

# **Bride Valley News**

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## FROM THE RECTORY

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### A WEATHER REVIEW, OR, A TREATISE ON SUPERSTITION.

As I write I am looking forward to going off on a boat on Tuesday. The Diocese have decided it would do a handful of the Clergy good if they could get away together and do something other than worry for a bit. They could not send us off paintballing for all sorts of reasons. It might look bad, clergy pretending to shoot one another, and what if they all ganged up on the Archdeacon? But then they all might be struck by a wave of Christian self-consciousness and either refuse to shoot at all, or try to lose as hard as they could.

“No, my dear chap. After you.”

“Nonsense. I deserve to be shot much more than you do.”

Even worse, the devil of temptation to seek preferment could enter into the garden of violence, and they might all start competing to let the Bishop win.

They decided on sailing, and being about boats I shoved my name down on the list sooner than all the others who didn't do their Emails that day – there is a lesson in this, but not a very good one.

And so I pass on to the jollity of Thursday when I have been very kindly invited to watch the opening day of England and South Africa. What a rare and wonderful treat!

I should have known that trying to do two things in one week that depend upon the weather was asking for trouble, but the blasts and torrents of the weekend, and the waves of gales tumbling across the Atlantic over the coming days must be a bit exceptional. I should have known that the end of Wimbledon and the start of a Test match carries the promise of unsettled weather. I should have known that my driving the motorbike all the way to London was going to be the last straw that set off the terminal phase of global warming.

The trouble with superstition is that it inclines to the sort of behaviour little children have when they know themselves to be the centre of the universe. When we grow up we have a better sense of proportion. We make proper relationships with ourselves, with other people and with God. It is at odd times, when stressed or sad, that we link up with the little infantile voice in us that says



if something is wrong we are to blame, and if only we could find the right thing to do everything would be mended.

I should stop blaming myself for the weather, and for lots of other things. I should do, but probably will not. Most likely, if I recognise my behaviour for what it is, or more likely if I find that wearing my socks inside out has not and was never really likely to have worked, I will simply transfer my attention to another illusion. I will begin to remind myself to be nicer to the Bishop in future. And if that does not work, the Archdeacon had better watch out.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### WEDINGS

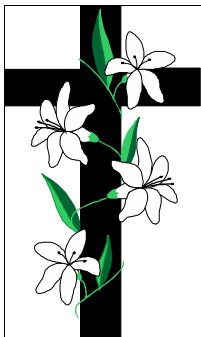
On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, at Burton Bradstock, the marriage of Mark Stephen Fairhurst and Abbie Suzanne Marklove took place. We wish them every blessing.



Daniel Lee Sorrell and Clare Louise Powell were married in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> June. One of the hymns in Welsh delighted a good part of the congregation, while the rest of us, who should just have listened, mumbled along as if wanting to look as if we knew it.

Nid wy'n gofyn bywyd moethus  
Aur y byd na'l berlau mân  
Gofyn wyf am gallon hapus  
Calon onest, caon lân

### FUNERALS



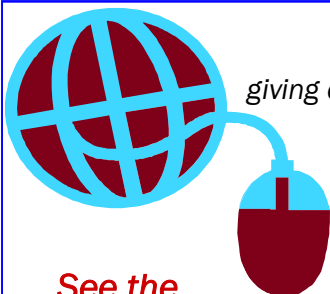
A funeral service was held at Yeovil crematorium for the late Derek Sidney Gilbert on June 27<sup>th</sup>. He and his wife, Shirley had lived in Burton Bradstock for many years. Their working life was spent in building houses, living in them for a bit and then moving on, until at last they settled in the village. He was a man with a great capacity for happiness; whether on the golf course, in his beloved garden or helping neighbours with the skills he had developed in his lifetime.

Shirley was supported at the service by their two sons, Clive, and Simon who spoke of his Father. The funeral at Yeovil being more of a family occasion, a service of thanksgiving and remembrance for friends and neighbours was held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July at Burton Bradstock.

The funeral of John Read was held on 9<sup>th</sup> July at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock. John was born in Oxfordshire, and trained as a carpenter and wheelwright before the war called him to serve in the 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade. He was a great sportsman, and a favourite story was of playing cricket with Len Hutton, and scoring more runs than he did. Thirty years ago he came to Burton Bradstock with his second wife, Jenny, who died just a couple of years ago. John then moved from their home in Donkey Lane to Chesil Court. The "old rugged cross" was sung at his funeral, it having been his wish in remembrance of his Mother. He is mourned by his daughters, Glynis, Jenny and Chris, his stepdaughters, Lesley and Frances, and all their families. After the service family and many friends repaired to the Anchor, a place of fond memory.

### ....AND A SPECIAL SERVICE

A birthday service was held on 1<sup>st</sup> July for Victoria Mann, whose disappearance last Autumn remains a shock and a sorrow to all who knew her. The service was also an opportunity for family and friends to give thanks for the strength and support they have all been to one another over the past months. Many spoke of her; remembering early childhood days, her work with children, her generosity in friendship and extravagant personality. There was laughter and many tears.



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

## 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)

# VALLEY NOTES



## ALPHA COURSE

*If God did exist, what would you ask him?  
Why is there suffering in the world?  
What is the meaning of life?*

If you ever ask yourself questions like these, why not come on an Alpha Course, and hear what some of the answers are.

We are running a second ten week Alpha Course in Litton Cheney this autumn, starting on September 11. Come and have a good free supper, watch a DVD and ask all the awkward questions you have about Christianity.

For more details phone Paul Cleden (482346) or me (482383)

*Hugh Lindsay*

## THE DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE Saturday, 13 September, 2008

Cycle or walk to Dorset's beautiful churches and raise money at the same time! Alternatively, consider becoming a sponsor of a participant! The sponsorship money raised is divided equally between your local church and The Trust.



For further instructions, please contact your parish organiser:-

Burton Bradstock	Mr. Howard Bongers	898029
Littlebredy	Sir Philip Williams	482232
Litton Cheney	Mr. Freddy Spicer	482617
Long Bredy	Mrs. Eleanor Frost	482269
Puncknowle	Miss. Ann Roberts	697716
Shipton Gorge	Mrs. Janet Lane	897241
Swyre	Mrs. Vera Hirst	897335

This year, St. Mary's, Puncknowle, is applying to the Trust for a grant to assist with the cost of essential repairs.

## PRODUCERS MARKET- THORNER'S SCHOOL, LITTON CHENEY SATURDAY 16 AUGUST

Come and join the madding crowd at August's Producers' Market, Saturday 16 August, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at Thorner's School, Litton Cheney.

Local producers will be displaying their wares in the nicest possible

way, and you could end up eating royally and locally in the days following the market. Do come.

*More information on buying and selling at the Litton Cheney Producers' Markets can be obtained from Wendy Taylor (482532) or Sallie Firrell (482313).*



## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Ann Vincent gave us a fascinating talk on cutting flowers which came from the garden, how to condition them before arranging them, and then producing some delightful displays from her own samples. This obviously gave us plenty of ideas as to what we should be growing in our own gardens.

Our Mini Flower Show then took place in Puncknowle on Saturday, June 28th. We had some really lovely entries, particularly in the perennials section which spread along the table in a colourful display and there were some pretty table arrangements. Mrs. Harriet Sykes who runs Bellamont Topiary in Long Bredy kindly presented the trophies and prizes. The results of the show were as follows:

The overall winner for the Fry Cup	Maureen Miller
The May Tankard for combined Annuals and perennials	Nancy Vicars
The Barker Bowl for combined fruit And vegetable classes	Maureen Miller
The Coombes Cup for handicraft	Liz Jacoby }
	Clare Viney } – Joint Winners
	Sara Winter }
The Floral Cup for all floral classes	Nancy Vicars
W.I. Cup for the best rose	Hazel Stirgess
W.I. Cup for the best pot plant	David Barnikel
Winners for: best perennials	Jane Peretz
best shrub	Ken Martin
best sweet peas	Clare Viney
best floral arrangement	Ann Miles
best herbs	Pam Jukes
best fruit	Valerie Cameron
best vegetables	Clare Viney
best vegetable display	Maureen Miller
best photograph	Valerie Cameron

Our members' barbecue will take place on August 20th. All members have been advised of the details.

