

# **Bride Valley News**

**September 2007**



*The geese of the Valley's new fishing lake  
by A. N. Other, August 2007*

The Magazine of  
The Bride Valley Team Ministry

## CONTENTS

## SEPTEMBER 2007

From the Rectory	3
From the Editor	5
From the Registers	6
Service Schedule	72
Valley Notes	7
Valley Diary	70
Beyond the Valley	33
Burton Bradstock	27
Littlebredy	22
Litton Cheney	23
Long Bredy	31
Puncknowle & West Bexington	17
Shipton Gorge	20
Swyre	26
Crossword	35
For Younger People	36

*Articles, notices and advertisements in this magazine may not necessarily represent or reflect the views of the people and organisations which fund and support it.*

**To advertise in this publication  
please contact Bob & Anne White  
email: [cairnhill@talk21.com](mailto:cairnhill@talk21.com) tel: 01308 898203**

Copy for future issues should, where appropriate, be sent to the relevant Village Correspondent,

*(contact details shown at the head of each Village Section)*  
no later than two days *prior* to the deadline date shown below,  
for forwarding to the Editor,

Mike Brown, email: [BVN@hattiemaths.com](mailto:BVN@hattiemaths.com) tel: 897953

**Deadline for October issue: 13th September**

## FROM THE RECTORY

THE REV. BOB THORN A.K.C

THE RECTORY, BURTON BRADSTOCK, DT6 4QS

TEL: 01308 898799



The Rectory,  
Burton Bradstock

The season of fetes has ended and a very variable one it has been. The one constant is the heartfelt thanks and appreciation felt by members of all the Churches in the Valley for the happy and hardworking support of so many members of the community. And again many a thank you is offered by members of the congregations to those upon whom the main burden of the planning and organisation falls. Every one of the fetes requires a lot of forethought, persuasion, and encouragement, as well as hopes and fears and sleepless nights. So, many thanks all round.

The first of the fetes was on the Spring bank holiday, at Litton Cheney. It began a theme for the year, that of the weather. Rain and wind had been forecast to the extent that the fete was moved to the Hall, the Church, and by kind permission of the Lindsays, to the Old Rectory grounds. In the event the weather was kinder than had been feared, the day was busy and bustling, and the result a very satisfactory one for the circumstances.

That same day was also the Village Hall fete at Burton Bradstock which braved the same weather with the same fortitude and did very well. The fete of Holy Trinity, Swyre, was held over the weekend including Trinity Sunday. There were events for the Sunday, which went very well, but the fete was a new feature in our Valley calendar. The sun shone, and the churchyard looked a picture, dressed in stalls. The field behind was full of games, and the whole effect was of a delightful, colourful afternoon at a country Church fair – which indeed is what it was, but you know what I mean.

Shipton fete did very well this year, not least because of the attractions of a dog show and pony rides. The sun also shone upon Shipton, the stalls and the teas. I came in toward the end of the afternoon, having been at a lovely wedding at Long Bredy, but was in time to pick up on how much fun the Shipton fete had been. It was later discovered to have been a record year for funds as well.

Poor Long Bredy just the following day, after all their work and plans, had to retreat to the Church Hall for teas and a couple of small stalls. The weeks of rain had made the lawn that is usually used, by kind permission of the Carters, too soggy to be trampled. Then there was a severe weather warning: a huge storm was on the way. In the event, most of it scraped to the North of us to land on the Midlands. The call was made to abandon,

which will have a serious effect on the life of the Church in the coming year. But are they discouraged? Already plans are being laid for a big effort on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> of September – look out for notices, your support will be of great help to them – there is talk of flowers and music, teas and stalls, all growing by the minute.

Puncknowle fete was a huge success this year. Having moved into an area to the side of the Manor, by kind permission of the Wilds, it was as if it were being held in a glade of trees lit up by the stalls and entertainments; a delightful sight. Continuing the theme of weather, it was overcast, but just held off enough for the many visitors to have a wonderful afternoon.



The following Thursday was Burton Bradstock Church fete. Stall holders wrapped their wares against some heavy morning rain which pattered away just half an hour before the opening. Then the sun came out and brisk business was done around the stalls, in the Church and across in the hall for tea. At about 4.00pm gloom descended and by 20 past, a deluge fell upon almost the last item in the auction. People paddled and pelted away, mumbling about the irony of having fish and fishing for a theme in the midst of so much water, and so we ended a little early. All considering it was felt the fete did very well in the circumstances, and had the storm come earlier it might have been a great deal worse.

So it was an intrepid year all round. Thanks to everyone for their resilience; helper, stallholder and customer alike. Thanks too for all the good cheer, especially in the face of adversity. The Churches up and down the Valley depend upon your help and are truly grateful for it.

---

## AFRICAN PROVERBS

A camel never sees its own hump.

A fool and water will go the way they are diverted.

Do not try to fight a lion if you are not one yourself.

Everybody has been young before, but not everybody has been old before.

*more on p 9*

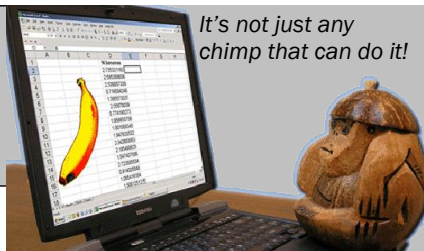
## FROM THE EDITOR

MIKE BROWN

30 SPRINGFIELD, PUNCKNOWLE, DT2 9TF

TEL: 01308 897953

EMAIL [BVN@hattiemaths.com](mailto:BVN@hattiemaths.com)



*It's not just any  
chimp that can do it!*

Firstly an apology. Last month's BVN contained (at least) two errors that I should have caught before publication (by now, I really should have learned not to change/add things after the proof-reader has done his job!!):

- on page 28, the item "If we could shrink the World", should have ended

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75 % of the world."

- the website address at the end of the item "Shrinking the Footprint", should have read:

[www.shrinkingthefootprint.cofe.anglican.org](http://www.shrinkingthefootprint.cofe.anglican.org)

Secondly, what happened to those pictures? This month's front picture is another library item, because nothing better turned up. Has no-one any confidence in their ability to take/produce a picture for the front page? Perhaps a £5 prize (at least for the next issue) is sufficient to induce some action (although I won't promise to publish unless something good enough turns up!).

And thirdly on to some more changes. The next move is to provide a little information about the many and varied activities in the valley. The idea is to include in BVN a simple guide to the facilities, groups and organisations of the Valley that meet or function on a regular basis. Each entry will give the name of the organisation, a short description of the activity/purpose, the name and details of a contact point, and any appropriate logo (that will be recognisable when reproduced on a small scale). I shall be contacting various people in due course, about activities etc that I know about, but if groups would like to volunteer an entry now, please feel free to do so.

There has been some feedback about the changes already made (from approximately one third of one percent of the readership), for which many thanks. Most has been positive and some suggestions have been made. All comments have been noted, and when the time comes they will be taken into account and when considered appropriate, acted upon. Please feel free to continue to make your views known.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### WEDDINGS

July 14<sup>th</sup> was the first day of sun after many gloomy weeks of wind and rain; perfect for the wedding of James Edward Holmes and Briony Kate Lee at St Peter's Church Long Bredy. The service included some rousing hymns; "Lord of all Hopefulness", "Love Divine" and "Jerusalem".



An Apache blessing was read, and the Bride Valley Ladies choir sang during the signing of the registers. The couple left with their guests for a delightful reception in a marquee set to overlook the length of the Valley, all basking in lovely afternoon.

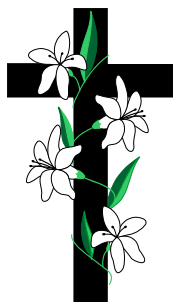
### FUNERALS

The funeral of Andrew Paterson, late of the Parish of Litton Cheney was held in St Mary's Church on the afternoon of the 13<sup>th</sup> of July. A Church full of friends from the village and beyond gathered to support his wife, Peggy and her family. Andrew, born Andre Vigier in France, had joined the French navy before the war. Having been sunk on the way back from China he was rescued and taken to Liverpool where he and his friend changed their names in the interests of wartime security. He then joined the Royal Navy, and met Peggy in Weymouth. He worked in Westland and Vickers before his retirement. He will be as greatly missed as he will be fondly remembered; as a good friend and neighbour to many, as a lover of a little glass of wine – without water – and as a great supporter of rugby, especially when France won.

Andrew's ashes were placed with those of his parents-in-law, George and Ellen Tomkins, in St Mary's churchyard on the 25<sup>th</sup> July.

On Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August the funeral was held of Walter Laughton, who to the great shock and grief of his family died at his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday party the Sunday before. Walter was a great sportsman at cricket and football and latterly, bowls. He was also a very keen bell ringer and handbell ringer whose patience and kindness taught many to ring in the Valley. Even with failing sight he turned out for ringing just a fortnight before his sudden death.

A service of cremation in the morning at Weymouth was followed by a service of thanksgiving at St Martin's Shipton Gorge at 12.30. Family, villagers and friends from far and wide filled the





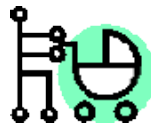
Church. His son-in-law, Edward spoke of his early life, his marriage to Kit, his love for his daughters, Lynda and Jackie and his enthusiastic leadership of an ever growing tribe of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs Pamela Bates read a poem and handbells playing "Danny Boy" were rung by members of the group that Walter had founded and taught. His lifelong faith was remembered, and prayers of hope and thanksgiving were made for the repose of his soul.

