

Bride Valley News

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FROM THE RECTORY

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BY THE TIME

this letter comes to be read we will be in the middle of the harvest festival season. By which I mean that some Churches will have had their harvest service and celebration. The modern mind does not dwell. When these festivals are over they seem almost at once to belong in the past, and we are to be found



counting the days until the next distraction. Those Churches which have not yet had their festival will be immersed in the plans of flowers and produce and provisions.

By the time this letter is read we will know how the harvest has been. At the moment it is very touch and go. If we have clear sun over the next few days something may be done with it, albeit at the cost of expensive drying. If the weather stays as it has been for so long even for just another week, harvest festival will be an odd occasion.

It is difficult to have a thanksgiving when things have gone wrong. What are we supposed to say? Thank you for the wind and rain, the cold and clod. Thank you for small mercies. Thank heaven it was no worse. We are in the same position as a person who has fallen ill or who has otherwise fallen on hard times. Why has this happened to me?

If we expect a good harvest, or even an average one, and it doesn't happen we have cause for complaint. If we hold health as a constant state, then illness is an unwelcome exception, and we don't feel particularly thankful for that either.

But neither prosperity nor wellbeing is promised to us, and certainly not as part of a system of reward or punishment. Neither good nor ill is constant. Only the grace of God abides. When we understand that we can find ourselves surprisingly at home with the contradiction of giving thanks in times of dearth and plenty. "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

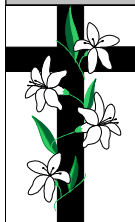
My son and his fiancée are to be married this weekend, and in this we share an interest in the weather improving. But it is the promises of constancy that I am thinking of. For better and for worse; for richer and for

poorer; in sickness and in health. God has taught us how to love one another so that we can understand how it is that he loves us. When and if ever we come to know this, heart and soul, thanksgiving will no longer be an effort or a mystery, but only joy.

*Praise O praise our God and King
Hymns of adoration sing
For His mercies aye endure
Ever faithful ever sure.*

Bob Thorn

FROM THE REGISTERS



FUNERALS

On Monday 18th August a funeral was held for **Sally Jane Cuzens**, the wife of Richard and mother of Charlotte and Tim, at St Mary's, Litton Cheney. Sally, who lived near the church, was only 48 and died after a prolonged battle with cancer. Her ashes were interred above the churchyard on Wednesday 20th August in the plot of land given to the church by the Cuzens family.

Also on Monday 18th August the funeral was held for **Barbara Joyce Webb**, the widow of Norman and mother of Val, Liz, Andy, and Angie, at Holy Trinity, Swyre. Joyce, a West Bexington resident, had moved to be nearer to her daughter in Dorchester where she died at 80 years of age. Her ashes were interred in the Holy Trinity churchyard with her late husband on Thursday 28th August.

On 23rd August the ashes of **Gwendoline Brady** were buried in the churchyard of St Peter's church, Long Bredy. Her funeral had been held in Burnley Lancashire where she had died at the age of 87 on 6th February. Her mother was christened at St Peter's, so all the family came down from Lancashire to Long Bredy for this special occasion.

On 5th September the funeral was held at St Mary's Burton Bradstock for **Charles Leonard Amiss** who died aged 88 years on Wednesday 13th August. Charles, the father of Angela and Malcolm, moved to Burton Bradstock in 1997 where he and his wife Eileen were regular attenders. Even when he moved to Axminster some years after the death of his wife he still returned to Burton Bradstock each week to sing in the then church choir. His ashes were interred with his wife's behind the church later in the day of the funeral.

We pray for the comfort and peace of the Lord to be in the hearts of all those who mourn.

MARRIAGES

On a rain free day, **Ashley-Clare Page-Smith** of Burton Bradstock, and now a Playgroup Assistant at Burton Bradstock Playgroup, was married on Saturday 23rd of August to **Paul Roots** of Litton Cheney, a landscape gardener, at St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney. Paul's best man was his eldest son, and the two wedding rings were carried into the church by Ashley's two young boys. The wedding was followed by a hog roast reception at Baglake Farm. Ashley and Paul and their children are now resident in Litton Cheney, and we pray God's blessing be on them all in their new future together.



VALLEY NOTES

MOTHERS UNION.

Saturday 4th October.

Thursday 9th October.

Sunday 12th October.

Thursday 23rd October

Autumn Council Meeting @
Pewsey- 9.30am for 10.00am.

Quiet afternoon-2.00pm @ Toller
Porcorum.

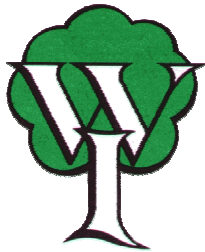
Wedding Fair @ Kingston Maurward.

Meeting. 2.30pm @ Westfield, Shipton Lane.
Burton Bradstock.-Speaker The Reverend
Jean Thorn.



Yvette Smith. 898219.

BURTON BRADSTOCK WI



In September we had a superbly interesting talk by Mark Ching who has been a Thatcher in Dorset for nearly 30 years. He told us it was an ancient craft, formerly done by multi tradespeople, but now thatching was done purely by well trained, skilled Thatchers. He told us about the water reed and/or the straw that was needed, mostly imported now and he showed us how these bundles were attached to roofs. A great insight into the skills needed and why thatched roofs are so costly to do.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th at 7.30. in the WI Hall when Keith Morton will talk on "40 years in the Media".

There will be the usual groups taking place in this month - Walking, Tapestry, Book Club, Mahjong and the revived Creative Writing group - please check the notice board for dates of these.

Big event - this year we will be holding an Autumn rather than a

Christmas COFFEE MORNING on the 25th October from 10.00 - 12noon.
This will have a Halloween flavour, so get your masks and hats ready.
Volunteers and produce for stalls please at next meeting.

Also we will be going to the combined Carol Service at Sherborne Abbey on December 10th. The cost for the coach will be £10 plus £2.50 for the entrance programme. The coach will be leaving Burton at 1.30 on that date - names and cheques by date of next meeting please, or you can send your cheque made out to the 'Womens' Institute', to Norma Millard, Blegberry, West Bexington DT2 9DD.

NJM



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

If you live in the Bride Valley, would you like
YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FOR 2008



To be in the December issue of the BVN in order
to raise funds for the Weldmar Trust and BVN?

As a reminder, many of you will know that the scheme used to be focused on Burton Bradstock, but it is open to any resident in the Bride Valley, so we would especially welcome support from the other villages too. Ken Pett has been the organiser up till now but has handed over to me. We are most grateful to him for master-minding a scheme which has raised several thousand since 2002.

We are asking if you would like to send your local Christmas greetings by way of the BVN. As for last year, we plan to split the donations equally between the **BVN** and the **Weldmar Hospicecare Trust**.

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

If you would like to participate, please give me your name(s), as you would like it/them to appear in the BVN list with, of course, your donation.

*Cheques should be made payable to **The Bride Valley Team Council** need this information, **plus the donation, no later than 7th November**, in order to catch the deadline for the December issue.*

*Susan Paul: Old Walls, Mill Street, Burton Bradstock,
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BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

We have not yet had the September meeting of the Club, so we are unable to report on this. Next month we will meet on Wednesday 15th October at Puncknowle Village Hall at 7.30 when Steve Maros who is the Tree Officer for Dorset County Council will be talking on "Trees". With current disease problems on trees this should be an interesting evening.

The really good news is that we have a new Chair. We all thought that the Club would have to close in November, but we have been saved by the wonderful offer from Sylvia Delves to be our new Chair. We are delighted Sylvia and look forward to your leading the Club forward with new ideas in the future!

The barbeque planned for August was rained off, but we have an Outing to Westonbirt on the 22nd October, if there are enough people wanting to go.

Jobs to Do.

Cut back perennials as they die back and continue division and planting. Finish planting autumn onion sets and plant garlic. Lift and pot herbs for use over the winter. Plant Spring bulbs and wallflowers.

Norma Millard, Vice Chair: Valerie Cameron, Secretary

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

A big welcome to new children - Oliver Wallis and Jessie Fry. Also a very warm welcome to Fiona Evans, our new play leader, who lives in Dorchester - she comes to Fledglings with a wealth of experience and excellent qualifications. She is also beginning a degree course at Weymouth College - so plenty to do! Fiona will be working with Mrs Williams, Reception teacher at Thorner's, to provide activities in which Playgroup and Reception children can join together, as well as playing alongside each other for part of the morning sessions. Some Reception children stay on after school to join us at Lunch Club, and some even stay on to play for the afternoon session. It is lovely to see them in their new school uniforms. The general theme for this half term is "Our Senses".

Fledglings is fortunate enough to have some great new resources such as bright new bean bags & cubes to sit on, a round rug, new bookcases and a new dresser for the Home Corner, plus other smaller items. Excellent - thanks to all who organised these.



