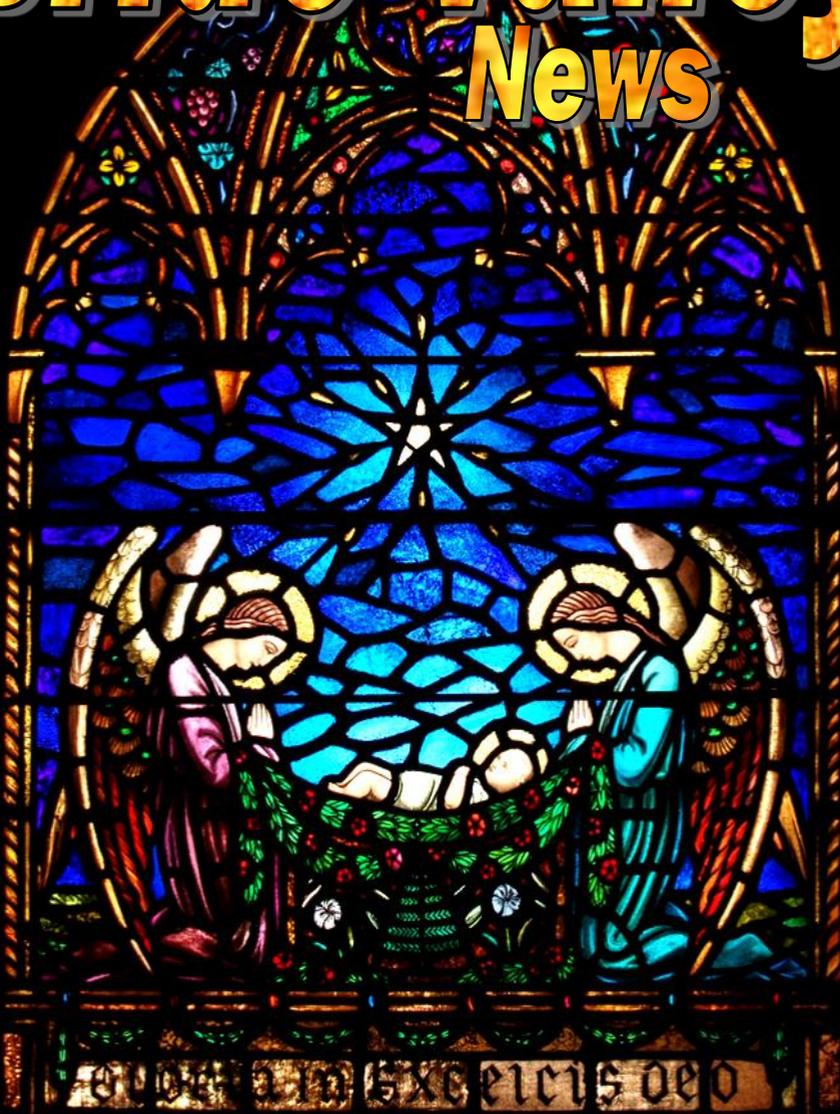


Bride Valley News



The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches
December 2015



We wish all our friends & neighbours a
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&
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	CHRISTMAS EVE	CHRISTMAS DAY
Burton Bradstock	5.30 Crib Service 11.30 Midnight Communion	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Christmas Service
Shipton Gorge		11.00 Holy Communion
Swyre	9.30pm Early Midnight Communion	
Puncknowle		11.00 Holy Communion by ext
Litton Cheney	4.00 Crib Service 11.30 Midnight Communion	
Long Bredy		9.30 Holy Communion
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion by ext

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FROM THE EDITOR



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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

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

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

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WEEKDAY SERVICES, DECEMBER 2015

Tuesday	1	9.00	Puncknowle
Thursday	3	9.30	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	3	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Friday	4	9.00	Swyre
Monday	7	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	8	9.00	Puncknowle
Thursday	10	9.30	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	10	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	10	19.00	Puncknowle Reflect & Study
Monday	14	9.00	Long Bredy
Thursday	17	9.30	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	17	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Friday	18	9.00	Swyre
Monday	21	9.00	Long Bredy
Tuesday	22	9.00	Puncknowle
Monday	28	9.00	Long Bredy
Thursday	26	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	26	19.00	Puncknowle Reflect & Study
Friday	27	9.00	Swyre
Monday	30	9.00	Long Bredy

Our churches at Chilcombe and Puncknowle are due to be featured in a new publication coming out this month: *More Secret Places of West Dorset* written by Louise Hodgson and published by the Roving Press is a follow-up to a popular guide to some of the more hidden features of our part of the county. I've been in ministry in Dorset for over twenty five years and I continue to come across little gems connected with the history of the church in our region. Recently, at a tiny Dorset church (at the end of a no-through road) I came across this jewel-like fragment of medieval stained glass – there were other fragments that had survived the Reformation but most of the glass had been destroyed.



This picture is of the moment in the Bible story we call the Annunciation; on hearing from Gabriel the invitation to become Jesus' mother, Mary receives the Holy Spirit into her – on the left hand side of the composition, within the ray of light that beams towards her, you can make out the faint form of the dove which signifies the Holy Spirit. Our Christian forebears understood that the conception of Jesus in Mary's womb occurred via her *hearing*: listening to Gabriel's invitation Mary freely assents to the mystery of the Incarnation happening through her. She harkened to the angel's invitation; her harkening opened up in her the space for God to work this deep mystery through her body. At the Advent Songs of Praise at Litton Cheney we sang two hymns which began with the word '*Hark!*' ('*Hark the glad sound*'; '*Hark a thrilling sound is calling*'). Around Christmastime '*Hark the herald angels sing*' will be a carol we'll be singing often around the churches in the valley. May we like Mary 'harken' to the glad invitation God extends to work in and through us.

Stephen Batty

FROM THE REGISTERS



On Monday, 5th October members of the village and farming communities squeezed into St Martin's Church in Shipton Gorge as they joined with the family of **Keith Sorrell** to remember and give thanks for Keith's life. Keith lived in the Bride Valley for over sixty years, and he loved the land, the animals and the people who were such a big part of his life. He worked hard on the land, and was respected

by the farming community as a knowledgeable, and unassuming man. The hymns that we sang; *All things bright and beautiful*, and *We plough the fields and scatter*; reflected his love of nature and of farming, and in the eulogy we were reminded of his sense of humour, his love of motor bikes and his enjoyment of alley skittles. He had the ability to bring the whole community together and was described as “one of the good guys” whose kindness and generosity of spirit will be sorely missed. We have commended him to loving arms of God and trust that the pain and tears will ease and the fond memories will remain. As the family said, “He would want us all to support each other, and just carry on and eat cake.”

May he rest in peace, and rise again in glory.

On Monday 16th November Holy Trinity Church, Swyre, was more than filled with friends and family of **Joan Ann Bennett**, for a Service of thanksgiving for her long and interesting life. She had chosen her own hymns for the service: Jerusalem (reflecting her involvement with the W.I.), All things bright and beautiful (for her love of nature) and The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended (a reflection of her faith and commitment to the church). Another of Joan's interests was Country Dancing, and she was led to the churchyard by musicians on Melodeon and Recorder playing a medley of tunes she would have danced to. Joan was reunited with her husband Harold as her body was committed to the ground. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



THANK YOU

Lesley, Steve and Jake wish to express their sincere thanks for the many cards and letters of sympathy received following the very sudden death of their darling daughter (and sister), Gemma Louise, on 23 October 2015. The service to celebrate Gemma's life was uplifting for us all and we are thankful to everyone who attended.