## VALLEY NOTES

### TINY TOTS/ PRAM SERVICE.

*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME.* Friday 14th September at 10.30am in St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock.

All are welcome.



*Yvette Smith 898219.*



### MOTHER'S UNION.

Thursday 27th September -2.30pm at Hunter's Moon' Puncknowle.

*Yvette Smith 898219*

### BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES LUNCH

Do join us for another of our enjoyable and informal lunches, hosted by St Mary's Burton Bradstock, in Burton Village Hall at 12.30pm on Sunday 9th September. There is no charge - all we ask is that you bring along a plate/bowl/dish of something savoury and/ or sweet to put onto the buffet table to be shared. We have had some delicious contributions at previous lunches! Tea, coffee, squash and water will be provided.



We begin at 12.30pm to allow those people who are attending an 11am service in any of our valley churches enough time to travel to Burton. We look forward to seeing people of all ages from any of our valley churches. Visitors to our churches are most welcome to join us too. You will all be given a very warm welcome and the opportunity to enjoy some good food and fellowship.

### CHORAL EVENSONG WITH THE FARRANT SINGERS

This service will take place in St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock at 4.00pm, instead of the usual time of 6.30pm Please refer to the Burton Bradstock section for details.

*Lesley Dove*

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**



# **THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURTON BRADSTOCK,**  
will again be holding one of the 'World's Biggest Coffee Mornings' in  
the church on

**FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER FROM 10AM UNTIL 12 NOON**  
as part of the MacMillan Cancer Support's fundraising events  
throughout the country.

Do please join us if you can for a cup of coffee and homemade  
biscuits and a chance to meet others for a chat.

And if you miss that Burton Bradstock's event, or you are simply  
a coffee morning addict, another one will be held next day in the

**VILLAGE HALL, PUNCKNOWLE  
SATURDAY 29TH, 10.00AM TO NOON**

where you will have the opportunity to pick a square on the  
John Lewis Grid for a chance win to John Lewis vouchers  
(1st Prize to the value of £5,000).

(Any offers to help on the day would also be appreciated, contact  
Sue Brown, 897953)

**BRING A FRIEND ALONG TOO! SEE YOU THERE..**

**WE** **FUND NURSES** **CLIMB MOUNTAINS**  
**FIGHT INEQUALITY** **GIVE OUR TIME** **SUPPORT FAMILIES**  
**MAKE COFFEE** **GIVE GRANTS** **TALK ABOUT CANCER**  
**WE CHANGE LIVES**





## IF YOU LIVE IN THE BRIDE VALLEY, WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO BE IN THE BVN FOR 2007 & TO HELP RAISE FUNDS?

It's September and it's early to think about Christmas Greetings in the BVN, but the early bird....! Many of you will know that the scheme has, until now, been focused on Burton Bradstock, but it is open to any resident in the Bride Valley and we would especially welcome support from the other villages too.

Hence, we are asking if you would like to send your local Christmas greetings by way of the BVN. As for last year, we plan to split the donations equally between the BVN and the Joseph Weld Hospice.

The idea is that instead of buying, writing out and posting (or delivering) Christmas cards to all your local friends and neighbours, you can use this alternative scheme (or, of course, you can do both!). It works this way - you send us a donation, in return for which, your name(s) will be included in a list of all contributors on a dedicated page(s) in the December BVN. The list of names will be below a **collective** Christmas greeting message to friends and neighbours (sadly, we are not able to include individual messages).

If you would like to participate, please give me 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 St. Mary's P.C.C.*

I need this information, **plus the donation, no later than 8th November**, in order to catch the deadline for the December issue.

Ken Pett,

Mill Gate House, Annings Lane,  
Burton Bradstock, Bridport,  
Dorset, DT6 4QN.  
Tel: 01308 897 550



---

## MORE AFRICAN PROVERBS

God conceals himself from the mind of man, but reveals himself to his heart.

He who is carried on another's back does not appreciate how far off the town is.

However long the night, the dawn will break.

*more on p 40*



## THE DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

**Saturday, 8th September 10am – 6pm**

Everyone can help support this event. If you cannot cycle you can walk, horse-ride, or get around to the churches any way you like except by motor vehicle. The idea is to visit as many of Dorset's churches as you can to raise money for the church of your choice and the Historic Churches Trust. If you can't manage that you can help man the church on the day or sponsor someone who is taking part. If you don't have a bike, but would like one to take part, we have one ladies and one gents on offer!!

### **Swyre**

You can do your walk/ride any time you like between 10am – 6pm, but if you would like to do it in a group I suggest you meet at 10am and set off on an agreed route together. It's an easy walk or ride to Puncknowle church, a little further on to Litton Cheney, and further still to continue to either Long Bredy or Chilcombe, but they are all possible. If you are interested in taking part or manning the church for a while, please contact me for further information. (Tel. Yvonne on 898 492)

If you choose Swyre Church to donate half your sponsorship money to it would help us get a much needed replacement for our music system. Do think about it and give me a ring, or call into the church for details and sponsor forms.

### **Puncknowle.**

Children meet at St Mary's Church Puncknowle at midday bringing a picnic lunch. Some people might want to start earlier in the day. The sponsorship money raised is divided equally between your local church and The Trust. Sponsor forms may be obtained from Ann Roberts, Burwell Cottage, Puncknowle. Tel: 987716

### **Little Bredy**

The Armstrongs are gamely putting in a representative or team to take part in the Dorset Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride. They would naturally be grateful for offers of sponsorship for their efforts (half the money raised comes back to the Church here), so please ring Jim or Nic on 482452 if you are feeling generous. Thank you very much to them for volunteering.

## Shipton Gorge

There is still time to get involved in cycling or walking to our local churches, raising money for the Trust and our own church, St Martin's. Call Janet Lane on 897241 for sponsor forms and more details.

## Litton Cheney

Cycle, walk or ride visiting churches as you go and raise money to enable the Trust to make grants for the preservation of our ancient church buildings. Start and finish where you like between 10 a.m and 6 p.m. For a list of the churches and sponsorship forms please contact the undersigned.



*Freddie Spicer 482617*

## NEEMA CRAFTS FROM TANZANIA



Following the visit of CMS Partners Andy and Susie Hart to Burton Bradstock at the end of May, St Mary's Church now has a selection of 'Neema Crafts' available for sale. All of the crafts have been made by disabled people who have been trained by Susie Hart at the Neema Craft Centre set up by the Harts in Tanzania. Please contact Lesley Dove on 897695 if you would like

to know more about Neema Crafts or would like to purchase goods.

## BRIDE VALLEY LADIES CHOIR

This is your local choir of approx. singers. We rehearse in the Village Hall, Shipton Gorge on Wednesday afternoons, three times a month, and the autumn season begins on 12th September.

The choir gives informal concerts for charities, with special emphasis on pre - Christmas events; it also provides musical entertainment for local residential homes and day centres.

New members are always welcome (six this year already!), so if you enjoy singing and would like to join our happy band, please 'phone the choir secretary, Gill Jefferis - 01305 871653 for more information.

## A MUSICAL TREAT IN STORE

About 20 years ago one Hans De Bie brought a choir from Holland to sing in the Bride Valley. I met him at Holy Trinity, Swyre, a



few months ago. He had dropped in to look out old memories on his way to lecture at Exeter University. Back along they stayed in Swyre, he told me, and they all had such a lovely time that one of those young choir members, Jac Peeters, urged by Hans, recently visited the Valley again.

He has offered to bring his choir, Kempish vocal ensemble, or Kwarts for short, to perform in October. Their CD is of 16<sup>th</sup> century music, but they perform much else. Jac himself is a great enthusiast, and so he had hardly arrived home before geeing up the choir to come and then telling me of their plans.

The first concert will be at St Mary's, Litton Cheney on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> of October, starting at 7.30 pm.

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October, the choir will be at the 11.00 service at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, to lead a sung mass composed by Jac himself. This will include a sung Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Agnus Dei and so on.

On Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, there will again be a concert, this time at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock at 7.30pm.

Details of these events, posters and the like will be up and about, but this is some advance notice to put a marker in the diary for what will be some very fine music, and an old reunion.

*Bob Thorn*



## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

As already advised, the Gardening Club is continuing until the end of the year in the hope that some kind person will come forward to volunteer to act as Chair. We have already had a splendid offer to take over the role as Treasurer and two people have volunteered to job share the Programme Secretary's tasks, but without a Chair to lead us, we will have to close down. This means that another aspect of the valley's community life will be gone. It is not a particularly arduous job (the Secretary does a great deal of the hard work!), does not need to take up a lot of time and can be fun. Will somebody out there please consider this plea for help?

We have arranged for Mrs. Jill Pitman from Portland to give us a slide presentation based mainly on National Trust Gardens at the Puncknowle Village Hall on Monday October 8th at 7.30 p.m. and hope that there will be a good turn out from our members.