Some of our vegetables and herbs survived the August rains - the tomatoes, the beans, the pepper plant , the dill.

Our Playgroup Meeting was on 16th September, when final handovers took place and Jill Neill joined the staff as our new Admin. Assistant - welcome back Jill!

Carol Bennett has retired as Playleader - finally - but hopes to continue supporting playgroup in a voluntary capacity.

Fledglings is open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for morning and afternoon sessions, with Lunch Club from 12.00-1.00pm - we do have places available once again. Nestlings on Thursday afternoons is for younger children to drop in (with parent/carer) and play using playgroup resources and joining in planned activities on offer if they wish to. The cost is only £1.50 including snack & drink. It is also an opportunity to get information about Fledglings, see playgroup in action and meet staff etc.

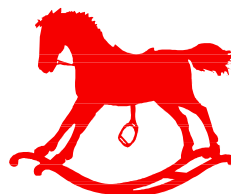
For information re Playgroup or Nestlings, please ring us at school on **01308 482410**.

FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

Long Bredy Village Hall, Wednesdays 10am-12noon
in Term-time: suitable for 0-4 years. Wide range of equipment & resources. Small & friendly group All welcome

Health Visitor 1st Wednesday each month

£1.50/session incl refreshments. For more information contact
01308 482126



BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

It now seems an age since the end of the summer term when Class 4 enjoyed a damp Dartmoor residential trip. Wet though it was, I am pleased to report that despite the conditions there were no grumbles or complaints. The children loved it and I do believe that the mud was an additional attraction!

This is the first year for quite some time that we have not had any changes in personnel so it has been a very settled start to the new academic year. The dynamics of classes change at the start of new school years and it is gratifying to see the way everyone settles down, particularly the intake of reception children.

We have had a number of 'physical' changes during the summer, the most significant being the refurbishment of the toilet areas. The children's cloakrooms have been completely overhauled and everyone is delighted with the outcome. As one child remarked (referring to the boys' toilets), "They don't stink now!" Out of the mouths of babes! Meanwhile, outside, the

playground markings have also been refreshed. Beneficiaries of the summer rain have been our planters which, although only started in the spring, now look well established.

This term the School Music Service have started an exciting initiative that enables the opportunity for all Year 4 children to learn a musical instrument. Our children have been assigned clarinets and saxophones and we look forward to seeing how they progress. All musical activities have now resumed and the choir is the 'healthiest' yet with a good number turning up each week. My thanks go to Mrs Woodford, one of our governors, for her moral and practical support on Mondays after school.

As usual there is much going on and much to be thankful for.

As I write it is raining and for some reason I recall happy memories of sharing stories with my son, and am reminded of the immortal words of the Rev. Timms in 'Postman Pat and the Rainy Day': "The Lord rains on the just and the unjust."or something like that.

Mark Stratta

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Being well into routines again and lots of things planned for the coming term it is hard to know where to start. The biggest event going on at the moment is the dramatic change to our view. At long last the community hall is coming to life



I now know that it is going to become a reality and we are beginning to think about activities we will use it for. Having spent a number of years dreaming and planning it will be a real asset to the school. The space it will provide for our indoor activities is marvellous, an even greater range of sports will now be possible. Thank you to everyone who has and still is supporting us in this project. We are still slightly short of the building costs and currently applying for grants to help towards kitting out the kitchen and installing PE equipment so please do keep supporting LATCH events.

All of the new pupils have settled in well, Reception pupils who are attending for mornings only have transferred particularly smoothly from Fledglings and will be gradually extending their school day through this term. Thanks to a number of volunteers who have given time to clear the conservation area making it suitable for the children to walk around and use. This particular summer weather ensured that the grass and weeds grew and the pond did not dry out so it is full of life.

In line with many other primary schools over the whole country we have started to implement the New Primary Framework, I sometimes wonder if the Government feel we do not have enough to do! There are some good

points in that it has made us look at how we are teaching numeracy and literacy in particular, later in the term we will be concentrating on how we can incorporate different subject areas in to topics to give a whole curriculum instead of each subject area being taught independently.

Alison Johnstone, Headteacher

Thorner's School Association

Christmas Bingo

Friday 21st November

Thorner's School, Litton Cheney

Doors Open 7.00 Eyes Down 7.30

Refreshments/Raffle

**If anyone wishes to donate prizes or goods towards Hampers,
please ring Sue on 482204**

PRODUCERS' MARKETS

As we edge into September and towards autumn, the producers' markets will be taking a break in September and October, recharging batteries ready for the Christmas Producers' Market in November.

Over the last couple of years, Modbury have enlarged their farm shop and introduced tea rooms during the summer holiday period. Bride Valley Beef have taken a shop in Abbotsbury and now have a regular slot at Bridport Saturday market. Whilst this has meant they spend less time at our producers' market, for the customer it means their produce is available on a day to day basis at a regular location for people to purchase. Other producers have also made a success of their businesses and have gone onto greater things and we are very happy for them.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCERS' MARKET IN NOVEMBER

We finish 2008's season of producers' markets with a festive flourish on Saturday 15th November at Thorner's School, Litton Cheney, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. There you will find a veritable treasure trove of goodies.

It will be what you have traditionally come to expect over the years; a cornucopia of goodies, both edible and gift worthy. It is a chance to get properly organized on the Christmas food front and pick out a number of presents, to the point you can then concentrate on other aspects of the season of goodwill.

The Market will once again be in aid of our local cancer charity, and will again bring you the best in food and gifts. Please show your support for both the charity and the markets by attending this grand event. To find out more about the market please contact Wendy Taylor (482532) or John Firrell (482313).

LITTLEBREDY

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RAIN prevented the United Valley Service on the 31st August from taking place beside the lake, as had been hoped, but a small string maze in the Churchyard and an enterprising service in Church provided an unusual event for a good congregation instead. It was devised and led by our local Lay Readers and their helpers, to whom thanks are due. Some hardy members of the congregation stayed behind to picnic in the Bridehead grounds afterwards, by which time the air was drier but the grass was not...

THE Social Club's "Recognise the Photograph" evening at the beginning of September was well attended, and the standard of identification was high. Thanks as always to Ed & Christine for putting in the graft before, during and after the event.

THERE will be no Club event in October, so this is good long notice of the next Village activity, which is to celebrate **Bonfire Night**. This we shall do, believe it or not, on the actual date of **Wednesday 5th November**, thus avoiding any clash with similar local events during the weekends on either side.

THE BONFIRE on the village green will be lit at 7.00 p.m., with the fireworks starting at 7.30 p.m. Attenders are asked, please, to contribute a large firework, which can be taken to the Baxters at Spring Cottage (482767) beforehand or brought along on the night. After the fireworks, the Hall will be open for a supper of sausages/ burgers in baps. The bar will be open from 7.00 p.m. till 9.30 p.m., to avoid this midweek event running on too late.



ADVANCE Notice too that December's event will be a Christmas Social combined with the A.G.M. in the Village Hall on Friday 5th December.

Ninety-eight percent of the adults in this country are decent, hard-working, honest Americans. It's the other lousy two percent that get all the publicity. But then--we elected them.

Lily Tomlin

LITTON CHENEY

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LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL.

Building is underway!

Come April 2009, Litton Cheney will be the proud possessor of a brand new community hall. It has been the longest gestation period in creation, and there will be residents who have

lived in the village all their lives who will no doubt remember talk of a new hall when they were knee high to a grasshopper attending Thorner's School. Well, it's happening!

So, start planning those birthday parties, urge your offspring to get married, re-live those heady debutante days with coming out parties, organize an "It's a knockout" extravaganza or even a gentle game of bridge. The hall is open to all, and available for hire. All we need is people. Why are we mentioning this now when April is over six months away? Well, we anticipate the hall will be in great demand once completed so we are urging village residents to plan ahead and get their bid in first before the rush.

Residents of Litton Cheney recently received a letter asking for personal donations to help furnish and equip the hall to an exacting standard. We are delighted that many people responded to the call for which we are extremely grateful. For those who have yet to commit may we request that you now do so. By equipping to a superb standard in terms of audio/visual equipment in the hall and sturdy energy saving appliances in the kitchen, the hall will stand ready to service the most demanding of clients. The wait is nearly over.

If you wish to know more about the hall, our plans and how you can help please call Ron Davidson (482661), David Taylor (482532) or Freddie Spicer (482617).

LATCH 2009 Desk Calendars

These beautiful and stylish desk calendars will be available at the Christmas Producers' Market on Saturday 15th November but you do not need to wait that long. They can also be obtained from John Firrell (482313) or Alison Johnstone at Thorner's School (482410). Available in two versions, Bride Valley Colours and Bride Valley Skies, you can purchase these for £3.50 each or £3 each for two or more.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The **Barn Dance** will be on Saturday October 4th from 7pm at Thorners School. Enjoy an evening dancing to the Casterbridge Band and sampling the finger buffet all for only £7.50 per adult and £2.50 for under 18s. Tickets are available from members of the Social Committee or at the door on the night.