## JOBS TO DO

Sow spring cabbage, turnips and oriental vegetables. Take cuttings of rosemary and hyssop and some of the tender and less hardy perennials such as Pelargonium and Osteospermum. Rambling roses can be pruned after flowering and hebes and lavender trimmed after flowering.

Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary.

e-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net Tel: 01308 482240



## TEACHERS IN MORTARBOARDS & POLICEMEN IN UNIFORM!

*See them by joining in on the Samaritans Great Race Day – Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.*

The Samaritans branch covering most of Dorset, including the Bride Valley, is based in Weymouth. Callers use it often or occasionally, by phoning 01305-771777. The Centre receives 20,000 phone calls a year and needs funds to meet essential costs to keep going.

Why not make the trip to Weymouth College on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> where at 10.00am a 7 mile Road Race and a 3 mile 'Scenic' one take place (there will also be a party of walkers on the 'Scenic' one round Lodmoor Park) and races for 8-10's, 11-13's and a Fancy Dress Fun Run for the 0-7 year-olds - these start soon after 10.00am.

In the 7 mile Race teams of Teachers in capes and mortarboards and Policemen in uniform will compete, along with many other sections of the community. Refreshments, a raffle for 10 prizes of Luxury Dinners for 2 (including at the Olive Tree at Bridport, the Riverside at West Bay and the Manor Hotel at West Bexington) and face-painting for children will be among the ingredients for a carnival type atmosphere morning.

If you are not keen to run or walk but would like to help we still need a few marshals please. For a leaflet and entry form please contact John Grantham (works in Marketing, not on phones) on 01308-897935.

## BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

Celebrations took place on 21<sup>st</sup> June at our 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Party - everything went off well - and the drizzle held off until the end of the afternoon. Founder committee members Ellen and Adam Simon, Kate Booth, and Heather Pluck came along with Pam Coventry (early playleader) to officially open our new outdoor play area - after which our wonderful cake ( made by Jill Neill) was





cut and distributed - many thanks Jill - it was lovely. Guests from over the years came along too and had reunion chats. There were old cuttings and photos to look at and our Fledglings playroom to admire. Messages were written in the Memory Book, to go with photos taken on the day. Children enjoyed the Bouncy Castle, Chocolate Lucky Dip, playground games and balls, swimming for the brave ones! There were teas, biscuits and cakes in the hall and great music by the Jevons family members - plus Ian Maston playing cool tunes on the keyboard. Thanks to the Scouts, there was BBQ food and drink outdoors too, which all helped to make for an enjoyable occasion.

Our pre-schoolers visited Reception Class again on 3<sup>rd</sup> July on their own and spent the morning with them. They also visited the Life Education Van, which came to school, and learned about keeping healthy. We also had a visit from Dental Debbie, her puppets and giant toothbrush - to reinforce looking after our teeth. Sue came in with her "Bones" which fascinated the children. Activities have included shoeshop role play, making real lemonade, and making a banner for the Puncknowle Playing Field stall at the Charter Fair - decorating it with hand and foot prints, and finishing with sparkly collage bits. I hope it survived the windy weather!

Our AGM was held on 9<sup>th</sup> July: our Summer Outing was to Farmer Palmers (including tractor trailer ride), and our end-of-term party was on 22<sup>nd</sup> July - more on these next time. Thanks to Natalie and parent/helpers for helping us out this term. We wish all our pre-school children starting school **lots of love and luck**. Next term starts on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, when we will have places available once again.

For information re Playgroup or Nestlings, please ring us at school on 01308 482410, or Carol Bennett on 897771.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> the Playgroup said 'goodbye' to Audrey. We had hoped to say our 'goodbyes' in the Rectory garden, enjoying the summer sunshine. Unfortunately the weather did not play fair, so we moved to the Village Hall.

While Audrey and Heather cleared a space for all the delicious goodies provided by the Mothers' Union, we attempted to hide our surprise visitors in the kitchen out of sight. Thank you to all those who helped on the day, it was lovely to see so many faces, both past and present, come to say goodbye to a very special person - we shall all miss her enormously and hope that she will 'pop-in' to visit us regularly.



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The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to Helen as she shared some of her experiences from her time in Zambia. Helen engaged all the children as she shared stories, showed them some agricultural implements and sang to them – thank you Helen.



The children have been working hard on their wonderful display for the Village Flower and Produce show making caterpillars, flowers and butterflies each showing the face of one of the children. The older children spent two mornings at school and came away feeling very positive and enthusiastic about starting school in September.

On Friday July 11<sup>th</sup> the children will be going to the church and John Lay-Flurrie and his puppet, Jack, will be visiting them – something the children always enjoy.

On Monday July 14<sup>th</sup> it will be time to say goodbye Abbie, Alana, Ben, Daniel, Eli, Freya, Jack, Kieran and Saffie who start primary school in September. A presentation to all our 'leavers' will take place in the school hall with each child receiving a scrapbook filled with their work and keepsakes that have been collected over the time they have spent at the playgroup. A special thank you to Heather who puts these scrapbooks together so beautifully. Everyone will receive a little memento of their year at playgroup and Becky has kindly organised little party bags for our end of year celebration. The year will close with a picnic for family and friends at the village playing fields – weather permitting!!!

At the moment we are planning for the new term in September. Having assessed the needs of our parents and in order to benefit the children attending our Playgroup we have applied for additional funding, so that we can extend our opening hours. We have successfully completed the initial stage of the funding process and have submitted our final application to the funding panel.

We are 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.

Happy holidays!!!!

## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

The momentum of school activities has continued unceasingly throughout the summer. At the end of June the school choir and a number of instrumentalists were pleased to be involved in a fund-raising concert in aid of the Children's Society. The concert, held in the village hall, was well supported and we all (children and adults alike) enjoyed a most memorable evening. Our thanks go to Pauline and David Woodford for organising this event.

Year 2 had their first taste of a school residential trip when they visited Hooke Court. The children had a wonderful time although the staff who took them are yet to recover! Once again huge thanks are due to Miss Sanderson, Mrs Matthews and Mrs Brown.

Sports Day went ahead as scheduled with the weather almost ideal – not too hot and a bit of a breeze. We had a really good support from parents and friends of the school with the PTA once again providing refreshments. This year's worthy winners were Sophie's Superstars.

In the Cluster Sports our team had a very successful afternoon narrowly coming in second place to Symondsbury. Congratulations to everyone who took part and thanks to Mrs Haley (coach and cheerleader) and Mr Platt (manager and starter).

Class 3 took part in this year's Easy Peasy Gardening competition which involved growing radishes, lettuces, potatoes and salad onions from seed. The children also kept careful records of what they did and how the plants grew and were very pleased to gain 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The class followed up their growing project by visiting Sea Spring Farm, run by Joy and Michael Michaud. Here they learned how to successfully grow and nurture organic vegetables and had an opportunity to taste different crops. They also investigated the way crops are protected against pest insects by using other insects. The class also went on a guided tour with Ellen Simon, looking at wild edible plants, local crops and animals in a conservation area. A very fruitful time was had by all.

