

# ***Bride Valley News***

***July 2008***



Chapel in the Woods - taken by Liz Slater, Puncknowle.

The Magazine of  
The Bride Valley Team Ministry

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# FROM THE RECTORY

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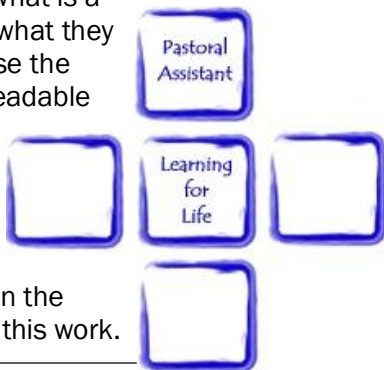
**PASTORAL** Assistants do what they are. They assist in the Pastoral work of the Church, at which point it may be as well to say that the Pastoral work of the Church is the practical care and help with which people are looked after in the community in the name of Christ. At which point it may be as well to say that Pastoral Assistants do not choose or discriminate in their work between those who are “Church” and those who are not – any more than Jesus did. They happen to believe that saying prayers for people does help, and so will be inclined to pray for people as part of their work of service, but they do not do their work with a hidden agenda. The need calls out the help.

At this point, it may be as well to point out that the ‘people’ concerned may be anyone. It is not necessarily those who are ill, or housebound, or elderly or in any other kind of category. Pastoral Assistants can concentrate on work with young people if that is their particular gift. They can work with the homeless as much as with the housebound, and the fit and well just as much as with those who are a bit off their feed. A lot of what they do depends upon the call of those in need.

But there is another part which is the Assistant’s own particular and personal calling. This too determines what they will look to find, and so what they will be given by their calling to do. In many ways Pastoral Assistants are doing what Christian folk have always done in the name of Christ – the work of charity and care. Pastoral Assistants have the confidence that is given as a result of their training and commissioning by the Diocese, and the Parishes can begin to see work that is local and organised. There are now over 1000 Pastoral Assistants in the Diocese of Salisbury.

All of which is a very long unravelling of what is a very simple idea – that Pastoral Assistants do what they are. Underneath this headline there is of course the small print, only I have just written out the unreadable bits in larger letters because questions about who Pastoral Assistant are and what they do still come up, and I hope will continue to.

Some time ago now I put out a call to people who might wish to become Pastoral Assistants. At the time there was none active in the Bride Valley. We now have five people who do this work.



They do not all do exactly the same thing, but they are all involved in bringing the prayers of the Church to the people of the Parishes in practical ways, and the needs of the Parishes to the Church for prayer.

And now is the time to put out a call for more such helpers. There are one or two who have already expressed an interest. Our Parishes still need more of such help so that we can bring the ministry of the Church to those who need it. If you are minded to offer, or if you would like to enquire about such work, do please get in touch with me. On the other hand, if you know of people in need of someone to call and visit, do please get in touch with Mrs Ann Read, on 897445.

*Bob Thorn.*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### WEDDINGS

Many congratulations to **Brian Michael Downton** and **Doreen Elizabeth Neill**, who were married on May 24<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Church, Puncknowle. They are a mature couple with families of their own, who with many good friends and neighbours joined what was both a ceremony and a celebration.



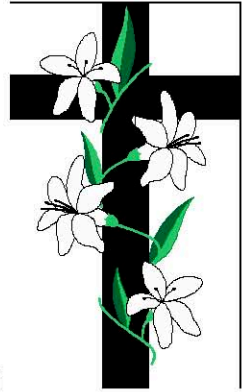
On May 17<sup>th</sup>, **Russell Ryan Gale** and **Anna Marie Loxton** were married in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. A rainy day could not spoil the joy of the happy couple, nor dampen the merry making of family and friends at the Church, and later at the reception at Eype.

### FUNERALS

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May, there was an interment of the ashes of the late **Derrick Geoffrey Shepherd** in the Churchyard of St Martin's, Shipton Gorge. Geoff's funeral service was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2007.

The funeral of **Evelyn Mary Joyce Downton** was held at Weymouth Crematorium on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May. She and her husband, Leonard married shortly after the war, and spent the whole of their married life in Burton Bradstock. He was a local boy, and she came from Bridport. They were together in Southover and Mill Street before moving to Barr Lane when their house was first built, 50 years ago. There they raised their family of four daughters. Evelyn worked for many years at Portbredy hospital, and afterwards continued to knit blankets for them. She looked after Leonard, but was herself overcome with illness which she bore with great courage

and fortitude until the end. Leonard, alas was too ill to attend the simple service at which Evelyn was fondly and thankfully remembered.



**Michael David Arthur Peppit**, of Hive Close in Burton Bradstock, died suddenly at home. He was 33 years old, and had been suffering in grief for the loss of his recently departed Mother. He was known by friends and neighbours to be a quiet but engaging and friendly person, and it was hard to realise the troubles he bore. He lived with his Father, David, and worked as his carer. Michael's cremation service was a private ceremony held at Weymouth on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. His funeral on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup>, was held in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. The same hymns that were at his Mother's funeral were sung, *Crimond* and *Love Divine*, before his ashes were interred in the Churchyard.

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

A globe with a red and blue grid, and a red computer mouse with a cord. The globe is on the left, and the mouse is on the right, with a line connecting them.

**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)

**See the  
Bride Valley News  
IN COLOUR, on the  
Burton Bradstock website**

## SKYFRIGHT

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and was soon bumping around in the sky. One very nervous lady happened to be sitting next to a clergyman and turned to him for comfort,

"Can't you do something?" she demanded forcefully.

"I'm sorry ma'am," said the minister gently.  
"I'm in sales, not management."



# LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: MRS ELINOR FROST  
BRIDELANDS, LONG BREDY



## VILLAGE FETE

Sunday 13th July is the Village Fete, 2.30pm at Kingston Russell House, with kind permission of Mr and Mrs Carter. On the morning of the fete we set up at 10.30am. All hands to the deck please to get it ready and also at 4.30 to 5pm to pack it all away.

The stall holders are:

Draw - Elinor Frost

Plants - Albert and Rosemary Pitcher

Teas - Jackie Cain

Books - Sara Winter with David and Jane Peretz

Cakes - June Clewlow and Gwen Kinghorn

Arts and Crafts, Gifts and Jewellery - Tracy and Sophie Linwood

Bric A Brac - The Zauchi-Mabey Family and Ruth Cullingford

(Alan Kinghorn's greenhouse can be a collecting place)

Please make cakes and scones for the teas and cake stall. We would like prizes for the Draw and any contributions for the gifts and other stalls will be most welcome.

## BARN DANCE

Come and enjoy a traditional Barn Dance to be held in the pole barn at Longlands Farm, Littlebredy: on Saturday, 5th July, 7.00pm – 11.30pm.

Dance the evening away to music by 'Jump to the Sun' complete with a caller to keep us in our places.

A local beef spit roast supper is included in the ticket price and a bar is available.

Tickets (in advance) are £10 per person, £25 per family; or £12.50 per person at the farm gate on the night.

Tickets available from Bride Valley Farm Shop, Abbotsbury; Modbury Farm Shop; Poundbury Garden Centre; Ann at Pitcombe 482768 or Gwen, 7 Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy 482270.



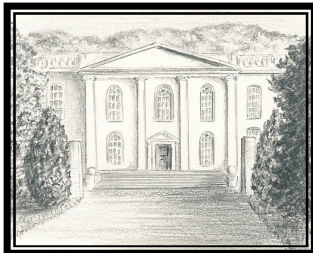
Organised in aid of Longbredy PCC and proceeds to St Peter's Church Bell Fund, Long Bredy and Littlebredy Social Club



# THE LONG BREDY VILLAGE FETE

*In the beautiful grounds of Kingston Russell House*

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Harold Carter



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30pm**

Grand draw first prize £100

The Lyme Regis Majorettes

Tombola    Cakes    Bouncy Castle    Plants  
Coconut Shy    Bric-a-Bac    Books, Tapes, CDs & More  
Tea and cakes served around the pool

**ADMISSION £1.50 CHILDREN FREE (INCLUDES FREE CAR PARKING)**  
**(SORRY, NO DOGS IN THE GROUNDS)**

## LITTLEBREDY

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There is an arrival and a departure to note this month. First, we welcome **Dr. and Mrs. Colin and Carol Armistead**, who arrive from Bournemouth University to live in Gardens Cottage. We hope they will rapidly settle happily into their new community, and will find a warm welcome here.

