism over reality. Let me help you decode some of the statements you will find:

"We look to grow our Sunday School" – We do not have a Sunday School.

"We have an enthusiastic choir" – We have a choir totally out of control.

"Our youth group is always eager to learn." – Our youth group experiments with some strange substances.

"The new incumbent should be sympathetic to our musical tradition" – The new incumbent must be able to play the organ as well as lead the Services.

"While cherishing our traditions, we see the need for change" – We always see the need for change, but alter anything at your peril.

"We have a large range of church groups" – You will have to run a large range of church groups singlehandedly.

“Plans for church renovations are in hand” – The building is in imminent danger of collapse.

“The vicarage is being refurbished” – The vicarage is a death trap. Its rising damp and dangerous electrics will not be fixed for many months yet.

“There is opportunity for developing ecumenical relations” – No one in living memory has ever spoken to clergy of other denominations in our town.

“The new incumbent should have a sense of humour” – He or she will need it when reading this specification.

My dear nephew, caveat emptor. Let the buyer beware!

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

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THE SECOND BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL

Wednesday 4th November
7.30 for 8.00pm LATCH
See Litton Cheney Section
page 23 for further details



VALLEY NOTES



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

We are already well into a new academic year and the children have settled into their new classes.



Our Reception children had their first school outing, on their second day in school, for our **Church service**. The musicians accompanied the hymns beautifully and the readers and bellringers did their usual splendid job. It was wonderful to have so many of our friends and families joining us.

The whole school is enjoying football training on the field. The children are practising cross country running, netball and football and enjoying a range of lunchtime clubs: gardening, Eco, knitting and Forest School.



A date for your diaries: Saturday 10 October - **Discover Thorner's Fair from 12 noon to 2pm** at school and LATCH.

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL



We have had a brilliant start to the Autumn term and the children have returned to school happy and refreshed after their Summer holiday.

We have welcomed 8 new children and their families to the school as they join the Reception class as well as one family with children further up the school. The children have settled quickly into the routines of the school and have eagerly engaged with their lessons and learning. At present we have 84 children on roll.



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This term our teaching will be delivered through **the Learning Quest 'Journeys'**. As an entry point into the topic, and to help inspire the children, the whole school will be going on a very special journey at the beginning of term. They will be travelling by coach to Seaton and travelling on

the tram. It will be a wonderful experience for the children as well as enabling them to compare journeys in the past to the present day. They will also be using their imaginations to consider how transport and journeys will be made in the future! For more information the plan is available on the school website.

As well as our exciting Learning Quests each term the children will also be focussing this year on writing, which is part of our School Development Plan. To support this improvement the whole school have adopted a new handwriting scheme and there will also be a focus on phonics and spelling. In addition, we want to inspire our children to be confident writers and to gain as much experience as they can from the world around them. Perhaps you are, or know someone who is, a journalist, poet, creative writer etc? Do you have links with a newspaper or magazine that would be happy to come in and give some tips to our children on how to set up a school magazine? If you know of anyone, or an organisation, that would be a valuable link that could help us to achieve this we would love to hear from you.

With the Summer now starting to leave us we turn our thoughts to the Autumn and our Harvest Festival. This will take place on **Friday 9th October at 9.15am in St Mary's Church**. All are warmly invited to attend.

We are also holding an **Open Morning** on **Thursday 15th October** for parents/carers of children due to start in Reception in September 2016. If you are looking for a school for next September we would love to show you around our school. Please contact us for further details on 897369.

Claire Staple, Headteacher

CALLING ALL CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXHOLDERS

If you have a Children's society box that has not yet been emptied this year would you please deliver it to me at 30, Springfield, Puncknowle as soon as possible so we can send **in this year's donation**. Or you can contact me at sue.brown@btinternet.com or telephone 897953.



The Church of England Children's Society is a children's charity which helps children of all faiths and no faith, including children at risk on the streets, disabled children, young refugees, young carers or those within the youth justice system.

Look at their web site www.childrenssociety.org.uk to find out more. If you would like to have a box for those pocketfuls of loose change we have some available.