The PTA ran an American themed children's disco on 4<sup>th</sup> July. The children had a lovely time and thanks go to Kate Ball and her team of trusty workers for enabling the event to take place,

The school's contribution to the annual Village Society Flower and Produce Show produced the following winners in the Children's Art competition:

**Ages 4-7 'At the Seaside':**

1<sup>st</sup> Ben Farrell (5); 2<sup>nd</sup> Harmoni Waine (6); 3<sup>rd</sup> Toby Taylor (7)

**Ages 7-9 'Tudor Portraits':**

1<sup>st</sup> Simon Loxton (9); 2<sup>nd</sup> Eloise Townsend (9); 3<sup>rd</sup> Nia Kanellaki (8)

### **Ages 9-11 'Landscape':**

1<sup>st</sup> Anya Loudon (11); 2<sup>nd</sup> Josie Herbert (10); 3<sup>rd</sup> Alice Noonan (11)

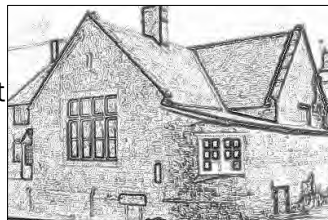
More information about Class 4's time on Dartmoor ('on' as opposed to 'in') will be forthcoming in the September edition of the BVN.

The end of term Leavers' Service and BBQ on the beach always forms a fitting end to what has proved to be another highly eventful academic year for the school.

*Mark Stratta*

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

We are fast approaching the end of yet another school year saying goodbye to our current year 6 as they move on to their new schools in September. As in the past it is fascinating to look back and see how they have developed throughout their time here at Thorner's. The



majority of the present year 6 pupils have been with us since they started school, over the years a few have come and a few gone and even one come, gone and returned! We all wish them well in their future lives and hope that they make the most of the opportunities given to them by going on to a larger school where the facilities, resources and population are greater. Goodbye and good luck.

The term has been a very busy one with various visitors giving talks on bees, local wildlife, pupils experiencing a Roman day, a Victorian school day and where many of the children have worked outside, trips have included: Tamarisk Farm, Bridport Museum and centre, Melbury Estate, Portland castle and lighthouse as well as in our school grounds. Our pond was full of tadpoles early on but with all the newts being around I am not sure how many have survived to become adults, at least with all this rain we have not

## **Thorner's School Association The BIG DORSET Quiz**

**Was published at the beginning of July and is now available at :  
Bridport and Dorchester Tourist Information Centres  
Burton Bradstock Post Office  
The Crown, Puncknowle,  
and The White Horse, Litton Cheney.**

**Price £1 First Prize £20  
Closing date, 30th September 2008**

had to top up the water levels .... I'll have to send some of the children down to check.



Annabel receiving the prize

Our gardening club have been busy growing and harvesting radishes and lettuce from the allotment and need to be complemented on the local Easy Peasy Gardening competition where we won £100 voucher from Waitrose for the heaviest crop of potatoes from the one original. The children are busy trying to spend it now. But the biggest impact came from the Flash, Bang science show. All the pupils were in the audience with

some of the younger ones being mesmerized by the 'magic' of it all and jumping quite a distance on the bangs, while the older ones were able to take on board the ideas of chemical changes. Flames, bangs and flying bungs and rockets made the morning extremely interesting, I shall never view a Pringles tub in quite the same light ever again.

We hope that you all enjoy a good summer and charge up those batteries again.

*Alison Johnstone, Headteacher*

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

£15 Alison Johnstone (me again!)

£10 Mr & Mrs Wallis

Your continued support is much appreciated. Thank you to everyone. Any queries, please feel free to speak to Caroline Cox or contact the school office.

### **BURTON BRADSTOCK WI**

The meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July opened with a welcome by our president, Valerie Nicholls, to thirty-seven members and a visitor.

Our speaker for the evening was Stephen Sylvester whose stories of his life in the entertainment profession kept us enthralled. Working as a Bevin Boy in the pits in South Wales during the Second World War, when he spent his spare hours above ground rehearsing, he finished his career with acting on radio for BBC Bristol, writing plays and adjudicating at competitions. His demanding life in repertory provided many hilarious anecdotes. Imagine a dramatic moment on stage in which a



husband is about to leave his young wife who is holding their baby. "You can't leave your son now," she sobs. "Look how well he's doing." Not a dry eye in the house until, with a startling clatter, the "baby's" leg drops onto the stage. The eruption of hysterical laughter from cast and audience brought the performance to an abrupt end with the promise of money back. "I'd pay double to see that!" called an appreciative voice from the auditorium.

Jill Spinney gave the vote of thanks. The president drew members' attention to the summer barbecue at Joan Allan's home, the New Members' tea party in the hall on 11<sup>th</sup> September and the coffee morning on 25<sup>th</sup> October. News of the flourishing Groups followed including the August WI Walk on 12<sup>th</sup> August and an Art Workshop to be planned for the New Year.

Thanks were given to Gill Redford, Carol Lumley and Joyce Tillman for serving the refreshments and to Mary Burr for her charming flower arrangement.

Joan Allan won the flower of the month competition with her double mauve petunia.

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK**

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**BURTON BRADSTOCK CHURCH FETE** 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

**CELEBRATION OF FLOWERS** 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

**ORGAN RECITAL** 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

### **A Final Reminder**

The Fete activities take place in the Rectory Garden and in the Church plus teas in the Village Hall. The opening is at 2.00 pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Late offers of gifts, bric a brac, cakes, wine, plants and produce will still be most welcome, as will offers of help. Please bring them to the Rectory Garden from 10 am on the day.

Setting up of tables etc. starts at 8.30 am on the morning of the Fete. All help for whatever purpose will be enormously appreciated.

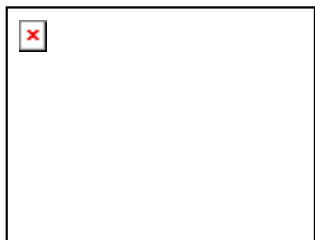
The Church will be decorated with flowers for the day of the fete and these can be enjoyed until after the weekend.

A special Organ Recital by Jac Peeters will take place in the Church as part of the event at 5.00 pm. on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August with a retiring collection in aid of the upkeep of the Church.

*Peter Broomhead Fete Co-ordinator*

## POOPING SCOOPING

The Parish Council is very pleased to see that the new system of dog bins is at last working very well, and they are being emptied by WDDC on a regular basis. However there are one or two people who are not responding to the 'Poop and Scoop' ethos.



## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

Some of the many entrants to the Burton Bradstock Village Flower and Produce Show, held on 5<sup>th</sup> July, were miffed to read the comments made by judges of their work. On three of the entries in the Jam and Jellies category, the judge had criticized entrants for using the wrong jars! Even prizewinners were warned, “don’t forget to fill your jar almost to the rim”! One contestant commented, “I should have thought this was about the taste and texture of the contents, rather than the sort of jars we used or how full they should be; there was nothing in the rules about jars”.

In another flower category, - the Arrangement in a Shoe - the judge commented incredibly, “The handbag is out of proportion and hence spoils the design”; this, of a carefully-poised miniature 18<sup>th</sup> century handbag and be-flowered shoe” - the shoe and its bag both in exact proportion to each other. Did the judge have some sort of astigmatism?

That said, the Show was a delight and attracted bumper crowds. Best in Show was a delightful display around a candle by Susan Paul, who also scooped the prize for best photograph. Entries from the children, as always, attracted most interest: splendid driftwood monsters, photographs of themselves in a montage of flower pictures, everything fresh and innocent, without ambition and the better for it!

The entries for raspberries, currants and gooseberries were reminiscent of designs upon the porcelain of the finest houses in the village and the photographs of entrants in the Best Allotment class were exhibits themselves worthy of note.

In an interesting piece of political incorrectness, viewers were intrigued to see the category, “Men’s Iced Carrot Cakes” which, incidentally attracted the most constructive comment from its judge, “well done everyone”.