The departure is that of the old cricket pavilion, whose ruins many may have already noticed. It was built in time for the first games of cricket here in August 1900, and has offered shelter and hospitality to teams and supporters ever since. However, its timber-frame construction under the corrugated iron cladding (and its lack of foundations, as the rabbits in particular have discovered) have made



maintenance increasingly difficult, and it has effectively been beyond repair for several years. Now it has gone, and during the rest of the summer a replacement will rise in its stead, based on a similar design, but with additional space and facilities, and, it is hoped, duly preserving the atmosphere of its predecessor. If it too lasts for over a century in its turn, it will represent a job well done.

One of the last events in front of (but not using) the old pavilion was the Social Club's Rounders Evening at the end of May, which was very well supported and great fun. Especial thanks to the organisers and to Peter Murton, who steadily produced numerous barbecue suppers, as well as to those who knew the rules and kept the game under control, despite huge teams of players on both sides.



No need to remind people, we hope, of the **Barn Dance at Longlands Farm from 7.00 p.m. on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**, organised in aid jointly of the Long Bredy Bells Appeal and our own Social Club. Tickets are cheaper (£10 each or £25 for a family) if booked in advance instead of at the door (£12.50), so please ring 482270 or 482768 (Ann Peppiatt at Pitcombe) to take advantage, even at this late stage. It should be an excellent evening.

## LITTON CHENEY

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH

The PCC is pleased to announce that commencing on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July and thereafter every first Sunday in each month there will be a Family Service at St Mary's at 11.00 a.m. It is hoped that this new time and the intended form of the service will be more to the liking of children (and their parents!). Refreshments will be served at the back of the Church after the service.

Very grateful thanks are extended to everyone who contributed in any way to two recent events. First, the Fete - in true British spirit the weather was not allowed to prevent a happy afternoon being enjoyed and the generosity of those who attended gave a great boost to our funds for maintaining the Church building; our special thanks to Thorner's for the last



minute venue and to the maypole dancers.

Secondly, the memorable weekend of the visit by the Choir from Summer Fields School. For those who missed the superb concert or the presence of the robed choir at the service the next morning, maybe another year. Again, the Treasurer is all smiles; our special thanks to the Headmaster, Gareth Price the Director of Music and of course our own Paul Cheater.

Following the withdrawal of the PCC's planning application concerning access to the Church they are currently consulting with their architect and the planners at West Dorset to see how the plans might be adjusted to meet the concerns of those with whom the original plan did not find favour. It is hoped that an amended presentation can be made to the village shortly.



### LITTON CHENEY CAKE BAKERS

Thanks to a wonderful response to request for cakes to sell at the Church Fete - the tables were loaded with a wide variety of tempting confectionary, and all were sold before the end of the Fete. £150 was raised by the cake stall, and much appreciated.

*Mary A (482326)*

### LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL IT REALLY IS HAPPENING!

A contractor has been appointed, a timetable has been agreed and additional fundraising efforts planned. If all goes to plan, in the early part of 2009, the Litton and Thorner's Community Hall will be finished and ready to host its first event. Between now and then our fundraising efforts will continue apace but we believe we have the necessary funding to get the physical part, the building of the actual hall, underway. No more talk (well, just a little), no more posturing, no more "if only" and plenty of up with the hall!



To play your part you can make a donation, attend one of the many fundraising events over the coming months and generally show your support in voice and deed. For more information please contact John Firrell (482313) or Ron Davidson (482661) or see other events in this issue of BVN including an exclusive Wine Tasting Evening with Steven Spurrier on Saturday 20 September - more details in the August edition. Plans are under way for a concert with the Dorset Youth Jazz Orchestra on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July at Thorner's School - this will be an open air evening with a bar and "bring your own picnic". Further details will be advertised locally.

## THE LITTON CHENEY RELIEF IN NEED TRUST

As in previous years the Trustees of this Charity invite applications for a Grant from students living in Litton Cheney who have recently finished their full time education and intend to commence either full-time employment or a course in higher education such as University. Please apply by letter in confidence explaining your need for a grant to Mary Anderson, Talisman, Litton Cheney, or to one of the other Trustees.

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

### AGM

The Chairman in his review of the year said it had been a successful one, highlighting the Duck Race, Barbeque and Barn Dance which together with the Bonfire and Village Walks were well attended and enjoyed by all.

Ron thanked all of the Committee for their hard work over the year with special mention for Sheila and Pete as Secretary and Treasurer respectively and for all the volunteer helpers without whom the events would not happen. Retiring committee members Sheila Barnes, Eddy Fry, Rachel Gershfield, June Lawrence and Frank Whillock were especially thanked for all of their hard work over many years.

Ron looked forward to hearing from volunteers to join the Social Committee.

The treasurer reported on the healthy state of the Social Committee accounts and thanked all who had put in the hard work to facilitate this.

The evening was rounded off with an interesting and enjoyable presentation by David Barnikel on his trip to China which was warmly applauded.



### BARBEQUE

A reminder that the village Barbeque and Disco is on Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 for 7.00pm at The Orchard, Charity Farm. Adults £7.50 and under 14s free.

### VILLAGE WALK

The next village walk will be on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the bus shelter at 10.00 am weather permitting.



### DISCOVERY CHALLENGE



Why not take up “The Bride Valley Discovery Challenge” on the evening of Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>? It’s a little like a treasure hunt but a tad more challenging and will test your map-reading skills. As a clue it will start and finish at the White Horse.

Enjoy a challenging evening with supper for around £10.

## THEATRE TRIPS

A trip to see “Don’t Look Now”, a classic thriller by Daphne Du Maurier at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole is now available on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at a cost of £30 pp to include coach and Theatre tickets.

Details of the Discovery Challenge and the Theatre Trip are available on the Litton Cheney Website. For a place at either of these events please confirm your booking with Ron Davidson (482661) or Sheila Davison (482262) by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

## FUTURE EVENTS

A Skittles/Boules evening is planned at the White Horse in July/August and a guided tour of the Village to hear about how the village has developed and the history of the buildings. Please check the Village website and look at the notice boards for details. We hope to confirm these by July 5<sup>th</sup> (the BBQ) and also in the August BVN.

*Sheila Davison Secretary LCSC 482262*

*In the June edition of BVN, an entry concerning Litton Cheney’s participation in Dorset’s Best Kept Village Competition appeared in such a way as to appear to be attributed to the Litton Cheney Social Committee. The Social Committee wishes to make it clear that this item did not originate from them.*

*My apologies for any confusion - the item, received from the Village Correspondent, was not actually attributed to any person or organisation*

*Editor*

## SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST MARTIN’S CHURCH FETE

The fete will be held on Saturday 13th July in and around the Village Hall starting at 2pm. Any goods for produce stall, bric-a-brac, books, cakes, plants etc will be gratefully received, also if you would like to volunteer to help on any stall your offer will be accepted with open arms!

For further information please contact Vicky 898548, Elizabeth 897207 or Gillian 897346.

Gillian Maxfield – Churchwarden

## PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th July commencing at 7.30pm.

Ernie Thomas – Parish clerk

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW

This will be held on Saturday 26th July so give your flowers and vegetables some extra TLC and enter them in our show. Bring your exhibits along to the Village Hall between 8.45am - 11am ready for judging at 11.15am. The doors will reopen at 2pm for tea and cakes, with plenty of time to admire the exhibits until 4pm, when the Chairman Mr John Kent will present the trophies and certificates to the winning exhibitors. Judging will be done by local residents for this event which is a fun afternoon rather than a competitive show, and it is hoped that as many of you as possible will take part.

## SUMMER FAIR, 16TH AUGUST

Any donations for the following stalls would be most welcome :  
Plants, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Tombola, Cakes, Raffle Prizes and Wine for the Wine Draw.

Sally Parker 897168



Clarissa ("Clarie") Day would like to thank her friends in Shipton Gorge for the cards and best wishes which they sent to her on her birthday. These were much appreciated.

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

### 100 CLUB - JUNE DRAW

£50	No 47	Mary Boughton
£20	No 73	Robert Cornish
£10	No 84	Jo Warren
£10	No 78	Gary & Sandra
£10	No 49	Fred Stanton

## "PICNIC IN THE PARK"

Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 3.00-6.00pm

*Come and enjoy a pleasant afternoon with friends and family in our beautifully maintained Recreation Ground. There will be a live ceilheidh band for entertainment, by arrangement with Richard Hewlett.*

**Bring a picnic and something to sit on.**

**Tea, coffee and strawberries and cream will be on sale.**

The Village Society is pleased to sponsor this event.

**THERE IS NO CHARGE.**

All we want is your company!



SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

# SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST AT 2pm

In and around the Village Hall  
Teas, plants, bric-a-brac, games, books,  
tombola, cakes.

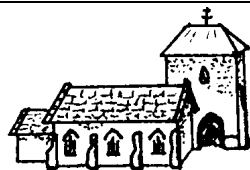
Raffle and Wine Draw.

