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FROM THE RECTORY



THE REV. BOB THORN A.K.C
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A very happy New Year to everyone.

This is late if you happen to be following the Christian Year, which begins four Sundays before Christmas on Advent Sunday. Looking back a moment (being either *deja* or *avant vu*, depending on the point of view), Advent is to do with things that are about to happen, and is also to do with the word adventure.

On Advent Sunday last year, as we must now call it, the Reverend Ryder Rogers was ordained Priest in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. This was an historic occasion, being likely to have been the first ordination in the Bride Valley since the reformation, hundreds of years ago. I have had occasion to mention this occasion last year, in both Church and ordinary calendar terms, but being last year twice over, that must be ages ago now.

So I am happy to take the opportunity to thank those very many people in the Valley who helped make Ryder's ordination a memorable and joyful service. It took a lot of arranging and preparation, all of which time and effort was kindly offered and very well spent. Grateful thanks to the musicians and those taking part in the service. Many have commented on how splendid it was, and how for all that it felt homely and "ours."

And many thanks too are due to those who arranged the tea beforehand; setting us up for the service to come. It was a proper, substantial kind of a high tea that was welcomed by friends far and near, and gave us all an opportunity to meet one another, and those who had come from distance.

Now the excitement of action begins: for Ryder in his new calling as a Church of England Priest, and for us all in responding to the call of his calling. The deed is done in the laying on of hands and the blessing. Now is the time when the every day in its way becomes an adventure; and every Sunday is Advent.

Happy New Year again, and again, and again.

Bob.

HEALING SERVICES.

A reminder that on the first Sunday of 2009, 4th January, our Sunday worship will include prayers for healing, offered for those who wish to seek them. Prayers will be made in those Churches that have the mutual support of the prayer circles that have been set up; being St Mary's Burton Bradstock, Holy Trinity Swyre and St Martin's Shipton Gorge. In the other

Churches of the Bride Valley the theme of prayers of healing will be followed. I hope that these prayers will be seen as a natural part of what we do as the people of God. Jesus prayed for the sick and healed, and so should we. I hope that we will find solace and great comfort in such prayers. The people who met Jesus did, and we are those people.

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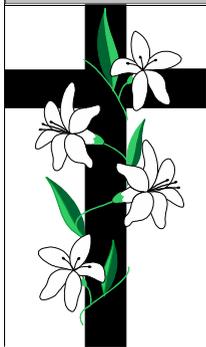
Ash Wednesday this year is on 25th of February, and on the following Wednesday evenings leading up to Holy Week and Easter, a Lent series will be held in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, starting at 7.30pm. As in past years, talk and discussion will be followed by much needed refreshments.

This year we will be looking at the background to the life and travels of St Paul.

4 th March	What kind of a person he was
11 th March	The people who travelled with him
18 th March	The people he met – all sorts and conditions
25 th March	(the feast of the Annunciation) One small belief among so many – the early days of the Church
1 st April	What he believed

These will be looked at with reference to the landscape through which he walked, and the seas he crossed; the cultures with which he came into contact and the opposition he faced. This is the human story of a remarkable man of God. You are most welcome to join us.

FROM THE REGISTERS



I received a card from Mrs Lindsay Hobson in late October telling of the funeral of the late Kay Wheeler.

*“My sister Susan and I thought it would interest your parishioners (we believe that prayers have been said for her in Church) that our Mother, **KAY WHEELER** sadly passed away last Thursday and is to be cremated in Salisbury tomorrow, 23rd. She was 93 years.*

Mother had been associated with Burton Bradstock and surrounding area for very many years, notably converting the old coach house back in the 1980s and having lived in various houses until she left the Old Mill to live in Harbour House at West Bay. Latterly she was at Bymead House in Charmouth where she died peacefully.

Fittingly we think, Sue and I will return to her beloved Burton Bradstock in the near future to scatter her ashes.”

On 9th November, at St Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge, the ashes of **ETHEL MARY HANSFORD** were laid to rest with those of her late husband Albert, Edwin Thomas, who died in 2002. The family had been in the village for many years, first in farming, and latterly in the village itself. Mrs Christine Baker, their daughter was born in the Mason's arms, she recalled, and went to the village school. Ethel moved away in later years to Haselbury Plunknett. Christine was joined in mourning by other members of the family.