Such shows, though parodied in Little Britain, are the very essence of Merrie England and the whole afternoon was a roaring success and a tribute to the organizers, rounded-off by the hugely entertaining auction of



produce, where all pretence of gentility went to the wind as buyers bid for cabbages, triffids, artichokes and beans at a fraction of their street value.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

### HALL RE-OPENING

The Village Hall should re-open following the rebuild of the toilet facilities in time for the Church Fete which this year is being held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

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



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

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

### BURTON'S GOT TALENT

29 November 2008

This year will see the start of what will hopefully become an annual event 'Burton's Got Talent'. The event is being run to raise funds for the Village Hall and will be open to all ages. We are looking to attract a range of different types of acts providing an entertaining day for all. It is hoped that there will be enough acts to fill two shows, one to be held during the day and one in the evening. So, if you can sing, dance, juggle, tell a story or have some other talent why not apply? Full details will be given to every applicant. The event is being organised by Pam Middlemast (The Three Horseshoes) and Karen Venn (Norburton Hall). Look for posters around the Village. Closing date for applications is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

*Pam Middlemast – Village Hall Committee – 01308 897259*

### 200 CLUB – JULY 2008 DRAW

Congratulations to:

1st Prize:	No. 633	Mr C.R. Harrington	£39.20
2nd Prize:	No. 561	Mrs Pamela Record	£19.60
3rd Prize:	No. 568	Mrs Constance Coutts	£ 9.80

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the August to December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £5 – one pound for each of the remaining 5 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. SLO080

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



## BURTON BRADSTOCK HOME WATCH AUGUST

Another company tried to 'trade uninvitedly' this month in Burton – Furzeley Antiques – and having been reported to me by residents has now been written to by Trading Standards requiring them not to do so again. (This is in addition to the action taken with Anglian Home Improvements last month.) Any further uninvited traders in our 'Cold Calling Control Zone'? Please let me know instantly and we can stop it.

If you do not have the new 'No Uninvited Traders' card up and would like one please call me.

*John Grantham 01308-897935*



## BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

There's something for everyone at this year's Festival with its innovative line-up of events; classical and jazz, tango and ceilidh, trio, chamber and orchestral concerts, late night solo recitals,

poetry, prose and songs and art in many forms.

We're delighted with the support so far as many of you have already got your tickets but if you haven't, there's still time. Don't miss this opportunity for enjoying some wonderful performances.

Call me, Mike Southgate, on 897487 and I'll let you know what's available.

*Mike Southgate*

## LAVENDER TRUST

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the Lavender Trust Cream Tea in Burton Bradstock. We raised £526 and with donations I am able to send a cheque for £661 to Lavender Trust for breast cancer care.

Thank you all



*Mary Rawles*



## LORD ARTHUR SAVILE'S CRIME

The Players next production is a comedy by Constance Cox based on a short story by Oscar Wilde and directed by Mike Read.

The play is set in London in the 1890s. Lord Arthur has his palm read and learns that he is to become a murderer in the future. He wants to marry but decides he has no right to do so

until he has committed the murder. Watch his attempts as the play unfolds!

Past and current Players come together to provide us with a delightful evenings entertainment.

Tickets can be purchased from Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> at Burton Bradstock Library (during opening hours), at the Church Fete on Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup> or by telephoning 01308 897879.

## WILD LIFE IN BURTON BRADSTOCK - DIGITAL PHOTO COMPETITION

There are only a few more weeks to submit your "wildlife" photo taken in Burton Bradstock as the competition closes next month on the 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Details of the rules of the competition can be found on the website [www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk) .

The competition is open to everyone, visitors as well as locals. If you do not have a digital camera and have taken a wild life photo within the past twelve months ask a friend to scan it in on their computer and then send it off. Prizes for the competition are for adults £100, £50 and £25 and for children under sixteen £50, £25 and £15. So it's worth entering .



*Fel Moore, Clerk to the Council*



I have been overwhelmed with the love and kindness of all my friends since Derek's passing. I appreciate it very much.

My sincere thanks also to Revd Bob Thorne who was just wonderful. Thank you all so much

*Shirley Gilbert*

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Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies.

The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience.

*C. S. Lewis*

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISER



# Burton's Got Talent



SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER 2008

Have you got what it  
takes?

All ages welcome

Application forms available from  
The Three Horseshoes, Mill St, Burton Bradstock  
Tel: 01308 897259

Email: [pam@three-horseshoes.com](mailto:pam@three-horseshoes.com)

Closing date for applications is Monday 22nd September.

## 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



*BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENT IN  
THE VILLAGE HALL*

*By kind permission of Samuel French Ltd*

*A Comedy by Constance Cox*

*Based on a short story by Oscar Wilde*

## **LORD ARTHUR SAVILE'S CRIME**

*DIRECTED BY Mike Read*

**WED 3<sup>RD</sup>, THURS 4<sup>TH</sup>, FRI 5<sup>TH</sup> & SAT 6<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER, NIGHTLY AT 7.30PM**

**TICKETS: ADULTS £6.00 CHILDREN (UNDER 16) £4.00  
AVAILABLE FROM MON 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2008  
AT BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (DURING OPENING  
HOURS)**

**ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH FETE ON  
THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**OR BY TELEPHONE BOOKING (01308) 897879**

### **LONG BREDY**

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



**Welcome** to Chris and Bev Robbins who have moved into Little Newbold. We hope they will enjoy living in Long Bredy.

**The details** of the September Cycle Ride are in the Valley section of the magazine.

**The Long Bredy Bell Ringers** would like to thank everyone who helped in so many ways with the Open Gardens and Barn Dance. Both events were an overwhelming success.

The sun shone on the Sunday of the Open Gardens and over 400 people visited the superb gardens of Long Bredy and wandered through the house and grounds of Bellamont. We raised over £2800 on the day, a fantastic result. We



continue to have people coming back to us with how much they enjoyed the afternoon.

It rained, but not enough to put off over 200 people from attending the Barn Dance at Longlands Farm, arranged in conjunction with Littlebredy Social Club. The barn was beautifully decorated, the beef delicious and 'Jump to the Sun' played so well you could not help but get up and dance. The evening raised over £1300.

We could not have reached our target without the help of so many people from both near and far, so many thanks to everyone, we are sincerely grateful to you all.

*Ann, Juniper, Gwen, Ruth, Jackie and our Tower Captain David*



***It is time*** someone took over as village

correspondent. We have a lot of families in the village and it is a good way of getting to meet people. September will be my final contribution. My thanks to Mike and Valerie Shepherd for their help over the years. So, give me a ring; it is quite an enjoyable task.

## LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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

Tel: 482232



***The Longlands Barn Dance*** at the beginning of July was well attended and a great success both socially and financially. Thanks and congratulations to John and Patricia Barker for making the barn available and so welcoming, and also to the youngsters who bravely and entertainingly led off in the dancing.

***There are three services*** in the village in August. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (August 24<sup>th</sup>) 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion will be as usual, but we shall be joined at 11.00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> August) by some of the benefactors and contractors who were responsible for the repairs to the south aisle floor. The customary hospitality afterwards in the Village Hall may be varied from the normal fare, in appreciation of their great generosity.

The United Valley Service for a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month will be here at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Weather permitting, the service will be held outdoors beside the lake, but in any event the congregation is asked to bring a picnic and rug or chairs to sit on for a shared meal afterwards - again, at the lakeside if possible.

There is no news of a Social Club event for August as this is written, but if plans have been made by the time you receive this, there should be a flier inside.