The Dove family

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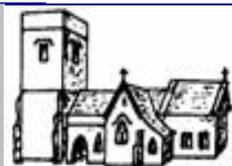


LONG BREDY

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In contrast to last year, this year there was more 'stride than ride' and now that the total money is in, those who took part raised **£220.00**. This money will be divided between the Dorset Historic Churches Fund and St Peter's, Long Bredy. A very grateful thanks to all those who walked, and to their sponsors, thereby contributing to the maintenance of some very beautiful and interesting buildings.

RIDE+STRIDES

HARVEST FESTIVAL

At a time when many rural parish churches are in the news for having tiny congregations, nearly forty parishioners attended the service to celebrate a harvest once again 'safely gathered in'. The church was traditionally and beautifully decorated with garden flowers, fruit, vegetables, wheat and a harvest loaf. Rev.



Stephen Batty focused on the beauty of vegetables, not only the promise of their flavour but their colours, texture and smell - a treat for many of our senses if we take time to look and really enjoy them.

There are photos of the arrangements in the gallery section on the village website.

HARVEST LUNCH

Wow - magnificent teamwork from the bellringers of St Peter's provided a feast for the eyes, an excellent home cooked lunch of very locally produced food and a lively occasion for the fifty people of all ages who went. It was a tremendous achievement to provide such delicious, hot food for so many. This was the first opportunity for everyone to see the re-painted hall which was decorated with beech sprays, pumpkins, dahlias



and origami 'bird' napkins! A total of **£580.00** was raised from the lunch, donations and a raffle, which will go towards the bell tower funds. Thank you, bellringers, for your hard work in organising a lovely village event.

ST PETER'S BELLS

Some of you may have enjoyed the sound of the bells when they were rung by a visiting team of ringers from Wiltshire. For any ringers who may be interested, they rang a quarter peal of St Simon's Doubles, which included at least 1250 changes!

The bells were rung in the evening of November 11th for Remembrance Day.

On **Saturday, December 12th**, St Peter's will host the Carol Service for the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers. Ringing is from 2.30 p.m. and the service is at 3.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to the service, which is followed by tea and mince-pies.

MOVING OUT....

Almost two years ago **Jamie, Nicola and Stanley Miller** moved from London into Lattice Cottage to taste village life and the Bride Valley; was it for them? Happily, it was and they have decided to stay in the area. **Nora** was born in March and the four of them have now moved to Litton Cheney. We hope they will be very happy there.

MOVING IN...

At the Harvest Lunch, it was lovely to welcome **Andrew and Donna Crank**, who have bought Valerie and Iain Cameron's house.

Fred and Anne Gillson, together with their daughter Phyllis Warren, and West Highland terrier Mac, have moved from Hampshire into Selma and Norman Ling's house. We hope they will quickly settle into their new home and enjoy being part of the village.

MOVING ON...

As Morrish and Banham, Caroline and Mark have set up an innovative Wine Merchant and Tasting Room in Brewery Square, Dorchester.

Good luck in your new venture.



GERALD CUFF

Gerald Cuff passed away recently. Gerald and Janet came to Long Bredy in March 1965 and established the well-known Dowervale Herd of pedigree cows. They were married for 61 years. Gerald was a jovial, kind family man; he and Janet now rest in Long Bredy churchyard.

PETER HORSLEY

Peter, who farmed at Middle Farm from 1971 to 1998 with his wife Jean and his three children Nick, Stuart and Gillian, sadly died suddenly on 27th October, the day after his 81st birthday.

Peter loved the countryside and farming and had a great sense of fun often teasing people, especially those who were new to life in the country and farming. Peter retired with Jean to Dorchester rekindling their love of old time and sequence dancing, vintage motorbikes and later vintage cars. Peter was proud of his three children and six grandsons and would tell anybody who would listen what they were all doing and achieving. He always looked forward to seeing his six great grandchildren as often as possible.

Jean, Nick, Stuart, Gillian and their families would like to send heartfelt thanks for the many messages of support and love they have received at this time. It has meant a lot to them and is helping in the grieving process knowing Peter was loved and respected by so many people in the community.

Both of these families did a great deal to support this village and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

100 CLUB WINNERS

The winners for October 2015 were:

£25	No.16	Percy Bastable
£25	No.41	Brian Lee
£5	No.21	Carol Lee



*Tea and Chat
Baglake Farm on
Tuesday December 8th
3.00 p.m. till 5.00 p.m.
All are welcome.*

LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The next **churchyard working party** will be on **Thursday 3rd December** from 9.30am.

We hope many of you will join us for our **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

Carols by Candlelight on Sunday **20th December** at 6.30 p.m.
followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Crib Service on **Christmas Eve** at 4.00 p.m. A lovely start to
Christmas for all the family, and

Midnight Communion on **Christmas Eve** starting at 11.30 p.m.

Light up the Church this Christmastime - For a donation of only £5 you can floodlight the Church for an evening over the Christmas and New Year period, either to remember a loved one or to celebrate an anniversary or event. Please contact Freddie Spicer on 482617.

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

We wish all Bride Valley residents and businesses a Happy Christmas and wonderful 2016. The council's next meeting is on **Tuesday 12th January**.

HGVs

If you happen to come across a large HGV attempting to transit the village, perhaps on its way to the Cheese Factory at Ashley Chase, please obtain whatever details you can (registration, company name & photo) and forward them to **John Firrell** (Parish Clerk) 482313. We are keeping a record of incidents in conjunction with Ashley Chase Estates, Long Bredy PC and Dorset Highways in an effort to better manage HGV movements at this end of the Bride Valley. Many thanks. More details can be found on the Litton Cheney website www.littoncheney.org.uk.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Village Lengthsman – If you are a person who can fix things, keep the village clean and tidy and generally maintain the fabric of the village then your talents can be put to good use as the Village Lengthsman and you will be paid for the privilege. If you are interested please contact **John Firrell** (Parish Clerk) on 482313 for further details.

Rights of Way/Footpaths Officer – If you are walker, maybe with dog in tow, and you roam the byways around the village perhaps you would considered volunteering to be our Rights of Way/Footpaths Officer. If you are looking to put something back into the community this may well be your chance. More details from Clerk **John Firrell** on 482313 or **Steve Kourik** (Deputy Chairman, Parish Council) 482552.



Scout Post

As part of a fund-raising scheme for the Dorchester & West Dorset Scouts District, the Scout Post is celebrating its 28th year in Dorchester and surrounding villages; and, the third year in Bridport and West Bay. For the first time, this year there will be a fully joined up service between Bridport and Dorchester.

A yellow posting box will be placed in the Litton Cheney bus shelter. All you have to do, is check the listing of towns and villages to ensure that your intended recipient's home is included in the scheme. Put the card in the box with 25p and we will collect it; stamp it; sort it; and, deliver it! Please note that this service is under licence to deliver Christmas cards and greetings only. **Lyn Lacey** is Litton Cheney's Scout Post Mistress.

Dorchester & West Dorset Scouts District would like to thank everyone who uses or helps with the Scout Post for making it all possible. The Scout Post runs from **5th December to the last collection at 12noon on 19th December.** Please look out for the yellow posting boxes in villages and stores around the area.