Demonstration by Bridport Dog Training & Obedience at 3pm.

**Come and join us for a fun afternoon.**

## PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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### PUNCKNOWLE FETE

Please help by donating goods to the following stalls:

- |                              |   |   |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Toys</b>                  | Debbie Legge  | 898506  |
| <b>Bottle Tombola</b>        | David Robbins   | 898185  |
| <b>Chocolate Tombola</b>     | Julie   | 897178  |
| <b>Plants</b>                | Mary Faure  | 897715  |
| <b>Clothing (New to You)</b> | Lois Edwards/ Betty Merchant  |   |
| <b>Cakes for teas</b>        | please deliver to St Mary's Church in morning of Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> July |   |
| <b>Cakes for stall</b>       | — please deliver to Katherine Jones, Greystones (898553) or to the church.      |   |
| <b>Produce</b>               | Elizabeth Slater  | 897751 (sugar and/or fruit very much appreciated) |

Please deliver all other items - *Books, Fancy Goods, Bric-a-Brac, Scarves, Ties & Jewellery and Fill a Jar (50p worth)* - to Ann Roberts, Burwell Cottage, 897716, or Ruth Brierley, Dairy House 898283 (please ring if collection required).

Is anyone able to make fudge to sell, or would like to learn how to make fudge?

Posters / Car stickers / Tickets for Grand Draw are now available.  
Further offers of help with anything from selling raffle tickets to helping clear

up would be very much appreciated. Please contact Ruth, 898283 or Ann 897716.

## ART CLUB



Members worked hard to change all the pictures in The Crown for our new exhibition. We all enjoyed seeing each other's new paintings and they looked very colourful. We must thank Sallie for bringing a range of objects on our morning for 'still life'.

Our meeting on 4 July will be at Burton Bradstock beach.

Members may like to share cars or go independently. On 18 July Pam will be giving a talk on the Russian exhibition.

*Christine Molony*

# PUNCKNOWLE GARDEN FETE

(In aid of St Mary's Church Puncknowle)

**SATURDAY 26TH JULY 2008 at 2.30pm.**

in the grounds of

**PUNCKNOWLE MANOR**

(by kind permission of Mr & Mrs James Wild)

featuring

**\* \* QUALITY CURTAINS \* \***

(Bring your measurements)

**PUNCH & JUDY, PLANTS, COCONUT SHY, GRAND DRAW**

Many stalls and side shows including

**CAKES BOTTLES WHITE ELEPHANT**

**TEAS, CAKES + ICE-CREAM - \* 50p PER ITEM \***

**FREE PARKING**

**ADMISSION 50p (children under 12 years free)**

Really listening and suspending one's own judgment is necessary in order to understand other people on their own terms. This is a process that requires trust and builds trust.

*Mary Field Belenky,*

*Women's Ways of Knowing: The Development of Self, Voice, and Mind*



# CANCER RESEARCH UK – MINI FETE



at the Crown Inn, Puncknowle  
on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July from 11.30am

THE WESSEX MILITARY BAND AND BBQ  
SKITTLE ALLEY  
CHILDREN'S LUCKY DIP

**Stalls** - Produce, Cakes, Homemade Crafts, Books,  
Nearly New, Bottle and many more

Any contributions would be most welcome.  
Please contact Jean Burt 897760.

All proceeds both from the BBQ and the stalls will go to  
Cancer Research UK.

## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON VILLAGE HALL

We are pleased to let you know that the Village Hall has been the beneficiary of a grant from the National Lottery Awards for All Scheme, which will go towards the refurbishment of the kitchen and equipment. It is hoped that the work will commence during the month of August. When completed we will be able to offer an attractive and modernised Hall for hire and use by the many organisations springing up in the area.



## MONTHLY QUIZ

The quiz evenings on the last Friday in the month will recommence in September. We look forward to seeing you there.

## 100 CLUB

There are still opportunities for new members of the 100 Club. Draws take place on the last Friday of the month along with the quiz evening. During June July and August the draw will take place at the Hall. Further information from Sid Marshall 01308 897318 or Rob Reeks 01308 897663

# SWYRE

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## HOLY TRINITY SWYRE

**CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY** - Saturday 12th July from 10.00am

Many thanks to all those who come to our monthly working parties and others who give up their precious time to help us keep the Churchyard tidy. Help is much appreciated and if anyone can spare an hour or more you would be most welcome. Gardening expertise is not needed but I would suggest a pair of gardening gloves and tools (secateurs etc). Most of the work is weeding, cutting back and general tidying. It is always nice to meet up with friends so hope to see you there.

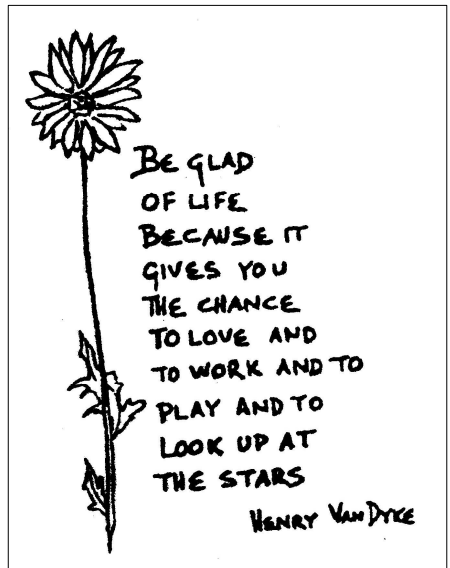
## SONGS OF PRAISE 2008.

We have our annual songs of praise season starting on 3rd August at 7.30p.m. All are most welcome to this celebration, when villagers choose their favourite hymns interspersed with a poem, a reading and a prayer. We have been pleased to see so many at these gatherings and the singing has been wonderful. So lets all join to raise the roof of our lovely Church once more.

## TRINITY FAYRE 2008.

Wet is not a word to use lightly but wet it was, but what a grand day you all made it. Unfortunately we had to move into the Church where space was rather tight but thanks to all our valiant helpers the afternoon still worked a treat. I believe the plant stall enjoyed the rain,(the plants not the stallholders) and special thanks to others who stayed outside in the wet to run their events. Inside the Church it was a smashing atmosphere and despite the cramped conditions all did so well. The event made over £800 towards the new sound system we hope to install in the Church so congratulations to all. Let us hope 2009 will have the sunshine you all deserve.

*Vera Hirst and David Buckland (Churchwardens)*



# BURTON BRADSTOCK

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## BURTON BRADSTOCK CHURCH FETE RECTORY GARDEN, 2.00PM, 7TH AUGUST 2008

This year's Fete will have a farming and countryside flavour and in addition to all the usual stalls and games and other activities we will have displays explaining about current rural issues and challenges.

There will be a "Celebration of Flowers" in the Church and the displays will remain in place for several days. On Friday the 8th at 5 pm there will be an Organ Recital in Church in aid of the Fete. Jac Peeters the celebrated organist from Holland, who many will remember as the person who brought Kwarts the stunning vocal group to sing to us last year, will be playing.

We are most grateful for the offers of help and contributions already received but keep them coming please.

Items for the following stalls are still needed so if you can help please contact;

**The Auction** : Susan Moores (897673).

**Grand Raffle** : Pauline Woodford (898327) especially items for the hamper please

**Filled Jars**: Noreen Short (897212) Jars (Jam sized) and suitable items, e.g. wrapped sweets to fill them, at least a week in advance please

**Book Stall** : Colin & Jan Clark (897412)

**Cakes and Preserves** : Betty Champkins (897419)

**Cards and Crafts** : Jane Stubbs (898002)

**Children's Lucky Dip**: Thelma Skues (898032)

**Plant Sales** : Anne Thompson (897289)

**Produce Sales** : Peter Colbert (897922)

**Bottle Tombola** : Kate and Bernard Chennells (897066) - bottles and cans one week in advance for labelling please.

**Water to Wine** : John and Cathy Lay - Flurrie (897281) - wine bottles preferably full ones please

**White Elephant** : Jim and Denise Rogers (897464)

**Volunteers** are needed to help with **the games** and assist with running **the stalls** - please contact either Susan Paul (897381) or Sylvia Delves (897358). Help is also needed please to **set up** the tables etc. at 8.30 am and to **remove** them at 5.00pm. We would like to have several more Gazebo type tents to use in case of rain or more hopefully to provide a little shade from the hot sun. If you have one which we can use, please let me know.

*Peter Broomhead Fete Co-ordinator (897408)*

## TEA ON THE RECTORY LAWN.

Bob and Jean invite residents of the Bride Valley, visitors and guests to tea on the Rectory lawn on the following dates, in aid of charity:

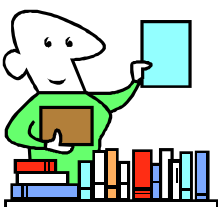
Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Cream teas will be served at the bargain price of £5.00 per cream tea, drink as much tea as you like.