## LITTON CHENEY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: JOHN YATES  
2, SUNNYSIDE COTTAGE, LITTON CHENEY  
yjohnyates@aol.com Tel: 01308 482585



## LITTON & THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL LATCH NEWS



We are hoping that by the time this missive hits the streets, there will be construction activity on the community hall site. This means all being well, and our fund raising activities continue to meet with success that come April 2009, there will be a brand new community hall standing proudly adjacent to Thorner's School.

There is still the need for active fund raising if we are to have a hall that is fitted out with all the necessary equipment and fittings that will allow us to use the hall for a multiple of activities. Do we need your donation? Yes, we emphatically do, so please dig deep and contribute to this very worthy project that will benefit the village and future generations for many years to come.

To find our more, and to make a donation please contact Ron Davidson (482661) David Taylor (482532) or Freddie Spicer (482617). There are many in the village who have given, and many who said they would commit when they knew a hall would be built. That time is now. Thank you in anticipation.

## PARISH CLERK – LITTON CHENEY

John Firrell has accepted the post of Parish Clerk to the Litton Cheney Parish Council and took up his appointment at the meeting of the council on July 8<sup>th</sup>. John can be contacted on Parish Council matters either by telephone (482313) or email [jjfirrell@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jjfirrell@tiscali.co.uk). Full contact details for the parish council are available on village notice boards.

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

### BARBEQUE

Despite storm and tempest a hardy band of villagers plus some guests enjoyed a warming supper followed by singing and dancing in the rain to the disco beat and the consumption of liquid refreshment. Thanks go to the Chefs John Salvetti and John Perrin, to those who helped secure the marquees against the storm and to everyone who helped with the preparations. A good time was had by all.

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Litton Cheney have entered the Best Kept Village competition and judging could happen any day between now and July. Please do your bit to help by removing litter and keeping the roadside verges clean and tidy. Many thanks.

## VILLAGE WALK

The next village walk will be on Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> Meet at the bus shelter at 10.00 am weather permitting.



## WINE TASTING EVENING WITH STEVEN SPURRIER

Saturday 20 September

A very special wine tasting evening will be held at Thorner's School on Saturday 20 September when wines selected by legendary wine expert/guru Steven Spurrier will be available for tasting and appreciation by the discerning few. This is a must attend for all wine aficionados, a rare opportunity to taste wines normally out of reach other than by taking out a second mortgage. There are 32 places

available at £30 per person (in aid of LATCH). To book your place in history call John Firrell (482313), Freddie Spicer (482617) or Ron Davidson (482661) very soon!



## 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. Enjoy a challenging evening with supper for around £10. Meet at the White Horse at 7pm. For more details contact Clive Edwards (482605).



## 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 Theatre tickets and coach which will be leaving Litton at 6pm. For more details contact Lois Edwards (482605).

Details of the Discovery Challenge and the Theatre Trip are available on the Litton Cheney Website .If you wish to take part in either event you can also contact Ron Davidson (482661) or Sheila Davison (482262).

## FUTURE EVENTS

A Skittles/Boules evening is still under consideration for later in the



year. Please check the Village website and look at the notice boards for details.

*Sheila Davison Secretary LCSC 482262*

## SHIPTON GORGE

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



## SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

A vacancy exists for a lay-member on the Planning Committee of the Parish Council arising from the move of Stephen Marriott from the village. Meetings of the Planning Committee are infrequent, and the only qualification for membership is an interest in village matters and plain common sense.

Anyone who might be interested, or would like more details, should contact David Smith the Chairman of Shipton Gorge Parish Council on 898219

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

### SUMMER FAIR 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST.

Donations wanted for the following stalls: Plants, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Tombola, and Cakes plus wine for the Wine Raffle and quality items for Raffle Prizes.

*Sally Parker 897168*

## SHIPTON GORGE RAMBLERS

Our August Ramble will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August when we will be walking around the Fleet. It will take approximately 2 hours finishing at a pub for refreshments. All are welcome to join us. We will be meeting at the telephone kiosk in Brook Street at 10 o'clock from where we will organise shared lifts. For further information visit [www.shiptongorge.org.uk/ramblers.html](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/ramblers.html).



*Vicky and Janet*

## OPEN GARDEN AT CAIRNHILL

Thank you very much for all the help and support we received on the 12<sup>th</sup> June. £494.60 was raised which is going towards the upkeep of our church.

*Bob & Anne White*

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

### 100 CLUB JULY DRAW

£20	No 10	Dick & Barbara West
£10	No 41	Stan Hicks





SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

# SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST AT 2pm

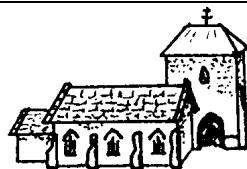
A variety of stalls including Plants,  
Bric-a-Brac, Cakes and Books,  
Games, a Wine Draw, Raffle.  
Teas will be served

Demonstration by Bridport Dog Training & Obedience at 3pm.

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

## PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: ELIZABETH SLATER  
1, LITTON CLOSE, PUNCKNOWLE  
liz@ruddle.org.uk TEL: 897751



## THE DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2008 12 NOON

Children taking part meet at St Mary's Church at midday. We cycle to Swyre Church, on to Litton Cheney where we have a picnic lunch, then back to Puncknowle. The sponsorship money raised is divided equally between your local church and The Trust.

Please be generous in your sponsorship this year as we are hoping that the Historic Churches Trust will give us a grant towards the £8,500 needed to repair the church roof. Sponsor forms may be obtained from Ann Roberts, Burwell Cottage, Puncknowle. Tel: 987716

All are welcome so do please come and join us.

*Ann Roberts*



## PUNCKNOWLE HISTORY SOCIETY

The next two meetings of the Puncknowle History Society will be in Puncknowle Village Hall on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm where we will talk about how to get our Local History project off the ground.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm - topic to be confirmed.

For more information call Debbie Legge 898506.

*Debbie Legge*

## PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

There is no August meeting of this Council.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, at the Village Hall in Puncknowle. If you have any issues you wish to be considered, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Carolyn Buckland on 897726 or e-mail [puncknowle@dorsetparishes.gov.uk](mailto:puncknowle@dorsetparishes.gov.uk)

### CAKE STALL AT BRIDPORT CHARTER DAY

A massive thank you to all those in Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington who baked and donated cakes for this event. We were absolutely overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. We raised £130 for our fund for restoration of our parish Playing Field amenities. I would like to give my special thanks to Liz Slater and Julie Arak-Newman for organising this and for all their hard work on the day.

### PUNCKNOWLE TIDY UP DAY

Thank you so much to all those who turned out for the Puncknowle litter picking and we were blessed with good weather. We can be satisfied that we have reviewed the tidiness of the village and brought people together who want to keep it that way. There is a call for this to be repeated in September and to extend it to our other villages. Watch this space!



*Anthony Edwards 897435*

## COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE 30 SPRINGFIELD, PUNCKNOWLE,



**8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 10.30 AM- 12NOON**

All welcome. Volunteers contact Pam Coventry 897765 or Sue Brown 897953. Cake stall, Bring-and-Buy.

You may remember Mike Neville, who came to speak to some of us in churches in the Bride Valley last year, about the

impending crisis, and been moved by the recent plight of the people in Zimbabwe. You may also have heard that Aid Agencies are no longer working in Zimbabwe.

We had intended to send money raised via Cafod, the Catholic Overseas Development Agency, but this is no longer possible. Pam

Coventry has been in touch very recently with Mike who is living in England, and he assures us that any money we send to him will reach the churches in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, from where it will be distributed for those in need.

Do come and support us.

Sue Brown.

## ART CLUB

We spent one sunny morning sketching scenes around The Crown and planning our trip to Cattistock to visit Liz Somerville who gave us a talk at her studio about her work. She makes pictures which are part lino cut, part watercolour. They involve hours of painstaking cutting and painting and produce the most vibrant, individual works of art.