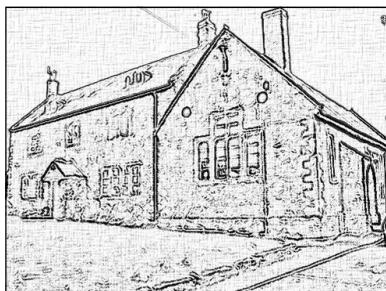
## **JOBS TO DO**

Cut old wood from rambler roses to encourage new growth. Thin out weak raspberry canes. Lift and store carrot and beetroot. Sow hardy annuals and start planting bulbs for spring flowering.

*Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary. e-mail: [secretary.bvgc@virgin.net](mailto:secretary.bvgc@virgin.net)  
Tel: 01308 482240*

## **THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

As we start this new academic year we would like to welcome all those children who will be joining us for the first time in Reception or further up the school. We hope that all new families will settle in well and I am sure that your children (and yourselves) will be made most welcome in their classes.



For everyone returning or starting with us, we hope you have enjoyed the summer break and managed to miss the rain and wind, met up with family and friends and had a pleasant few weeks away from school. The staff are all looking forward to seeing your smiling faces and hearing all your news.

A new year means the opportunity to start afresh, especially if you are in a new class, make new friends, make a determined effort to do or achieve something special whatever that maybe. The staff are busy already planning lots of activities and visits to enhance the curriculum and we shall be making best use of resources to enthuse the children. If you have a skill - maybe gardening, interest in the history of the valley, a specific sport, chess or bridge or..... and would like to share this with the children I would be delighted if you got in touch.

'Lessons' are much more interesting when delivered by other adults!!!!!!

*Alison Johnstone, Headteacher*

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK SCHOOL PHOTO COMPETITION**

*Sponsored by BURTON BRADSTOCK ONLINE*

All classes at Burton Bradstock Primary School were invited to take part in an inter-class photo competition during the Summer Term 2007,

which was sponsored by Burton Bradstock ONLINE. The classes entered photographs taken in the village linked to topics they were studying in class.

Mark Stratta, the Headmaster said, "The standard of entry was excellent and the school was pleased to take part in this community-related activity" and Susan Moores, Chair of Governors, and one of the judges said, "Class 1 was awarded the Winners Shield because the judges decided that the content of their photographs best depicted aspects of their chosen topic of 'Growth'".

David Edwards, Burton Bradstock ONLINE Committee representative, said, "BB ONLINE were pleased to encourage children to work in a different medium to broaden their learning experience. The photographs will be posted on the village web site ([www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk))."



## BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS NEWS

The weather was sunny for our end of year Picnic in



Puncknowle playing field, with the Spiderman Bouncy Castle well used. Our six "leavers" Alia, Lauren, Macy, May, Oliver and William were presented with their Scrapbooks, work folders & photos, and shoe bags, while everyone including siblings present had Party Bags - thanks to Sue for organising all this.

Then we all ate our picnic food and children played on the park equipment - thanks again to all mums and dads who were able to come and join in.



Our theme for next term is "Traditional Stories" and when we plan activities for this, we will be joined by reception class staff of Thorner's School, who will be working in tandem with playgroup - as set out in our new formal Partnership Agreement. This means we will be sharing our routines and joint resources further than before, and we all hope this will work out for the benefit of the early years children in pre-school and reception. I will keep you posted!

Next term, which starts on Tuesday 4th September, Nestlings (for younger children) will continue on Thursday afternoons at a cheaper price of £1.50 and playgroup sessions will be on the same days -Monday, Tuesday and Thursday as follows:-

Morning 9.15 - 12.00

Lunch Club 12.00 - 1.00

Afternoon 1.00 - 3.30

There are places available for children from 2 years 9 months - children are funded in the term after their 3rd birthday. Drop in or phone for more information any time - we are based in Thorner's School - 01308 482410. Chair is Rachel Maltby on 01308 482246.

*Carol Bennett (Playleader) 01308 897771*



Our outing to the Sea Life centre was a great success, the children were intrigued by the little sea horses, watched the seals and explored various other displays. They all had a great time playing in the park, after a picnic lunch we moved to the water-play area where we stayed until "frozen" !!!

Thanks to the Mother's Union, Jean and Bob for hosting our Garden Party in the Rectory Garden. The children had a chance to play, mums an opportunity to chat while enjoying a cup of tea/juice and sampling a delicious array of cakes and cookies.

Our Farewell party marked the end of the year. Hattie the clown entertained the children. Ann-Marie presented the children starting school in September with beautiful scrapbooks filled with pieces of work and photographs that had been put together during their time at the playgroup, thanks to Heather, Audrey and Ann-Marie for compiling a lovely keepsake. All the children were given laminated handprints, group photos and a party bag. The party ended with lunch and a very special cake.

A big thank you to Ann-Marie, Audrey and Heather for all their hard and enthusiasm during the past year. Thanks also to the Playgroup



Committee and particularly Mandy, Ashley and Sharon for all their work behind the scenes and all their fund raising efforts.

Playgroup and lunch club will begin again on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. There are still some places available, so please feel free to pop in and visit us during one of our sessions.

Any enquiries please contact Ann Marie: 07814316963 or 01308 788221.



**Last chance!**  
**Burton Bradstock ONLINE**  
**DIGITAL PHOTO COMPETITION**  
**2007**

**Don't forget that the competition**  
**CLOSES ON 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER –**  
**it's getting very close!**

**You can still win up to £100!**  
Three prizes for adults  
Three prizes for under 16s.

**Theme:**

**“Life in Burton Bradstock in 2007”.**  
*We want it to focus on people doing things!*

For full details of how to apply see  
[www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk)

**OPEN TO ALLCOMERS WORLDWIDE!**  
*Ken Pett 897550*

**WORLD ANIMAL DAY – 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

World Animal Day takes place every year on 4 October. The aim is to unite the animal welfare movement by encouraging people to use this special day to express their love and concern for animals.

There are lots of ways to get involved: for some ideas, visit [www.worldanimalday.org.uk](http://www.worldanimalday.org.uk)



# PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: ELIZABETH SLATER  
1, LITTON CLOSE, PUNCKNOWLE  
[liz@ruddle.co.uk](mailto:liz@ruddle.co.uk) TEL: 897751



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Family Service will take place on Sunday 23 September at 11.00am and will be followed by a harvest lunch in the hall from noon onwards. Everyone, especially children, from Puncknowle, Swyre, West Bexington and the Bride Valley is most welcome. Drinks will be provided. A plate of food or donation would be welcome.



A notice will be put up in the Church porch nearer the time for people to indicate what they will be bringing. This is an invitation to all in the Bride Valley, whether you go to church or not, to celebrate our harvest. So please make a note in your Diary and join us.

For further information please contact Sue Brown on 897953 or Liz Slater 897751.



## GREAT CYCLE RIDE

See Valley Section, page 10

## ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE 2007

Those involved in organising the fete this year would like to express their appreciation and thanks for all the people who helped to make this year's fete such a resounding success. Despite problems with the change of venue and uncertainty over the weather a great day was had by all. The amount raised, over £5000, will help enormously toward the monies needed to support the church.



We would especially like to thank the first timers and hope we will see them again next year. Any help is welcomed at all stages, including on the day to move furniture etc. New ideas always welcome for stalls or games, let us have your ideas.

Make a date in your diary for 26 July 2008, and be sure the tradition will continue.

We would also like to congratulate Swyre on their fund raising events this year, and once again thank everyone including residents and visitors in the area.

Don't forget to support the fundraisers at their event at the end of the month, and look forward to all three money making and fun events in 2008.  
*The 2007 fete committee.*

### **PUNCKNOWLE FETE, supplementary**

Congratulations and thanks to Ann Roberts for masterminding yet another very successful fete in aid of the church funds. *Her Happy Helpers*

### **PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCHEON CLUB.**

At the meeting on 7th August it was agreed to set up a committee to run the new Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Luncheon Club for the over 50's.

The Officers are: Chair Ken Martin,  
Treasurer Madeline Marshall  
Membership Secretary Mike Brown

Committee members:-Sue Brown, David Buckland, Chris Gregory,  
Anna Lovell, Valerie Martin and Penny Pither.

During September an invitation will be delivered to everyone in the three villages, inviting them to come to a free lunch at the Village Hall on 25th September at 12.30. Acceptances will have to be returned by Sunday 19th September.

Further details will be on the invitation. We hope that this new social event will be welcomed.



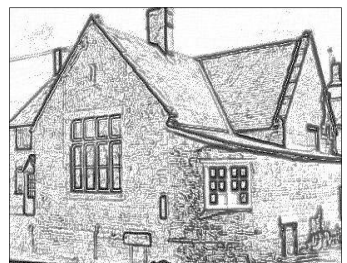
### **PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP**

Before our break for the holiday season we had a much anticipated meeting at Slape. Many thanks to ace cook Maureen for a lovely lunch. Our last meeting was a look at contrasts with particular reference to tonal values.  
*Christine Malony*

### **PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**

The Annual General Meeting had to be deferred from 21<sup>st</sup> June to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. Please make a special effort to attend.  
*Sid Marshall 897318*



## TALK BY BRIAN CURTOIS

The Village Hall Committee have been fortunate in obtaining the services of Brian Curtois, to give a talk in the Village Hall on Saturday, 13th October, in aid of raising funds for the refurbishment of the hall. He worked for the B.B.C. Radio News and Television Services for 30 years and became the chief political correspondent.