Sue Brown

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 9th October and Friday 13th November.



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

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)

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PRE -SCHOOL

Please come along to our **AGM on Wednesday 14th October 7.30pm** in **LATCH** committee room. All are welcome We will be holding our famous **auction of promises** at The White Horse on **Friday 20th November**, keep the date free, more details next month



We still have some spaces for this term so ring us or drop in anytime and have a look around or call us on 01308 482410 and ask for Fledglings **We are open Monday – Thursday 9-3.30**

Check out our web site at www.bridevalleyfledglings.btck.co.uk/

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON VILLAGE HALL

AGM 5th October 2015 7.30pm In the hall Find out how the hall is managed, give suggestions on how we can make it better, ideas for events and social evenings?

Please come along if you can and show your support for this great facility.

Everyone is very welcome



LETTER FROM RYDER

Dear Friends

Heather and I have now served the Bride Valley for ten years and would like to thank all of you who have supported us during our time of ministry.

However I gave notice in July that if a certain course of action was taken in the Valley I would in all conscience have to resign from being a member of the Ministry Team.

This decision stems from my commitment to the historical Biblical view of Holy Matrimony being exclusively between a man and a woman. Scripture is clear that the Lord loves us all whatever (and so must we). It was this undeserved grace that led Christ to die on the cross to forgive us. Believing this good news results in eternal life - something that is available to all. This is the gospel that I believe and will never cease to preach.

Whilst to 'love your neighbour' is a very important command for us to follow, the command to 'love the Lord your God' is even greater, in fact Jesus called this 'the *first* commandment' Putting our relationship with Jesus first leads us to follow him and his revealed will in Scripture, not the wants of society.

From now on, having fulfilled my promised obligations in the Valley, as from October I will not be retiring but changing my role from 'Associate Priest' to 'Retired Priest with Permission to Officiate' to serve the benefice, and any others who ask me , without remuneration).

May the Lord bring our land and churches back to a deep love for the Lord and a clear and faithful obedience to his Word

I remain yours prayerfully in the service of Jesus our Lord.

Ryder

GOOD BOOKS

Bridport's Christian Bookshop
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St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL
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**Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday 9.00am-1.00pm,
Wednesday 9.00am-3.00pm, Saturday. 10.00am-12.00 noon.
Sunday - Closed**



HOME GROUP, BRIDE VALLEY WEST END.

Rahab, Tamar and Bathsheba . . .so, apart from being named in the Bible and their stories told what do these three ladies have in common? They are **all of doubtful character and were transformed by God's grace and given a place in his plan to bring his Son into the world.** **COLOURFUL LADIES OF THE BIBLE** is our theme for the next few weeks and should engender some interesting discussions.

We meet on **alternate Tuesday evenings** and **Wednesday afternoons**. The first meeting in October is on **Tuesday, 6th** at **4 Old Mill, Grove Road, Burton Bradstock at 7 pm** , and the second on **Wednesday, 14th** at **Hope House, 12 Home Farm Way, Shipton Gorge at 3pm.**

We would love you to come along and join us. If you would like to know more please contact 01308 897445.

GOOD BOOKS EVENTS

Our next Coffee Morning fundraiser is on **October 6th** from **10 am-12 noon** when we will be welcoming back Dorset author **Di Castle**, with her popular **'Grandma's Poetry Book'**. Come and join us for tasty cakes, raffle and bric-a-brac, and browse through our new books, good quality second-hand, and cards.

NEW BOOKS:

Susie Hare- A Different Story is the autobiography of this popular Christian songwriter and professional pianist as she lives with Parkinson's Disease. Written in an easy, readable style, Susie's memoirs encourage us to keep going in life's trials, and are a testament to God's faithfulness when life doesn't go quite as expected.

Eager to Love: The Alternative way of Francis of Assisi, by **Richard Rohr**, Franciscan monk and renowned writer and theologian, draws on scripture, insights from psychology, literary and artistic references, to weave together an understanding of the tradition as first practiced by Saint Francis.