There are no meetings in August but we meet again at the Crown on September 5<sup>th</sup>.



Christine Molony

## SWYRE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: SID MARSHALL  
1 GREEN BARTON, SWYRE  
smarshall@which.net tel: 897318



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

### SONGS OF PRAISE

Just a reminder that our annual Songs of Praise season starts on 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 7.30pm and continues each Sunday to the end of August. All are most welcome to this celebration when villagers have chosen their favourite hymns interspersed by a poem, a bible reading and prayers. We have been so pleased to welcome so many people to these celebrations and the singing has been magnificent. So lets all come to praise with music in our lovely Church once more. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Churchwardens

### CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Our next working party will be on 9<sup>th</sup> August to help tidy the churchyard in any way that you can. Tea/coffee will be provided with biscuits if I am reminded.

David Buckland

### COFFEE MORNING

A date for your diaries is our next coffee morning on 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 10.30 to midday. Cakes, preserves, raffle and other goodies will be on sale and tea/coffee and



biscuits available to all who come. We are raising money for our new P A system for the Church and hope as many as can will come along to support us and have a good time as well. *Churchwardens*

### **ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE/WALK**

This years Dorset Historic Churches Trust annual sponsored cycle ride or walk will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Last year we had 4 walkers from Swyre who visited 4 Churches and a pub for sustenance to continue our epic journey. We also had 2 cyclists who did even more churches and we are grateful to all those who took part. I hope that some of you will be able to join us again this year whether walking or cycling, sponsor forms are with me so let me know if you would like one. If you are unable to join us you can always sponsor those taking part.



*David Buckland 898492*

## **BEYOND THE VALLEY**

# 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

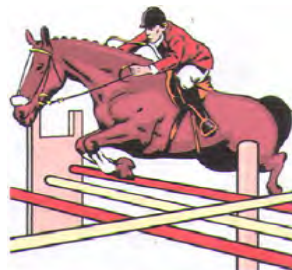
with support from Dorset Partnership for Older People Project

For information call 01308 424204

# BROADWINDSOR HORSE & DOG SHOW

SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST 2008  
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



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEYMOUTH

# 25 MILE SPONSORED WALK

## SATURDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008

WALKERS NEEDED, CAN YOU HELP?

MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO: DORSET AND SOMERSET AIR  
AMBULANCE, JULIA'S HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE, FRIENDS  
OF MV FREEDOM, STELLA HAYWARDS RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

ENTRANTS CAN CHOOSE THE DISTANCE THEY WISH TO WALK. CARS WILL BE AT  
EACH STAGE POINT TO RETURN THEM TO THE START POINT WHEN THEY WISH.  
REFRESHMENT PROVIDED ON ROUTE

FOR INFORMATION/ENTRY FORM

Tel: 01305 784995 or Email: [Walk4charity@ninahanger.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:Walk4charity@ninahanger.wanadoo.co.uk)

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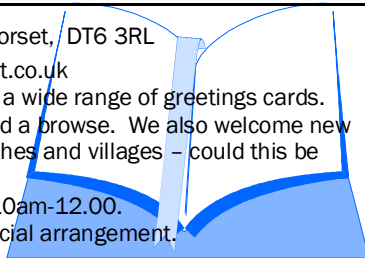
## GOOD BOOKS St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL

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.



### Summer Specials

Lion Books produce some very attractive books for children and this year's summer promotion is no exception. In particular, the Candle Prayers for Toddlers (hardback at £6.99) comes with its own cotton carrying bag which little ones will love! And there are boxes of greeting cards and stickers with the same attractive pictures to match.

Come and browse our summer holiday reading table and pick up a bargain or our small but growing DVD loan collection. (We're interested in adding to the collection if you have any suitable DVDs you'd like to pass on.)

**Thank you** very much to all the people who responded to our appeal for 2<sup>nd</sup> hand books for our shelves and for Book Aid: keep them coming!



**THREADS  
of  
HOPE**

Do you enjoy sewing or textile work? A group of us in West Dorset are making aprons, play bags, pencil cases and other things for Julia's House, the Dorset children's hospice, and hangings for the chapel at the Joseph Weld Hospice. If you'd like to help, call Jo on 01308

427851, e-mail: [jo@jovian.co.uk](mailto:jo@jovian.co.uk) Thank you.

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### STATISTIC OF THE MONTH

During the 1990s, total church income rose on average by 4.6% a year. This is half as much again as the average increase in prices in that period, 3.1%. It is very likely that church income has continued to grow in the same proportion in the 21st century, perhaps averaging 4.2% a year. If so, that would make church income average about £75,000 per church in 2007.

Given there are over 48,000 churches in the UK, this means that a lot of money is received collectively

by the churches - some £3.7 billion last year.

However, this money is not spread evenly across the churches. While half the churches in the UK may have an income of £50,000 or more, half have less, with a tenth receiving less than £10,000 and a further tenth between £10,000 and £20,000.

Nor is it spread evenly across the various denominations. New (or House) Churches and Pentecostal Churches receive most, over £110,000 and over £90,000 each

on average. Both denominations teach and practice tithing among their members, many of whom give more than just 10% of their income.

Anglican churches probably averaged £80,000 in 2007, while

Methodist and United Reformed Churches received least - less than £50,000 each on average, and with a third receiving under £20,000.

*Based on Religious Trends No 5, Table 5.7.2.*

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## WIDER WEDDING WELCOME

Thousands of couples dreaming of a wedding will find more churches to choose from 1st October 2008 - the day when the new Church of England Marriage Measure comes into effect. It means that the Church of England's network of 16,000 churches; ancient or modern, intimate or grand, simple or spectacular, can offer a wider wedding welcome than at any time in the Church's history.

The Marriage Measure, recently completed its parliamentary process, has made it possible for the Bishops to issue the official guidance to clergy on how the new rules will work.

Existing law established a right for a couple to marry in the Church of England in the parish church where one or both of them live, whether they are baptised or not, and whether they are churchgoers are not. To marry in any other parish requires a special licence or six months of regular attendance followed by entry on the local church electoral roll.

But new laws, initiated by the Church of England and now approved by Parliament, will add to this right of residency, making it just as easy for couples to marry in a church where they have a family or other special

connection, even if they don't live there.

The General Synod decided that the existing laws were too restrictive in a mobile society and took the initiative to change them last July. Synod wanted churches all over England to be free to celebrate more weddings and support more marriages.

The changes will mean an engaged couple are welcome to be married in church in a parish if just one of these applies:

- ◆ one of them was baptised or prepared for confirmation in the parish;
- ◆ one of them has ever lived in the parish for six months or more;
- ◆ one of them has at any time regularly attended public worship in the parish for six months or more;
- ◆ one of their parents has lived in the parish for six months or more in their child's lifetime;
- ◆ one of their parents has regularly attended public worship there for six months or more in their child's lifetime;
- ◆ their parents or grandparents were married in the parish.

(All of these refer to Church of England services).



# CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible

## ACROSS

- 1 Makes supplication to God (5)
- 4 Piece of wood cut by Elisha in 2 Kings ch. 6 (5)
- 9 Scattered (6)
- 10 When I \_\_\_\_\_ at them (Job 29.24) (6)
- 12 More competent (5)
- 13 Type of backless sofa (7)
- 14 But the prince of the \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom (Dan 10.13) (7)
- 20 Each \_\_\_\_\_ had taken plunder (Num 31.53) (7)
- 22 Psalm 3 calls on the Lord to break those belonging to the wicked (5)
- 23 Deadly (6)
- 24 The Israelites took such an oath in Judges ch. 21 (6)
- 25 One of the building blocks made in Exodus ch. 5 (5)
- 26 Noah had this many sons (5)

- 11 Monastic hairstyle (7)
- 15 City where the disciples were first called Christians (7)
- 16 Sacred song (5)
- 17 Irish province (6)
- 18 Unruffled (6)
- 19 Use ones brain (5)
- 21 Son of Abraham and Sarah in Genesis ch. 21 (5)

## DOWN

- 2 Seldom (6)
- 3 Plant often found in a church yard (3,4)
- 5 ..Satan will not \_\_\_\_\_ you (1 Cor 7.5) (5)
- 6 Plume of smoke in Isaiah ch. 9 (6)
- 7 Attempt (5)
- 8 Inhabitant of a certain city in Yemen (5)





# BB VILLAGE SOCIETY FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Heads crane in bifocular concentration,  
With knees a little bent,  
A sniff of condescension,  
Eyes half-closed for roses' scent.