The date of the **Litter Pick** has been changed to Saturday November 8th from October 11th.



The **Village Walk** will now be on Saturday October 11th, weather permitting. Meet at the bus shelter at 10am.

The **Bonfire Party** will be held at 6.00pm on Saturday 1st November in the field at Barges Close.



Refreshments will be available and Admission will be free but there will be a collection for a donation to 'Children in Need'. So we hope to see you there but please **DO NOT** bring any fireworks.

The **Discovery Challenge** got off to a flying start. Many thanks go to Clive Edwards for organising an enjoyable and fun evening and to the White Horse for providing the contestants with a well earned supper. Congratulations go to the winning team, the Argy Bargies and to their driver Lynn Lacy.

Sheila Davison Secretary LCSC 482262

SHIPTON GORGE

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PLAYING FIELD

We are planning a tidy up of the Playing Field on Saturday 4th October at 10am for about two hours. Tasks will include cutting back vegetation around the field, tidying the path edges and preserving the wooden fencing. We would be most grateful for help – if you have any suitable equipment please bring it with you.

Parish Council Playing Field Committee

KEEPING SHIPTON CLEAN

When I can no longer bear the sight of it, I have taken it upon myself for many years to periodically keep clear the section of road and verges



between the 'Ski-jump' junction with the A35 (Innsacre) and St Katherine's Cross including Bonscombe Lane and vulnerable gateways. I, personally, flatly refuse to choke to death under a sea of rubbish deposited by ignorant souls too tired and uneducated to be able to clean up after themselves, and unable to appreciate the beauty of the countryside we are lucky enough to live in. Where the mental block comes in understanding that it is just as easy to deposit rubbish in a bin as it is to wind down a window and defile clean and unspoilt surroundings I fail to see, but I suppose, as my mother used to say 'You can't expect anything but a grunt out of a pig!'

I am assured by the Parish Council that there are others who share my sentiments and also 'pick and clear', but I have to confess that apart from Sue and Chris Brown I have yet to make contact with anyone who shares my dislike of other people's rubbish and does something about it. If there is anyone out there who does, perhaps you would give me a call on 897362. With co-ordinated effort – one driving and one picking – the whole section could be covered in less than half an hour.

Grayham Rosamond

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Shipton Gorge Village Hall

BINGO

Wednesday 8th October 7.30pm

Good prizes

SHIPTON GORGE LTD

We are pleased to see that the majority of owners who walk their dogs through The Orchard are responsibly picking up any mess their pet makes and depositing it in the bin which has been provided. Unfortunately there are those of you who are NOT doing so, which is most unpleasant for other walkers, and for people working on the land. You are reminded that the bin has built in bag dispensers so no excuses – PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG!



CLEAN IT UP!



SHIPTON GORGE WI

Twenty years have passed since Shipton Gorge WI sadly closed its doors. We thought 'Let's have a reunion,' so ladies of Shipton Gorge WI of 20 years ago please join us on Tuesday 11th November 2008 at Shipton Gorge Village Hall between 3pm and 5pm for a cup of tea and memories.

Pamela A, Bates

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

SEPTEMBER DRAW

£10	No 45	Jo and Carol
£20	No 30	Doris Benselin

PARISH COUNCIL

At its meeting on the 10th September the Parish Council appointed Sally Parker as a lay member of the Planning Committee.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

GRAND CAR TREASURE HUNT

Saturday October 4th.

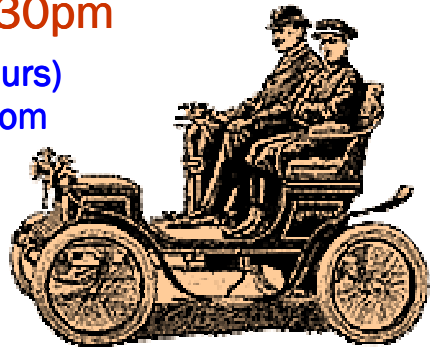
First cars start 2.30pm

30 miles duration (approx 3 hours)

Please check in at New Inn from
2.15pm onwards

Cost of entry £5 per car

Contact for further information
and entry rules/guidelines-
New Inn or Tel: 01308 897574



The key to realizing a dream is to focus not on success but significance - and then even the small steps and little victories along your path will take on greater meaning.

Oprah Winfrey

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

SONGS OF PRAISE.

This years season of songs of praise was as always a very special series of services. We have to thank all those who assisted in choosing the hymns and presented them. I hope all who came enjoyed our celebration and the singing was terrific. This year we introduced a social gathering after each service and thanks to all who stayed and enjoyed a glass of wine or juice with us. See you all again next year during August and bring a friend as well.



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Our next working party will be on **11th October** to help tidy the churchyard in any way that you can. Tea/coffee will be provided with biscuits if I am reminded.

HARVEST

Decoration of the Church will be on **Friday 3rd October from 10 am**. All are welcome to join us to make our Church even more beautiful than it is already. The Harvest Festival service will be on Sunday 5th October at 6.30 pm when gifts will be able to be presented and received.

As with every service everyone will be most welcome.



COFFEE MORNING



A date for your diaries is our next coffee morning on **29th November 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 of you who can will come along to support us and have a good time as well.

Churchwardens

No matter what side of the argument you are on, you always find people on your side that you wish were on the other.

Jascha Heifetz

BURTON BRADSTOCK

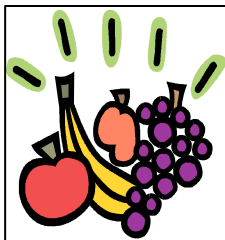
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St. Mary's Harvest Supper
with Barn Dancing & Musical Entertainment
Saturday 4th October 6.30 – 9.45pm
Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Tickets (£5.00 to include first drink, £2.50 for children under 12) available from
Susan Paul (Old Walls) or any member of the PCC

As in the past we are asking you to bring either a sweet or savoury dish; your ticket will be marked according to your choice. We are delighted that David Powell, with some friends, will be leading the entertainment; we are most grateful to him. This is an occasion for all the family and everyone in the village is very welcome to join us. Harvest Thanksgiving is in church the following day.



PLEA FROM YOUR BURTON BRADSTOCK CORRESPONDENTS.

This month has been very difficult because of the number of handwritten articles submitted close to the deadline.

If contributors do not have access to a computer or find it impossible to submit articles electronically then they should ensure that we receive items at least a week before the deadline.

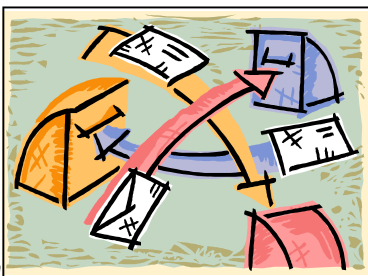
John and Cathy Lay-Flurrie

CHRISTMAS CARDS, COFFEE AND CROISSANTS.

To get your good quality Christmas cards early enough actually to post them, come to a **Christmas Card Sale** at The Rectory, Burton Bradstock on Wednesday 22nd October from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Coffee and croissants will be available at a small price.

The cards are beautifully produced by the Carmelite monastery in Quidenham, Norfolk and represent good value for money. The proceeds of the sale will go to charity.

Jean Thorn



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Home boxes should be returned in November (latest 30th please) to Pauline Woodford (898327) or Basil Dent.



All are welcome to our Christingle Service to be held this year on Friday 12th December at 3.30pm in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. Children from the school will be taking part and it will be followed by tea in the village hall.

POPPY APPEAL

A MUSICAL EVENING

featuring The St. Swithun's Band, in aid of The Poppy Appeal will be held on Friday, 24th October at 7.30pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

Tickets available from Burton Bradstock Post Office
£5.00



COFFEE MORNING

On Thursday, 6th November at 10.30 am in Burton Bradstock Village Hall, also in aid of The Poppy Appeal. £1

HOME WATCH – OCTOBER 2008

During August and early September we experienced some mindless vandalism in Annings Lane and in the centre of the village, of the sort that sadly we sometimes get in summer months. In the former incident there was some damage to several properties, noise etc and in the latter bricks were thrown through 2 car windows - and the same night 6 identical-looking bricks were thrown through six car windows near the Co-op.