He will cover his amusing experiences both at home and abroad. He has met most of the notable politicians during this period and has some interesting anecdotes to tell.

Further details in next month's B.V.N.

## PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th September in the Village Hall in Puncknowle. Agenda for the meeting and draft minutes of the previous meeting are published on the Parish Council notice boards in Puncknowle, Swyre, and West Bexington at least one week before the meeting.

Amongst other things on the agenda, there is to be a discussion of the Committee's recommendations and suggested Action Plans for future improvement of the amenities at the Playing Field in Puncknowle - on which the Committee have been working and taking advice for several months. We hope to have a brief talk from a representative of Burton Bradstock Parish Council about how they set about raising funds for their recreational improvements.

We would especially like all local residents and others in the community with an interest to attend for this item.

If you would like to make any comments beforehand on this or any other local matter, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Carolyn Buckland on 01308 897726.

*Tony Edwards, Chair*

---

## THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN COLLATED FROM LAST YEAR'S GCSE. (16 YEAR OLDS) !!!

Q: Use the word "judicious" in a sentence to show you understand its meaning.

A : Hands that judicious can be soft as your face.

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?

A : Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

---

# SHIPTON GORGE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: BARBARA CHAMBERS  
WEST COURT, BROOK STREET, SHIPTON GORGE  
[bjc39@btinternet.com](mailto:bjc39@btinternet.com) TEL: 01308 897482



## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH FETE

The sun shone, the birds sang and St Martin's had the best fete ever! We had two new attractions this year, a Shetland pony for the little ones to ride and a Fun Dog Show. Both proved to be very popular. The winners of the Fun Dog Show were:

Waggiest Tail	Morgan who owns Franklyn Ward
Most Like Owner	Jessie who owns Grayham Rosamond
Pedigree Class	Gemmi who owns Hilary Cunningham
Best Condition	Hattie who owns Joyce Rosamond
Most Handsome Dog	Tigger who owns Myra Gardiner
Prettiest Bitch	Poppy who owns Robert Langran
Best in Show	Tigger

Special mention must be made regarding Miles, who is the beautiful black lab puppy belonging to Jo and Gary Warren. His antics in the ring kept everyone highly amused.

The veteran Humber tricycle proved to be a huge success and very special thanks go to Mr Colin Chambers for bringing his trike, and to Mr John Bredemear for taking all the beautiful photos.

The PCC wishes to thank every single person who helped make the day such a success, from donating the goods, to putting up stalls, serving on the stalls and working in the kitchen to make the cream teas such a success. A very, very large THANK YOU.

*Gillian*

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 11am. This will be a united service with all the churches in the valley, so it promises to be a joyful occasion. Any offers of produce will be very welcome to decorate the church.

## HARVEST SUPPER

Our Harvest Supper will be on Wednesday 3rd October, and tickets are now on sale at £5 each from the Church Wardens. Grayham Rosamond will be providing the entertainment for us this year. If you are a vegetarian please contact Gillian to ensure you have the appropriate food.

*Gillian & Phyl – Church Wardens*



## GREAT CYCLE RIDE

See Valley Section, page 10

### WALTER LAUGHTON

Kit and all the family have been very touched by all the kindness, sympathy and support they have received after Walter's sudden death. Thank you to you all.



### COFFEE & CROISSANTS

We hope that you will join us on Saturday 15th September, from 10am until noon for a leisurely breakfast of coffee and hot croissants, and a chat with your friends and neighbours.

There is a small charge of £2.50 but this includes extra cups of coffee with your croissants (tea available if preferred). Proceeds from the morning will be divided between St Martin's Church and the Village Hall Trust.

*Phyl Webster*

### TOWER NEWS

Visiting teams will be ringing our bells on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September between 3.45 and 4.30pm, and on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September between 3.00 and 3.40pm.

### SHIPTON GORGE RAMBLERS

We meet on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 10am by the telephone kiosk in Brook Street for shared transport to Stonebarrow Hill. Let's hope for settled weather for our circular walk of approx. 2 hours – back in time for lunch.

*Vicky & Janet*



### SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

#### Annual Flower Show

We would like to thank all the exhibitors, judges and visitors who came and made this a special day. For us, the first and best prize was the friendliness and goodwill that abounded and made it such good fun for all concerned. We can't wait for next year!

#### Village Walk

Bob Simpson is arranging a Village Walk on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September leaving the New Inn at 11am and returning between 12.30 and 1pm. If you

would like to have lunch on your return Sandra or Gary will be pleased to take your order before you leave for the walk. For more information please contact Sally 897168, Ed Buck 898278 or John Kent 897574.

### Quiz Night

Quiz with a Fish and Chip Supper on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7.00pm. Tickets £6.50 – please book early with Sally on 897168

### Talk on London

Bob Ayres will be giving one of his interesting talks on London on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November starting at 7.00pm. More information in next month's BVN.

### SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB AUGUST DRAW

£10	No 28	Mr Daniel
£20	No 17	Ambrose Smith

### PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

At its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July the Parish Council appointed Stephen Marriott as a lay member of the Planning Committee.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 7.30pm.

*Ernie Thomas – Parish Clerk*

### LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS:

Email: [pwbridehead@btinternet.com](mailto:pwbridehead@btinternet.com)

Tel: 482232



Readers may have seen elsewhere in the magazine a reference to the forthcoming series of Bible-related quizzes between teams from within the valley, arranged by the Rev. Ryder Rogers and his wife Heather. All “matches” will be at a neutral venue, and our Village Hall has been chosen to host the inaugural quiz, in the afternoon of Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Best of luck to all involved.

The Social Club Committee is very grateful to the Armstrong family of West Lodge for the long loan of an upright piano to the Hall. It will add the potential for a sing-song to the repertoire of events there in future. If anyone in the village is having a piano tuned shortly, and would be willing to “sponsor” (i.e. pay for!) the tuning of the Hall piano at the same time, please could they make their offer known to Glenn and Mandy Wilkinson on



482525.

If this edition is able to be distributed before the end of the month, it just allows time for this reminder of the Folk Concert “The Vale of the Bride” at Bridehead in the evening of Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August. As advertised in the flier last month, it will consist of settings by David Powell of Douglas Northover’s poems on local themes, to be performed by David plus Rosie Brewster. Tickets are £8.00, which includes refreshments from 6.15 p.m., then the concert from 7.00 – 8.15 p.m. or so. It should be a lovely evening’s entertainment. Please ring Bridehead (482232) if you want to see if any tickets are still available at short notice.

## LITTON CHENEY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: JOHN YATES

2, SUNNYSIDE, LITTON CHENEY

[yjohnyates@aol.com](mailto:yjohnyates@aol.com)

Tel: 02308 482585



## VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT FOR THE BRIDE VALLEY NEWS

As you will see from the heading we have a new village correspondent. Thank you John Yates for taking this on. Please send copy to John by email but if this is not possible John can be found at 2 Sunnyside.

A very big thank you to Josie Belasco for her time as correspondent and we are especially grateful to her for continuing to hold the fort even after her move from the village.

*The PCC*

## ST. MARY’S CHURCH

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September we shall be celebrating our Harvest Festival with a special service taken by Revd Jean Thorn. This will be a family-friendly service, followed by coffee, squash and Dorset Apple Cake!

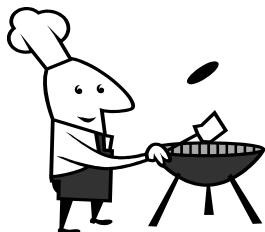
Please do come along to celebrate the harvest of all the good things in the Bride Valley and if you would like to bring your own offering on the day, all goods and money will be passed to the Pilsdon Community “Half Way House” in Dorchester.

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

### Film Night

A thoroughly entertaining “Film Night” attended by 60 people, was held at Thorner’s School, with a showing of the DVD of Village Voices starring Litton Cheney. Many thanks to all who helped organise this, and of course to those who contributed to making the film. If you would like a copy

of the DVD please contact Steve Kourik 482552 who will be pleased to supply you with one for a minimum donation of £3.00 towards LATCH Funds.



## BBQ

The BBQ has been re-arranged for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 6.30 for 7.00 at The Cottage. If you were unable to make the original date, here's your chance to come along and have a great evening with the rest of the village. Please ring Ron Davidson 482661 or Eddy Fry 482260 for tickets or buy one at the gate.

## Village Walk

Meet at the Bus Shelter Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10.am weather permitting.

## Barn Dance

A top notch band has been booked for Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September . A buffet will be served and drinks will be available.

Experienced dancers will be coming along to keep your feet in order, so join in and have some late summer fun, meet old friends, make some new ones and get those muscles working. Entrance £7.50.



## Future events

Will include the Litter Pick on 13<sup>th</sup> October and Bonfire Party on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. We hope to see you at some, or all of these events.

*The Committee*

## Committee

There has been a change around in members of the Committee. Mary Anderson, Kathy Kourik and Wendy Taylor have stepped down. Grateful thanks from the Committee and the village for all their commitment to our social life. We are grateful to Lesley Salvetti and Lois Edwards who have put themselves forward for the experience of a lifetime and joined us, and especially to Sheila Davison who has agreed to be our Secretary and BVN Correspondent. After five years in the role Kathy will be wondering what to do with her time. Many thanks for a job well done.