Shadowlands: The True Story of C.S.Lewis and Joy Davidman by **Brian Sibley** in a new edition of the popular biography tells the unique story of C.S.Lewis; distinguished author and Oxford scholar, and Joy Davidman, a Jewish/American divorcee, converted Christian, and former Communist party member.

Janice Collins (Manager), the Trustees & all the Good Books team

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ILLUSTRATED LECTURE
“FIGHTING EBOLA IN SIERRA LEONE”

by Drs. Sarah and Dominic Waddington

at Bridehead, Littlebredy,

7.00 p.m. on Saturday 24th October

Followed by Wine and Cheese.

**Entry £10.00 by cheque in advance or on the door,
to help provide Solar Panels for the Paediatrics Department
of Kenema Government Hospital, Sierra Leone
and for the Littlebredy Church Roof Repair Fund.**

To reserve (a) place(s), please send a cheque [payable to Sir Philip Williams (Lecture)]
to Bridehead, Littlebredy, DT2 9JA. Tickets will be held at the door.

Space is limited, so early application is advised.

SCREEN BITES

★ FOOD FILM FESTIVAL ★

From 22nd to 31st October 2015

Sunday 25th October

Litton and Thorners Village Hall

THE LUNCH BOX

Sponsored by Denhay

Food producers include: A Jar Of, Charmouth Dragon, Denhay, Dorset Gourmet Hotdog Company, Leakers,
Porresham Vineyard, Tamarisk Farm, West Country Higgler, Wobbly Cottage
Chococo, Clipper Tea, Dorset Cereals, Olives Et Al, Hall & Woodhouse, Honeybuns, Jurassic Spring, Palmers Brewery,
Purbeck Ice Cream, Thomas J Fudge, Woodlands Dairy

Doors open 7pm

Tickets £8

Telephone 01963 32525

www.screenbites.co.uk

See Page 22 Litton Cheney section for more details

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS



Thank you to all who supported our recent production, Bothered and Bewildered, at Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

Also, many thanks to those who put money into the collection boxes. With a small donation from The Players, a total of **£200** has been sent to the **Alzheimer's Society**.

Our next production is in February, so do keep a look out for further details in this magazine.

Janet Tolputt

REVIEW BY CAROL LUMLEY

Skilfully directed by **Janet Tolputt**, “**Bothered & Bewildered**” was a triumph in every respect despite its challenging focus on Alzheimer's disease.

I came away vaguely comforted that a sufferer is possibly not entirely alone; the main character, Irene, brilliantly portrayed by **Liz Slater**, was visited every day by the late Barbara Cartland, played magnificently by **Andrea Wilkinson**, resplendent in fluffy, feathery pink hats and gowns and bejewelled finery.

Much of the suffering and anxiety associated with Alzheimer's is endured by close family, as seen in the sympathetic and realistic portrayal of Irene's daughters Beth and Louise, played by Vicky Thomas and Catherine Batten. I found myself wishing Beth and Louise could see Irene and realise that she was perfectly happy in her own world of memories and secrets.

The enthusiastic and talented supporting cast of **Chris Roberts**, **Will Orza**, **Katy Post** and **Roy Perkins**, also deserve a mention. They were marvellous, especially Will and Katy who had to develop in both age and significance during the play.

The play was beautifully staged, with clever, effective sound effects and lighting, particularly the shades of pink. Minimal props and scenery, and an impressive “**dual screen**” all enhanced the impact of the acting. The dialogue was honest, truthful, sympathetic and, at times, funny.

SIT [Staying in touch] course on DEMENTIA.

Good for LLM's, LPA's, Clergy, Carers and all interested in this cruel illness.

Saturday 31st October, 2015 in Chesil Court Hall, [off Anning's Lane] Burton Bradstock,

9.30am - 3.30pm led by Peter and Diana Wright, [Acom Christian Healing Foundation]

Donations appreciated. BYO lunch, drinks provided.

All welcome, **BUT please confirm you will be coming by 16th October, 2015.**

elfsavgear@btinternet.com or 01308 424031

ARE YOU VISUALLY IMPAIRED?