On the 27th November a thanksgiving service for the life of **BRYAN HANSFORD** was held in St Michael and all angels, Littlebredy. Fond memories of a long term resident of the village were made, recalling the Hansford Panic Tours of his early years, succeeded by his East African adventures - his first hilarious efforts at work being succeeded by the very responsible position at Gatwick airport in which he finally found himself. His love of music was mentioned; love of art, travel, good living and above all his friends were remembered with great thankfulness, to the accompaniment of the panting of Prom, his faithful dog, whose devotion and lack of any kind of control are now legendary in the village. Bryan's ashes are to be in part in his garden, and also in the churchyard, whence they were taken at the end of the service. The company then repaired to the village hall for the kind of party of which Bryan himself would have loved to have been the centre.

The ashes of the late **FRANCES ELIZABETH WILLIS** were laid to rest on Friday, the 28th of November. They were placed with those of her late husband, James Henry in the memorial ground of St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. Her funeral service had been held in November 2007. The ashes were laid to rest with those of Frances' late husband, James Henry. Mourning, at the simple ceremony, was led by their daughter, Mrs Andrea Wilkinson.

The funeral of **ROY TERTULLUS PERRY** (80yrs), who unexpectedly died in his car in Dorchester Hospital car park on 14th November, was held at St Mary's Burton Bradstock on 1st December and was followed by burial in the Cemetery.

Roy, who was brought up in India as the son of an Army Officer, escaped death whilst serving in the Army, and later as a Police Officer at Shepton Mallet, when involved in a motor cycle accident.

His first wife, June, died in her 40's of cancer. Roy later married Beryl, who was June's consultant's secretary. After over 30yrs of marriage, Beryl had a stroke. Roy was taking her to Dorchester for treatment when he died. Roy was a man who loved military music, participating in the Royal British Legion, driving sports cars, and owning King Charles spaniels. He had lived in many places in the locality and on special occasions attended St Mary's

Church. His niece, Sarah, is helping Beryl to find a residential home to move into.

An account of the funeral of the late **ROY PERRY**, which took place on the 1st of December, will appear in the February edition of the BVN.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

BEYOND THE VALLEY

'VILLAGE CHURCH FOR VILLAGE LIFE' COMPETITION

Following a successful campaign in 2008, Country Life magazine has launched the Village Church for Village Life Award 2009, with a £10,000 prize for the winning church.

The award seeks to discover the finest example of an historic, rural parish church that has successfully engaged the wider community to create a focus for village life in the 21st century. This year, the award is being expanded to include projects that make use of 'God's own acre' (the churchyard), and to recognise those that have attempted to make their churches environmentally sustainable. More information and an entry form, together with details of last year's award, can be found at www.countrylife.co.uk/villagechurch.



CHURCHES GEAR UP FOR YEAR OF THE CHILD 2009

2009 is the 30th anniversary of the United Nations' International Year of the Child. To help mark the year, many churches are planning to make 2009 'a year to remember' for young people and the Church.

It is an ideal opportunity for local churches everywhere to review and to celebrate the work they do with children and young people.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, has said: "Young people all over the country need to hear the words of Christ's love for them in all manner of ways. So too, we the Church need to hear afresh God speaking to us through the life and witness of children. Come and join the celebration, be challenged and inspired."

The Revd Mary Hawes, National Children's Adviser for the Church of England, stresses that Year of the Child 2009 is not a prescriptive project or even a centrally driven programme:



"It is simply an open invitation to the Christian church in the UK to join in by making 2009 a special year for children and young people. There are no plans for big national events, but rather to create a spotlight to help churches focus on their work with children.

"We are hoping that 2009 will be a year in which the issues facing young people today can be highlighted, and for work with children and young people to be celebrated."

Updates on the activities taking place under the Church's Year of the Child will be posted at: www.yearofthechild2009.co.uk.

GOOD BOOKS

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

Tel: 01308 420483

E-mail: 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.