*Ron Davidson Chairman LCSC 482661*



## GREAT CYCLE RIDE

See Valley Section, page 10

## PEGGY PATERSON

May I through the Bride Valley News say a big THANK YOU to my neighbours and friends for being so kind to me during Andrew's five months in hospital, also for the many, many cards and letters and finally for the large attendance at his funeral.

## LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL THE STORY SO FAR

### Chapter One

August 2005	Planning permission for Community Hall granted.
March 2006	Salisbury Diocese offers £100,000 towards costs of hall.
March 2006	Village Open Meeting; LATCH Constitution adopted.
May 2006	Village Open Meeting; Plethora of fundraising ideas.
July 2006	First fundraising event "Jazz at the Cottage" held.
November 2006	"Litton Cooks" books and 2007 Calendars on sale.

### Chapter Two

November 2006	Big Lottery Fund grant application submitted.
May 2007	BLF grant application rejected (along with therest of Dorset!).
July 2007	Salisbury Diocese increases hall grant to £200,000.
July 2007	Local fundraising hits £25,000, halfway to £50,000 target.
July 2007	Overhaul of design and costs reduces total to under £400k.
August 2007	Fund shortfall below £100,000.

### Chapter Three (Yet to be written)

August 2007	Search for other Grant Providers begins, applications made.
September 2007	Building Tender documentation process begins.
September 2007	Renewed donation push and fundraising.
November 2007	Community Hall building project put out to tender.
March 2008	Building begins, all funding in place.
Late 2008	<b><i>Litton and Thorne's Community Hall opens!</i></b>

### Don't you just love a happy ending?

If you know of any possible grant providers for community projects please contact Ron Davidson (482661), David Taylor (482532) or John Firrell (482313). Many thanks.

## PRODUCERS' MARKET

It's been a funny year so any reference to nature's bountiful harvest may be somewhat awry. However, notwithstanding, our September market will be held on Saturday 15th September from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at The White Horse Inn, Litton Cheney and everyone is welcome.

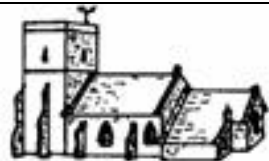
At the time of writing certain restrictions have been removed regarding the movement of livestock so our August market should happen on cue, and we hope by the time September comes along that things are beginning to get back to normal throughout the land.

Certainly our farmers needed this crisis like a hole in the head and given that we are privileged to live in the rural splendour of the Bride Valley, I am sure people will want to give our farmers and local producers all the support they can. Coming to the market and purchasing their goods, and at other times supporting their businesses are but several ways of doing this. We really do look forward to seeing you at the market.

More information for buyers and sellers can be obtained from Wendy Taylor (482532) or John Firrell (482313). Our next two markets are on Saturday 20 October and Saturday 17 November. Thank you.

### SWYRE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: SID MARSHALL  
1 GREEN BARTON, SWYRE  
[smarshall@which.net](mailto:smarshall@which.net) tel: 897318



### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

September should see the work for which we have been granted Faculty carried out in the rear of the church. This should not affect our weekly services which will continue as usual.

All being well the work should be completed and new chairs delivered to replace the pews at the back of the church, in good time for our Harvest Festival service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm. This will then be a double celebration, as along with the Harvest, the work and new furniture will be dedicated. See October's BVN for further details, but put the date in your diary now!

*Yvonne Buckland and Vera Hirst. Churchwardens.*



### GREAT CYCLE RIDE

See Valley Section, page 10

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK**

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS: CATHY & JOHN LAY-FLURRIE  
22 BEACH ROAD, BURTON BRADSTOCK  
CLAYFLURRIE@TISCALI.CO.UK TEL: 897281



### **HARVEST SUPPER**

Tickets for the Harvest Supper on 6th October 2007, are available from Margaret at the Post Office or from Marg & Geoff Langwith, telephone 898699. The tickets will be two colours - to bring with you a savoury dish or sweet, as last year.

Come and enjoy a good evening, delicious food by us and entertainment afterwards by David and his friends.

Get your ticket NOW!

*Ann Read*

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

The Harvest Festival is to be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

The Church will be decorated with Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables and groceries on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00 am onwards. Donations of the above would be very gratefully received on the Saturday morning please. All gifts will be boxed and given to local people and the Pilsdon Community during the following week.

*Pat Broomhead Church Flower Co-ordinator*

### **BURTON BRADSTOCK CHURCH FETE**

Two hours of sunshine came at just the right time to enable everyone to enjoy the fete to the ringing of bells and playing of the St Swithun's band.

The preparations in the morning were disrupted by very heavy showers and the fete came to an early and abrupt end when a torrential downpour sent everyone scurrying for shelter where ever they could find it.

In spite of this the day was most successful and produced over £4900 for Church funds. The Auction, Grand Draw, Cakes, Teas, Bottle Tombola and the White Elephant stall were all major contributors. The myriad of other stalls, games and miscellaneous activities each helped both to swell the coffers and provide a day of great fun.

The Sea theme was represented by the Coastguards, a local fisherman and Alan and Judy Clarke beautifully attired as fish. A number of the games also had a "fishy flavour" to them and the flying fish from the Church tower were quite a sight.

There was plenty to buy and lots of chances to win plus teas and ice creams to enjoy and everyone seems to have departed wet but happy.

None of this would have been possible without the aid of the many kind sponsors and other givers particularly those who gave so generously and willingly of their time.

Thank you all.

*Peter Broomhead Fete Co-ordinator*

## R.N.L.I.

At the recent house to house collection for the Royal National Lifeboat week, the sum of £493.88 was raised. The message from RNLI was:

“Thank you once again Burton Bradstock for all your help and effort. Well done.”



*Thelma A Skues, 01308 898032*

## QUIZZES

The inter-church/community quizzes for the Bride Valley will lift off very soon. The first fixture will be this month. Please write this on your calendar and come and support you teams.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm prompt at Littlebredy Village Hall there will be Match 1 Puncknowle Juniors v Burton Bradstock Juniors. After an interval for refreshments there will be Match 2 which is Burton Bradstock Seniors v Playgroup Mums.

Thank you to all who have been preparing for these events and to those who will be providing refreshments on the day. Other fixtures will be notified in October BVN.

*Heather Rogers*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL (BBVH)

### 200 Club – August 2007 Draw

Congratulations to:

1st Prize:	No. 407	Mrs Margaret Ackland	£42.00
2nd Prize:	No. 246	Mrs E.V. Baldwin	£21.00
3rd Prize:	No. 402	Ms Gayle Acors	£10.50

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the September-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £4 – one pound for each of the remaining 4 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

*The Village Hall Trust is a trust registered with the local authority, the West Dorset District Council. Lotteries Licence No. LA005.*



## BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE GROUP

Play resumes on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm in the Village Hall. For further information please telephone 898117

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYER'S

Burton Bradstock Players will be looking for a fit and energetic cast for their next production in February 2008. An original play with music, songs, dance, and of course swordplay, by Florence Gabrielli 'All for One' is based on Dumas' 'The Three Musketeers'.



Auditions will take place in the Village Hall over two evenings; there will be an initial meeting and acting workshops on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm and on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm there will be readings and auditions. We hope to see you there!

### Costume Organiser/Wardrobe Mistress Needed

Burton Bradstock Players require help with organising costumes for future productions. We are looking for someone who can liaise with play directors and our team of sewing people to translate ideas into a full set of costumes for each production. This may involve adapting costumes from the Player's extensive wardrobe or, where there is nothing suitable, creating something new. If you are interested please come to one of the audition evenings outlined above or contact Barbara Powell on 01308 897389.



## WI

After a wonderful few weeks in the sunshine and no doubt many of us entertaining grandchildren, children and friends in our homes and the beautiful area around us, we are back to meetings as usual in September.

So we kick off with our next meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 with Cecil Amor on "A Romp through Bridport's History". Do check the notice board outside the Hall for the dates of the Walking Group, Reading group, Sewing group etc.

- I do not have these to hand at the moment.

The Committee look forward to seeing you on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## HOME WATCH

Most homes 'went red' in August – did yours?

Thank you to all the Home Watch Co-ordinators who kindly distributed the red 'No Doorstep Traders' notices for your front door window or front window. And thank you to all villagers who have put them up. Already we give a clear impression to anyone planning to doorstep-sell throughout the village that this would be a most difficult task for them. *Doorstep Traders will now be looking for houses without notices, so do put yours up please!*





If you don't have a notice up yet it could be for a number of reasons,

e.g.:

- ◇ You don't wish to put the notice up – fair enough/your choice.
- ◇ You have the notice but for some reason have not found that moment to put it up yet – if so please join the rest of us by putting it up.
- ◇ You did not receive a notice – in this case please phone me now and, working with your local co-ordinator, we will get your notice to you.
- ◇ You have been away and have not gone through your mail yet – again if you do not find a notice please call me.

It is entirely possible that there are a few houses which we are not covering yet, so please let us know if you are omitted as we would like you in the Scheme...and let's make September the month when we really get the remaining notices up.

I am glad to say that we *do have* what insurance brokers often refer to as "An active Home Watch Scheme" and it might be worth checking if your broker knows that you have this – some brokers give discounts for it. And a way of proving it is active is of course for you, if you agree with the notice, to display it.