Then the Bridport & Area Blind Club is for you
We have Tuesday afternoon meetings twice a month with
tea and musical entertainment, quizzes or coach outings.

If you or someone you know might be interested please
contact.

Ian Ibbotson (Local Organiser) T: 01308 898484

E: ian.ibbotson@btinternet.com or

Ann Cook T: 01308 427915

We may be able to provide transport to our meetings in
Bridport.

We are also recruiting volunteer drivers



REFUGEE CRISIS APPEAL

The images of desperate refugees crossing the Mediterranean in unstable boats, or packed illegally into lorries, or protesting 'We are human beings too' in the port of Calais, are a distressing reminder of the shocking refugee crisis that led to the founding of Christian Aid in 1945.

Christian Aid is working with churches and other agencies in supporting humanitarian efforts taking place in Europe and the Middle East. Our partners can provide essential humanitarian supplies such as food, fuel for cooking, hygiene and sanitation kits, water containers and cash assistance, as well as psychological support for those who are suffering as a result of the conflict.

The numbers seeking refuge will grow as long as the conflicts in Syria and Iraq continue, and, as winter approaches in all countries of refuge, their needs will increase. We urgently need funds to continue supporting existing vulnerable families and prepare to reach thousands more.

Please help us respond to the immediate and long-term needs of refugees and provide vital assistance to those facing fear and uncertainty.

<https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/>



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

As far as meetings are concerned the Gardening Club year comes to an end in October, but we are grateful to those whose **work continues 'behind the scenes' to prepare next year's** programme of speakers and outings.



On **October 19th Martin Young** from **Nectar Plants** will be talking on **'Coastal Gardening'** and **leading a short quiz to round off our 2015** meetings. This will be followed by cheese, wine and mulled apple juice. All visitors welcome, £2 entrance.

Jobs to do in October

This is the month to plant cyclamen; they grow well in pots and flower for months. Hardy cyclamen corms can also be planted outside. Keep dead-heading basket and bedding displays to keep them flowering until the first frosts. Add instant colour by planting late-flowering asters and chrysanthemums. Perennials that flower late in the summer will have set seed by now and these are ideal for sowing straight away – germinate in some warmth; then, when seedlings are a good size, place in cold greenhouse or sheltered frame outside.

In the kitchen garden harvest beetroot, trim foliage from blemish-free beets and allow the cuts to air-dry overnight – store them in boxes filled with sand or densely packed shredded paper (the beets should not be touching); kept in a cool dry room or garage they should keep well into spring. Sow green manures on bare soil to prevent nutrients being washed away by winter rains. Plant out spring cabbages and summer cauliflowers; sow hardy broad beans and peas under cloches. Bring pots of herbs under cover to maintain crops during the autumn.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN THE DECEMBER BVN

As in past years we are giving an opportunity of sending to our local friends and neighbours Christmas greetings by way of the BVN. Your name will appear on a dedicated page under a **collective** greeting. Please give **Susan Paul** (Old Walls, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QZ) your name(s), *as you would like it/them to appear in the BVN list* with, of course, your donation. Cheques should be made payable to **The Bride Valley Churches Team Council** to arrive with Susan no later than **31st October** in order to catch the deadline for the December issue. It is planned to split the donations between the **Bride Valley News** and **Chancery House** of which further information can be found on www.chanceryhouse.org



IN PRAISE OF ART

Did you visit Burton Bradstock Village Hall during our wonderful Festival Week this August? I was impressed by the high standard again this year and the lovely welcoming atmosphere in the hall where the home-made bunting, painted by the local school children, added a festive look. Often, people came in several times to see and enjoy.

Wendy Hart, Organiser, and her committee and helpers worked so hard for months to make this year's art exhibition the success it was. The variety of subjects and mediums was a delight . . . something for everyone. Two ceramic artists exhibited their work, each contrasting to the benefit of the other, and the woodworking stand was an added attraction.

Wendy's artistic eye had made sure the exhibition was arranged to the best advantage, ably abetted by her expert hanging committee . . . a long and tiring job that was rewarded by the many appreciative remarks received during the week.