January:

Wednesday 14th January 2009, 7.30-9.30pm,

The Salt House, West Bay, TRAVEL AND NATURE talk by Mary & David Cantrille

Wednesday 28th January 2009, 7.30-9.30pm,

The Salt House, West Bay, COMPETITION NO.3: NATURE - Judge: Bert Wason

February:

Tuesday 10th February 2009, 7.30-9.30pm,

The Strode Room, Beaminster, MEETING WITH BEAMINSTER CAMERA CLUB

Wednesday 11th February 2009, 7.30-9.30pm,

The Salt House, West Bay, PHOTOJOURNALISM AND OTHER EXPERIENCES by Marion Bull

Wednesday 25th February 2009, 7.30-9.30pm,

The Salt House, West Bay, COMPETITION NO.4: Macro/Close-Ups - Judges: Gerald & Janet Comley

For more information about these events please call 01308 459443 or check www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk

A newspaper consists of just the same number of words,
whether there be any news in it or not.

Henry Fielding

VALLEY NOTES

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP NOTES

Notes for the daily reading of the Bible (two series – *Guidelines* and *New Daylight*) are produced by the Bible Reading Fellowship. Those interested in receiving these (samples are available) please be in touch with me (tel. 01308 897849).



New Daylight offers daily Bible reading and comment for everybody who wants to travel further on their journey of Christian faith. It is especially suitable for those looking for an accessible way into studying the Bible.

Guidelines is a unique Bible reading resource offering in-depth study, aiming to build bridges between devotional life and current scholarly approaches to the Bible. Its intention is to nourish faith, provoke thought and broaden understanding for all its readers, while helping to equip those who are leaders in the Church for ministry and mission.

The subscription year starts in May with three four-monthly issues (both sets of notes priced at £11.10 per annum). The bulk order for the Bride Valley is placed in **mid-February** but requests for additional copies may be made at any time. Those already on the list have their copies ordered automatically unless I am informed otherwise.

Hilary Mousley, B.R.F. Group Secretary



MOTHERS UNION.

Annual General Meeting, Thursday 22nd January, 2.30pm at
7 Norburton, Burton Bradstock. *Yvette Smith 898219.*

IT'S TIME TO GATHER AROUND THE WORD

The house group will meet on the following dates:

7th and 21st January

4th and 18th February

The meeting on the 7th January will be at Westfield, Shipton Lane, Burton Bradstock, at 2.30pm, and all are very welcome to attend. All meetings will start at 2.30pm, and venues for the remainder of the meetings will be decided on 7th January.

Ann and Mike Read



BRIDE VALLEY SCOUT GROUP

The Scouts won the District Cooking Competition. They had to prepare a three course meal for four people, cooking on only two gas rings on a budget of no more than £18. Judging was on taste, good balance of ingredients, presentation and

team work. They now go onto the County Finals in February 2009 at Shaftesbury. Well Done Tom Wilson, Jason Larcombe, and to their Leaders Ashley and Vida.

Any 10½- 14 yr olds boys or girls who would like to join our merry band of scouts and take part in outdoor adventures, please contact Ashley Hunt (Skip) on 01308-424368
Denise Hunt - Group Scout Leader

THANK YOU FROM MARY

Thank you to everyone who came to my 80th birthday Party and supported the raffle in aid of the Air Ambulance and Sailors' Society.

A generous sum of £544 was raised and cheques have been sent to the two charities.

A wonderful afternoon and I had a fantastic time!

Mary Bailey

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another new year is here again: it is only a short time ago that we were celebrating the start of 2008 and here we are looking at 2009! We wish you all the best for the coming year and hope that it proves a great one for you and your family.



I am sure that you are all looking forward to events later this year. Here in school our major event this year will be the opening of the community hall we can't wait. To see it growing each day is making it more of a reality, we have already got some ideas of how we can best use the space, undertaking PE sessions will be fantastic, the amount of space available will allow the children to be more creative, concerts and fund raising events will be easier to organise no more disruption of classrooms, surprising which muscles you use shifting furniture.

At the time of writing we are rehearsing our Christmas concert. We hope you were able to come along and enjoy it. This year we decided to produce a pantomime with the older pupils, "Cinderella Rockerfella", and the reception pupils will perform a nativity in the church on the last day of term. More about this next month.

Obviously with Christmas getting closer the children are getting more and more excited. We hope that all those nasty coughs and colds keep away for everyone to enjoy that special day.

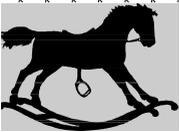
We are currently investigating the possibility of opening a breakfast club on two mornings a week later in the year. Would you be interested in running this club or helping someone else as an assistant? Ideally we need 2 people to supervise the children in our new community hall from 8 until 9.00am. Do please get in touch with the school office if you would like further information.