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



Mondays	Beavers and Cubs (ends 14 th)
Wednesdays	First Steps Toddler Group 9.45 - 11.15
Thursdays	Scouts (ends 17 th)
Fridays	Yoga 10.00 (ends 18 th)
Tuesday 1 st	Youth Club
Wednesday 2 nd	Film Night - " Dark Horse " - 8.00 p.m. Details opposite
Thursday 3 rd	Art Class 1.30pm–4.00pm in Meeting Room
Wednesday 16 th	Thorner's School show - 6.30 p.m.
Saturday 19 th	"Strictly Come Dancing" Final on the Big Screen - Party Night!

OCTOBER'S ANNUAL WINE TASTING WITH STEVEN SPURRIER

Enormous thanks to **Steven Spurrier**, most ably assisted by **Mark Banham** of Morrish & Banham (Wine Merchants) in Brewery Square, Dorchester for hosting our annual wine tasting event in aid of LATCH. At the time of writing we raised in excess of **£1000**. Our grateful thanks also to the Bordeaux Chateaux who donated the fine wine.

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LATCH

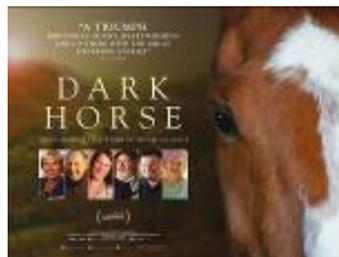
Wed. 2 December **DARK HORSE**

The incredible true story of Dream Alliance.

'A triumph. Emotional, funny, heart-warming and up there with the great underdog stories'. Cert. PG 1¼ hrs.



An inspiring documentary film that's worth watching whether you are into horses or not. Set in a former mining village in Wales, against the backdrop of recession, *Dark Horse* is the inspirational true story of a group of friends from a working men's club who decide to take on the elite 'sport of kings' and breed themselves a racehorse. Raised on a slagheap allotment, their foal grows into an unlikely champion...but that's not the end of the story, so come and see it!



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 on Friday, 27 Nov.

NEXT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY :

Wed. 3 February Film to be decided.

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

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Don't forget the **CAROL SINGING** around the village on **Wednesday 16th** and **Thursday 17th December** starting at 6.30 from the Triangle. East end on Wednesday, followed by West end on Thursday, ending at The White Horse. Do come along and join in the Christmas spirit, plus helping to collect for **Julia's House**. Once again the St Mary's church choir will be joining us as they did so impressively last year.





STRICTLY !

On **December 19th** at LATCH it is your chance to put on the glitter, tiaras, style and what ever else you wish to join in the fun watching the FINAL of "STRICTLY" on the big screen. Bring your supper and your friends and share a ringside table. Bar will of course be available. Tickets are available in

advance from **Caroline Todhunter 482117** and **Elizabeth Kingston 482162**, £1 each, or £2 on the door. Exact timings have not yet been published so do watch out for flyers, posters and look at the village website. Sure to be great evening, so don't miss it.

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK

By popular demand there will be a NEW YEAR'S DAY walk starting from the Triangle at 10.00am.



There will be **another event** in the Hall in late January, further details in the January BVN.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE
FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE.**

Ron Davidson LCSC 482661



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

11am CHRISTMAS DAY - Holy Communion by Extension

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT THE VILLAGE HALL PUNCKNOWLE

Come along with the Family on

Sunday 13 December from 3pm to

sample mulled wine and mince pies, visit stalls

including chocolate, Christmas Crafts, cakes,

Puncknowle Produce, games and more – we will ask

Santa to make an early stop in his Grotto with presents for the

children – all to be followed by the **Carol Service in the Church at**

5pm.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT will be held at **5pm on Sunday December 13th** during which we will hear the Christmas story and assemble the crib. Afterwards, please stay for mince pies and mulled wine.



Why not walk together by torchlight from the Christmas Fayre in the Hall to the Carols in Church?

CHILDREN'S CLUB 10.15am,
Family Service 11am
Puncknowle St Mary's
Sunday 20 December
coffee, papers, chat
ALL WELCOME



This is a new venture for everyone to come to, whether you are new to church or a regular attendee; young, young at heart or more mature; just come along and give it a try.

For further details contact Yvonne Buckland (LLM) – 898 492.

BOOK CLUB

This month we have read **The Heretic's Daughter** by **Kathleen Kent** which is a novel about the Salem Witch Trials. Those familiar with The Crucible play would recognise the names of those involved and the author is a descendant of Martha Carrier, one of the women hanged and a main character in the book. Most in the group found this quite a troubling and upsetting read but we all agreed that it was very well written. The details of everyday life and the hardships involved were fascinating and the author's research lightly worn.



Michele Vasser

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP



Thank you to **Helen** and **Philippa** who have given some very enjoyable 'watercolour workshops' over the past weeks. The group are busy painting hand made Xmas cards to sell at The Crown Inn to raise money for cancer charities in memory of our lovely friend Monica.

On **4th December** we will be having coffee at **The Crown** and celebrating our 30th year of the group. On **4th December** we will be in the hall for our **Xmas lunch**

Christine Molony



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE.

Our Christmas Eve “early midnight” Holy Communion Service will begin at **9.30pm.** as usual. All are very welcome, we have easy access but if you have any particular problem that you may feel will prevent your attending please tell us and we will do our best to help.

To end the Christmas season, we shall have an Epiphany Songs of Praise on **Sunday 3rd January**, we shall be choosing eight carols and if you have a particular favourite let us know and we will try to include it.

We wish all our friends and neighbours all the Joys of Christmas and hope to see you in Church for one of our services.

Swyre PCC

JULIAN GROUP

The Group meet at 10.00am on the first Monday in every month, next meeting is on **Monday 7th December.**

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

Our next meal will be on **Tuesday 15th December** our Christmas celebration. Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone **David Buckland** on 898492.

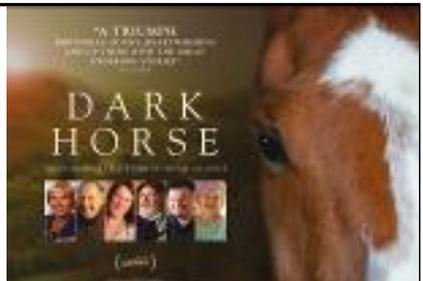
Helpers are always welcome we are looking especially for people willing to do some food preparation/cooking to enable us to continue this monthly event. You do not have to be a committee member. If you feel you would like to join us in this venture or want to know more, please telephone me **David Buckland** 898492 and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

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 the company.

David Buckland



DARK HORSE
Wednesday 2nd
December 7.30 for
8.00pm LATCH
See Litton Cheney
Section page 7 for
further details



SHIPTON GORGE

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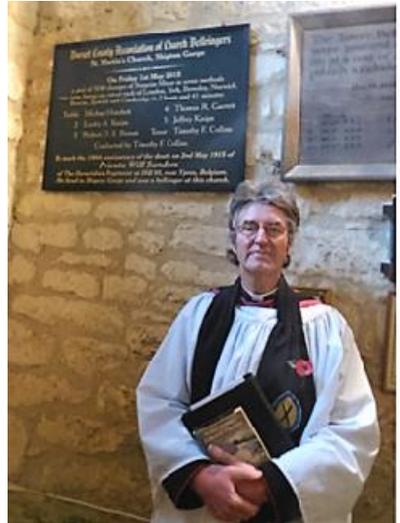
ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Our **Christmas Carol Service** will be held on **Sunday December 20th** at 5pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine. The **Christmas morning service** will be held at 11am, do join us for this joyous celebration.