The lessons for us for our protection (let me know if you disagree) include:

- ◆ Alerting the Police to make special coverage of our village in the summer months, especially after 11pm (but their resource will never allow them to be everywhere that something like this can happen)
- ◆ Ensuring that objects around our houses that can be moved/broken are protected/hidden as best they can be

BUT

By far the best form of protection is – at the first sign of real worry, something being broken, out-of-control rowdiness, vandalism etc – to please take the step of **dialling 999** and reporting what you know to the Police. Give THEM the chance/ choice of speeding here. (They may have a

Police car within a couple of minutes away in a different part of Burton where all happens to be quiet.) You will NEVER be blamed by the Police if in all good faith you help the Police in their work by phoning them to alert them of a believed actual or even possible problem. Stopping vandalism at the outset can stop what could turn into much more serious vandalism, as they get bolder. The Police strongly request that the whole of our village's ears and eyes are ready to pick up signs of vandalism, so we can nip it in the bud, preventing much more damage being done. Let's use our couple of thousand ears and eyes in the village and have **no fear** in giving *the Police* the chance to decide what action they will take when we provide them with news that is not picked up by (perhaps) their *couple* of ears and eyes in the village. (No wonder the Chief Constable of Dorset describes the potential power of Home Watch as 'gold-dust' in the drive to reduce crime – let's use it).

Finally if you hear something suspicious don't please phone your Home Watch Representative first (they may anyway be engaged on the phone/out/asleep) ...use these precious first moments to phone *the Police* to give them every chance to apprehend the culprits.

If you're still worried about phoning the Police please call John Grantham on 897935.

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

After the summer break, the activities of the FBBL are beginning to progress. We now know that the introduction of the 'Core Hours' changes in Dorset libraries will start on Monday 3rd November. We therefore need to have volunteers in place and trained by this date so that there is no change to the total opening hours of our library.

We are in the process of recruiting our first 10 volunteers. When they have signed up, they will apply for a CRB check (a DCC requirement). The volunteers will work in four pairs (with the remaining two acting as 'back-ups') with each pair doing one session per fortnight. When the system is established we will recruit a further 10 volunteers, after which each pair will do one session per month. The sessions will be from 3 to 5 PM on Monday, and 5 to 6.30 PM on Fridays.

The training programme for the volunteers will be held mainly at Burton Bradstock library, and will consist of 4 half day sessions. These will take place on Monday 13th October, Monday 20th October and two sessions in the week starting October 27th.

The Central Library service has made considerable progress with the new Customer Service Terminal system, which is being commissioned this



autumn. This system works by placing a Radio Frequency Identity tag in each book which the terminal can sense. The library users can then return and take out books themselves by just 'showing' the books to the terminal. The new terminal will be installed in the Burton Bradstock library sometime in October, ready for use on November 3rd. Some small modifications to the library layout will be needed and these will also be done in October. Two thirds of the books in the Burton Bradstock library have already been tagged, and the remainder (out on loan) will be tagged as they are returned to the library. The current bar code system will continue to operate for some time, so that books taken out from Burton Bradstock can still be returned to Bridport library before it is converted to the new system. Books in other Dorset libraries are currently being tagged (e.g. Weymouth, Charmouth), and by the spring of next year all the Dorset libraries should be using the new system.

Progress is also being made on the leasing of the library building from the County Council, and I will report on this in next month's Bride Valley News.

R.J. Hynds – Chairman of Friends of Burton Bradstock Library Trustees

LIBRARY FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The library fund raising committee will be hosting a ploughman's supper on Saturday 22nd November.

There will be a choice of cheeses, homemade pate and home cooked gammon. A bar will be available for those who favour a glass of wine or beer to accompany their ploughman's.

Tickets will go on sale at the end of October, so look out for posters with further details, which will also be included in next month's BVN. So make a note of the date in your diary, come along and support your local library.

For further information contact Sandy Adderley on 898358



THE NATIONAL TRUST

IN THE KNOW ABOUT ...*BURTON BRADSTOCK*

Did you know that the Car Park at Hive Beach Burton Bradstock is due to be handed back to the National Trust to manage in November 2008? And that subject to negotiations, Steve Attrill will have a new lease for the Hive Beach Café' in April 2009?

This was the preferred option for 77% or 148 stakeholders, who took part in a community consultation event at Burton Bradstock on the 13th & 14th October 2007. But we want to hear from you too! So please tell us your views and ideas about how you think the car park could or should look, your

preference for interpretation and signage and the siting and amount of litter bins the site needs. It's important for us...and you...that we get it right, so your comments will be much appreciated. Comment forms are available from the National Trust's Roving Recruiter on Hive beach.

We recognise that prior to and during the planned car park works, access to the site will sometimes be limited, so we are considering waiving the parking fees for a limited period, just to make life easier for you.

So, if you have any questions or concerns about what we are proposing or if you want to know more about our plans for Hive Beach, then please don't hesitate to give Caroline Richards, Visitor Services Manager, a call on 01297 561900.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

As part of our community engagement, members of West Dorset staff team will be available to answer your questions about the proposed plans for the Hive Beach car park and other site developments at a drop in 'surgery' at the Hive Café every first Tuesday of the month from 10am – 12pm.

Come along and tell us what you think and share your ideas about how you would like to see the site develop over the coming months.

Dates for your diary are Tuesday 7th October, Tuesday 4th November and Tuesday 2nd December. We look forward to seeing you there.

GETTING INVOLVED

The National Trust is always keen to hear from you if you would like to volunteer and there are a range of opportunities available here in West Dorset. Current Volunteering opportunities include Shop Assistants at Stonebarrow, Charmouth: Stewards at the Hardy Monument: Portesham. Conservation Volunteers: Education Assistants: Events co-ordinators: Minibus Drivers & Photographers. Want to know more? Then give Caroline Richards a call on 01297 561900.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

HALL TOILET REBUILD

The Village Hall toilet rebuild project is now complete and from comments made so far many of you seem to like what has been done. Thanks go to Mark Munro and his team for completing the project ahead of time. The work was funded through monies raised at events over the past year which were well supported by the Village, and a Grant of £2,200 from 'Awards for All' for which the Committee is extremely grateful.

Susan Moores – Secretary, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee





ARTSREACH

We hope that you enjoyed the "Buffalo Gals" in September and in October we have something very different.

On Saturday 18th October we have the one man 80 minute drama "Adolf", written and performed by Pip Utton. This is serious live theatre at its best, with a theme and subject that touches us all. Powerful and challenging, utterly provocative, with a sting at the end so powerful that it will force an audience to look within themselves to question their own prejudices and intolerance. "Adolf" has toured widely in this country and internationally to great acclaim.

"Unashamedly theatre with a message, with a vengeance". The Stage.
"Terrifying, searing, transfixing". The Scotsman.

Tickets will be £8 on the door or in advance from 01308 897214, or from the Post Office.

Norman Saunders-White - Promoter for Artsreach - 01308 897214

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL PRESENTS "BURTON'S GOT TALENT"

Saturday – 29th November 2008

Auditions are already underway and we hope to present the finals in two separate shows to be held in the Village Hall in the afternoon and evening of Saturday, 29th November. The afternoon show will be for young talent and the evening one for the more mature contestants.

Proceeds from this event will go toward replenishing the coffers of the Village Hall Trust. Please support this event either as a contestant or simply by joining the audience for what we hope will be a really good day. More details will follow in the November edition of the BVN and please look out for posters around the Village.

Pam Middlemast – Village Hall Committee – 01308 897259

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL "200 CLUB"

September 2008 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£42.80	No. 650	Mrs Mavis Herbert
2nd	£21.40	No. 590	Mrs Margaret Webby
3rd	£10.70	No. 566	Mr Pete Toms

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

There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

LORD ARTHUR SAVILE'S CRIME



As the curtain opened on the sumptuously furnished Victorian drawing room in Grosvenor Square we knew that Burton Bradstock Players performance of *Lord Arthur Savile's Crime* by Constance Cox would be one of their best. Based on a short story by Oscar Wilde and directed by Mike Read, it held us enthralled to the intriguing end.

Will the poison that Lord Arthur drinks in error, intended for his vivaciously charming Aunt Clem, played dazzlingly by Elizabeth Slater, mean that the play ends as the curtains come down before the interval? We were kept gripping the edge of our seats, too, at the other instances of the incompetent anarchist, Herr Winkelkopf. He (Chris Roberts), who raised a laugh each time he bounded exuberantly in, was supposedly helping Lord Arthur to bump off a member of the family. This is to fulfil the prophecy of the impostor, Mr Podgers the Cheiromantist, (David Mayo, who sent shivers down many spines) before the hopefully imminent wedding day.

Richard Chubb's convincing performance as the debonair but gullible Lord Arthur was beautifully complemented by the sweet and loving innocence of his fiancée, Sybil, (Emma Batchelor). His uncle, the Dean of Paddington, portrayed by Dick Morgan, was wonderfully vague and loveable, and Louise Hardy as Lord Arthur's other entertaining aunt, Lady Windermere, all added to the fun. The suspicious harridan of a prospective mother-in-law, Lady Julia Merton, who was on the brink throughout of cancelling the engagement, was performed by Andrea Wilkinson with panache.