Biker-priest slides biscuit into shoulder bag  
(Takes two, "just for good measure") -  
"These shortcake winners will be just the job;  
Add Eucharistic pleasure".

Glazed Oxonians look with hope beyond the others' shoulders;  
Monster cabbages and triffids wait to snatch their prey;  
Resentment at the judges' comments universally moulders:  
"Don't use screw tops for jam", that's what the 'experts' say.

"I would never have selected that one; mine's the better choice,"  
Pipes a querulous heartbroken loser's voice.  
Cultured tones opine on everything but the show:  
"She's fraffly cleveret a renchments, but it's her job, yer know."

"Best of Show cup" bags another  
So did the Allotment King;  
Results Compiler got two more -  
"Now, there's a funny thing!"

Patrician President presents prizes  
To recipients and exhibits in matching sizes:  
Plantswoman wins the cookery; kitchener wins the plants;  
But what about Men Only Carrot Cake, now that's what everyone  
wants!

Fortunes spent on entries;  
Second Prize: seventy five pee:  
"Big winners get the vouchers,  
How I wish it could have been me.

*Geoffrey Bourne-Taylor*

# AGE ACTIVATED ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER.

*I was recently diagnosed with AAADD. This is how it manifests:*

- ◆ I decide to water my flower pots in the front garden.
- ◆ As I go to turn on the hose I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.
- ◆ I go to get the car keys from the porch and then notice the mail on the porch table.
- ◆ I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.
- ◆ I put my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the bin under the table, and notice that the bin is full.
- ◆ So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.
- ◆ But then I think, I can run down to the post-office when I take out the rubbish, I may as well pay the bills first.
- ◆ I take my cheque book off the table, and see that there is only one cheque left.
- ◆ My other cheque book is in the computer desk, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke I'd been drinking.
- ◆ I'm going to look for my other cheque book, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.
- ◆ The Coke is getting warm so I decide to put it in the fridge to keep it cold.
- ◆ As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the window ledge catches my eye -they need water.
- ◆ I put the Coke on the window ledge and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.
- ◆ I decide I better put them back on my computer desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.
- ◆ I put the glasses back down on the window ledge, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. I must have left it on the kitchen table.
- ◆ I realise that tonight when I go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the living room where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.
- ◆ I pour some water in the flowers, but some spills on the floor.
- ◆ So, I set the remote back on the table, get a towel and wipe up the spill.
- ◆ Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

*At the end of the day:*

- ◆ The flower tubs aren't watered;
- ◆ The car isn't washed;
- ◆ The bills aren't paid;
- ◆ There is a warm can of Coke sitting on the window ledge;
- ◆ The flowers in the vase don't have enough water;
- ◆ There is still only one cheque in my cheque book;
- ◆ I can't find the remote;
- ◆ I can't find my glasses;
- ◆ I have absolutely NO idea what I did with the car keys.

*Then, when I try to work out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all damn day, and I'm really tired. I realise this is a serious problem and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail. Do me a favour. Forward this message to everyone I know, because I don't remember who the hell I've sent it to. Don't laugh - if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!*

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## **St James the Least of All**

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace:'  
On the delights of a working party in the churchyard*

*The Rectory  
St. James the Least*

*My dear Nephew Darren*

*A few weeks ago, some visitors to our church congratulated me on the decision they thought we had taken to let our churchyard run wild, so it could provide a natural habitat for the local flora and fauna. While assuring them that thoughts of rabbits and nettles were rarely out of our minds, I made a mental note that it was time for a working party to be drafted; our local flora and fauna needed reminding who is really in charge.*

*The request for volunteers produced the usual crop: those young farmers who saw it as an opportunity to compete with one another to prove who was the fittest, the recently retired who were determined to prove that they were just as able as those half their age and those whose main intention was to tell the rest how much better the job used to be done in their day.*

*I explained to them all that naturally I would have*

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been only too delighted to help, but my poor back excluded me. I did, however, offer to sit in the sun and keep watch over their jackets. We all have our own particular ministries.

We were all more than a little surprised to see that Lord Euxton had put his name down on the list. The only exercise I have ever seen him doing is lifting a large whisky and soda. But on the day we found that his interpretation of offering his services meant sending round the under gardener.

I never realised that Dr. Tomkins could run so quickly until he accidentally scythed the top off a wasps' nest. Hotly pursued by several thousand irate insects, he cleared the churchyard, vaulted the wall and headed across the green to the village pond. Having spent the last three decades complaining about young people in the village diving into it, I suspect he will now be the first to contribute towards its upkeep.

The moment of high drama was when a tree stump was dragged up using a tractor. Such force was needed that if the chains had snapped, a substantial portion of the men of the parish would have been decapitated. When the stump finally gave up the struggle, it emerged with several long-forgotten headstones and a portion of the church's water main. The new feature of a churchyard fountain looked rather charming, until the water board arrived to cut us off.

During the lunch break, most had brought packs of sandwiches or flasks of soup - apart from Major Mitchell (retired) who dragged a picnic hamper from the car boot and set about a three course meal washed down with a bottle of chilled Chablis. His decision to have a little nap, empty hamper and bottle beside him, when all the others returned to work was not entirely surprising. Three hours later, with the job completed, we all left for home, with the Major still enjoying his siesta. I woke him up at 6pm when I returned to church to say Evensong.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace



## THE EXTRA MILE

All of us are busy - with school and home work. Some have Saturday or holiday jobs, others have a paper round. So much to do and so many excuses to offer for not doing something we don't like.

In Roman Palestine, during the time of Jesus, there was a law that said any Roman soldier could make a Jew carry his pack for a mile. You can imagine how much people hated this law: no matter what they were doing or where they were going, they had to stop and carry the enemy soldier's pack.



So it seems very strange to hear Jesus telling his followers to offer to carry the pack for a second, unforced, mile (Matthew's Gospel, chapter 5, verse 41). But just imagine how different the freely offered extra mile would be to both the Jew and Roman. It changed a grudging act into a gift of good will.

## BIBLE MEASURES

Can you say which of the following are words used for measures in the Bible?

CUBIT  
YARD  
FEET  
METRE  
MILE  
SPAN  
FINGER  
BATH  
EPHAH



Doctor: What's your average weight?

Patient: I don't know.

Doctor: Well, what's the heaviest you've ever weighed?

Patient: Thirteen stone.

Doctor: Right, and what's the least you've ever weighed?

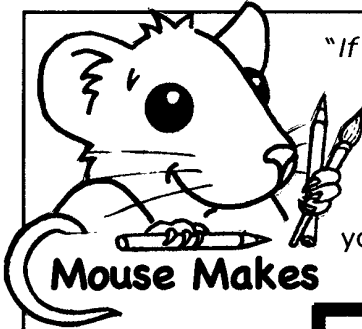
Patient: Seven pounds, eleven ounces.



**Isn't it amazing how a person can walk a mile without moving more than two feet?**



Answers: There are lots of FEET in the Bible but not as units of measurement and METRE and YARD don't appear at all. All the rest are real names for units of measurement ...and in case you don't know, a BATH is a liquid measurement equal to an EPHAH.