A Service of Quiet Contemplation and Reflection was held on November 8th, led by Janet Lane and Vicky Thomas, when those who died in two World Wars and

later conflicts were remembered. The Act of Remembrance was led by Hilary and Richard Cunningham, who also conducted a small ceremony in the churchyard when members of the congregation planted poppy crosses in memory of loved ones at the Commonwealth War Grave of Private John William Gale of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry who died in the First World War.

At the beginning of this service Reverend Canon Stephen Batty rededicated the church's memorial triptych. He also dedicated a new pealboard commemorating a full peal of bells that had been rung on 1 May 2015 in memory of Private Will Sanders of the Dorsetshire Regiment who died at Hill 60, Ypres on 2 May 1915. He had been a bellringer at St Martin's Church and had rung on the last Sunday before being sent to the Western Front in December 1914.



The new church year begins with the advent season as we prepare for Christmas. There are no flowers in the church during periods of penitence (Lent and Advent) and we would like to thank the dedicated "flower fairies" who ensure that our church is decorated so beautifully during the year. If you would like to put flowers into the church to mark a specific event or person please feel free to do so, or join the group on a regular basis – please contact **Hazel Coulter** for more information.

And finally, a HUGE vote of thanks to all those who sponsored Vicky and Janet for the Dorset Historic churches Ride and Stride in September. A total of **£440.00** was raised for this very good cause, and half of that will be returned to our church so THANK-YOU!



Kate Kent

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING



We meet by the telephone kiosk in Brook Street at 6pm on Wednesday 16th December to sing Carols around our village, and to raise funds for Save the Children. Carol sheets will be provided, so bring a torch, bring your dog and have fun!

Janet Lane

ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHT SPONSORS

St Martin's Church floodlights will light up the sky during December, thanks to our sponsors:

Kate and John Kent to welcome the new baby,
Colin and Barbara Chambers for their wedding anniversary on the 19th,
John Bredemear, thinking of Mum and Dad at Christmas,
Sheena & Phil for William Hall's first Christmas,
Joan Faulkner for Geoff,
Graham Cowland in Memory of Nell Cross,
Janet, Caroline & Faith remembering their parents, John and Beryl
Epplestone's diamond wedding anniversary which was on 5th
November.
Harry & Lily Myers in loving memory of their daughter Beverley's
birthday

and of course our sponsors who enjoy the lights but wish to stay anonymous!

A very happy Christmas to all!

If you would like to light up St Martins for a special occasion or a fond memory, it will cost 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 01308 898657

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

We are saddened to report that **Ernie Thomas**, our webmaster, feels it is time for him to retire from his post. Ernie has been running our website with his usual efficiency since its start. All the village organisations owe him a great debt for the work and dedication he has put into it, from

learning the technology needed to being punctilious about making sure everything was uploaded to the site on time. You will be sorely missed, and a hard act to follow, Ernie so thank you from us all.

Ernie has agreed to continue until a replacement can be found, but we are now looking for a new webmaster to take over the running of the site. If there is anyone who feels able to take this on or who would like more information, then please contact either myself

maryboughton@shiptongorge.org.uk or Alex Drew

alexdraw09@yahoo.co.uk The website is the main source

of information for the village, and for visitors, and with a new website due to go on-line shortly it will be a great time to get involved in this vital village resource.



MEETING AGENDAS AND PAPERS

While mentioning the website, we are pleased to let you know that under our new Transparency Code now in place, all agendas and reports for Parish Council meetings will be put onto the website for you to view three days before each meeting, in addition to the usual notices being displayed on the noticeboards.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the Village Fete our vice-chairman Richard Cunningham talked to a number of people about what is entailed in producing a Neighbourhood Plan and the potentially enormous benefits for the village that having this would bring. Several people expressed an interest in being involved, but if this is to go forward, and we should stress that it is not a parish council project but a community one, then it needs one or more people to drive it and make it happen. There is funding available to cover costs, which the parish council can apply for, and although the benefits could be enormous, it will be a big project for the village entailing a considerable amount of work. If any of those who spoke to Richard, or indeed anyone else who is interested, could contact **Richard** on 897928 or call in and see him at Old Manor Farm for further information, we can then see if this is something that the village can proceed with.

GRIT BIN-INSTALLERS WANTED !

The parish council is planning to put an extra grit bin at the junction of Rosamond Avenue and Cuckoo Lane and wonders if there is a volunteer who could install it for us rather than having to employ a contractor for this. If you think you could help, please contact **Hilary Cunningham** 897928 or the Clerk 898189 – we would be most grateful to you.

CUCKOO LANE RE-OPENED

After over three years everyone will be pleased that Cuckoo lane is re-opened and of course is now a one way lane going upwards from the centre of the village. During its closure the lane was used a great deal by walkers and so we ask drivers to be aware that as a public highway there will be people walking in the lane and to drive with care.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the New Year on **Wednesday 13th January** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and all are welcome to attend.

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

AGM - Friday 4th December at 7.30pm

Shipton Gorge Heritage will be holding its AGM on Friday 4 December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting is open to all members and non members so if you are new to the village or do not know what one of your village charities does, do come along to find out.

WASSAILING

Come and join us for an evening of Wassailing on **Sat 16th January 2016** in the Village Hall at 7.30 with a visit to the Orchard. The evening will consist of storytelling with audience participation, singing Wassailing songs and an opportunity to make A LOT OF NOISE IN THE ORCHARD with rattles, saucepans, hooters, tambourines, spades and alike which was necessary for the apple wassail that is supposed to wake up the apple trees and chase away evil sprits to ensure a good harvest the following autumn. There will be cider and refreshments in the Hall.

*Hilary Cunningham
Janet Lane*

FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD

N.I.S.L. in conjunction with Powerstock Cinema is pleased to present a film night in Shipton Village Hall.

Far From the Madding Crowd, filmed recently in West Dorset (especially Mapperton House) will be shown on **Saturday**

December 5th at 7.00pm followed by a ploughman's supper. £7.00 per head, bring your own drinks. Tickets available from Sally Parker (897168)



VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB NOVEMBER DRAW



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£10	No 54	Jean Filby
£5	No 51	Ann Lock

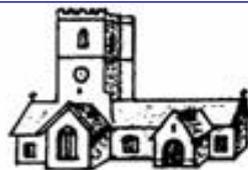
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John Grantham

BURTON BRADSTOCK

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: IAN WIGGLESWORTH
9, NORTHOVER CLOSE, BURTON BRADSTOCK, DT6 4RX
iwigglesworth@uwclub.net, Tel: 01308 897083



ST MARY'S CHURCH

Our **CHRISTINGLE**, which will be led by our Rector, Canon Stephen Batty, is at 3.30pm on **Friday December 11th** in St. Mary's Church.

Everyone is welcome to come and share this happy event in which children from the school will be taking part. It will be followed by a party for the children and tea for the adults in the Village Hall.



Our fundraising carol singing round the village takes place on Monday **December 21st** and we look forward to plenty of singers joining us (torch in hand) at 6pm outside the church.