The anticipated happy ending didn't quite work out although Baines the Butler, played in his inimical way by John Surry, obtained his heart's desire by marrying buxom young maid, Nellie, engagingly played by Gill East. Baines' innumerable ways of intoning "Yes, my Lord," with suitable facial expressions was a joy to watch.

The magnificent costumes and the superb lighting of the scenes combined with the brilliant acting from each member of the cast made this production a truly memorable one.

Sheila Spencer-Smith



BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE GROUP

We meet on Tuesdays at 2pm prompt in the Village Hall. For further information please telephone Chris on 898117

READING ROOM SALES

Warmest thanks to all who supplied, bought or did both in support of the sales of home baked products, preserves and garden produce in the Reading Room and to those who manned the stalls.

The sales raised £588.17, which will be equally divided, as far as possible, between ROPE (Relief of Oppressed People Everywhere: Reg Charity 1069608) and the Sailor's Society (Registered Charity 237778)

Mission sub-committee of the PCC

RIGHT UP MY STREET

The telephone rang.

“Geoffrey, it’s Cathy; I have a wonderful opportunity for you.”

“Really”, was my careful reply.

“Yes, and several people have agreed that it’s just right up your street.”

“Hang on,” I replied, my interest rising, “I’ll just pull out my hearing aid so that I can hear you better” – I always do this just in case; and this sounded important enough not to get the wrong end of the stick. Was I to be asked to write a gossip column for the Sunday Times (or even the BVN)? Could it be that by some miracle I had become well-placed on the short list for Deputy Lieutenant? Maybe my wife and I were to be shipped-off to the Caribbean where I should become Governor of Bermuda?

“We think you would be the ideal person to deliver BVN to your road.”

As my heart slipped a little, I was reminded of another great opportunity I had been offered, in the 1970s, when a letter had arrived from Tom Champagne, of the Readers’ Digest, telling me, “Dear Mr Taylor of Abingdon Road, Oxford, you have been selected as a winner in our £300 squillion Prize Draw” (I had been similarly ecstatic then); the letter went on to ask whether I would wish to receive my prize at a special ceremony at the Ritz Hotel in London. With alacrity, I



wrote back to tell Mr Champagne that not only did I accept the offer (assuring him that I would immediately buy my copy of the Readers’ Digest Atlas of the World - I still have it in my book shelf), but adding that I had also purchased a black tie evening outfit for the occasion. I never received a reply, but I did get a plastic wood-effect pepper pot (which I do not still have).

To Cathy, I mumbled my agreement, despite a host of other so-called commitments, and put down the telephone.

I thought I had forgotten that feeling of excitement, but, feverishly removing my hearing aid, it had all come back! “Well,” I pondered, “this may complete the circle: as I make my way round our road at 4.30 a.m., I

can only hope Mr Champagne lives in one of the bungalows and I can rattle his letterbox particularly loudly – just to give him back a little of that excitement.”

I have just heard that Cathy has now found someone else to do the delivery. But it was good to relive those halcyon days again.

Note from Cathy

*A wonderful opportunity is waiting for **YOU** as well! Just call this number, 01308 897281, and you can be part of the fantastic BVN Delivery team in Burton Bradstock. I'm waiting eagerly for your call. We can't offer the Ritz but there's a warm welcome waiting for you in our team.*

BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL

Once again Burton has had a very successful Festival and audiences to all the events obviously enjoyed the programmes in their many varied forms. The art exhibition of fine paintings and craftwork transformed the hall into a most colourful display and was much appreciated.

The high standard and exciting performance of the 6pac Jazz Sextet as soloists and in ensemble was welcomed most enthusiastically; the group were thrilled with this reception.

John Surry and Hilary Bosworth gave us a most entertaining selection of poetry and prose, humorous and moving, along with songs from the Occasional Singers.

After their Monday morning workshop, the concentrated attention of twenty-one young musicians playing alongside the professionals in the evening concert was a joy to behold.

Piazzolla's style of exhilarating tango music played by the London Tango Quintet coupled with the sublime arias of Bach, Handel and Richard Strauss beautifully sung by Claire Bradshaw made another most enjoyable concert.

Returning again this year, Milos Milivojevic, Craig Ogden and Neil Black were soloists in the entertaining and diverse programme of Wednesday's chamber concert and we were able to congratulate in person Peter Hope, the composer of the Divertimento played by Craig.

The Lendvai String Trio, sponsored by the Kirkman Concert Society, were newcomers to the Festival and their finale, the Mozart Divertimento, was especially memorable.

The church was packed for the final orchestral concert and this too was an evening of wonderful music, beautifully played. Barrington Pheloung, of Inspector Morse Theme fame, was there in person to talk about and to conduct the world premiere of his new composition, marvellously evocative of aboriginal life. David Juritz enchanted us with his playing of The Lark

Ascending and the programme finished with the Haydn Mercury Symphony. There was a hilarious encore of The Sleigh Ride with Caroline Dowdle giving a virtuoso performance on a typewriter.

The four late night recitals in the darkened church were quite special. The soloists, Adrian Bradbury, Craig Ogden, Milos Milivojevic, David Juritz and Caroline Dowdle in turn played music mostly by Bach and Domenico Scarlatti and each occasion had a magical and moving quality.

The Committee is delighted and most grateful for the support that the Festival has received this year and to the many, who have helped in various ways, to make it such a success; so much so that we have a modest financial surplus to carry over to next year. We here in Burton must be especially grateful to David Juritz and the team in London for bringing to us such a wonderful array of musical talent to play such splendid music.

Mike Southgate

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

On Friday 17th October at 7.30 pm. in the Village Hall Peter Knight, well known author and lecturer on Dorset prehistory, will tell us all about the Ancient Stones of Dorset. He will describe with words and pictures Stone Circles and other Stone Age Monuments. Do come and join us for this fascinating insight into Ancient Britain.

A note for your diaries in November Clive Farrell is coming along to tell us all about "Butterfly World", which is a £25 million project launched by Sir David Attenborough creating a Tropical Forest in St Albans.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING IN BURTON BRADSTOCK

The Mission Committee will be holding a special International Evening on Friday 21st November to include a three course meal. Between courses entertainment will be provided by representatives from chosen charities.

Admission will be free, but donations will be welcomed.

See your November BVN for further details.

BURTON BRADSTOCK MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Committee and helpers of the festival would like to thank Mike and Anne Southgate for all their behind the scenes work prior to, during and after the festival. This generous couple opened their home to musicians and their families. They showed great patience and good humour through all the ups and downs of this massive undertaking. Everyone connected with the festival blossomed under the "Southgate touch".

To end it all they provided a beautiful lunch for the festival helpers in their garden. It seems that nothing is too much for the Southgates when it is making people welcome. Many thanks.

LONG BREDY

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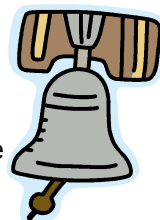
WE would like to have an Autumn clear up at the Churchyard and also inside the Church if possible. Saturday 1st November, 10am onwards. Please bring gloves, clippers, loppers or any tools you think would help. We will provide coffee etc, so as long as it is not pouring with rain. Please come and join in.



CONGRATULATIONS Tommy & Norma Foot of No.4 have become Great-Grandparents for the first time. Best wishes to all.

UNIVERSITY Bound - we offer all good wishes for successful studies to Sally Dewhurst who is going to Durham to read Geography and to Sophie Linwood who goes to Bournemouth University to study forensics

THE Long Bredy Bellringers would like to invite everyone to a 'Blessing of the Bells' to be held on Saturday, 11th October 2008, 11am in St Peter's Church. Light refreshments will be served following the service and the ringing chamber will be open from 9.30am and after the service if you would like to ring the bells or just have a look.



Please do come and join with us as it is also our opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us in so many ways.

DEFINITIONS

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Congregation to lip-sync.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at a church service, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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



PUNCKNOWLE HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting will be on Thursday November 20 at 7.30pm - topic to be confirmed. For more information call Debbie Legge 898506.

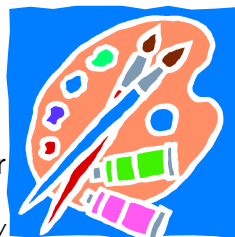
Debbie Legge

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Meetings resumed on Sept 5th at The Crown. The winner of this year's summer painting competition was Sheila Hammond. Members have had a good summer, winning prizes and giving exhibitions. We are saying goodbye to Brenda and Chris at The Crown. Thank you both for all the help that you have given us and we wish you well with future projects.

The Crown will be closed for a time for refurbishment so most meetings will be at Patria. October 3rd however is a trip to Eype Church.

Christine Molony



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND W. BEXINGTON LUNCHEON CLUB.

As the meal on 16th September had to be cancelled (see below) the menu will be carried forward to the meal on 21st October.