I'm sure **Wendy would say that it was a team effort and she'd be right**, of course. But a team needs a good motivating leader and we are lucky to have one in Wendy. Well done everyone who helped to make the art exhibition an important part of Festival Week!

VOCAL GROUP FROM HOLLAND MAKE RETURN VISIT

The vocal group **Kwarts** from Holland is making a final return visit to the Bride Valley in October. Led by organist and conductor **Jac Peeters** they will be performing a concert of choral and organ music in **St.Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock on Monday 12th October at 6.30pm**. Admission is free, with donations to church funds. During Saturday 10th they plan to sing for a short while in each of the other churches in the valley. For further details contact David Woodford (898327).



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH SOCIAL EVENINGS



Social evenings are usually held on the last Monday evening in the month commencing at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. The Social Evenings for the rest of the year will be held in the **Stable Bar** of **The Anchor** on the following dates:

Monday 26th October and AGM
Monday 30th November

Please let Basil Dent (897125) or Malcolm Lawrence (89861) know if you are attending.

OTHER EVENTS

Friday Oct. 23rd Annual Band Concert in Burton Village Hall 7.30pm
[Tickets £5 each available from Burton Post Office from 1st October]
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**
10.45am

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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

We will remember... ..

Betty HODDER (Portesham)(Feb 1923-May 2015). Betty had a full and interesting life. She came to nursing after ATS duties as a driver in Europe during WW2. She joined the RBL and was **President of the Women's Section until her death. Married to Harold** and with two children she became involved in village life, as cub scout leader, a member of the W.I., and a regular member of the church. She travelled widely and would always lend a hand. Betty will be remembered with great affection by her many friends in Portesham and beyond.

This is the time of year when we remind you that it is not necessary to be a member or ex-member of the armed services in order to become a Legion Branch Member. By joining now you will obtain the maximum benefit of your **membership** fee (£18 for 12 months). *(continued page 39)*



Fry Brother's Charity Accommodation – Portesham (Charity No 284669)

Fry Brother's Charity own, manage and let a number of 1/2 bedroom bungalows in the village of Portesham for exclusive use of retired agricultural workers and their spouse. The criteria for tenancy is that applicants must have resided and worked the land in or near the village. We currently have a vacant property and would like to hear from anyone who is in need and think they might meet the criteria.

If you would like to be considered for a tenancy or for more information please call Jill Davis, Secretary, on 01305 781917 or
e mail: frybrotherscharity@gmx.co.uk

A Walk Round Dorset



Please help to raise funds for ZANE (Zimbabwe National Emergency, registered charity no. 1112949) and the upkeep of St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney (Grade 1 Listed Building).



Freddie Spicer plans to walk the **188 miles** round the county in October and is seeking sponsorship which will be split two thirds to ZANE and one third to St Mary's; an offer to match every pound raised (to a maximum of £1500) has been received. ZANE is a relational charity giving aid, support and encouragement direct to the poverty stricken, including many pensioners, in Zimbabwe; ZANE helps around 600 ex-servicemen and their wives and widows, runs micro finance and training initiatives to enable self help businesses and food production in impoverished communities there and funded the first clubfoot correction programme in Zimbabwe.

If you would like to sponsor Freddie, or make a donation, please contact Freddie Spicer (8 Garden Close, Litton Cheney, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9DW) or Brian Prentice, PCC Treasurer at Steddings, Chalk Pit Lane, or any member of the PCC (cheques payable to PCC St Mary's Church or online to the PCC account at Lloyds sort code 30-92-69, Account No. 00397579 and please be sure to quote reference thus – Mr A.B. Smith with Gift Aid should record "SmithABwalkGA"). If you are able to gift aid then please do so; all funds will be paid to the PCC St Mary's who have resolved to remit two thirds of the total to ZANE (the gift aid repayment will be retained by the church).

Thank you very much.

Freddie Spicer

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday 8 October, meet at 7.30 p.m., R. Doble Room, Portesham Village Hall for a talk by **Jonny Watson** on the **Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary**. Event is open to non-members in return for a donation to the charity.