Pauline Woodford (Village Representative for The Children's Society)

THE LATE DEREK SEWELL

I have been overwhelmed by the many visits, cards and telephone calls I have received from many friends and acquaintances in the village since Derek's sad passing after a short illness. I thank you all as it is a great comfort to know that people are thinking of you at this time. Burton Bradstock is indeed a very caring village. Thank you all once again.

Eva Sewell

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman for the forthcoming meetings:-

Dec & Jan Dave Venn

Feb& Mar Darren Batten

Burton Bradstock PC currently has 4 vacancies on the Council and welcomes anyone who is interested in Community issues; do you have time to attend 11 meetings a year, assist with the running of the PC assets and some of the Parish Council projects?

Please contact the Clerk for further information about the role it would be good to fill these seats for the coming year to lighten the load of the current Councillors.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Leisure/Recreation working group has been set up. We have had our first site meeting to look at what works are required we now welcome more volunteers to assist with the play area repairs and future management, to join this group please contact **Cllr Mike Evans** or the **Clerk** for further info.

ALLOTMENTS

There are currently vacancies at the Burton Bradstock Allotments. If you are interested in a plot please contact the Clerk



DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Wednesday 2nd December** 7.30 pm at the Reading Room. All welcome. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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 07814 016971.

Burton Bradstock Parish Council wishes all its parishioners a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Friday December 4th will see our last talk of the year. this one has a definite seasonal touch. **Susan Moores** will be giving a talk entitled “*Xmas....Pagan or what?*”

Christmas is the time when people who don't normally go to Church attend

Carol Services. Everywhere is lit up, people exchange gifts, eat and drink endlessly and party all night long. Susan will explain how myth and magic, pagan ritual and Christianity have all merged to give us the customs and traditions we love at Christmas.

To make the evening sparkle enjoy a glass of mulled wine and mince pie or Stollen cake if you prefer.

The Village Society committee would like to wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and hope to see you all in the New Year when our first talk will be on **January 15th** titled “ **Three roads to Istanbul**” More information in next month's BVN.

VILLAGE HALL TRUST.

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308897648)



“200 CLUB” NOVEMBER 2015 DRAW

WDDC LICENCE NO: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£42.40	No 148	Mrs Linda Ashman
2nd	£21.20	No 21	Mrs Val Ferré
3rd	£10.60	No 201	Mrs Janet Fowler

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the December draw should telephone **Alan Clarke** on 01308 897051 and let him have £1 for the final draw of 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 were started to provide a general “meet and chat” venue. They run from 10:00 to 12:00 and all are welcome. The next 3 meetings are dates are listed below.

Date	Organiser
Wed 16 th December	St Mary’s Church
Wed 20 th January	Village Hall Trust
Wed 24 th February	Village Society



DEFIBRILLATOR FUND

Following previous individual donations, fund raising activities and last month’s hugely successful Halloween Party augmented by a major award of funds from Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme (POPPS) , the Village Hall Trust now has sufficient funds to purchase a defibrillator for

general use in the Village and is in the process of doing so, along with some short training videos which will be shown at the start of future hall events.

BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

Burton Bradstock Films takes a break over the Christmas period until the next film evening on **Friday 29th January 2016**. The title of this film will be decided in the New Year and posters will be distributed to advertise it at the beginning of January.

CHRISTMAS MARKET & COFFEE MORNING.

This year's Christmas Market in the Hall will be on **Saturday 5th December.**, 10:00 to 12:30, entry £1 for adults, children under 16 free. Coffee. Tea biscuits and cakes will be available to purchase.

The market encourages Christmas related crafts, sweet and gift products, , so is a great opportunity to combine some Christmas Gift shopping with a social morning coffee.

At the time of writing this entry, all stalls were booked.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The ever popular Village Quiz is on **Saturday 12th December**, with quiz questions arranged by **Sue Brown**. In a happy Christmas atmosphere there will be a bar, raffle, prizes for teams doing well (and badly), plus supper in the interval. This fun event is ticket only and is always sold out, so put the date in the diary and get your tickets early.



Tickets, which include supper, are on sale for £7 each at the **Post Office** or from the organiser **Richard Ferré** who can be contacted on 01308 897648 or email richard@rferre.fsnet.co.uk .

All are welcome, teams of 8 or small groups and individuals. To book a vegetarian meal (essential if you want one), team table or request being added to a team call **Richard Ferré** , contact details in previous paragraph.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE WALKERS

This group meets monthly between September and June, but not in December, for a walk of about 5 miles. The same walk happens twice, on a Thursday and a Tuesday, towards the end of the month. We walk in the morning and finish with a pub lunch.

The numbers are limited to 20 each time.

If you would like to join this social walking group please contact any of the three leaders shown below:

Tom Holmes 897046 thomasf.holmes@virginmedia.com

Chris Sundt 898531 sundtc@techi.co.uk

Peter Broomhead 897408 peterbroomhead@tiscali.co.uk

BURTON BRADSTOCK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

OPENING HOURS—see below for Christmas & New Year closures

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

IN THE LIBRARY THIS MONTH

STORY TIME for children under 5 - 2.30pm in the Library on Monday 7th December. Children should be accompanied by a parent or carer.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

There are still Christmas cards available to buy in the Library and both pubs in the village. This year's picture entitled "Carols on the Village Green" is on display in the Library.



Tickets to win the original painting are £1 each from the Village Post Office & Shop. The draw will take place on **Saturday 5th December** at the Christmas Market in the Village Hall. All proceeds will go to the Friends of Burton Bradstock Library funds.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAY OPENINGS

The Library will be **CLOSED** on **Friday 25th, Saturday 26th, Monday 28th December 2015** and **Friday 1st January 2016**

The Library will be open all other dates over the Christmas period during normal opening hours. Be sure to order any books you would like from the library catalogue early, as there may not be a delivery on Christmas Eve, or New Year's Eve.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Saturday 5th December		Winner of picture will be drawn
Monday 7th December	2.30pm	Pre-school story time
Tuesday 12th January	2.30pm	Police Surgery
Thursday 21st January	12.15pm	Friends of Burton Bradstock Library Charity Committee A.G.M. in the village hall

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

R.Daniels Chair FBBL

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<h2>LITTLEBREDY</h2> <p>VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: email: pwbridehead@btinternet.com Tel: 482232</p>	
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This month's edition is mainly concerned with **thanks and congratulations:-**

To all who contributed to the **Harvest Thanksgiving** decorations in Church at the end of October (after November's BVN text had left the village en route for the Editor), and to those who brought food and drink to the **Harvest Supper** afterwards, and to all those who attended either or both events.

To **Dominic & Sarah Waddington**, for their moving and inspiring illustrated lecture about their time in Sierra Leone confronting the ebola virus there last winter, and to all those who generously contributed to the **£2,500** which is now on its way to provide solar panels to help reduce child mortality in Kenema Hospital.

To everyone who played any part in the success of the village's **bonfire and fireworks evening** on the 6th November, which as always was thoroughly enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic crowd.

To **Jenny Saunt and Richard Ireland**, who have chosen St. Michael & All Angels for their wedding on the 6th December, followed by a party in the Village Hall. Jenny's father, the **Rev. Peter Saunt** has taken many services here over the years, both during interregna and as an associate member of the ministry team, and his family have become familiar members of the congregation and friends. So we are delighted that we shall be hosting this wedding, and we wish Jenny and Richard all happiness in their married life ahead.