100 CLUB WINNERS:

£15 Mr Edwin Kingston (Reuben's Grandad)

£10 Mrs R Berrington (Jordan's Nan)

Alison Johnstone, Headteacher



First Steps Toddler Group

Long Bredy Village Hall

Term-time: Wednesdays, 10am-to 12noon

Suitable 0-4 years

£1.50/session incl refreshments.

Small & friendly group
All welcome

Wide range of equipment & resources

Meet friends

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for more information

Health Visitor, 1st Wednesday each month

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup would like to wish a warm welcome to Albie Tappenden and his family to the group. We hope you all enjoy your time with us.

The children have been busy this month getting ready for the Christmas celebrations. This has involved Christmas decorations, making cakes with the Christmas theme, and attending the Tiny Tots service. The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas nativity party and a visit from Father Christmas.

We are now extending our opening hours from January, and opening Wednesday afternoons. This is to provide more flexibility for parents. I would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for allowing the Playgroup to open for another session.

In January we are opening a toddlers group on a Wednesday morning. This will be for pregnant mums and parents/carers with children aged 0-2½. Watch this space, more details will follow

The new opening times from January are as follows:

Mondays 9.15 till 2.15

Wednesdays 9.15 till 2.15

Fridays 9.15 till 2.15

For new families wishing to visit or enquire about the Playgroup please contact Ann-Marie on 07853150467

Ann-Marie Pitman (Playgroup leader) BA hons Childhood Studies



BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP



A big **HELLO** to Toby's new baby brother, Max! He was too young this time to come to the ChristKindlMarkt - which was a great success. Lanterns led the way up to the entrance - there was a new style stable and pens for the Nativity animals, jazzy live music and song, hot chestnuts, burgers and sausage dogs, mulled wine and other hot refreshments outside. Inside there were lots of stalls - including home produce, lovely gift stalls of all sorts, bottle tombola and a Latch stall selling Desk Calendars. The huge Christmas Tree was in the main hall - every room was taken over - plus family photographer installed in one. Father Christmas was in his special Grotto waiting to give out little presents to children and in Fledglings Room there were more children's stalls - presents for parents, Lucky Dip, decoration making, little raffle, and later on they watched "The Snowman" on the big screen. A few Fledglings were persuaded to dress up and sing their Nativity songs in the stable, coached by Fiona - Bobbie looked lovely as Mary in blue, holding baby Jesus.

So many people helped in all sorts of ways before, during, and afterwards to make this Christmas Market such a successful event - many, many thanks to anyone who helped in whatever way. People through the door numbered about 380, and over **£2040** was raised - so thank you to all who came along to support Playgroup. Hope you saw the photos in the free newspaper.

During December, Fledglings children have been making Snowmen, Christmas decorations, visiting the Conservation Garden again, planting hyacinth bulbs as presents for home - a very busy time. They went to see the School Christmas Concert on 9th December in the hall, had their own Christmas Party on 16th December and walked to church on the 18th to see Reception perform their Nativity in Litton Cheney Church before finishing for the holidays.

For information about Playgroup or Nestlings, please ring Fledglings / Fiona Evans at school on **01308 482410**.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Writing this on the 5th December, it seems rather strange to say we hope all members have had a very happy Christmas and that the New Year will be healthy and solvent for you.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th January at 2.15. p.m. when the Speaker will be a representative from "Julia's House", the charity for sick children. Please check the Notice Board for dates of all other meetings - too early at present for us to know!

VALLEY QUIZ

Would you like to be in a team of 3 or 4 people to represent your church/village/community in the next series of bible quizzes?

We are putting together teams of juniors and seniors. The matches will begin in September 2009, and training sessions for those who want them, will start in January. The bible passages for these contests will be from Exodus chapters 1 – 20, mainly focussing on the first three or four chapters.

Please contact me if you wish to take part as a competitor, trainer, quiz-master or score keeper.

Heather Rogers 01308 897780



Everyone is invited to a
COFFEE MORNING/BRING & BUY
AT BRIDEHEAD, LITTLE BREDY
ON SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY, FROM 10.00AM
In aid of the
**Anglican Health Centre,
Njombe, Tanzania**
(where Dr Pouncey will be working for four months during 2009)

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

We hope that you enjoyed the tree and decorations which were purchased by SGVS using money from the Dorset Community Village prize.