*John Grantham. 01308-897935*

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK FOOTBALL CLUB - THE CANARIES CENTENARY CELEBRATION: 1907 – 2007**

To celebrate the football clubs centenary we are hosting a special exhibition of photographs taken across the last 100 years of footballing activity in Burton Bradstock.

The exhibition will be the first time the collection of photographs will have been seen in one place and charts the history of the club from its

beginnings in 1907 and heyday prior to world War One to the teams of the 30's and 50's right up to 1979. There followed the 'long gap' before the canaries breathed again in 2003.

The exhibition will be held in the READING ROOM, Burton Bradstock. A Evening preview from 7.30 pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September and open again from 11.00 am to 2.30 pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September.



A special football match will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00 pm when the current Burton Bradstock Canaries team will take on a local rival.

To find out more about the Burton Bradstock Canaries visit our website: <http://mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/thebbc>

## VILLAGE SOCIETY TALK

Carole Bourne-Taylor is French and has been living in the village for the past 12 months, between bursts of teaching at Brasenose College, Oxford. Her first book on Virginia Woolf was published in 2001 and she is currently writing one on Josephine Butler.

But tonight Friday September 28<sup>th</sup> she talks on the subject of 'Art Nouveau'. *This is an evening not to be missed* – there is a full French flavour to it which will be both interesting and great fun!

*John Grantham.*

### LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: MRS ELINOR FROST  
BRIDELANDS, LONG BREDY  
TEL: 482269



## HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

is on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00am Family Worship. The gifts and produce will once again be taken to Chancery House in Bridport.

## HARVEST FLOWER AND ART FESTIVAL WEEKEND

As it was necessary to cancel the annual fete in July because of the inclement weather it has been decided to hold a special harvest flower and art festival in St Peter's Church. It will be a two-day event on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September from 2:00pm onwards each day.

There will be a bring-and-buy cakes and produce stall, an exhibition of old photographs of Long Bredy and its former residents, and a display of art by current villagers, and plenty of opportunity to enjoy tea and cakes. For the children, a competition to see who can create a fantastic creature from vegetables, or who can make a 'Garden on a Plate' will reveal who has the most imagination! Families are invited to pool their respective talents and create a Scarecrow.

It is essential to find funds to support our lovely old Church, so come along, join in and enjoy a celebration of all things produced and created.

## PEOPLE

Dick and Margaret Elliott have two new grandsons, Luke and Jack: congratulations to all the family.

Many congratulations also to Mark and Caroline Banham on the arrival of baby William.

Albert and Rosemarie Pitcher celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 23<sup>rd</sup> September: congratulations and best wishes to them both.

Farewell to Peter and Heather Rigby who have left after many years at Dowerfield Cottage.

## THE FETE

*a non complis* made £634.50. Many thanks to all of those who bravely risked the severe weather warnings and went to the Village Hall, to our sponsors, and to the sturdy Fete Committee who reorganised everything so quickly.

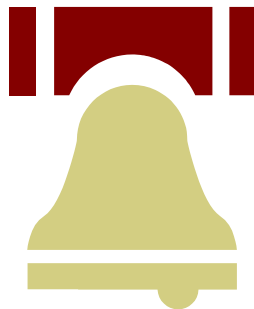
## VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Anyone wishing to use the Village Hall during the month of September should contact Elinor Frost on 482269.

## CHURCH BELLS OF ST PETER'S

It was a shock to learn that the bell ropes that had snapped during our Open Evening. It appears that they had been deliberately cut part way through and this was plain to see on the treble bell rope which stayed intact. Fortunately all four ropes were quickly repaired and the bells were back in use for the July wedding. The reason for this act of vandalism is a complete mystery to us all, but we will continue to fundraise and to ring the bells with our unstinting enthusiasm. Many thanks to everyone who has sponsored some bell rope or contributed to the bell fund so far, we are very grateful. If you would like to help us please contact Gwen Kinghorn or call in at St Peter's and see the sponsored bell rope. Cheques can be made payable to the Long Bredy PCC.

We would like to give you advanced notice of our special weekend in 2008. Please make a note now and invite your family and friends down for the weekend of Saturday, 28th June and Sunday, 29th June. On Saturday evening we are holding a good old fashioned Barn Dance at Longlands, Little Bredy (with kind permission of Mr & Mrs Barker) and on Sunday we are having an Open Gardens and Flower Festival in Long Bredy. Some



gardeners have already promised to open their lovely gardens, and we are hoping more people will like to be involved.

We are holding a bell ringing practice night on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. Please come along if you would like to learn or can ring already: we shall be delighted to see you.

If you would like further details on Long Bredy Bell Ringers and our forthcoming events, please contact: Gwen Kinghorn, 7 Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy DT2 9HW Tel: 01308 482270.

## BEYOND THE VALLEY

### BRIDPORT CHORAL SOCIETY

Rehearsals begin again on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at the United Church Hall, East Street, Bridport at 7.30pm. If you enjoy singing, especially Christmas songs, please come along and join us. New members are very welcome.

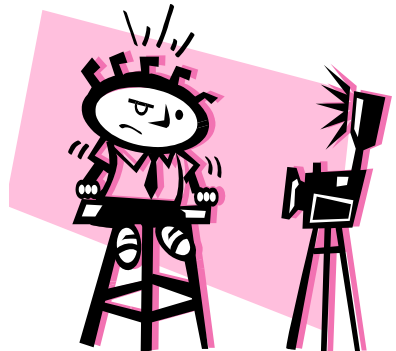
Please contact Wynne Hughes on 10308 897979 for further information.

### THE BRIDPORT CAMERA CLUB

The club is kicking off its 2007/8 season on September 19<sup>th</sup> with a move to The Salt House in West Bay when Dr Barry Senior will give his talk “how did you do that?”.

Our fortnightly meetings start at 7.30pm and take a variety of forms, often a visiting speaker, regular competition nights, some slides or prints from various organisations, during which members are willing pass on their skills. We cover both digital and film photography, and subjects include creative, landscapes, nature, portrait, natural history, sport and travel.

New members are always welcome to our club, which was established in the early 90s some the area’s best photographers including Colin Varndell, David Barnikel and Garry Hayball. Current membership represents virtually the whole spectrum of skills and interests; whereas some members rarely compete, others have gained awards from the Royal Photographic Society and other organisations. If you feel like entering one of the regular competitions, we have classes for “Beginners/Novices” as well as “Advanced”.



The annual subscription fee for full membership (those wishing to enter in competitions) is £18.00 or £15.00 per year for non-participating membership. An evening's visitors fee is £2.50.

For more information please check out our website:  
[www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk) or call 01308 459443.

## NEW TEENS MAG

- for girls with minds as well as spirit

“Caris” is a new, glossy, teenage lifestyle magazine for 11 to 16-year-old girls with ‘minds as well as bodies’. The 48-page, handbag-sized publication includes real-life stories, fashion, music, beauty, campaigns and reviews – all informed by Christian values, but without being preachy.

Christine Miles, Editor of Caris said, ‘Girls have big questions to deal with. In our target age-range, girls are changing from children into adults. They have questions about themselves and the world around them. Part of the job of Caris is to help girls to think through serious topics.

In a recent feature on a pilot edition of Caris, the Independent on Sunday asked teenage girls about the magazines aimed at their age group. Tayra Fuentes, 13, said: ‘Other magazines make you feel like you're growing up too quickly - you've got to get a boy, got to wear lots of make-up. This one shows there are other things to worry about, like school and friends and sports.’

Caris magazine has been developed by the Church Times with the backing of individuals as well as trusts and charities; 50,000 copies of the first issue were to be distributed free at youth festivals and through youth groups nationally in August and September. The cover price is £2.50, but youth groups ordering more than 10 copies pay only £1 a copy. For details

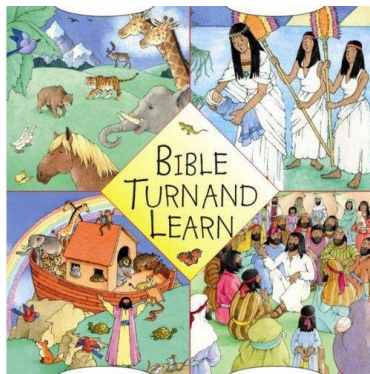


## BIBLE TURN AND LEARN

By Sally Ann Wright, BRF, £7.99

This simple Bible in 40 short episodes is ideal for inquisitive toddlers as they find out about Adam and Eve, Abraham and Isaac, Moses, Joshua, and more, and also learn about the life and teachings of Jesus.

Very young children can take an active part in the storytelling, turning the wheel to choose the right pictures to match the short stories.