Slightly further ahead, it is our turn this year to host the shared **Carol Service** with Longbredy, and this will be in Church here at **5.00 p.m. on Sunday 20th December**. It will be a candlelit Service of Lessons and Carols, and if it is as enjoyable as in 2013, those present will be in for a treat – and also for yuletide refreshments afterwards.

On **Christmas Day**, Friday 25th December, our **Holy Communion service in Church will be at 11.00 a.m.**

AND IT'S GOODBYE FROM THEM.....

Over the parapet

Some readers will recall "Over the Garden Wall", a monthly piece by Peregrine Scope, which came to an abrupt end a couple of years ago. They may also recall the contemporaneous demise of what some suspected was his alter ego, the colourful Lance Corporal of Horse Dave Bellows, late of the Royal Bengal Kamikaze Lancers (and other regiments). A number of fans of the column asked if there could be a return of Perry or Dave's columns; whilst Perry steadfastly stuck to his (or are they Dave's?) guns, we have discovered one last document – the obituary notice written at the time of Bellows's disappearance, which is reproduced below, by way of tribute to those much loved BVN correspondents:

DAVID DENNIS O'FLAHERTY ORPINGTON BELLOWS

We record the passing of Lance Corporal David Bellows. Seemingly a member of every Regiment in the British Army, his writings made what, at Sandhurst would have been described as a "huge" impact on those into whose lives he entered; Bellows was a man to whom it was impossible to be indifferent, which led to his undoing. Born in Dagenham in 1938, and educated at Smallbrain Very Modern School, before winning a late 13+ scholarship to the local grammar school, Dagenham High, Bellows wasted no time in distinguishing himself, when for a bet, he passed himself off as a member of Dagenham Girl Pipers for a number of parades before the Revd Joseph Waddington Graves caught up with

him. While still at grammar school, Bellows made an early entry into the public arena as an exponent of the two fingered whistle (it was said that he could whistle up a cab at two hundred yards during the rush hour in the Strand) when he appeared on “In Town Tonight” to entertain listeners with the “Flight of the Bumble Bee”. His performance had such an impact on Brian Johnston that he could often be heard humming this tune in the background during commentaries from Lord’s.

It was in October 1956 that the Suez Crisis granted Dave Bellows his lifelong dream, to see active service; he is credited with having opened the first English supermarket in Cairo, selling eggs flown in by RAF colleagues from Cyprus. Having been in the last wave of those conscripted into the Army, he signed on to serve as a regular in many regiments as gunner, Cook Sergeant, Corporal of Horse and Pioneer Sergeant to mention but a few: Dave Bellows was “Army Barmy”. Upon retirement to the Dorset village of Little Breiding, he served as Scribe to the local branch of the Royal British Legion, employing his undoubted skill with words, in reports on the Branch’s activities; he was in his element and was often heard to exclaim “This is well enjoyable. The retirement I’ve always dreamt of”. Many of the Villagers still use expressions coined in his columns – “Well out of Order” springs to mind. And it was this sense of propriety that brought about his end. Hauled before the RBL Disciplinary Board, Bellows was admonished for having transferred the label of a 1998 Pauillac to a bottle of mediocre plonk causing much squabbling at the Christmas Raffle; at the hearing he revealed that his action had been in protest at the frequency with which former officers’ wives won prizes at Legion functions. He also complained that the only prize *he* had ever won had been misrepresented as a “new car” when in fact the prize turned out to be a packet of ‘Nougat’ (as he said later, “Why can’t they pronounce it nugget like everyone else?”. Asked if he had anything to say to the finding of guilt, Corporal Bellows opined, “This is Well Out of Order”.

In despair, Bellows took the only action possible that would preserve his dignity: he marched, at Gurkha pace, over the Jurassic Cliff last Friday night, crying, “WOOO” a fitting acronym in the circumstances. At his memorial service at the Bridport Masonic Hall, Brother Major General Haddock, the Grand Pelican, paid tribute to “a man of great creativity, suffocated by the duvet of middle class mediocrity” General Haddock read out Cpl Bellows’s last note (*sic*) to his friends:

“Well fans, this is the larst yu’ll here from brother Dave. I do this in solderity with Mr Scope, my colleegue, who I no to be standin’ on principal over his piece about ‘is freind ‘Obson. I ‘ave one fersherr piece of advize to give: as my Mum use to say, *Rem acu Mevagistey** - (wich is Lattin for ‘take the sewing machine to Cornwall). That’s one in the eye for them that complaned about too menny ezotatic refrenses.”

He leaves a widow, Lady Ottoline Bellows and many children in most of the former Colonies.

[*I think Dave means: *Rem acu tetigisti: you have touched the point with a needle – or, you’ve hit the nail on the head!* - Editor]

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ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness concludes his tongue-in-cheek letters From 'Uncle Eustace':
Farewell from Uncle Eustace*

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

And so, at the beginning of the New Year, you finally go to your own first parish and I, after 50 years of ordained ministry, am to move to a home for retired clergy. Let me give you some final words of advice.

Curates, you will have noticed, are forgiven everything. I hope you have appreciated this period of grace, because come 1st January, all that will change. You will then become responsible for everything that goes wrong in your church. You must be able to mend leaking taps, arrange flowers, mow the churchyard and run jumble sales. You will be expected to know the moment someone falls ill – preferably the day before. In addition, they will expect you to preach profound sermons in six minutes that will stir their souls but not upset them, and to lead a life of prayerful solitude while being the life and soul of the parish. From the day your predecessor left, he will have turned into a saint. You will be their new disappointment. Be assured that **whatever** you do, you will always disappoint someone. Sometimes you will manage to upset **everyone**.

Be prepared for phonecalls at 3am telling you that someone has left a light on in church, and shouldn't you go turn it off. You will be asked about car parking arrangements for the October Harvest Service by mid-January, while hymns for the 9 Lessons and Carols will be required by early summer. I suggest you buy in extra pullovers, overcoats and scarves for life in your vicarage. A good number of mousetraps may well come in useful too.

Welcome to your new life of an incumbent.

I, on the other hand, greatly relish the thought of no longer having to care about any parishioners. Instead, I shall become one myself – and am already planning my revenge. In fact, this afternoon, inspired by a large glass of sherry, I have begun a list of things I can complain about. The church is too cold, I don't know any of the hymns, the vicar can't preach, he never visits, and things are generally not as good as they used to be. True, I haven't actually chosen my new church yet, but no matter, I will voice all these complaints when I get there.

Of course, I will not be in church on Sunday mornings if it is raining, or on Sunday evenings if something good is on the television. Most of all, I look forward to sitting as far back in church as is possible, and starting a campaign to stop 'passing the peace'.

My new life as a parishioner will be richly rewarding. 50 years after ordination, I can hardly wait.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Editor: After ten years and seven months in the job, the Rev Dr Gary Bowness has reluctantly decided that it is time for Uncle Eustace to 'bow out'. All good things must come to an end sometime, and thus Uncle Eustace retires this month. We will miss him! We thank Gary for all the pleasure the letters of Uncle Eustace has provided for us down the years. For anyone who would like a 'souvenir' of Uncle Eustace, you may like to purchase a copy of our published booklet of Uncle Eustace's letters, please email the Parish Pump at: enquiries@parishpump.co.uk

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THE LIVING TREE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

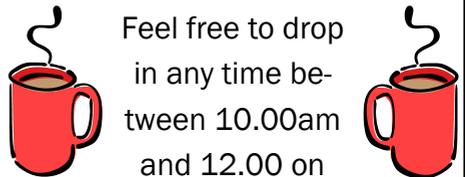
The Living Tree meets on Fridays between 2pm and 4.30pm at the Friends' Meeting House in South Street, Bridport. It offers friendship, mutual support, creative activities, holistic therapies, diet and lifestyle information for anyone with any kind of cancer.