COLIN VARDELL ILLUSTRATED TALK: DORSET GARDENS *(Back by popular demand!)*

Over the past years Colin has photographed nearly 50 “yellow book” gardens for Dorset Life Magazine. This presentation reveals the highlights of

these special gardens. The talk will particularly appeal to keen gardeners, but is of interest to all, and will help with the planning of garden visits next summer. Tickets from Sally Parker (01308 897168)
Shipton Gorge Village Hall, Friday 16th January, 7:30pm - all welcome!

The outline timetable for SGVS events in 2009 has been drawn up and can be seen on page 70 – this may be altered and added to during the year. Reminders will be published in BVN so watch this space!

SGVS had three excellent and well-supported events recently:

- ◆ Local bee-keeper Peter Cariss gave a very informative talk on Beekeeping and sold some of his honey.
- ◆ Several teams enjoyed a supper of fish hoping to improve their brain power (it worked for some!) for the “Fish and Chip Quiz” in the Village Hall.
- ◆ St. Martin’s Church was the venue for The Casterbridge Male Voice Choir who entertained us with a medley of “Music for You



WHEELCHAIR LOAN.

SGVS has acquired an almost new and very compact wheelchair which we would like to make available on loan to villagers who may have visitors who could use it on a temporary basis during their stay.

Please contact John Kent (897574), Sally Parker (897168) or Ed Buck (898278) for further details.

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th January commencing at 7.30pm.

Ernie Thomas

SHIPTON GORGE WI

The Remembering Tea-Party was a happy occasion on the 11th November. Nine of us, 20 years on from when we closed our WI doors, had a splendid afternoon with chat, laughter, photos, tea and cakes – no jam! Great fun. Thank you ladies.

Pamela Bates

CASTERBRIDGE MALE VOICE CHOIR

The CMVC would like to thank the villagers who came to their concert on 26th November at St Martin’s Church. All proceeds were in aid of the Village Society and we enjoyed singing to such an enthusiastic audience. We also enjoyed a pint or two at the New Inn and had a ‘bit of a sing’ there which was also well received.

Geoff Faulkner Secretary CMVC

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

DECEMBER DRAW

£10	No 25	Jenny Burt
£10	No 30	Doris Benselin
£10	No 14	Anthony Kilroy
£20	No 66	John Bredemear
£50	No 33	Mildred Street

PAM JENKINS of 4, Quarry Close and all the family would like to thank everyone in the village and surrounding area for their support after the death of her husband Alan. Donations were requested and a cheque for £299.58 has been sent to the Air Ambulance Service.



WINIFRED ANNIE FAULKNER passed away at the age of nearly 108 on the 22nd November at St James Nursing Home, surely Shipton Gorge's oldest inhabitant. Joan and Geoff Faulkner would like to thank all those from the village who gave their condolences.

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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BRYAN HANSFORD's Memorial Service in Church on the 27th November was another Littlebredy "first" in many ways. We have shared services here with Roman Catholics and other denominations in the past; this one was "led" by a local Quaker elder and took a generally Quaker format, with Buddhist undertones, if anyone can work that out.

Anyhow, it brought out many reminiscences of Bryan, and the adventurous life he led before coming to Littlebredy, as well as containing a medley of his favourite recorded music. Following the moving Liebestod (Death through Loving) from Wagner's Tristan and Isolde with a jaunty full-scale orchestral rendering of "Barwick Green" ("The Archers" theme tune) made an interesting juxtaposition! The service was followed by a magnificent "wake" buffet meal for about 90 people in the Village Hall, which was obviously much appreciated. Thanks to all who contributed in any way.

THE S.E.B. will be renewing various electricity poles and cables around the village within the next few weeks, and some houses will be temporarily without supply – after notification. We are told

that new poles will be put up beside the old ones before they are taken down, so don't think you're seeing double when this happens...

THIS TEXT goes to the Editor 24 hours too early to report on the Social Club's A.G.M., but not too early to announce that the Club's January Event moves to the end of the month, when **BURNS NIGHT** will be celebrated in Littlebredy for what is believed to be the first time. The Village Hall and bar will be open from 7.00pm on Saturday 24th January, and there should be a "tartan theme" for those attending. There will be a buffet supper, including a haggis for those who are curious or brave enough!