20-27 October, **D. Baker's Charity Fund**-raising tour of the **Amalfi Coast**. (Fully booked)

Incidentally, the total amount raised to date for the RBL Poppy Appeal through these tours amounts to £8219.

Thursday 29 October, **Branch Committee Meeting**/The Social Fund Meeting – time and venue as above.

20/21 November, two-day **London Tour**, staying at a west end 4* hotel and visiting Miss Saigon stage show together with a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament. (Fully booked)

Date to be fixed in December, **Carol Service**, Exeter Cathedral.

Advance notice: **29 April 2016** Powderham Castle Garden Festival.

Des Baker (The Social Fund Chairman) 01305 267617 or aveswood@sky.com

TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WILL AID'S 'MAKE A WILL' MONTH

Been putting off writing or updating your Will? This **November**, **Will Aid's Make a Will Month** returns and will offer you the opportunity to put your **affairs in order, secure your loved one's future and give to charities helping the young, the elderly and whole communities in the UK and overseas.**

Participating solicitors are inviting people to contact them to book appointments for November, when they will prepare basic Wills without charging their normal fee. All that they will ask in return is that clients consider making a voluntary donation to Will Aid. The suggested donation is just £95 for a single Will, or £150 for a pair of mirror Wills.

The money raised is shared by nine UK charities that carry out life-changing work here in the UK and around the world, namely ActionAid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Sightsavers, Save the Children, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (N. Ireland).

More than half of UK adults (53%) don't have a Will and so have not made any legally valid provision for what they would like to happen after their death. Even worse, around one third of people who die each year do so without a Will and their estate is therefore distributed according to a set of rules which cannot adequately cope with modern family circumstances. This can lead to a great deal of stress and uncertainty, as well as financial

hardship, for those left behind.

Even if you have a Will, it is important to keep it up to date. Will Aid's research shows that almost 60% of people with a Will have not revised it for more than three years and these older Wills are almost certain to be out of date – assets will have been disposed of and new ones acquired; children and any named guardians will have grown older; whole families could have been re-configured.

Experts recommend routinely reviewing a Will every three to five years, and making a new Will as soon as significant family changes occur.

Will Aid's Make A Will Month is the perfect opportunity to gain the peace of mind that comes from knowing your affairs are in order and that your wishes will be carried out after your death. In fact, writing a legally valid Will is the only way of ensuring that this happens.

Please book early as solicitors tend to fill their appointments very quickly. Find a convenient participating solicitor at www.willaid.org.uk or by calling the hotline 0300 0309 558.

ALL IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

It was:

600 years ago:- on 25th Oct 1415 that the Battle of Agincourt (France) took place. It was a British victory.

200 years ago:- on 15th Oct 1815 that former French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte arrived on the island of St Helena to begin his British-imposed exile. He died there six years later.

100 years ago:- on 12th Oct 1915 that Edith Cavell, British Nurse and WWI heroine died. She saved the lives of injured soldiers regardless of which side they were on. Executed for helping British soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium.

Also 100 years ago:- on 23rd Oct 1915 that W G Grace, British cricketer, died. Considered by many to be the greatest cricketer of all time.

75 years ago:- on 9th Oct 1940 that during the Blitz a German bomb **destroyed the high altar of St Paul's Cathedral.**

Also 75 years ago:- on 9th Oct 1940 that John Lennon, the Beatle, was born. (Died 1980)

Also 75 years ago:- on 16th Oct 1940 that the Warsaw Ghetto was established in Poland during the Holocaust.

60 years ago:- on 31st Oct 1955 that Princess Margaret announced she had called off plans to marry Group Captain Peter Townsend. She would have had to renounce her royal status to marry him, as he was divorced.

50 years ago:- on 8th Oct 1965 that the Post Office Tower in London (now the BT Tower) was officially opened. It was the tallest building in the UK until 1980.

40 years ago:- on 30th Oct 1975 that British serial killer Peter Sutcliffe (the Yorkshire Ripper) killed his first victim in Leeds. In 1981 he was convicted of murdering 13 women.