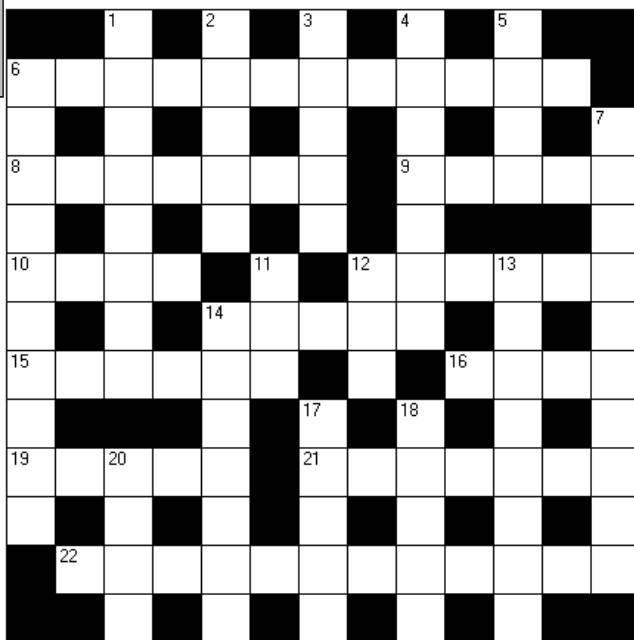


# CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible

## Across

- 6 Christian festival occurring 10 days before Whitsun (9,3)
- 8 Last book of the OT (7)
- 9 The second commandment forbids their making (5)
- 10 Goliath's home town (4)
- 12 Sternutation produced seven times by a boy in 2 Kings ch. 4 (6)
- 14 Aviator who sounds like the Roman who had Christ crucified (5)
- 15 ..and \_\_\_\_\_ no longer is stirred (Ecc 12.5) (6)
- 16 What the wicked do to their bows in Psalm 11 (4)
- 19 Whence Hiram's ships brought gold in 1 Kings ch.10 (5)
- 21 Punish, as a man on a bed of pain in Job ch. 33 may be punished (7)
- 22 Christian feast day commemorating Christ's resurrection (6,6)



## Down

- 1 Junior church officers (8)
- 2 What you must do to have the door opened, according to Matthew ch. 7 (5)
- 3 Not ecclesiastical (5)
- 4 Description of a hymn that is not modern (7)
- 5 Ring of light round a saint's head (4)
- 6 Scene of the final struggle between the powers of good and evil (10)
- 7 Dominating influence (10)
- 11 Whoever eats their eggs will \_\_\_\_ (Isa 59.5)(3)
- 12 Weep noisily, like Hagar in Genesis ch. 21 (3)
- 13 Evening (8)
- 14 In proportion (3,4)
- 17 ..taunt him with ridicule and \_\_\_\_\_ (Hab 2.6) (5)
- 18 Lisbon's river (5)
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ me , for I have sinned (Ps 41.4) (4)



# FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



## NOTHING AT ALL ON 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Nothing at all happened on this day in 1752 – how do we know this? In 1752 the calendar was reformed because Britain was 11 days behind the rest of Europe. The dates were simply moved forward: September 3<sup>rd</sup> became September 14<sup>th</sup> and 11 days went missing. Diaries and calendars read 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> September, etc.

There was rioting in the streets as people wanted their missing days back. People paying rents and mortgages were very upset because they still had to pay for the whole month of September even though it didn't have its usual amount of days.

For years afterwards it still caused trouble – look in old churchyards and you may see tombstones with dates that say 'born old style, died new style' which means that the person in the grave was actually 11 days younger than the dates would make you think.



## BIBLE SUM

All the answers to this quiz are numbers in the Bible. Can you work out this sum?

To the number of commandments  
ADD

the number of disciples and  
ADD

the tribes of Israel then  
TAKE AWAY

the number of Gospels.  
DIVIDE BY

the Wise Men or Kings  
ADD

the sheep that weren't lost  
(Luke 15:3)

TAKE AWAY

Jesus' days in the wilderness  
(Matthew 4)



ADD THESE 2  
DIGITS  
TOGETHER

**And what are  
you left with?**

Answer at the  
bottom of the page.



**Can you name 5 days of the  
week without saying Monday,  
Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday or Friday?**

The day before yesterday,  
yesterday, today, tomorrow and  
the day after tomorrow!



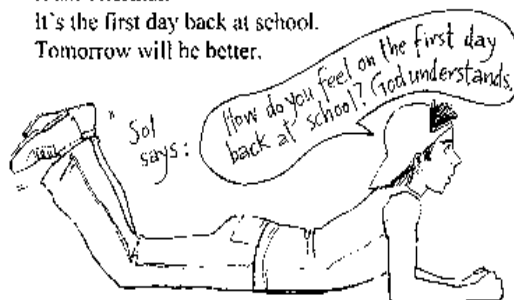
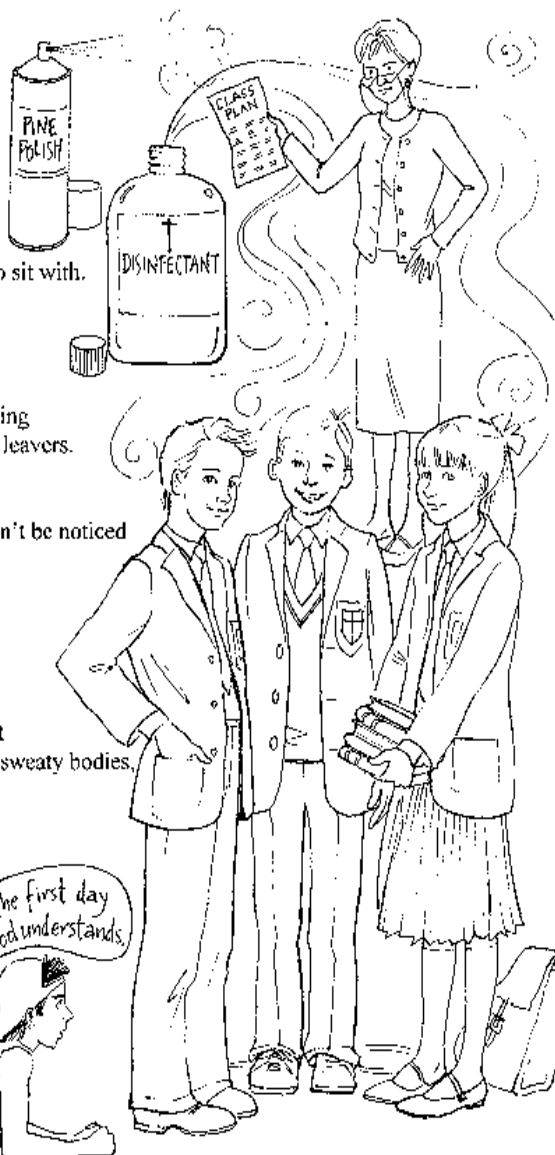
ANSWER:  $10 + 12 = 22 + 12 = 34 - 4 = 30 \div 3 = 10 + 99 = 109 - 40 = 69, 6 + 9 = 15$

# Rainbow Rhymes

## Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

It's the first day back at school.

Brushed and polished, shining,  
It's the first day back at school.  
Everyone looks different,  
Tidy and taller.  
Almost like strangers after six weeks.  
We line up outside our new classroom,  
Jostling to be near the ones we'd like to sit with.  
Hoping they will jostle to be near us.  
Trying to be first in the line  
So that we can choose the best table.  
The dreaded Miss Mole appears,  
Looking as thin and fierce and frightening  
As we were told she was by last year's leavers.  
Silence.  
We walk in,  
Then *rush* to sit where we think we won't be noticed  
Or asked questions.  
But Miss Mole has a Class Plan  
And she moves us all around  
To where she can see us.  
She asks us *lots* of questions.  
The classroom feels alien.  
It smells of pine polish and disinfectant  
Instead of chalk and damp clothes and sweaty bodies,  
Like classrooms should.  
And the toilets don't smell at all.  
It isn't normal.  
It's the first day back at school.  
Tomorrow will be better.



*Do not be afraid, for I am with you,*  
(Isaiah 43:5 N.I.T)

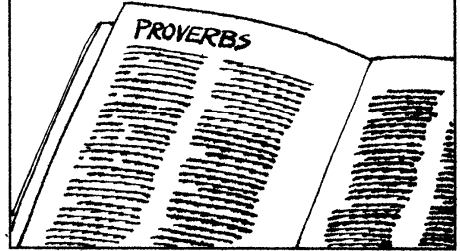
Poem by Daphne Kitching, Picture by Elaine Hill, Coloured by .....



# Picture Proverbs

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS IS A COLLECTION OF 'WISE' SAYINGS FROM THE HEART OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.

WHAT DO THE FOLLOWING PROVERBS MEAN? THEY COME FROM CHAPTER 25



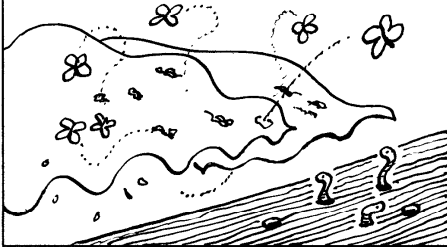
LIKE A BAD TOOTH OR A LAME FOOT IS A FAITHLESS PERSON IN TIME OF TROUBLE



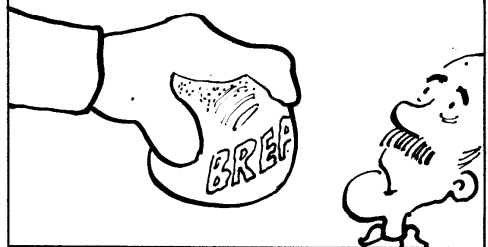
LIKE VINEGAR ON A WOUND IS ONE WHO SINGS SONGS TO A HEAVY HEART.



LIKE A MOTH IN CLOTHING OR A WORM IN WOOD, SORROW GNAWS AT THE HUMAN HEART.