Do come and wander around the garden, meet our dogs and enjoy a relaxed Sunday afternoon. In the event of rain, sadly, we will postpone.



## THE FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

Following the successful inaugural meeting of the FBBL held on 9<sup>th</sup> of April, a general meeting of the members was held on 15<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall to consider the proposal to establish the FBBL as a charity. The meeting was well attended and accepted the proposed constitution and rules unanimously. Five trustees of the FBBL charity were then elected. They are:

Sandy Adderley, Bob Hynds, Caroline James, Maureen Miller, and Ian Wigglesworth.

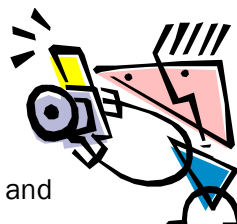
The trustees held a short meeting after the general meeting of the Friends, and named Bob Hynds as Chairman with Ian Wigglesworth as Treasurer. It was agreed to co-opt Rosemary Daniels as Secretary.

The FBBL now have 178 paid up members and 1 corporate member (the Village Society), so we are off to a very good start. On behalf of the Parish Council we are entering detailed negotiations with Dorset County Council over the cost of supporting the building when the Parish Council take it over on a 99 lease at a peppercorn rent. We are also beginning to organise our volunteers ready for the training that will be provided by the County Library Service. The date for the start of the 'core hours' service has yet to be confirmed.

*Bob Hynds, Chairman of the Friends of Burton Bradstock Library*

## A CHANCE TO WIN A £100 WITH YOUR PHOTOGRAPH

Submit a **wildlife photo**, taken in Burton Bradstock, in the past twelve months, and you have a chance of winning the first prize of £100. Runners up receive £50 and



## **ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE**

will take place around the church and in the Rectory Garden,  
Burton Bradstock on

**Thursday 7th August 2008**

Gates open: 2 pm until 5 pm

**Come and see local farming and the countryside in action**

### **A celebration of flowers**

Cake stall   Auction   Ice Cream   Punch and Judy  
Face Painting   Games to Play   Grand Draw   Plant Sales

🎵 St Swithun's Band, Bridport   Handbell Ringing   🎵  
Watch the skills of local craftspeople at work

Refreshments in the Village Hall

ADMISSION: ADULTS 50p children (12 and under) Free

FREE CAR PARKING

**LAVENDER TRUST**  
at BREAST CANCER CARE



### **Strawberry Cream Tea**

**In the Rectory Garden, Burton Bradstock**

**Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3.00-5.00pm**

**Gift Stall and Quiz**

**Please come and support us**



£25 respectively. There is a separate competition for the under 17's and they can win prizes of £50, £25 and £15. The competition is open to everyone and closes on the 16<sup>th</sup> September so look on [www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk) for details and rules of how to enter.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

### 200 CLUB – JUNE 2008 DRAW

Congratulations to:

- |            |         |                            |        |
|------------|---------|----------------------------|--------|
| 1st Prize: | No. 664 | Mr Howard Bongers          | £39.20 |
| 2nd Prize: | No. 616 | Mrs Elizabeth Wigglesworth | £19.60 |
| 3rd Prize: | No. 652 | Mrs Joyce Baldwin          | £ 9.80 |

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

*The Village Hall Trust is a trust registered with the local authority, the West Dorset District Council. Lotteries Licence No. SL0080*

*Alan Clarke - Promoter for 200 Club - 01308 897051*



## VILLAGE FAYRE - SPRING BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Forecasts of 60mph winds and storms forced the annual Village Fayre into the Hall for most of its activities on Bank Holiday Monday. Indeed the scene much resembled a bazaar as the managers of the pitches of tests of skill and of unusual purchase opportunities vied for custom. On-stage the Bride Valley Band, featuring the Rector on guitar, provided the backdrop of merriment while cream teas and cakes received brisk attention....with fine burgers and ice creams also on offer.

And if you didn't actually succeed in catching the rat, matching the number in the box, slotting the beanbags through the ladder, calling your cards, covering the daisy, selecting the correct straw on 'Little Ernie', finding the desert treasure, or carrying away a prize on a wide variety of prize draws and tombolas, you could have your nails and/or face painted, snap up a bargain such as a promising plant, a delicious cake or a very special copy of a section of Encyclopaedia Britannica or other White Elephant, or go and take it all out on the coconut shy!

Grateful thanks are due to all those who helped in various ways to make this event the success it was in spite of the weather. In excess of £2,700 was raised to aid in the running the hall that benefits so many village organisations. The Village Hall Trust Committee also thank everyone who came, spent generously and turned what might well have been a "wash-out" into an afternoon enjoyed by all.



## THANK YOU

The Committee would like to thank all the villagers who helped in any way to organise and run stalls, games and refreshments.

*Susan Moores – Secretary, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee*



## ARTSREACH

The Autumn programme is now being negotiated and further details should be forthcoming shortly.

*Norman Saunders-White - Promoter for Artsreach - 01308 897214*

## HALL CLOSURE

Please note that the Village Hall will be closed for the rebuilding of the toilet facilities from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August inclusive.

*Susan Moores – Secretary, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY AGM & COFFEE MORNING REPORT

Our Annual General Meeting was held on May 16<sup>th</sup> 2008 in The Village Hall. The meeting was very well attended with some 75 people gathering to hear our various reports pertaining to the business of the Society.

Nancy Bushell, our President, opened the meeting and set the tone with her comments particularly about how the village has pulled together in helping Jerry & Margaret with the Post Office during their difficulties. There followed my report in which I talked about the Society's various interests such as The Post Office and Hive Beach. It also gave me the opportunity to thank the Committee for all their support, help and work during the last year. Carol Lumley, our Secretary, then gave her report, which as usual was informative and amusing and finally, Chris Clarke gave her Treasurer's Report, in which she was able to confirm that our finances are in good shape.

We then had some administrative work to do. Two serving members stood down this year; Peter Dutton, who has been in charge of publicity for six years, was thanked for doing an excellent job and Lilian Brown who very kindly stepped on board last year to take on the Catering role. Those willing to continue on the Committee were re-elected, and two new members were elected, Geoffrey Bourne-Taylor for Publicity and Anne Thompson for Catering. We wish them both all the best in the coming year.

Having completed the business part of the AGM we were then treated to a short presentation by John Lay-Flurrie on his "Guilty Secret", which actually turned out to be his amazing collection of puppets of all ages, sizes and nationalities. We were taken down memory lane with characters such

as Muffin the Mule and transported to far away places with exotic individuals from the Far East. A most entertaining end to our meeting which was then followed by a really mouth-watering buffet (prepared by Lilian and her team of helpers).

The following day, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, we held our annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning. We had a wonderful array of plants, and the cake stall as usual was very well supplied; we also had a “guess the weight of the cake” competition (with a most unusual result) and a raffle. I should like to thank all of you who contributed to the success of the event.

Our outing to two National Trust houses and gardens will have taken place by the time you read this. Shortly we will be all gearing up for our Flower & Produce Show, so ladies and gentlemen prepare to air your talents, enthusiasm and energy ready to compete in what we hope will be a wonderful display of what Burton Bradstock can do!!!

*Valerie McRobert, Chairman*

## HOME WATCH

### Are **YOU** secure from Uninvited Callers?

Is *your* new ‘No Uninvited Doorstep Traders’ card up on your door/front window? If so, thank you. If not, and you’d like a spare/replacement, please phone me on 01308-897935 now. (It should replace the old red ‘sticker’).



As one of Dorset’s two first ‘Cold Calling Control Zones’ – we are being used as a test in the next 6 months - we must be firm with uninvited Doorstep Traders. If they continue to call and will not go away despite your request for them to do so, call 999 as it is a legal offence.

If they indicate they *will* go away please nevertheless report their organization’s name, and what happened, to Dorset Trading Standards (if it is during working hours) on 01305-224012 and TSO will write to that organization telling them never to cold call again. (If it is not during working hours please instead phone the Police on 01305-22 22 22 and phone TSO also when they are open.)

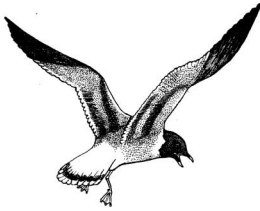
Thank you to those who reported to me that Anglian Home Improvements had continued to go round calling despite the presence of the new ‘No Uninvited Doorstep Sellers’ cards. I reported them to Trading Standards and TSO have written to the company and requested, and got, an assurance that Anglian Home Improvements will never cold call in Burton Bradstock again.

Please keep the reporting back to TSO going on other organizations, and we’ll achieve a quieter, safer-feeling and safer Burton Bradstock.