Also 30 years ago:- on 6th Oct 1985 that the Broadwater Farm housing estate riot in Tottenham, took place. Metropolitan Police constable Keith Blakelock was killed – the first constable to be killed in a riot since 1833.

Also 30 years ago:- on 8th Oct 1985 that the musical Les Miserables opened at the Barbican Theatre in London for its first English-language production and its first West End production.

Also 25 years ago:- on 3rd Oct 1990 that East and West Germany were officially reunited as the Federal Republic of Germany.

DIARY, OCTOBER 2015

Thu	1	9.30	Churchyard Working Party	St Mary's Litton Cheney
Thu	1	14.30	G of H Prayer/Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Fri	2	16.00	Police Surgery	Burton Library
Mon	5	10.00	Julian Meeting	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Mon	5	19.30	PSWB AGM	Puncknowle Village Hall
Tue	6	19.00	Bride Valley Home Group West End meeting	4 Old Mill, Burton
Wed	7	19.00	Puncknowle Book Club	Puncknowle Village Hall
Wed	7	19.30	Parish Council meeting	Reading Room, Burton
Fri	9	09.15	Harvest Festival	St Marys' Church , Burton
Fri	9	10.00	Art Club	Art Trip
Fri	9	14.15	Tots & Pram Service	St Marys' Church , Burton
Sat	10	12.00	Discover Thorner's Fair	Thorner's/LATCH
Sun	11	12.30	Harvest Festival Lunch	Burton Village Hall
Mon	12	14.30	Pre school childrens story time	Burton Library
Mon	12	18.30	Kwarts Vocal Group from Holland	St Marys' Church , Burton
Tue	13	19.30	W.I. - Brian Upton - "Ignore the news let's"	Burton Village Hall
Wed	14	15.00	Bride Valley Home Group - West End meeting	Hope House, Sipton
Wed	14	19.30	Fledglings AGM	LATCH
Thu	15	14.30	G of H Prayer/Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Thu	15		Open Morning	Burton School
Fri	16	19.30	Village Society - David Crowman/Charles Darwin	Burton Village Hall
Sat	17	10.30	Village Café - Cancer Research	LATCH
Sat	17		Race Night	Sipton Village Hall
Mon	19	19.30	BV Garden Club "Coastal gardening" /M Young	Puncknowle Village Hall
Tue	20	12.30	PSWB Lunch Club	Puncknowle Village Hall
Wed	21	10.00	Coffee Stop hosted by the W.I.	Burton Village Hall
Fri	23	10.00	Art Club	Puncknowle Village Hall
Fri	23	19.30	British Legion - Band concert	Burton Village Hall
Sat	24	19.00	A farmers and sailors event	Burton Village hall
Sat	24	19.00	Fighting Ebola in Sierra Leone	Bridehead
Sat	24	19.00	Annual Wine Tasting with Steven Spurrier	LATCH
Sun	25	12.30	Harvest Lunch	Long Bredy Village Hall
Sun	25	19.00	Screen Bites/The Lunch Box	LATCH
Mon	26	19.00	Bride Valley British Legion - AGM + social	The Anchor, Burton
Wed	28	10.00	Coffee Stop hosted by the Village Society	Burton Village Hall
Fri	30	19.30	BB Films - Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	Burton Village Hall
Sat	31	19.00	Halloween Party	Burton Village Hall
Wed	4	20.00	BV Films - Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	LATCH



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES SEPTEMBER 2015

	1 st Sunday 4 October Trinity 18	2 nd Sunday 11 October Trinity 19	3 rd Sunday 18 October Trinity 20	4 th Sunday 25 October Bible Sunday
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Harvest Service 6.30 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion By Ext 6.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer	
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	3.00 Pets' Service	11.00 Morning Worship 3.30 Evensong
Swyre	6.30 Harvest Service	11.00 Holy Communion by Ext	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	11.00 Harvest Festival	9.30 Holy Communion by Ext	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion by Ext		9.30 Harvest Festival	
Littlebredy		5.00 Harvest Service		11.00 Holy Communion