"If I flew away beyond the east or lived in the farthest place in the west, you would be there to lead me, you would be here to help me"  
from Psalm 139



Whenever you leave home and wherever you go, remember that **God will be with you.**

## Mouse Makes

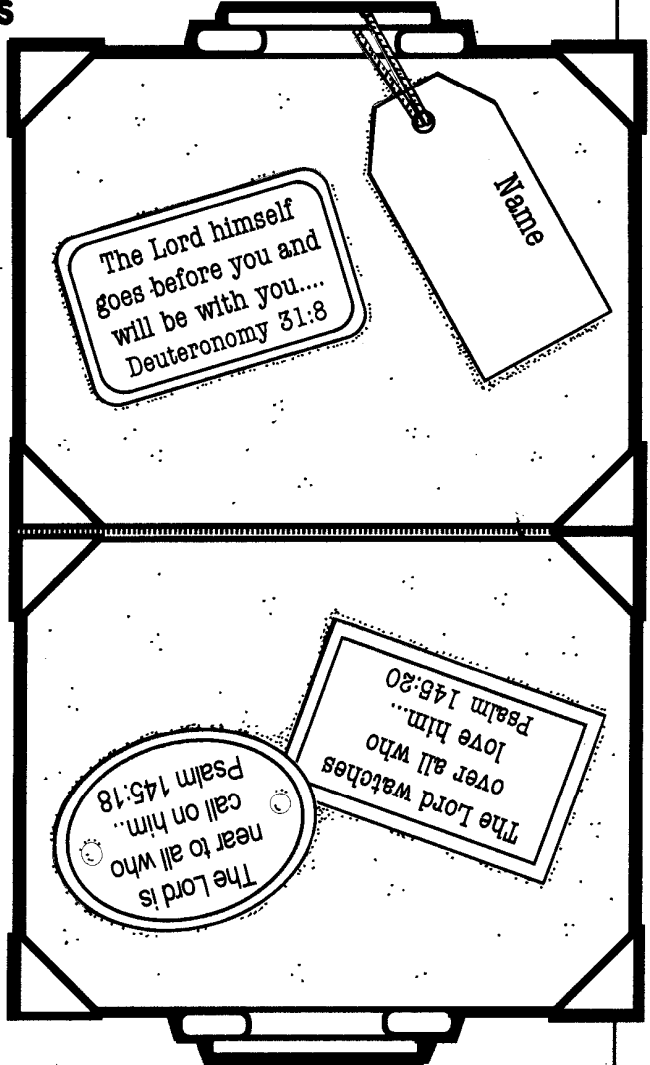
### The Long Journey

The Lord said to **Abram:**

"Leave your country, your people and your father's home and go to a land that I am going to show you. I will give you many descendants, and they will become a great nation. I will bless you and make your name famous, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. And through you I will bless the nations"

So **Abram** left, as the Lord had told him... He took his wife **Sarai**, his nephew **Lot**, all their possessions and they set out for the land of **Canaan**.

Read Abram's story in **Genesis** chapters 12-25.



Glue the suitcase to thin card, cut out and fold in half. Write inside what you would take with you on a long journey.

# Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

Postcard

Wednesday 14 Afulgust

1<sup>st</sup> Class

Dear Aunty Jane,  
We're here again,  
We're in our tent, we're in the rain.  
It's such a lot of dripping fun,  
and two weeks since we saw the sun.  
How I wish that you were here  
instead of me oh Aunty, dear.

STAMP

Jane Goze  
2A Sunny Place  
E. Holiday  
YDO NTWE

Love from Holly Day.



*I have placed my rainbow in the clouds It is the sign of my permanent promise to you.*  
(Genesis 9:13a NLT)

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

## AUGUST

Sun	3	7.30pm	Songs of Praise	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Tue	5	10.30am	Children's Workshops	Martinstown Village Hall
Wed	6		<b>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>	
Thur	7-10		Festival of Flowers	St. Mary's, BB
		2.00pm	BB Church Church Fete	Rectory Gardens etc
			St Mary's Church Fete	Rectory Garden, BB
Fri	8	3.00pm	Afternoon Tea	Rectory Garden, BB
		5.00pm	Organ Recital by Jac Peters	St. Mary's, BB
Sat	9	10.00am	Village Walk	Litton Cheney Bus Shelter
		10.30am	Coffee Morning for Zimbabwe	30 Springfield, P'knowle
		10.30am	Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sun	10		Broadwindsor Horse & Dog Show	Honeycombe Farm
			<b>Editor's Deadline for September Issue</b>	
Thur	14	10.00am	Produce sale for ROPE & Sailors Soc'y	Reading Room, BB
Fri	15	10.00am	SG Village Ramble	Telephone Kiosk, Brook St.
	15		Discovery Challenge	White Horse, Litton Cheney
Sat	16	9.30am	Producers' Market	Thorner's School, LC
		2.00pm	Shipton Gorge Summer Fair	SG Village Hall
	16-23		Burton Bradstock Festival	
Mon	18	7.30pm	Puncknowle History Group	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	20		BVGC Members' Barbeque	
Thu	21	10.00am	Produce sale for ROPE & Sailors Soc'y	Reading Room, BB
Sat	23	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sun	24		<b>St Bartholomew the Apostle</b>	
Thu	28	10.00am	Produce sale for ROPE & Sailors Soc'y	Reading Room, BB
			<b>St Augustine of Hippo</b>	
Fri	29		<b>Beheading of St John the Baptist</b>	
Sun	31		<b>St Aidan</b>	



## SEPTEMBER

Tue	2	2.30pm Tea Dance	Bridport Arts Centre
		7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council meeting	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	4	3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
Fri	5	10.30am Puncknowle Art Group	The Crown, Puncknowle
		Rotary Club of Weymouth, Sponsored Walk	
Sun	7	10.00am Great Samaritan's Race	Weymouth College
Wed	13	<b>Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride</b>	
Tue	16	2.30pm Tea Dance	Bridport Arts Centre
Wed	17	7.30pm BVGC Talk "Wildlife Gardening"	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	18	3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
Sat	20	Wine Tasting with John Spurrier	Litton Cheney
Tue	30	6.00pm Theatre visit "Don't Look Now"	Poole
		Closing date for Thorner's "Big Dorset Quiz"	

LC: Litton Cheney  
Lb: Littlebredy

SG: Shipton Gorge  
PSWB: Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington  
BVGC: Bride Valley Gardening Club

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

## THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM MINISTRY

**ST MARY: Burton Bradstock**

**ST MARY: Litton Cheney**

**ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy**

**ST PETER: Long Bredy**

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**ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle**

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## WEEKDAY SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY: AUGUST 2008

Wednesday 6th	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Wednesday 13th	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Wednesday 20th	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Wednesday 27th	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion

# CHURCH SERVICES

## THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

August 2008

Church	Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 11 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 12 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	10 <sup>th</sup> August 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 12 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	17 <sup>th</sup> August 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 13 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	24 <sup>th</sup> August 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month St Bartholomew	31 <sup>st</sup> August 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity
Burton Bradstock		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 (by extension) 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension) 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion (by extension)
Shipton Gorge		11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	6.30 Evening Prayer		
Chilcombe				6.30 Evening Prayer			
Swyre		7.30 Songs of Praise	7.30 Songs of Praise	7.30 Songs of Praise	7.30 Songs of Praise	7.30 pm Songs of Praise	7.30 Songs of Praise
Puncknowle		9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	11.00 Family Service		
Litton Che- ney		11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	8.00 Holy Communion by extension)
Long Bredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship			
Littlebredy			11.00 Family Service (Communion by extension)	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)		11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	11.00am United Valley Worship