If you have a cold caller and are somehow unsure what to do over the next 6 months test period please give me a call on 01308-897935

*John Grantham*

**TOPICAL TIP:** Every summer the Police get calls saying ‘But I only left the front door open a few minutes because it was hot. I never thought that... etc’. **BEWARE!**



## **BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL** **16<sup>TH</sup> TO 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2008**

August is fast approaching and with it, the Music and Art Festival. If you wish to enjoy the concerts this year with their wide ranging content, don't hesitate and get your tickets now.

**David Juritz** and many other top class soloists, who have given us such wonderful musical pleasure in previous years, are returning with **The London Festival Players** to present chamber and orchestral concerts and late night recitals. There is another evening of classical tango music by **The London Tango Quintet** together with Handel and Bach arias. **Hilary Bosworth** and **John Surry** will be taking a light hearted look at Life through the Ages in verse and prose interspersed with songs from **The Occasional Singers**.

New highlights this year will be the evening of jazz given by the award winning sextet **6pac** and especially a concert by the very talented three young ladies of the Dutch **Lendvai String Trio**, who will be performing music by Mozart, Bach and Dvorak.

If you need a brochure which has all the details and order form please contact me,

*Mike Southgate on 897487.*

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## **Don't know nothin'**

When Columbus started out, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he got back, he didn't know where he had been. And he did it all on other people's money.

Can't help thinking that reminds me of teenagers on family holiday with their families!

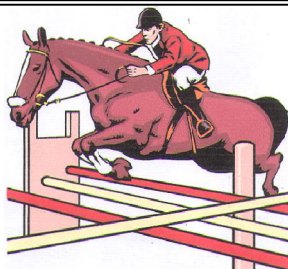


## BEYOND THE VALLEY

# BROADWINDSOR HORSE & DOG SHOW



**SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST 2008**  
at Honeycombe Farm,  
Broadwindsor, Dorset



Directions: B3163 Broadwindsor to Beaminster Road

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**  
**LICENSED BAR & STALLS**

General Enquiries: Tel: 01308 868558

For Schedule please send SAE to: The Secretary  
6 Greens Cross Drive Beaminster, Dorset DT8 3DH

**Proceeds to:**

**Cancer Care (Dorset), Broadwindsor 1st Responders. ILPH**

# Tea Dances



An elegant tea dance with wonderful music, 1940s films & refreshments.  
1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month  
(with a break over August)

starts Tuesday 3rd June, 2.30 - 4.30pm

## Bridport Arts Centre

Cost £3.50 includes refreshments

with support from Dorset Partnership for Older People Project

For information call 01308 424204

## CHILDRENS SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS ARTSREACH AT MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday 23 July. 10.30 - 3.00 6+ years tickets £10.00

Tuesday 5 August. 10.30 - 3.30 9+ years (or nearly) tickets £12.00

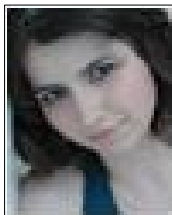
We are delighted to offer a days workshop with well known jeweller **Victoria Martin**, who has run many sought after workshops at Walford Mill Craft Centre, Wimborne. Come and make bugs and beasties, creepy crawlies created in all sizes and shapes with lots of different materials. We will be using plastercine, beads, wire, glitter and much more for some fantastic creations that creep crawl and fly!

Spend the day making moving objects with **Karen Hansen**. When Karen ran her first workshop for Artsreach it was a huge hit. All the children loved it, (boys as well!!!). We will be creating wooden toys or moving sculptures. You will work with small roundwood and learn greenwood skills using shaving horses, draw knives, gauges, drills, and saws. Learning about both fixed and flexible jointing you can construct your own figures, vehicles and interactive boxes of tricks. Her workshops sound dangerous, but Karen is very hot on the health and safety issues.

For both workshops please bring a packed lunch.

We have limited places on both days and we have always sold out very quickly in the past. *Please book early if you would like your child to come.*

Tickets are available on - 01308 482645.



### MADALINA RUSU

To all those who have supported Maddy in the past, and those who have not heard her play before; she will give a lunchtime piano recital at the **BEAMINSTER FESTIVAL, St Mary's Church, Beaminster, on Saturday 5th July at 12 noon.** Programme includes works by Bach, Bartok and Rachmaninov.

Bookings can be made by telephone on 01308 862943, or via email to [beamfest@btinternet.com](mailto:beamfest@btinternet.com)

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

Tel: 01308 420483 E-mail: [orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk](mailto:orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk)

**YOUR** local Christian bookshop and resource centre with a wide range of greetings cards. Call in and see us when you're in Bridport for a cuppa and a browse. We also welcome new volunteers and are looking for book agents in local churches and villages – could this be you?

**Opening hours:** Monday-Friday 9am-1.00pm, Saturday 10am-12.00. We may be able to open for groups at other times by special arrangement.



## VALLEY NOTES



### ALPHA COURSE

Nothing much on the tele. How about giving the 'Alpha Course' a try? What is it about?' That was the sort of conversation Geoff and I had last autumn and how we and others from all over the Bride Valley arrived with some trepidation at The Old Rectory, Litton Cheney on a beautiful September evening.

We need not have worried. Hugh and Carol made us very welcome and soon we were eating a lovely meal and making new friends over coffee. After watching a video we split into groups to share our thoughts and feelings on subjects such as 'Who is Jesus?' and 'Does God heal today?'

As the weeks went by the discussions became more open and lively, with plenty of laughter and a few tears, as we got to know and trust one another.

Did Alpha change our lives? Well it certainly enhanced our faith and we also realised that most people struggle and have doubts; that is why we need love and fellowship together as a Christian Community.

Do go along to the Alpha Course if you can. It is certainly worth while.

*Geoff and Marge Langwith*



### MOTHERS' UNION

**Sudan Bishops' Conference** - 1st-16th July.

**Deanery entertainment of The Bishops' Wives**, - Tuesday 8th July.

**Wave of Prayer**, - Thursday 31st. - 10.30am at St.

Catherines' Cross, Shipton Gorge.

No meeting in August.

*Yvette Smith 898219.*

### HOME PRODUCE FOR SALE!

Sales of home-baked products, preserves, chutneys and garden produce will take place in the Reading Room, High Street, Burton Bradstock on Thursdays 31st July, and the 14th, 21st and 28th August, from 10.00am to 12noon, in aid of two charities being supported by St Mary's, Burton Bradstock, this year.

One charity is ROPE (Relief for Oppressed People Everywhere - Charity 1069608) and St Mary's has chosen to focus on relief for poor people in Rwanda.





That country is suffering greatly as a result of the 1994 genocide and the scourge of Aids, and there are very many widows with a pressing need for the provision of housing for them and their children. Money from ROPE allows these women to have shelters made of poles, clay mud and iron sheet covering.



The other charity being supported is the Sailors' Society (Charity 237778) whose core aim is to enhance and enrich seafarers' lives throughout the world and improve the quality of their wellbeing. For a nearby example of the Society's work, when the MSC Napoli was in distress last year, the Rev Bill Robertson, Auxiliary Port Chaplain in Falmouth, went to RNAS Culdrose to meet the crew when they landed. When they were safely ashore, he distributed free

phone cards to make those all-important calls home to let their anxious loved ones know that they were safe. Then he and a representative of the Mission to Seafarers made themselves available to any of the crew wishing to talk through their frightening ordeal.

*St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, Mission Sub Committee*

## **COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE**

**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, THE VILLAGE HALL, PUNCKNOWLE, FROM 10.30 TO 12NOON.**

All welcome. Volunteers please contact Pam Coventry, 897765 or Sue Brown 897953.



**MADELEINE IZZARD** would like to thank all of her friends from the Bride Valley, for their warmth and support during the short illness and death of her husband Jim.

## **BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB**

The Club held their AGM on Wednesday 21st May and after short reports from the Treasurer and Vice Chair enjoyed a good social gathering with wine and cheese. In spite of the lack of an official Chair it was decided to continue the Club for at least the year as the new look has received a good and enthusiastic response.

Subscriptions were not collected last year, as the Club was suspended, and therefore the balance sheet showed a loss but the reserves are still healthy. It was decided to increase the subscription to £5 to cover increased costs which still gives very good value. We have excellent volunteers who do all the hard work and have some exciting ideas for the future of the Club but



would still dearly like to have a Chair as the pivotal point. In July the members will be having a local evening outing to Knowle Farm, Lodders.

## JOBS TO DO

Sow spring cabbage, turnips, autumn and winter salads and plant out leeks and winter brassicas.

Regularly liquid-feed containerised plants. Divide congested clumps of bearded iris after flowering. Ensure frogs, toads and newts can exit ponds easily.