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



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

VALLEY NOTES



BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

I write this report after returning from the Remembrance Day coffee morning at the village hall, where some of the children were presented with certificates for winning the Poppy Day Poster Competition. I would like to say 'thank you' for the warm welcome we received. During their work and research about Remembrance Day the children have impressed us with their empathy and the interest they have shown towards these important events from our past.



The children continue to work hard both in school and on extra-curricular activities. In addition to the regular school clubs such as football, running, choir, netball and music tuition with Nancy, we have introduced a few new clubs which include Art and Craft for the younger children and Drama. The children in Drama club are looking forward to performing **'The Fantastic Mr Fox'** at the end of term!

During our mock elections back in the Spring the winning party 'The Lightbulbs' made a pledge 'to make a difference' in the school. They have come back this term raring to go and have initiated the start of a new School Newspaper. They are now busy recruiting reporters and photographers and hope to have the first edition ready to go to press by Christmas!

We have had a number of exciting visits this term. The **'AsOne' Theatre Company** visited the school and performed 'The Tinderbox' to the Key Stage 2 children, which was amazing! The children also took part in workshops with the actors based on physical drama. Children in Class 3 have had a **'Quick-sticks'** workshop with **Irene Fairley** from Colfox where they had an introduction to this new game that is based on hockey. Things to look forward to are our younger Key Stage 1 children visiting Colfox to take part in multi-skills activities, raising money for **Children in Need** and singing at the **Christmas Cheer** event in Bridport.

On the fundraising front we have a very supportive **'Friends of Burton Bradstock School'** committee who are busy planning our **Christmas Fayre**

which will be held at the school on **Saturday 12th December**, 10am-noon. This year the Friends are busy raising money for a new Handwriting Scheme, part funding our IT upgrade as well as subsidising various trips and residential visits for the children during the year. It is thanks to the Friends, and everyone who supports the school by attending the fundraising events, that we were able to take the whole school on the Seaton Tramway this term as part of our 'Journeys' Learning Quest.

Despite it being the start of November as I write this, we are already preparing for the festive activities that will soon be upon us. We hope that you will be able to join us at some of our Christmas services this year which include the Christingle Service at St Mary's Church on **Friday 11th December** at 3.30pm, our Christmas Performance of 'Do the Christmas Rock!' in the school on **Tuesday 15th** at 1.30pm and finally our Carols Around the Tree in the school on the last day, **Friday 18th December** at 9.15am. At the request of the School Council we will be taking part in the National Christmas Jumper event on the last day to raise money for charity – a lovely way to end the term.

The staff and children of the school wish you a very peaceful festive season.

Claire Staple, Headteacher

THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL



The weather for our **Discover Thorner's Fair** could not have been much better. The children ran their stalls – and spent money! - with enthusiasm. There were lots of

games on offer - skittles, Beat the Goalie, golf challenge, Treasure

Map, Name the Teddy, Guess the weight of the dog, apple bobbing, Splat the Rat and many more. There were cake stalls and pony rides, freshly pressed apple juice and cooking by the Scouts. You could watch a sculptor at work on the Saxon Hut or buy plants from the Gardening

Club. The TSA did a grand job dishing up burgers, hot dogs and teas in the hall and we had some live music there too.

We received superb entries for the competition and raised more than **£600**. Thank you all for your support.



The children picked lots of apples from the Discovery Area for apple bobbing and making apple cakes. We had so many apples that each child took home a few!

Children in Need: Our School Council raised funds for this charity. The children (and staff!) came into school wearing pyjamas or onesies. They also brought (and bought!) cakes. We made a huge **£90**. Brilliant job, all!

Remembrance: On Wednesday 11 November, the children remembered with wreaths and poppies and poems. It was a very moving occasion. Several children made loom band poppies and raised nearly **£40** which we sent to the Royal British Legion. Well done to the children.

We celebrated **Harvest** with our families and friends, who contributed generously to food items for the Dorchester Food Bank. Litton and Chesil made **plaited loaves** for the harvest assembly (thank you to two of our parents) and took them home to share with their families. Eggardon made



bread too, each child choosing their own recipe. Litton have been cooking pizzas, making sandwiches and pretend barbecuing sausages!

We had a **Science day** with a Science Dome set up in the hall. Children enjoyed the awesome experience of space and galaxies, the solar system and the night sky. Eggardon followed this up with fabulous chalk drawings of space. In the afternoon we were joined by children from Powerstock Primary School. The younger children went to the Science Dome and the older children joined Eggardon to carry out science experiments – exploding lunchbags and making glue!

Several children participated in the Dorset Libraries **Summer Reading Challenge** and received certificates from the library. Several Eggardon children took part in the **Primary Maths Challenge**, which encourages using maths to solve real life problems.

Sport: Bredy participated in the **Quicksticks** pyramid sporting event at Colfox and enjoyed it, despite the rain and mist! Our netball team played friendly matches against several West Dorset schools. Chesil went to Colfox for a pyramid **multiskills** festival. We had friendly archery competitions against Powerstock Primary School.

In order to encourage our children to spend time reading books or playing outdoors, we have started '**unplug Thursdays**'. The only IT equipment used in school are the office computers and the teaching screens.

Our **cookery club** is in full swing. The children have made salads, pizzas...

100 club winners - Autumn 1st half:

1st £20 Sam Daubeney

2nd £10 Pam and Ken Citreon

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

At the beginning of this half term we looked at Bonfire night safety. Activities included stories of Francis the fire fly, art and crafts activities and rocket balloon experiments.



At the beginning of November the children made remembrance poppies and joined in Diwali activities.

Then through November the children looked at how the seasons have changed, by going on wintery walks, reading books and exercising outside also thinking about what it was like in summer. We had a go at making Scottish flags for St Andrews day.

Moving into December the children will be experimenting with ice and the cold, and making a hanging crystal. Then we can start all our Christmas fun activities to include a party for all the Fledglings children at the end of term.

From all of us at Fledglings we wish you a very merry Christmas!

Fledglings breaks up for Christmas on **18th December** and returns Tuesday **5th January 2016**

We are open Monday to Friday 9-3.30

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CHILDREN'S CLUB 10.15am,
Family Service 11am
Puncknowle St Mary's
Sunday 20 December
coffee, papers, chat
ALL WELCOME



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 services held on **Friday 11th December** and **Friday 8th January**.



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 YOUTH CLUB

Our last session for this term will be the Christmas party on **December 1st December** at LATCH from 7-8.30pm. Hot dogs will be available as well as some traditional games and the usual fun

Merry Christmas from us all!

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

At the last meeting of the Gardening Club for 2015, in October, **Martin Young**, from **Nectar Plants**, Upwey, talked to us about suitable plants for use by the coast, ones which are more likely to survive the wind, salt and sand with which so many have to contend. We then split into small groups and our general horticultural knowledge was put to the test with a fun quiz. We closed our meeting with wine, mulled apple juice, cheese and biscuits.