THERE WILL be a **COFFEE MORNING/BRING & BUY AT BRIDEHEAD FROM 10.00 A.M. ON SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY**. This is in aid of the Health Centre in Njombe, Tanzania, where Catherine Williams (in her guise of Dr. Pouncey) will be working for four months during 2009, whilst she is on sabbatical from the Portesham Medical Practice. Contributions for sale that day are welcome, and she hopes there will be a good turnout of generous purchasers too.

SWYRE

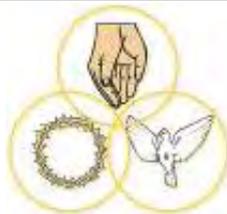
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1 GREEN BARTON, SWYRE
smarshall@which.net tel: 897318



HOLY TRINITY SWYRE

COFFEE MORNING

The Advent coffee morning was a great success and raised £205.40 towards the sound system fund. Many thanks to all who helped and came to support our efforts.



SERVICES

Services are about to change but we do have our special Epiphany songs of praise. Services will be

Sunday 4th January 3.30 p.m. Epiphany Songs of Praise. Carols will be the favourites chosen by the congregation.

Sunday 11th January 11 a.m. A new service for Morning Worship. This will continue on the second Sunday each month and is a simplified form with modern language.

Sunday 18th January 11 a.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday 25th January 11 a.m. Holy Communion by extension.



POPPY APPEAL

Congratulations to Swyre residents and particularly Sheila Body for collecting £185-50 for the annual Poppy Day Appeal.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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BRIDE VALLEY POPPY APPEAL

Another record year for the Bride Valley Poppy Appeal which managed to raise £ 4134 in these challenging economic times. This represents a 10% increase over 2007 and shows that there is a spirit of generosity in time given by the collectors and donations from businesses and people towards a worthy cause like the British Legion. I would like to add my personal thanks to all concerned and congratulations on a job well done.

Tony Combe: Bride Valley Poppy Appeal Organiser.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

200 CLUB

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the FEBRUARY 2009 draw should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £11.

There are double prizes in the December draw.

December 2008 Draw: Congratulations to:

1st Prize:	No. 650	Mrs Mavis Herbert	£87.20
2nd Prize:	No. 680	Mr Peter Colbert	£43.60
3rd Prize:	No. 529	Mr Lionel Bailey	£21.80

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

Alan Clarke - Promoter for 200 Club - 01308 897051



AGM

The fourth BBVHT Annual General Meeting will be held in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Friday 23rd January 2009 at 7.30pm. This is a public meeting so please come along, hear all about the Village Hall Trust's past year and plans for the future and enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles.

Susan Moores – Secretary, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee – 01308 897673

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS 2009.

Artsreach	Friday 6 February
Artsreach	Saturday 14 March
Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper	Saturday 25 April
Village Fayre	Monday 25 May (Spring Bank Holiday Monday)



'THE NEW ROPE STRING BAND'

The New Rope String Band, probably the most popular act ever on the Artsreach circuit and continuing to fill venues, will be coming to Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Friday 6th



February! For those who have not seen them before you are in for a treat! They play a large assortment of instruments combined with bizarre physical nonsense and clown about - and sing and dance - with boundless energy and beautiful music. Don't miss the chance to join in the fun! Put it in your diary now and when the tickets are on sale - book early - as they have a huge following in the Southwest and there is sure to be demand.

'THE LAST RESORT'

Another date for your diary. On Saturday 14th March we have booked "The Last Resort" from Strange Face Theatre. A Dr Faustus - style satire in redemption in a style described as @Spitting Image meets Wallace and Gromit!@ More of this later.

Norman Saunders-White - Promoter for Artsreach - 01308 897214

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Tenders are being sought by Burton Bradstock Parish Council for a contractor to do maintenance and repair work within the Parish. The work will be on an irregular basis, and will result from a request from the Parish Clerk, who will be operating under the remit of the Community Operations Committee.

Remuneration will be for labour and it is estimated that work will be approximately a half day per week. The Parish Council will pay for agreed hire of specialist equipment and materials upon the receipt of relevant invoices.



Work will be varied, from small building works, decoration, removal of tree stumps and branches to repairing seats and fences.