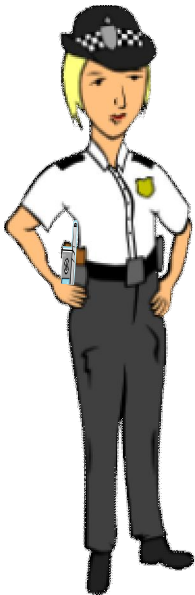
*Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary. e-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net: Tel: 01308 482240*

## ANATOLY

Anatoly is a highly talented Romanian vocal group, part of a choir from Brasov that visited Bridport in 2005. Following their appearance at the Eisteddfod in Wales, they will perform at St John's Church, West Bay on Tuesday 15th July, and at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, at Wednesday 16th July, both at 7.30pm. Admission free, but there will be a retiring collection to assist them with their expenses.

They have a varied programme of religious and secular music; all are welcome.

## BOGUS CALLERS



As you may be aware there have been 'bogus callers' around. Please do not let anyone into your house that you don't know or haven't asked to call.

Before opening the door please put your safety chain on if you have one, if not I may be able to help you with that.

Please check any I.D. before you let anyone in and check any phone number on it.

If they are genuine they won't mind standing on the doorstep while you shut the door and go away and check. They will, unfortunately, have extremely plausible excuses but please do not be fooled.

**If you are at all concerned please phone 01305 222222 or 01202 222222.** If you see them in a vehicle try to take the car registration down and note the direction of travel. Please also keep an eye on elderly and vulnerable neighbours or friends.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this, and I look forward to seeing you on my travels. If any of you do have any concerns or issues of any kind, then please do not hesitate to call me.

**Sarah PCSO 5410**



# Chesil Beach Summer Clean Up Friday August 1st at 2.00pm



## Can you help us turn the tide of Rubbish

Just come to one of the beaches listed below and ask for the Beachmaster  
**BURTON BRADSTOCK CAR PARK OUTSIDE HIVE CAFÉ,  
COGDEN BEACH CAR PARK,  
WEST BEXINGTON BEACH CAR PARK**

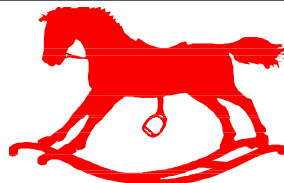
Please remember to wear suitable shoes and clothing  
You will be provided with rubbish bags, gloves and instructions:

***Please come and join us and bring your family and friends –  
everyone welcome!***

Jurassic Coast Trust [www.jurassiccoasttrust.org](http://www.jurassiccoasttrust.org), charity registration no 1101134  
For more details call Amanda Hunt on 01305 251333 or email  
[amanda.hunt@jurassiccoasttrust.org](mailto:amanda.hunt@jurassiccoasttrust.org)

## FIRST STEPS PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

For the remainder of the summer term, the toddler group will be held at Long Bredy Playground every Wednesday morning 10am-12noon. Please bring a snack & a drink. In the event of rain we will meet at Long Bredy Village Hall.



The last session for this term will be Wednesday, 16th July. A small & friendly group £1.50 per session. Toys & activities suitable for under 5's. Welcoming to all, please come along and meet new friends..

Telephone 01308 482126 Barbara for more information.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP



The environment in which children learn plays a 'key role in supporting and extending a child's development' (Early Years Foundation Stage – Principles into Practice). We have a wonderful outdoor space and with the recent glorious weather we have been making full use of the beautiful Rectory garden to extend the children's learning through

Charity Commission No. 1042713

outdoor play. The children have been having a fabulous time learning, playing and working together under the shade of the trees. We are hoping to receive some additional funding at the end of June and will make use of these funds to improve and update our outdoor resources.

Our older children, who begin school in September, are looking forward to their visits into school where they will have further opportunities to familiarise themselves with their new setting. Mrs Procter will also be coming into the playgroup to chat to the children. These informal and formal visits are all aimed at easing the children's transition from playgroup into primary school.

Two community support police officers came to spend the morning with us and we are looking forward to a visit from a nurse on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. She is now working locally, but has spent time working in Zambia and has some interesting experiences and stories to share with the children.

We are also looking forward to our Garden Party on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. A reminder that Heather's 'pop-in' day takes place on July 9<sup>th</sup> (11am – 4pm), so please join us for a cup of tea, a snack and a chat – all proceeds will go towards the playgroup.

Sadly Audrey Smith will be leaving the playgroup at the end of this term. After 15 years of fantastic service, we are desperately sorry to see her go, we will all miss her. We hope that she will continue to visit us and join us for a cup of coffee.

We are therefore looking for a play assistant to join us at the beginning of the September term. If you are interested in finding out more about the position please contact our play leader, Ann Marie, during the playgroup opening hours on 07747173801.

We have some places available for children to begin in September. If you would like to visit us we are open on Monday and Friday mornings from 9.30am – 12 noon and Wednesday from 9.30am – 1pm (lunch club). We are hoping to extend our hours in September.

Our playgroup leader Ann-Marie can be contacted on 07853 150467 or Audrey on 01308 897227

## **BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP**

June and the last half term arrived, and so did Edward Maltby and Callum Birkett who both started at playgroup. Edward is the youngest now and Callum (who is already 4) is getting to know the other children starting school in September - a big welcome to them both.

Our pre-schoolers started their separate group activities on Tuesdays,



- playing tabletop games together, practising writing their names, borrowing books, changing clothes and going to school Assembly. They also visited Reception Class with their parents to see what goes on and meet their teachers and teaching assistants - some of whom they already know.

We have been out and about - to a conservation area and pond, a long country walk across the fields to Litton Cheney playing field to use the equipment and admire the new allotments - no mud this time! We collected different grasses on the way back. Our own tadpoles are growing, as are some of our seeds - so we have to keep watering now. The children also filled the pots they decorated (with flower pictures cut out) with compost and planted sunflower seeds. They also created large sunflowers using paper plates, hands, yellow paint and sunflower seeds in the middle and made FiFi puppets in between lots of playing inside and out - using the new play area as well as the school playground - and playing field, where they practised running races!

Our Summer Outing is planned for July 8<sup>th</sup> - choice of venue is still under discussion as I write, and also our end of term "Picnic in the Park " in Puncknowle on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. More next time about these and also our 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

For information re Playgroup or Nestlings, please ring us at school on 482410, or Carol Bennett on 897771.

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL**

Last month proved to be a highly eventful one. Following on from our successful Ofsted report we were delighted to have another very positive outcome with our SIAS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools) inspection. Taking place just two days after winning the Cluster Swimming Gala, it was a great first week back after half term. This was quickly followed up with Year 5's involvement in the Pyramid Choral Festival at the Electric Palace, Bridport. The next day we were visited by a couple of county inspectors and another Headteacher for the final stage of our Self Evaluation Validation Award. Yes, another wonderful example of jargon though it is hard to know what else to call it. We initially embarked on the award as a kind of M.O.T before Ofsted (though events rather overtook us), with the objective of confirming and 'validating' our self-evaluation procedures and judgements. We shared with our visitors presentations of two aspects of school life that gave practical examples of these procedures in operation: 'Improvements in Writing' and 'The role of teaching assistants in supporting children with special educational needs'. Also last month was our annual summer music concert and Year 2's residential weekend at Hooke Court. These are usually very successful events but since they have yet to happen at time of writing, I shall not tempt fate!

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July will entertain Sports Day, Class 4's trip to Dartmoor and of course the annual Leavers Service. More news on these will unveil in the August / September BVN. Once the children have broken up on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July, the staff continue for two more days. This will be a great opportunity for us to tie up loose ends and have time to reflect upon a more intense than usual term.

We can look back with a sense of gratitude and pride for all that has been accomplished this academic year and I am so very grateful for a terrific team that includes not just staff and governors but many parents and friends of the school too.

*Mark Stratta*

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

As I write this article Eggardon, our years 5 and 6, have just returned from a trip to Leeson House. The weather was not fantastic .. wet but warm. The children came back shattered after the couple of 'route marches' and all the talking which undoubtedly took place after 'lights out'. We are so lucky to have Leeson house with all of the facilities it offers, opportunities to undertake study in a different environment always seems to be more fun. While staying at Leeson the children enjoyed a variety of activities. Thanks must go to Mrs Gundry and Mrs Hayter for accompanying the class.

We have recently undertaken a consultation with our parents on childcare and a number of families have shown an interest in making use of after school childcare. Childminders are not just needed for pre-school or babies, would you be interesting in part-time childminding school age children? Registration will be easier from September '08. Contact Lyn Beesley of SureStart on 01305 228444 for advice, help and guidance.