If any member is unable to come on that date, please telephone 897622 to cancel your order which will also be carried forward to the 21st October..

PUNCKNOWLE, W. BEXINGTON & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

HALL REFURBISHMENT

It was with great regret, that due to unforeseen difficulties, it was eventually decided that we would be unable to guarantee that the kitchen refurbishment would be completed in time for the Lunch Club re-start in September. Sincere apologies to all those who have come to enjoy these gatherings.

Everything **will** be ready for the next lunch in October.



*For bookings, telephone
01308 897724*

QUIZ NIGHT

The next Quiz Night will be on the 31st October at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Look out for local notices.



ZIMBABWE

NEWS FROM BULAWAYO

The money received from the August coffee morning has arrived in Zimbabwe having been sent by Mike Neville directly to help 2 specific families. They have emailed via their church to say that they have received the money orders.

The Gwenanguruwe family live in Entumbane, a high density suburb of Bulawayo. It consists of 2 grandparents, Oswald and Rumbidzai, who are both blind and receive no state pension at all. Their eldest son Tawanda is among the 80% unemployed. He is married to Beaula with three daughters, The eldest is unemployed, the middle one is also blind and unemployed and the youngest, Catherine is just 18 and studying for her 'A' Levels. The family is supported almost entirely by Mike and one or two other friends. The money went to buy medicines for Beaula and pay Catherine's college fees and to buy some text books.



The remainder of the money went to Rachel and Gideon Ngulube who are both 82, for food and medicines. Their joint government pensions do not meet their grocery needs for even one week. They both have quite severe arthritis among other medical problems and can't source from the black market. Consequently they are always looking for food.

BEYOND THE VALLEY

DORBAG

You may not be aware that the BBC has spent £21m on a Gaelic channel - costing £365 per native speaker - while refusing to spend anything on Dorset.

This county, via DorBAG, has been pressing for three years to have local news on radio and television, available to all residents and visitors to the county.

But the BBC has chosen to spend large sums of money for some 60,000 Gaelic speakers while, by comparison, Dorset, with some 800,000 residents (which increases substantially in the holiday season), gets nothing.



If you feel this is unjust and unacceptable, why not write to:
Mark Thompson, Director-General, BBC Broadcasting House, London,
W1A 1AA.

and/or:

Lord Currie of Marylebone, Chairman, Ofcom, Riverside Walk, a
Southwark Bridge Road, SE1 9HA

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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.



October Notes

Families First is a new monthly magazine (£2.50) full of interesting features and useful information on families & parenting, marriage & relationships. Published by the Mothers' Union, the first edition last month included real-life advice to East Enders characters, Cliff Richard on his new storybook for children and celebration ideas from Michele Guinness. Come in and have a look at the October issue.

Regional Recipes and Reflections is the latest book from Susan Over, popular author of *Cakes, Bakes, Puddings and Prayers* and *Baking, Making and Sharing*. It's another mouth watering selection of tasty treats, including some of our best loved national dishes and some lesser known "gems". At £6.99, it makes a lovely gift and benefits The Leprosy Mission at the same time.

If you have a little bit of time to spare, do come and see us – we are looking for both weekly and occasional volunteers in the shop as well as help with publicity and promotion.

**MAIDEN NEWTON
ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 17th, 6 - 9 pm

With Cheese and Wine

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18th, 10 am – 4 pm

Refreshments and Lunches

ADMISSION FREE

Julia's House Charity Shop Presents

Fashion Show

(of donated items)

Thursday 30th October 2008 7:30pm
At Bridport United Church Hall, East Street

Tickets: Adults £2, Children free,
tickets available from
Julia's House shop (West Street),
Good Books (Gundry Lane) and on the door

Refreshments – Raffle – Clothes Sale

All proceeds to
Julia's House Dorset Children's Hospice



Chai & Chat

West Dorset/Africa network
meeting at

Good Books, Bridport

on 3rd Monday of month

Monday 20 October, 2.30 – 4.30pm

Join us for chai, cake and chat to share **your**
connections, enthusiasm and support for Africa.

Margaret Ansty will share experiences of **Malawi**

For more information: 01308 868791 or 427851

(Next meeting: 17 November: Tanzania)



October:

Wednesday 1st October 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay,
5-ASIDE WITH DORCHESTER CAMERA CLUB



Wednesday 15th October 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay,
COMPETITION NO. 1: OPEN - Judge: Sheila Haycox

Wednesday 29th October 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay,
WCPF TRAVELLING PRINT PORTFOLIO

November:

Wednesday 3rd November 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, Dorchester Corn Exchange.
WESSEX BATTLE – Annual Inter-Club Competition

Wednesday 12th November 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay.
COMPETITION NO.2 LANDSCAPE - Judge: John Tilsley

Wednesday 26th November 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Masonic Hall, East Street,
Bridport. LANDSCAPE AND NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY talk by Guy Edwardes

December:

Wednesday 10th December 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay, AN
EVENING WITH Spike & Penny Piddock

POETS' CORNER

HERE.. THERE.. EVERYWHERE.

Look! The sun falls into a stainless sea,
Amber rods of fire zig zag the swell.
Lucent rainbows drip glittering studs,
Searching the horizon, charging the air.
Rolling skies, dazzled by the prismatic.
Light, turn milky pale. Where? Watch:
....Here ...There....Everywhere.
Every time you are near.



Sandra Yates



CHANGING SKIES.

Where easy clouds that rise
In soft ethereal wings
And fickle moonlight brings
A transient disguise
The darkest hour flies,
On fond and glossy wings,
Untouched by worldly things
In silent purple skies.

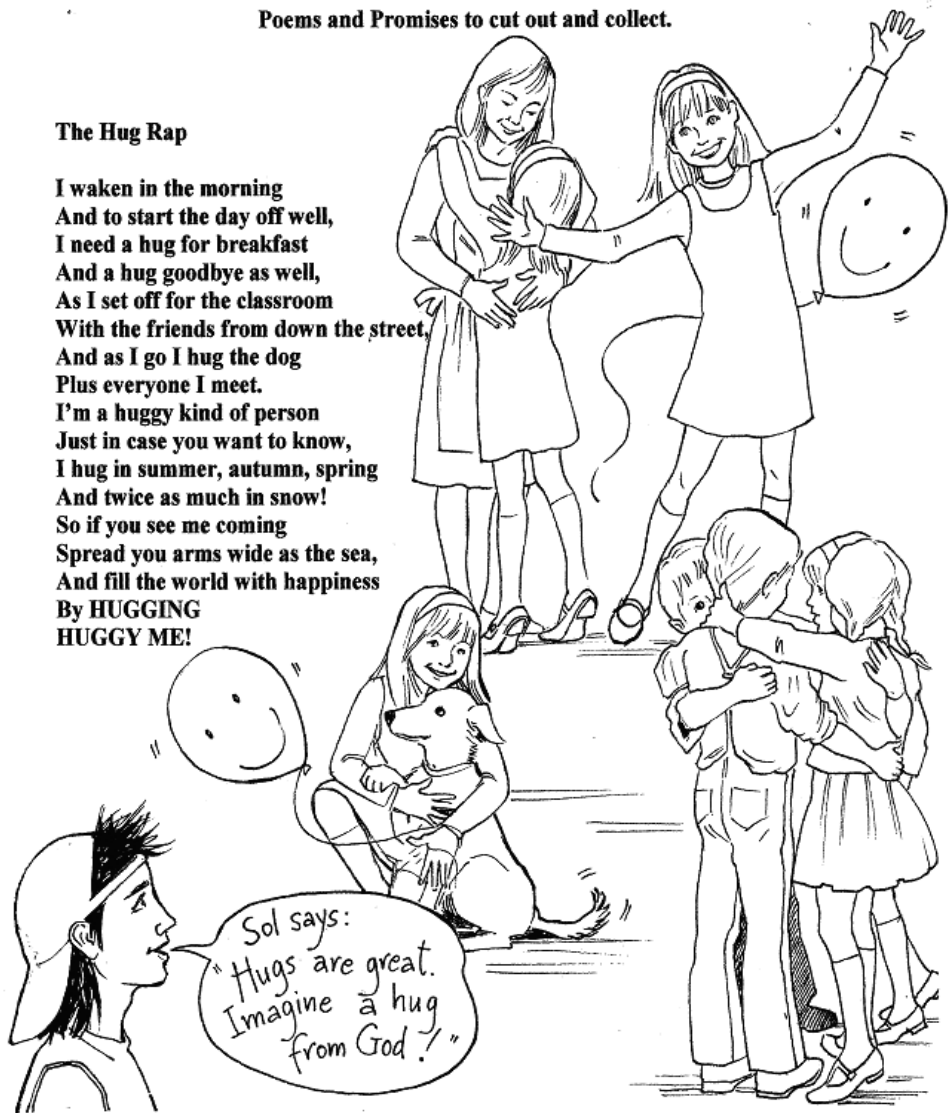
Sandra Yates

Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

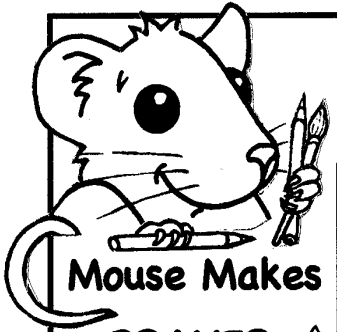
The Hug Rap

I waken in the morning
And to start the day off well,
I need a hug for breakfast
And a hug goodbye as well,
As I set off for the classroom
With the friends from down the street,
And as I go I hug the dog
Plus everyone I meet.
I'm a huggy kind of person
Just in case you want to know,
I hug in summer, autumn, spring
And twice as much in snow!
So if you see me coming
Spread you arms wide as the sea,
And fill the world with happiness
By HUGGING
HUGGY ME!