If you would like further details please contact the Parish Clerk, Fel Moore on 01308 459001. Email: fel_moore@hotmail.co, or address, 261 St Andrews Road, Bridport, Dorset. DT6 3DU.

PHOTOCOPYING AT BURTON BRADSTOCK

A photocopying facility is now provided by the Parish Council in the Reading Room. The cost is 10p per sheet. Arrangements for photocopying can be made with the Parish Clerk, Fel Moore, on 01308 459001



HOME WATCH

BURTON BRADSTOCK – JAN 2009

Good to know no Cold Callers reported in the village for a while now.

At the time of writing (5th Dec) I await news of whether we will be distributing Questionnaire Evaluations for the Cold Calling Control Zone Test in Burton Bradstock since April this year to all residents. If we swing into action with these please could you complete them as fast as possible? If our, and the two other test areas results are deemed positive, the Scheme could spread to the whole of Dorset.

Happy and Safe New Year.

John Grantham



NEW YEAR NEW OPPORTUNITY

WHAT? Parent/Carer and Baby/Toddler Group

WHERE? Burton Bradstock Village Hall

WHEN? Wednesdays 9.30-11.00am (During School term time)

START? January 7th 2009

COST? Only £1.50 including refreshments

WHY? Meet other parents/ carers

Toddlers play together and begin to develop social skills in a safe environment

Smooth transition to Burton Bradstock Playgroup and Burton Bradstock School

Open to those expecting babies and those with children up to 2yrs 6mths

Providing support for parents

CONTACT Heather Rogers 01308 897780

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

'THE PIED PIPER'

Burton Bradstock Players are proud to present 'The Pied Piper', a pantomime written by Peter Long and Keith Rawnsley, and directed by Vicky Thomas. The Players first performed this show 40 years ago, and are pleased to be going back to their 'panto roots' after a few years' break. This year's pantomime promises to be a very funny show, with a well written script and a strong cast, and should be a most enjoyable show for all the family.



Performances will take place on Saturday 21st February at 2pm and then nightly at 7.30pm from Monday 23rd February to Saturday 28th February. Tickets are available from 24th January 2009 either from Burton Bradstock Post Office or by phone from Barbara Powell on 01308 897389.

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY



As you know, one of the aims of the FBBL is to raise funds to pay for the maintenance and running of the library building when it is taken over on a 99 year lease by the Parish Council. This is being done partly from the subscriptions of members of the FBBL and partly by having a limited number of fund raising events in the village.

The trustees have set up a Fund Raising group of the FBBL led by Sandy Adderley, one of the trustees. Their role is to develop fund raising ideas and then organise the events.

The first such event was held on November 22nd in the Village Hall and was a Ploughman's Lunch. It was a tremendous success both as a social occasion and as a fund raiser. One hundred tickets at £5 per head were sold, including people from Shipton Gorge as well as the village. The lunch was excellent (a choice of cheese, ham and pate) and it was very heartening to see a full village hall with lots of new faces, and people talking to their neighbours at the tables. Everyone felt that this was a real village event, that should be repeated next year. The fact that it raised £664 was also very welcome.

On behalf of the FBBL I should like to thank Sandy Adderley and her team for organising and running the lunch and to congratulate them on such a delightful (and profitable) event. Yes, there will be another one next year!!.

R.J. Hynds – Chairman of the FBBL trustees

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

To some, the etymology of the word *Lepidoptera* is uncomfortably close to *leprosy*. At the Village Society's November meeting, it was entomology that captured our interest! Clive Farrell's subject, "Butterfly World" brought to a full house, a colourful and revealing talk about the £25m tropical forest project in St Albans, butterflies and all. His life-long fascination with Lepidoptera has brought him to world prominence as co-founder of the Butterfly World Trust.

The incredible beauty of those slides! Glassy-eyed, we committed to bio-diversity: *Butterfly World* will be a lasting benefit to mankind; a huge, living laboratory; a prestigious and world class educational attraction, equal to the great Eden Project.

Philip Howse told us that *psyche* is the Greek for butterfly; the English word dances us onomatopoeically in a sunlit garden; so does the French, *papillon* and, in Italian, *farfalla*, but "vott is wrong with *schmetterling*?" I can hear the Germans cry....