All of us are looking forward to the summer holidays and we hope that everyone is able to enjoy many activities in some warm weather. Year 6 children are maybe a little apprehensive as they leave us at the end of term and we wish them all well as they move on to secondary education and we are sure that they will do well in all they choose to do.

### **100 CLUB WINNERS: JUNE**

£15 Rachel Maltby

£10 Lynda Staddon

## **PRODUCERS' MARKET – LITTON CHENEY**

Our July market will be held on Saturday 19th July, from 9.30 am to 12.30pm at Thorner's School, Litton Cheney.

At the time of writing, our first market in May was a great success and we are heading at a great rate of knots towards our June market. The omens are good.



As ever, the market is the place to meet old and new friends, catch up, see and buy local produce and then perhaps dine rather royally over the rest of the weekend.

If you would like to know more about the markets please phone Wendy Taylor on 482532 or Sallie Firrell on 482313.

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## St James the Least of All

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace:'  
The tribulations that await a curate in his first parish...*

*The Rectory  
St. James the Least*

### *On the delights of the parish jumble sale*

My dear Nephew Darren

*The estimate for re-hanging the bells in our church tower came as something of a shock. The church council discussed fund-raising at length. Someone suggested selling part of the Rectory garden for building, another for getting 200 parishioners to loan £1,000 each, interest-free. Mrs Ffrench suggested holding a jumble sale. The jumble sale won - mainly because it gives everyone an opportunity to see what their neighbours think of as junk.*

*Expensive articles are brought with an ostentatious show of modesty when everyone is together, sorting donations. Genuine rubbish, such as black and white televisions that broke 20 years ago and cardigans with holes at the elbows are left at the church hall doors in the dead of night.*

*Before the doors opened, all the helpers were assembled behind piles of clothing, which had they collapsed would have smothered half the congregation. I was unable to see little Miss Faversham, who rarely misses these opportunities to kit herself out with another year's wardrobe. Someone pointed to one table and told me she was in men's clothing. I always had my*

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suspicious.

Once the doors were opened and customers poured in, I got a better appreciation of how the Italians must have felt when they saw Hannibal with his elephants pouring down the sides of the Alps. That is when the mettle of our ladies really shows, haggling over whether something worth £10 goes for 10 or 11p. Those used to riding with hounds seem best able to control the crowds - even if they occasionally tend to regard the customers as the fox.

As it happened, the youth club were going pot-holing that day, so most of the teenagers bought complete sets of clothing for 10p which could then be discarded afterwards. I wondered what their caving instructor would think of teenagers arriving dressed in dinner jackets and tweed skirts.

Two days of preparation leads to a battle that is over in less than an hour and we emerge bloodied but unbowed, home for a bath, in the knowledge that the first step to saving the bells has been taken. Only another 2,500 jumble sales and we shall have reached our target. The day was slightly marred when I crossed the church hall car park to see a note stuck on to my car: "Sold - to be collected later".

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

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## HOLE FOR ONE

A golfing priest, after having been beaten by an elderly parishioner, returned to the clubhouse somewhat depressed.

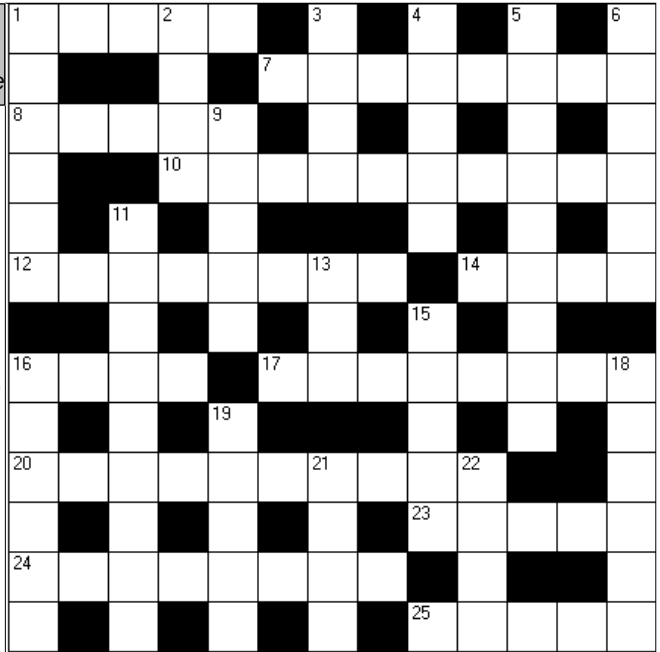
"Cheer up," said the layman. "Remember, you'll eventually be burying me some day."

"Yes," said the priest. "But even then it will be your hole!"



# CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible



## ACROSS

- 1 Abram's home during the famine in Genesis ch. 12 (5)
- 7 Bull fighters (8)
- 8 Into which Chemosh, in Jeremiah ch. 48, was to go (5)
- 10 Fourth in command of the Gadites in 1 Chronicles ch. 12 (10)
- 12 Proverbs ch. 12 says that such lips endure for ever (8)
- 14 Moses, in Leviticus ch. 10, told Aaron not to let his \_\_\_\_ become unkempt (4)
- 16 Fortified city in Joshua ch. 19 (4)
- 17 \_\_\_\_\_ were Kattath, Hahalal, Shimron (Jos 19.15) (8)
- 20 Guiltlessly (10)
- 23 Unleavened bread would not contain this (5)
- 24 What Gideon did to the fleece in Judges ch. 6 (8)
- 25 Mistake (5)

## DOWN

- 1 Then the sons are \_\_\_\_\_ (Mat 17.26) (6)
- 2 Psalm 92 predicts that the righteous shall flourish like this tree (4)
- 3 Measure equal to an ephah in Ezekiel ch. 45 (4)
- 4 The Devil (5)
- 5 Towards the ground (9)
- 6 OT book named after a woman (6)
- 9 Number of chapters in Song of Songs (5)
- 11 Governor of Syria in Luke ch. 2 (9)
- 13 Funerary receptacle (3)

- 15 In a surreptitious manner (5)
- 16 Of which the fish in Isaiah ch. 50 die (6)
- 18 Cleaning cloth (6)
- 19 Threaded fastener (5)
- 21 Require (4)
- 22 Time taken for the Earth to orbit the Sun (4)

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION





## A RULE FOR LIFE St. Benedict - 11<sup>th</sup> July

From the earliest Christian times there have always been those who felt a special call to give their whole lives to God. Gradually these people came together with others who wanted to live in the same way. 500 years after Christ died, St Benedict set down a series of rules for these communities of monks and nuns.

St Benedict called his Rule one for beginners, a 'school of the Lord's service' where the student is 'to set nothing before the love of Christ'. The Rule sets out a life of prayer, study and work, living together as a community.

Many still live by the Rule of St Benedict today - in the Church of England and in the Roman Catholic Church. They keep the same Rule and Office (seven times for prayer each day) that St Benedict set down some 15 centuries ago.



## B- QUIZ

All the answers to this Bible quiz begin with the letter B - can you find them all?

1. He was released instead of Jesus (Matthew, chapter 27)
2. When Jesus fed the 5,000, the loaves were made of this (John 6)
3. The youngest son of Jacob (Genesis 35)
4. A city where they built a tall tower (Genesis 11)
5. How Saul escaped from Damascus (Acts 9)
6. A village near Jerusalem where Simon lived (Matthew 14)
7. David ordered his men to stay away until these has grown again (2 Samuel 10)
8. Joseph and Mary travelled there because of a census (Luke 2)
9. God created them on the fifth day (Genesis 1)
10. Ruth's 2<sup>nd</sup> husband (Ruth 4)



### Why do bees have sticky hair?

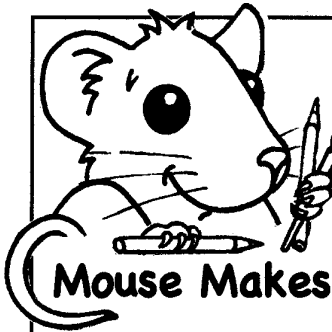
Because they have honey combs.

### Why do bees hum?

Because they don't know the words.



ANSWERS: 1. Barabbas 2. barley 3. Benjamin 4. Babel (or Babylon) 5. in a basket 6. Bethany 7. beads 8. Bethlehem 9. birds 10. Boaz



Jesus had many friends and followers, but he also had 12 special friends known as the 12 disciples. Jesus spent three years with them travelling around the country teaching them all about God and his kingdom.