He will care for his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, hugging them as he carries them.
(Isaiah 40:11a, The Message)

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



**Mouse Makes
PRAYER
CUBE**

Stick on card, colour in then cut around the outside. Fold along the lines and glue together to make a cube. Roll the cube then use the words on the top to start your prayers.

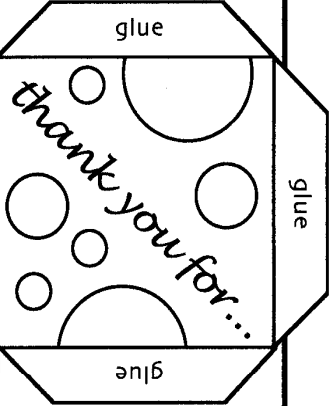
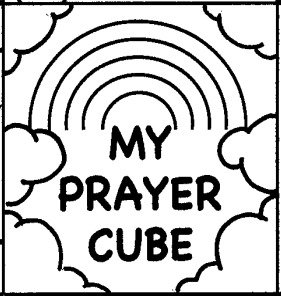
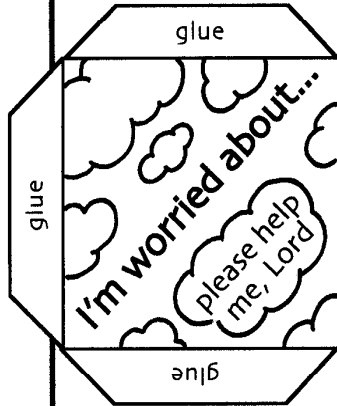


**I'm
sorry
for...**
Father
God,
forgive me

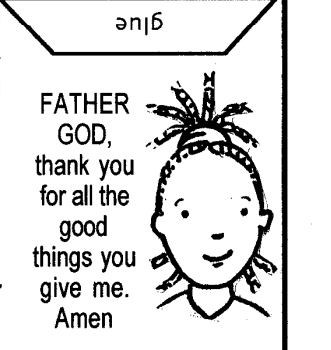
When you pray you can talk to God about ANYTHING... anytime, anywhere!

You can PRAISE God for his goodness, you can THANK him for his love and care and tell him your worries because God hears us, helps us and loves us!

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever"
Psalm 136:1



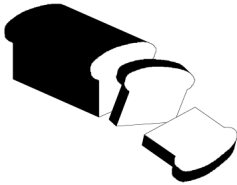
LORD, help me to learn how to pray and talk to you. Amen.





DAILY BREAD

The prayer we use most often is the one that Jesus gave us, The Lord’s Prayer. And there is one line in it that comes to mind specially in the autumn when we are celebrating the harvest – ‘give us this day our daily bread’.



Jesus told us to pray for ‘daily bread’. This had a

special meaning when the women would bake only one day’s supply of bread at a time. Lots of families now have freezers or can easily get to the shops so conditions have changed. But the lesson of the prayer is still as important – it is for the needs of life, not the luxuries.

As with all The Lord’s Prayer we don’t pray for ‘me’ or ‘I’, we pray ‘give us our daily bread’. It isn’t a prayer for one person but for all of us. In our present world, where so many suffer hunger and poverty, this prayer reminds us that we are all part of the same world and all need the basics of life to survive.

ENOUGH TO SHARE

This recipe makes some very nice Smartie Biscuits to share...

- 115g/4oz margarine
- 115g/4oz light muscovado sugar
- 1 tablespoon golden syrup
- ½ teaspoon vanilla essence
- 175g/6oz self-raising flour
- 85g/3oz Smarties

Preheat the oven to 180C, 350F, Gas 4. Grease or line 2 baking sheets.

Beat together the margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Then beat in the golden syrup and vanilla essence. Stir in half the flour and work it into the mixture. Stir in the Smarties and the remaining flour and work the dough together with your fingers.

Roll the dough into 16 balls and place them on the baking sheets, well apart to allow for spreading. Do not flatten the balls.

Bake in the preheated oven for 10 – 12 minutes or until pale golden at the edges. Leave to cool on the baking sheets for 2 minutes then transfer to wire racks to cool completely.



Why did the sandwich go to the dentist?

Because he had lost his fillings.

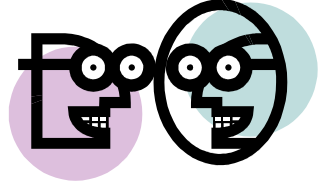
What is yellow, brown and hairy?

Cheese on toast dropped on the carpet.

OLD AGE, I DECIDED, IS A GIFT

I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometime despair over my body: the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the sagging butt. And often I am taken aback by that old person that lives in my mirror (who looks like my mother!), but I don't agonize over those things for long.

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less grey hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become more kind to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so *avant garde* on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant.



I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4am and sleep until noon?

I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 & 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love I will.

I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. One day they too, will get old.

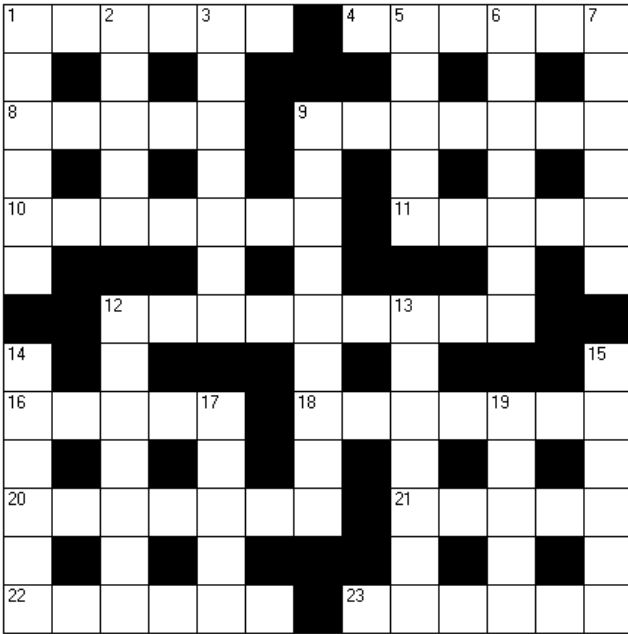
I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. Anyway, eventually I do remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength, understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning grey, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day. (If I feel like it).



CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible

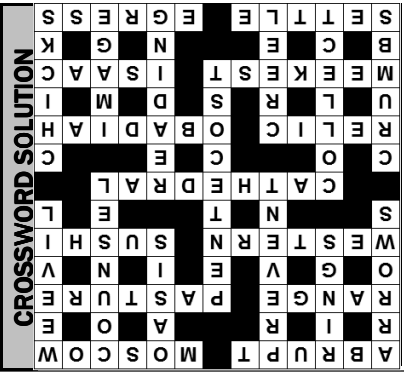
- 16 Body part preserved as worthy of veneration (5)
- 18 OT book and prophet (7)
- 20 Most like those who will inherit the earth, according to the sermon on the mount (7)
- 21 His servants discovered a well of fresh water in Genesis ch. 26 (5)
- 22 I will _____ them in their homes (Hos 11.11) (6)
- 23 Way out (6)

ACROSS

- 1 Unexpectedly sudden (6)
- 4 Location of St Basil's 12 across (6)
- 8 ..which _____ throughout the earth (Zech 4.10)
- 9 Grazing described by Psalm 37 as safe (7)
- 10 Sea to which the land of Judah stretched in Deuteronomy ch. 34 (7)
- 11 Japanese rice dish (5)
- 12 Church containing the bishop's throne (9)

DOWN

- 1 Flaming missiles in Psalm 7 (6)
- 2 Sounds the church bells (5)
- 3 I will _____ pests from devouring your crops (Mal 3.11) (7)
- 5 Fertile spot in a desert (5)
- 6 Plans fail for lack of it, says Proverbs ch. 15 (7)
- 7 Type of beetle (6)
- 9 Whitsun (9)
- 12 Brief formal prayer that varies with the day (7)
- 13 Delivering a lesson at a service (7)
- 14 Food fragments eaten by dogs in Mark ch. 7 (6)
- 15 Gathered under the hen's wings in Luke ch. 13 (6)
- 17 Angler's basket (5)
- 19 ..or an _____ that teaches lies (Hab 2.18) (5)



St James the Least of All

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace:'

On what to do when some of the PCC 'goes green'

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Our Lord said that we will always have some poor with us. Were he to have been speaking to the clergy that day, I suspect he may well have said that we will always have some awkward parishioners with us.