Details of the new Gardening Club calendar of events, starting on March 21st 2016, will be published in the BVN in the New Year

Jobs to do during December and January

Now's the time to ensure everything is prepared for next spring; prevent pests and diseases accumulating by removing any remains of overwintering weeds, diseased material and old crops; continue winter digging, adding homemade compost or well-rotted manure; clean pots, trays and plant supports with mild disinfectant; clean, oil and sharpen tools. Clear leaves from the crowns of herbaceous perennials and alpines as they are vulnerable to rot in prolonged damp conditions. Regularly check stored fruit and vegetables for signs of decay. In the vegetable garden warm up the soil with cloches for early seed sowing. Make sure that birds have food and water, especially in frozen conditions

We would like to wish all our members and the readers of the Bride Valley News a very happy Christmas and a bountiful 2016

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473



PLEASE HELP!

Would you like to "do" a little gardening for **Pamela Bates** in Shipton Gorge (01308 897204)? Times and Terms to be agreed.

Happy Christmas and New Year to all in the Bride Valley.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH SOCIAL EVENINGS



Social evenings are generally held on the last Monday evening in the month commencing at 7.00 for 7.30 pm.

The next Social Evening will be in the **Stable Bar of The Anchor** on **Monday 18th January 2016.**

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

NB The next social evening after January will be held in March and future dates will be notified in the January edition of the BVN

OTHER EVENTS

Monday 15th February 2016 Annual Dinner at the Golf Club 6.30 for 7.00pm

We wish all of you a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year

Malcolm Lawrence Secretary (898616)

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.

ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

The Branch A.G.M. was held on 12 November, during which Branch Certificates of Appreciation were presented by the President to **Peter Burge, Pauline Burge, David Dunford, Angela Goodwin Joyce Pugh, Ray Roper and John Studley**, in recognition of their services to the Branch.



As a result of a successful 8-day tour of Italy, Des Baker was able to present a cheque for **£538.50** to P.A.O. Mrs. Pat Crockett for the Poppy Appeal. The total raised for the Poppy Appeal, from all sources, for the previous year amounted to **£3854.85**.

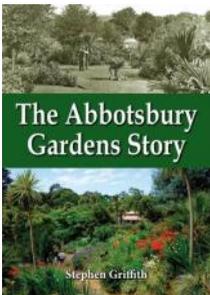
By the time this goes to print we shall have enjoyed a two-day visit to London to see one of the last performances of “Miss Saigon” and enjoyed a guided visit to the Houses of Parliament.

Seats are still available for our shopping trip to **Exeter** on **19 December**. Pick-ups are Winterborne Abbas 10.15 a.m., Old Post Office Portesham 10.20 a.m., other stops as required. Fare £20.

A happy Christmas to everyone.

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

“ABBOTSBURY GARDENS”



I have written this book to tell the story of “Abbotsbury Gardens” from a personal reflection on the restoration and development that I have been responsible for since the massive storm damage of January 1990. I have been working at Abbotsbury for 25 years and this book charts the change I have helped bring about in this unique 18th Century garden, from an overgrown, dark woodland valley with storm damaged trees, to one of the most unique botanical collections in the country with plants growing happily outside from all over the world in the special maritime micro-climate.

It has taken over ten years of research to find interesting snippets of history from all sorts of different sources to discover the past and to tell the story of the family who have owned the gardens since its conception in 1765, and of their ancestors the Earls and Duchesses of Ilchester whose stewardship and management of their Dorset estate has remained a great example of heritage land management.

The book is for sale in the gardens shop or directly from **Stephen Griffith, 14 Lilac Cottage, Swyre.**

Stephen Griffith



Home-Start provides friendship, advice and support to families with young children through trained volunteer visitors. **David Powell**, Chair of HSWD (left of picture) thanked the volunteers, staff, trustees and the individuals and groups

in the community who have supported the charity. The scheme has responded to 145 referrals and provided support to 81 families during the year. He congratulated everyone that the charity had received 96% compliance in an external Quality Assurance Review of its work and governance by assessors from Home-Start UK. The AGM concluded with an informal buffet lunch during which a parent told of the help given to her during a difficult time in her family's life, with the news that she was enrolled for the next volunteer preparation training course starting in November, to become a volunteer visitor, as she now wanted to give back some of the support that she had received.

Home-Start West Dorset requires ongoing support from fundraisers and individuals interested in home-visiting or becoming a trustee. Visit www.homestartwestdorset.co.uk for further information.



Trustees of Home-Start West Dorset with the Chair of West Dorset District Council, and the Mayors of Weymouth and Portland and Dorchester, at the well attended 7th AGM of this local charity.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - SATURDAY 30TH JANUARY 2016!

Creeds will be hosting a Barn Dance at the Tithe Barn Symondsburry to raise much needed funds to help restore the **Bridport Literary & Scientific Institute** building and bring it back into the community. There is now less than £200,000 left to raise (estimated cost £2.4m). More than 17 years after the library moved out of the building, The Bridport Literary and Scientific Institute is being given a new lease of life and is planned to house a café, community space, offices and much more. Please visit WWW.BRIDPORTADT.ORG.UK and next BVN for more info .

DIARY, DECEMBER 2015

Tue	1	19.00	Youth Club Christmas Party	LATCH
Wed	2	19.30	Burton Parish Council Meeting	Reading Room, Burton
Wed	2	20.00	Bride Valley Films "Dark Horse"	LATCH
Thu	3	9.30	Churchyard Working Party	St Mary's Litton Cheney
Thu	3	14.30	G of H Prayer/Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Fri	4	10.00	Art Club	The Crown, Puncknowle
Fri	4	19.30	Village Society - S Moores " Xmas, Pagan or ???"	Village Hall, Burton
Fri	4	19.30	Shipton Gorge Heritage AGM	Village Hall, Shipton
Sat	5	12.30	Christmas Market & Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	5	19.00	Far from the Madding Crowd	Village Hall, Shipton
Mon	7	10.00	Julian Meeting	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Mon	7	14.30	Pre-school Storytime	Village Hall, Burton
Fri	11	10.00	Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	11	14.15	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's Burton
Fri	11	15.30	Christingle Service	St Mary's Burton
Sat	12	15.30	Carol Service	St Peter's Long Bredy
Sat	12	19.30	Christmas Quiz	Village Hall, Burton
Sun	13	15.00	Christmas Fayre	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sun	13	17.00	Carol Service	St Mary's, Puncknowle
Tue	15	12.30	PWSB Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	16	10.00	Coffee Stop hosted by St Mary's Church	Village Hall, Burton
Wed	16	18.00	Carol Singing around Shipton	Brook Street, Shipton
Wed	16	18.30	Thorner's School Show	LATCH
Wed	16	18.30	Carol Singing - Westenders	Triangle, Litton
Thu	17	14.30	G of H Prayer/Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Thu	17	18.30	Carol Singing - Eastenders	Triangle, Litton
Sat	19	TBC	"Strictly" Final	LATCH
Mon	21	18.00	Carol Singing around Burton	Meet outside St Mary's
Mon	21	19.00	Carol Singing around Puncknowle	The Crown, Puncknowle
Mon	28	19.30	Bride Valley British Legion - Social	The Anchor, Burton