IF YOUR ENEMIES ARE HUNGRY GIVE THEM BREAD TO EAT.



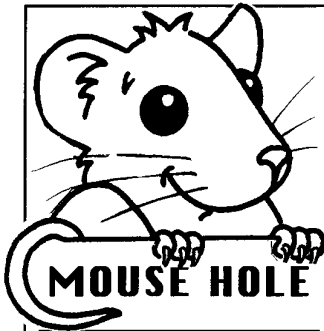
IF THEY ARE THIRSTY, GIVE THEM WATER TO DRINK;




FOR YOU WILL HEAP COALS OF FIRE ON THEIR HEADS, AND THE LORD WILL REWARD YOU.



see Proverbs Ch. 25.19 ff



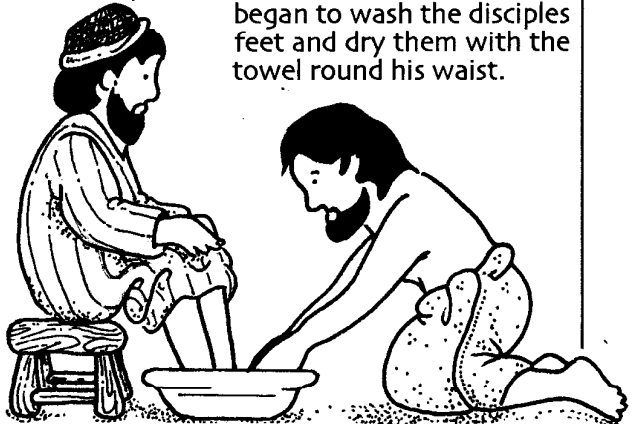
## Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

In Jesus time, when you went to someone's house, the dust and dirt would be washed off your feet by a servant. 

The disciples had met with Jesus in an upper room to share a meal together, but there were no servants to wash their feet. So Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer clothing and wrapped a towel round his waist.

Then he poured water into a basin and

began to wash the disciples feet and dry them with the towel round his waist.



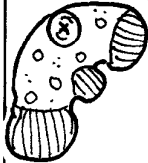
When he had finished he put on his clothes and returned to his place at the table and said

*"Do you understand what I have done for you? Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example, that you should do as have done for you"*

Read this story in **John 13:1-17**  
What could you do for your friends?

## Sock Puppets

Make simple puppets with an old socks Put your fingers down the end of the sock and your thumb in the heel.



Sew on buttons for eyes or use sticky paper circles.

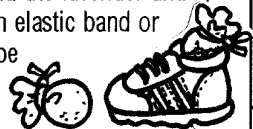
Ears and noses can be made with balls of paper or cotton wool secured with elastic bands. Use chunky knitting wool for hair.



To secure onto your arm, use a large elastic band... but make sure it's not too tight!



If your trainers smell of cheesy feet, make them smell nice by putting 2 or 3 handfuls of dried lavender into the middle of a hanky. Gather up the corners around the lavender and secure with an elastic band or ribbon. Leave one in each shoe overnight to make them smell fresh in the morning!



---

## YET MORE AFRICAN PROVERBS

If you refuse to be made straight when you are green, you will not be made straight when you are dry.

Knowledge is like a garden; if it is not cultivated, it cannot be harvested.

No one tests the depth of a river with both feet.

Not to know is bad. Not to wish to know is worse.

---

**PUN**      A man entered a local newspaper competition that offered a prize for the best pun. He sent in ten entries, hoping that one would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did

# DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES

## SEPTEMBER 2007

### September

Sat	1	11.00am Village Walk	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
		6.30pm BBQ	The Cottage Litton Cheney
Sun	2	11.00am Charity Brunch/Oompah Band	Cown Inn, Puncknowle
		7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon	3	7.30pm Swyre PCC meeting	Chantry House
		7.30pm Bridport Choral Socy Rehearsal	United Church Bridport
Tue	4	2.00pm BB Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
		7.30pm PSWB Parish Council Mtg	PSWB Village Hall
Fri	7	10.30am Puncknowle Art Group	The Crown, Puncknowle
		7.00pm Candlelit Dinner	SG Village Hall
		7.30pm AGM PSWB Village Hall	PSWB Village Hall
Sat	8	Various Historic Churches Cycle Ride	Various
		10.00am Swyre Churchyard Working Party	
		10.00am Village Walk	LC Bus Shelter
Sun	9	12.30am Bride Valley Churches Lunch	BB Village Hall
Tue	11	<b>Correspondents' deadline for October edition BVN</b>	
		2.00pm BB Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
		?pm BV Ladies Choir	SG Village hall
Wed	12	7.30pm W I Meeting	BB Village hall
		7.30pm SG Parish Council Meeting	SG Village Hall
Thu	13	<b>Editor's deadline for October edition BVN</b>	
Fri	14	<b>HOLY CROSS DAY</b>	
		10.30am Tiny Tots Service	St Mary's, BB
		7.00pm Puncknowle History Group	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm BB Football Club Ex'n Preview	BB Reading Room
Sat	15	9.30am Producers' Market	White Horse Inn, LC
		10.00am Coffee & Croissants	SG ?
		11.00am BBFC Centenary Exhibition	BB Reading Room
		2.00pm LB Harvest Flower & Art Festival	
Sun	16	BB ONLINE Photo Competition Closes	
		2.00pm LB Harvest Flower & Art Festival	
Tue	18	2.00pm BB Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
		7.45pm BB Palyers Auditions	BB Village Hall
Wed	19	7.30pm Bridport Camera Club Meeting	Salt House West Bay
Thu	20	7.00pm Long Bredy Bell Ringers	
		7.30pm KWARTS Concert	St Mary's LC
		7.45pm BB Players Auditions	BB Village Hall
Fri	21	<b>St MATTHEW</b>	
		10.30am Puncknowle Art Group	The Crown, Puncknowle
		11.00am KWARTS Sung Mass	St Mary's BB
		10.00am SG Ramblers	Brook St. Telephone Kiosk

Sat	22	7.30pm	KWARTS Concert	St Mary's BB
Sun	23	12noon	Harvest Lunch	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	25	12.30pm	PSWB Luncheon Club	PSWB Village Hall
		2.00pm	BB Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
Thu	27	2.30pm	MU Meeting	Hunters Moon Puncknowle
Fri	28	10.00am	MacMillan Coffee Morning	St Mary's BB
		?	BB Village SocyTalk "Art Nouveau"	?
Sat	29		<b>MICHAELMAS</b>	
		10.00am	MacMillan Coffee Morning	PSWB Village Hall
		?	Barn Dance	LC ?
Sun	30	11.00am	Joint Valley Harvest Festival	St Martin's SG
		3.30pm	Inter-Church/CommunityQuizzes:	LB Village Hall

### October

3	7.00pm	Harvest Supper	SG Village Hall
3	7.30pm	Bridport Camera Club Meeting	Salt House West Bay
4	7.00pm	One World Worship	Othona Community
6	?	BB Harvest Supper	?
8	7.30pm	BV Gardening Club	PSWB Village Hall
9	12.30pm	Bride Valley Churches Lunch	BB Village Hall
13	?	Talk By Brian Curtois	PSWB Village Hall
17	7.30pm	Bridport Camera Club Meeting	Salt House West Bay
27	7.00pm	Quiz Night/Fish& Chips	SG Village Hall
31	7.30pm	Bridport Camera Club Meeting	Salt House West Bay

### November

4	7.00pm	One World Worship	Othona Community
28	7.00pm	Talk by Bob Ayres "London"	SG Village Hall

LC: Litton Cheney  
Lb: Littlebredy

SG: Shipton Gorge  
PSWB: Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington

BB: Burton Bradstock  
LB: Long Bredy  
BV: Bride Valley

## VILLAGE WEBSITES

*giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc.*

[www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk)

[www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk)

[www.shiptongorge.org.uk](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk)

[www.puncknowle.net](http://www.puncknowle.net)

[www.swyre.org.uk](http://www.swyre.org.uk)

[www.westbexington.org.uk](http://www.westbexington.org.uk)



# CHURCH SERVICES

## THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

September 2007

Date	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 13 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	9 <sup>th</sup> September 14 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	16 <sup>th</sup> September 15 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 16 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	30 <sup>th</sup> September 17 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Songs of Praise 4.00 Choral Evensong	9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy communion (by extension)	9.30 Common Worship Communion Service 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Common Worship Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 United Valley Service; Harvest Festival
<b>Chilcombe</b>			6.30 Evening Prayer		
<b>Swyre</b>	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Morning Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	
<b>Puncknowle</b>	9.30 Holy Communion (with hymns)	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service (Harvest Festival followed by lunch)	
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 JT Family Service; Harvest festival	9.30 Holy Communion (By extension)	8.00 Holy Communion
<b>Long Bredy</b>	11.00 Holy Communion (said)		11.00 Morning Worship		
<b>Littlebredy</b>		11.00 Holy Communion (by extension) all age worship		11.00 Holy Communion	

**Rector:** The Revd Bob Thorn  
**Reader:** Mike Read

**Tel:** (01308) 898799  
**Tel:** (01308) 897445

**NSM:** The Revd Jean Thorn **Tel:** (01308) 898799  
**Reader:** James Webster **Tel:** (01308) 89 8657