My cross at present is Mr & Mrs Wartleby, our resident 'greens', who have adopted ecological attitudes with evangelical fervour.

They do not possess a car and travel everywhere on bicycles, have installed a wind turbine, knit their own muesli and I suspect use the village stream for washing. I can picture Mrs W bashing her husband's shirts on stones on the riverbank while singing a native African folk-song. Everything they wear is home-made; one has a beard and smokes a pipe - possibly Mrs Wartleby.

Their helpful suggestions for church life have been legion: the organ uses electricity unnecessarily and should be replaced by a piano; the Rectory should be sold and the money given away while I board with parishioners on monthly rotation; we should only use home-brewed alcoholic drinks at social functions - clearly they have yet to sample Colonel Tewksbury's elderberry wine, which our ladies have discovered is ideal for cleaning the brass in church.

Unfortunately I made a deeply regrettable mistake last month in not cancelling our church council meeting when I was away at my annual college re-union. In my absence the Wartleby's seized the opportunity. The parish of St. James the Least is now a deep green, ecologically committed, nuclear-free zone and I am to report back to the next meeting about what steps we will take to save the planet.

I may have made one error of judgement, but will not make another. My list of suggestions is now complete:

1. To save paper, no minutes of meetings will be printed; I will simply tell people at the subsequent meeting what was decided at the previous one.

2. To save electricity, no lights will be used at Evensong (the Wartlebys attend Evensong), although parishioners may bring their own candles - which must first be checked by our health and safety committee (two can play at their game).

3. To economise on fuel, the church heating will only be turned on when the temperature reaches minus five degrees.

4. To reduce the use of unnecessary electronic equipment, the Rectory telephone will be disconnected.

5. A monthly relocation of the Rector will be too disruptive, so I will stay at each house for one year at a time; my first place of residence will be with the Wartlebys.

I anticipate that the original resolution will be overturned at the next council meeting - most probably by the Wartlebys.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

MORE DEFINITIONS

Sceptic: one who won't take know for an answer

Sewing circle: a group that darns husbands

Optimist: one who takes a frying pan on a fishing trip.

Pessimist: a person who is happy when he is wrong.

Necessary evil: one we like so much we refuse to do away with it.

Monday morning: when we look back wistfully on the good old days - Saturday and Sunday.

Thu	2	3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group 10.00am Church Decoration for Harvest	Othona Community Holy Trinity, Swyre
Fri	3	10.30pm Puncknowle Art Group 2.30pm Chai & Chat - Malawi	Eyep Good Books, Bridport
Sat	4	FRANCIS OF ASSISI 10.00am Tidy up 2.15pm Grand Car Treasure Hunt 6.30pm Harvest Supper 9.30am MU Council Meeting	SG Playing Field New Inn, SG St Mary's, BB Pewsey
Sun	5	11.00am Family Harvest Service 6.30pm Harvest Service	St. Mary's, LC Holy Trinity, Swyre
Tue	7	10.00am National Trust Drop-in "Surgery" 2.00pm Burton Bradstock Bridge Group 2.30pm Tea Dance	Hive Cafe BB Village Hall Bridport Arts Centre
Wed	8	7.30pm Bingo	SG Village Hall
Thu	9	2.00pm MU Quet Afternoon	Toller Porcorum
Sat	11	10.00am LC Village Walk 10.00am Churchyard Working Party 11.00am Blessing of the Bells	Bus Shelter Holy Trinity, Swyre St Peter's, LB
Sun	12	Wedding Fair	Kingston Maurwood
Mon	13	EDWARD THE CONFESSOR	
Tue	14	2.00pm Burton Bradstock Bridge Group 7.30pm WI - "40 Yeras in the Media"	BB Village Hall BB Village Hall
Wed	15	TERESA OF AVILA	
Thu	16	3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
Fri	17	IGNATIUS, BISHOP OF ANTIOCH 10.30pm Puncknowle Art Group 6.00pm Maiden Newton Arts & Crafts Exhibitions 7.30pm "Ancient Stones of Dorset"	Patria BB Village Hall
Sat	18	ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST Artsreach - "Adolf"	BB Village Hall
Tue	21	12.00noon PSWB Lunch Club 2.00pm Burton Bradstock Bridge Group 2.30pm Tea Dance	PSWB Village Hall BB Village Hall Bridport Arts Centre
Wed	22	11.00am Christmas Card Sale BVGK Outing	The Rectory, BB Westonbirt
Thu	23	2.30pm MU Meeting	Westfield, Shipton Lane, BB
Fri	24	7.30pm Poppy Appeal Musical Evening	BB Village Hall
Sat	25	10.00am WI - Autumn Coffee Morning	BB Village Hall
Tue	28	SS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES 2.00pm Burton Bradstock Bridge Group	BB Village Hall
Wed	29	"Burton's Got Talent"	BB Village Hall
Thu	30	7.30pm Fashion Show (in aid of Julia's House)	Bridport United Church Hall
Fri	31	8.00pm Quiz Night	PSWB Village Hall

NOVEMBER

Sat	1	10.00am Churchyard Clear Up 6.00pm Bonfire Party	St Peter's, LB Barges Close Field, LC
Tue	4	10.00am National Trust Drop-in "Surgery" 2.30pm Tea Dance	Hive Cafe Bridport Arts Centre
Thu	6	10.30am Poppy Appeal - Coffee Morning 3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	BB Village Hall Othona Community
Tue	11	Shipton Gorge W I Reunion	SG Village Hall
Sat	15	9.30am Producers' Christmas Market	Thorner's School, LC
Tue	18	2.30pm Tea Dance	Bridport Arts Centre
Wed	19	10.30am Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Thu	20	3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
	20	7.30pm Puncknowle History Society	PSWB Village Hall
Fri	21	7.00pm Thorner's Christmas Bingo	Thorner's School, LC

DECEMBER

Tue	2	10.00am National Trust Drop-in "Surgery" 2.30pm Tea Dance	Hive Cafe Bridport Arts Centre
Thu	4	3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
Tue	16	2.30pm Tea Dance	Bridport Arts Centre

WEEKDAY SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY: OCTOBER 2008

Wednesday 1st	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 2nd	9.00	Swyre	Morning Prayer
Friday 3rd	9.00	Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer
Monday 6th	9.00	Littlebredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 8th	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 9th	9.00	Puncknowle	Morning Prayer
Friday 10th	9.00	Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer
Monday 13th	9.00	Long Bredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 15th	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 16th	9.00	Swyre	Morning Prayer
Friday 17th	9.00	Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer
Monday 20th	9.00	Littlebredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 22nd	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 23rd	9.00	Puncknowle	Morning Prayer
Friday 24th	9.00	Litton Cheney	Morning Prayer
Monday 27th	9.00	Long Bredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 29th	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 30th	9.00	Swyre	Morning Prayer
Friday 3rd	9.00	Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer

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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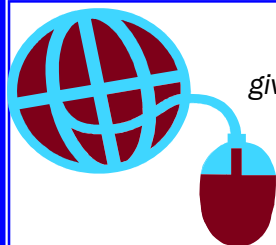
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BEYOND THE BURNING TIMES - A PAGAN AND CHRISTIAN IN DIALOGUE

By Philip Johnson Lion £8.99

A fascinating dialogue between a Pagan and a Christian. Gus DiZerega, an American pagan and an academic engages in debate with Philip Johnson, an Australian Christian theologian.

The debate ranges from the nature of spirituality, who or what is deity, how humans relate to the divine, the sacred feminine, gender and sexuality, and the teachings and claims of Jesus. Paganism is acknowledged as the fastest growing 'religion' in western Europe and this book helps readers to engage with it and with orthodox Christian belief.



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CHURCH SERVICES

THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

October 2008

Date	5 th October 1 st Sunday of the month 20 th after Trinity	12 th October 2 nd Sunday of the month 21 st after Trinity	19 th October 3 rd Sunday of the month 22 nd after Trinity	26 th October (clocks change) 4 th Sunday of the month Last after Trinity
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family service (Harvest) 11.00 Songs of Praise (Harvest) 6.30 Evening Prayer (Harvest)	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
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer	
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Morning Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service (Harvest)	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (By extension)
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Family service		11.00 Holy Communion