Read  
Luke  
6:12-49

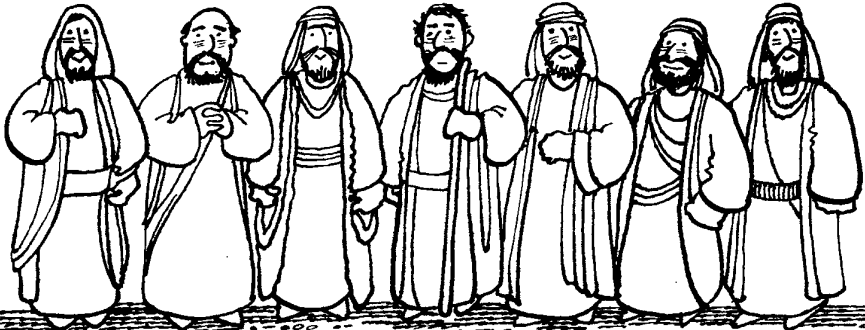
**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Disciple means 'follower'  
and Apostle means  
'messenger'

After Jesus' death the 12 became known as the APOSTLES.

Read  
Acts  
1:12-26

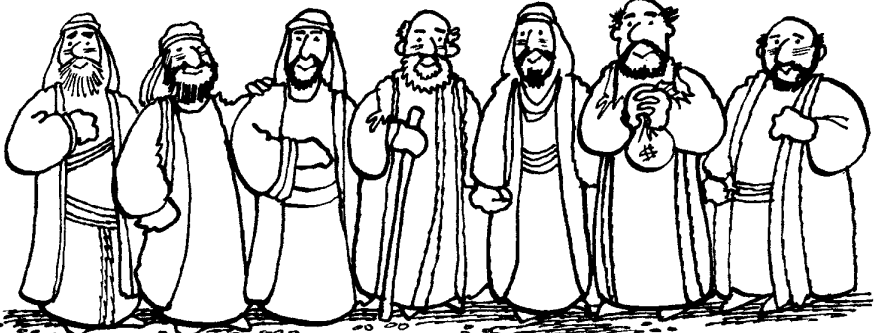
Judas, who betrayed Jesus, was replaced by Matthias and Saul (also called Paul) became the apostle to the Gentiles

Read  
Acts  
9:1-22



PETER ANDREW JAMES JOHN MATTHEW PHILIP THOMAS

Glue



BARTHOLOMEW JAMES THADDEUS SIMON JUDAS MATTHIAS PAUL



Cut out the two strips, colour and stick together to make a wall frieze

Tue	1	2.30pm	Threads of Hope (Julia's House)	Friends Meeting House, Bridport
		2.30pm	Tea Dance	Bridport Arts Centre
Wed	2	2.00pm	MU Garden Party for Playgroup	Rectory Garden, Burton Bradstock
Thu	3	3.00pm	Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
		3.00pm	Lavender Trust Cream Tea	Rectory Garden, Burton Bradstock
<b>St THOMAS, Apostle</b>				
Fri	4	10.30am	Puncknowle Art Club	Burton Bradstock Beach
Sat	5	12noon	Madalina Rusu Recital	St Mary's, Beaminster
		6.30pm	Barbeque & Disco	The Orchard, Charity Farm, LC
		7.00pm	Barn Dance	Pole Barn, Longlands Farm, Lb
Sun	6	3.00pm	Picnic in the Park	Recreation Ground, Shipton Gorge
Wed	9	7.30pm	SG Parish Council Meeting	SG Village Hall
Thu	10		<b>BVN Editor's Deadline</b>	
Fri	11		<b>St BENEDICT</b>	
Sat	12	10.00am	Village Walk	LC Bus Shelter
		10.00am	Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sun	13	2.00pm	Church Fete	SG Village Hall
		2.30pm	Long Bredy Village Fete	Kingston Russell House
		3.00pm	Afternoon Tea	Rectory Garden, Burton Bradstock
Tue	15	2.30pm	Tea Dance	Bridport Arts Centre
		7.30pm	Anatoly Concert	St John's, West Bay
Wed	16	7.30pm	Anatoly Concert	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
			Member's Outing to Knowle Farm	Loders
Thu	17	3.00pm	Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
Fri	18	10.30am	Puncknowle Art Club	Crown Inn, Puncknowle
Sat	19	6.00pm	Parish Picnic	Springfield, Puncknowle
Sun	20	11.30am	Mini Fete for Cancer Research	Crown Inn, Puncknowle
		3.00pm	Afternoon Tea	Rectory Garden, Burton Bradstock
			BVGC Member's BBQ	
Mon	21	10.00am	Locals Day	Othona Community
		2.30pm	Good Books Drop in	St Mary's Old School, Bridport
Tue	22		<b>St MARY MAGDALEN</b>	
Thu	23	10.30am	Children's Workshops	Martinstown Village Hall
Fri	25		<b>St JAMES, Apostle</b>	
Sat	26	2.00pm	SG Village Soc Summer Show	SG Village Hall
			Garden Fete	St Mary's, Puncknowle
<b>St ANNE, Mother of BVM</b>				
Thu	31	10.30am	MU Wave of Prayer	St, Catherine's Cross, SG

Sun	3	7.30pm	Songs of Praise	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Tue	5	10.30am	Children's Workshops	Martinstown Village Hall
Thur	7	3.00pm	Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
		2.00pm	St Mary's Church Fete	Rectory Garden, Burton Bradstock
Fri	8	10.30am	Coffee Morning for Zimbabwe	PSWB Village Hall
		3.00pm	Afternoon Tea	Rectory Garden, Burton Bradstock
Sun	10		Broadwindsor Horse & Dog Show	Honeycombe Farm, B'windsor
Thur	14	10.00am	Produce sale in aid of ROPE & Sailors Soc'y	Reading Room, BB
		3.00pm	Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
Fri	15		Discovery Challenge	White Horse, Litton Cheney
	16th to 23rd		Burton Bradstock Festival	
		2.00pm	Shipton Gorge Summer Fair	SG Village Hall
Thur	21	10.00am	Produce sale in aid of ROPE & Sailors Soc'y	Reading Room, BB
Thur	28	10.00am	Produce sale in aid of ROPE & Sailors Soc'y	Reading Room, BB

LC: Litton Cheney  
Lb: Littlebredy

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

BB: Burton Bradstock  
BVGC: Bride Valley Gardening Club

LB: Long Bredy  
BV: Bride Valley



**BENEDICT (c.480 - c.550) AUTHOR OF FAMOUS RULE**

Benedict was an abbot and author of the famous Rule that bears his name. Because of his Rule, Benedict is also the Patriarch of Western Monasticism, and Patron Saint of Europe.

Surprisingly little is known about his life: born at Nursia, Benedict studied at Rome, which he then left before completing his studies to become a hermit at Subiaco. After a time disciples joined him, whom he organised into twelve deaneries of ten. After an attempt on his life, Benedict moved on to Monte Cassino, near Naples, where he wrote the final version of his Rule.

Benedict's Rule is justly famous and respected: not only did it incorporate much traditional monastic teaching from revered monks like Basil, but Benedict went on to modify this in a way characterised by prudence and moderation within a framework of authority, obedience, stability and community life.

Benedict's great achievement was to produce a monastic way of life which was complete, orderly, and *workable*. The monks' primary occupation was liturgical prayer, which was complemented by sacred reading and manual work of various kinds.

Benedict's own personality shines through this Rule: wise, discreet, flexible, learned in the law of God, but also a spiritual father to his community. Benedict's Rule came to be recognised as the fundamental monastic code of western Europe in the early Middle Ages. Because of his Rule, monasteries became centres of learning, agriculture, hospitality, and medicine. Thus Benedict came to influence the lives of millions of people.



## THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM MINISTRY

ST MARY: Burton Bradstock      ST MARY: Litton Cheney

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy      CHILCOMBE (Dedication unknown)

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge      Holy Trinity: Swyre

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### WEEKDAY SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY: JULY 2008

Wednesday 2nd	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 3rd	9.00	Swyre	Morning Prayer
Friday 4th	9.00	Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer
Monday 7th	9.00	Littlebredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 9th	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 10th	9.00	Puncknowle	Morning Prayer
Monday 14th	9.00	Long Bredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 16th	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 17th	9.00	Swyre	Morning Prayer
Friday 18th	9.00	Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer
Monday 21st	9.00	Littlebredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 23rd	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 24th	9.00	Puncknowle	Morning Prayer
Friday 25th	9.00	Litton Cheney	Morning Prayer
Monday 28th	9.00	Long Bredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 30th	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 31st	9.00	Swyre	Morning Prayer

# CHURCH SERVICES

THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

July 2008

Church	Date 6 <sup>th</sup> July 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month 7 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month 8 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	20 <sup>th</sup> July 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month 9 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	27 <sup>th</sup> July 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family service 11.00 Songs of Praise 6.30 Evening Prayer	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 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer
<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	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (By extension)
<b>Long Bredy</b>	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	
<b>Littlebredy</b>		11.00 Family service (Communion by extension)		11.00 Holy Communion