At the next meeting of the Village Society, on 16th January, we shall be hearing John Ivall speak on, "The St Lawrence Seaway in Canada – a 2,000 mile journey"

LONG BREDY

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EMAIL: mark_banham@btinternet.com



Wishing all those within the village & the Bride Valley a very Happy & prosperous New Year!



Looking back to last year, thank you to all those in Long Bredy who contributed to the Poppy Appeal collection which raised £135.00.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE

PRE-VALENTINES WINE TASTING!

Please join us at Long Bredy village hall on Saturday 7th February for a fun and informative wine tasting. Long Bredy resident Mark Banham of Palmers Brewery will lead us through a selection of wines for Valentines day. All very welcome, £10 per ticket. Proceeds to the village hall.

For tickets and information contact Mark at Palmers Brewery 01308 427500 or Long Bredy 482757.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

The annual Grand Long Bredy Duck Race! Sunday 26th April.

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: ELIZABETH SLATER

1, LITTON CLOSE, PUNCKNOWLE

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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The annual Christingle Service will take place on Sunday 11th January at 5.00pm in St Mary's, Puncknowle, with a collection in aid of the Society. We hope you will join us - with a special invitation to all children.



PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

The watercolour workshop held in the village hall was well attended. It was led by Jane Huxtable-Brown and everyone enjoyed the morning. The time went quickly but the results were very pleasing.



The following meeting was a discussion on the programme for the

coming year. The AGM will be held on 9th January 2009 at Patria with the next meeting on 23rd January.

THE NAPPER CHARITY TRUST

INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

The Napper Charity Trust raises a small fund each year to be used for the benefit of residents of Puncknowle and awards from it are now available on application – either in the form of grants to individuals or to groups. (The full terms of the Charity are available on request - see below.)

In order to indicate how such awards may be distributed, the following are just some of the uses to which the fund may be considered:-

- ◆ providing help to individual residents towards costs of moving over to Digital TV;
- ◆ providing assistance to families or students towards educational needs eg the purchase of books, school uniforms, trips/excursions, or other items;
- ◆ giving financial support to community groups who provide social and cultural amenities in Puncknowle.

The above list is not intended to be limiting but rather to offer some ideas on how best this small fund may benefit the community. Any person or group can make an application for a share of these funds.

Please apply “in confidence” to the Clerk of Puncknowle Parish Council - telephone number 01308-897726, or contact any of the Parish Councillors for further details.

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

VILLAGE HALL

The Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Village Hall Charity held an Open Evening and its Annual General meeting at the beginning of last month. Despite the inducement of freely available refreshments, attendance was less than hoped for. Nevertheless, a small group of people enjoyed a glass or two of wine, a game or two (including an addictive Scrabble challenge), a chance to see the newly acquired computer equipment and broadband connection in action, and a bit of social chit-chat.



The normal business of the AGM continued smoothly. The Committee members were elected and they will select the officers from amongst themselves at their next meeting. A small “sub-committee” was also elected to arrange and oversee future social events in the Hall, with a remit to drag-in anyone who wishes to assist them in their endeavours. They started their

efforts with the Christmas Bingo and the Christmas Fayre in mid-December, and it is hoped that this will provide the basis for many successful social events for all three villages in the future.

The hall of course is available for individuals, charities and groups to hire for both private and public events. Anyone with ideas for, and hopefully (though not necessarily) able to assist in starting new clubs/societies, please contact the committee via the Secretary (Carol Bennett - 01308 897771) or the Bookings Secretary (Penny Pither - 01308 897724).

Lastly, the computer equipment and the broadband connection installed recently is intended for public use. It will be available for hall hirers to use (subject to conditions and a small surcharge), and in due course will be made available at certain times during the week, for residents of the three villages to come into the hall to use the computer and/or connect to/browse the internet.

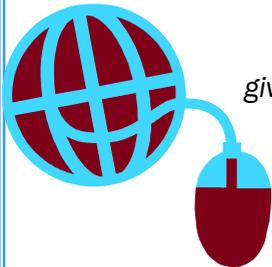
GOODBYE

Nick, Ruth, Patrick and Andrew Moore will be moving from Dairy House in mid-January. We would like to thank all friends and neighbours who have helped to make our 11 years spent in Puncknowle so enjoyable and we will take some very happy memories with us.



WELCOME TO THE CROWN

A very warm welcome from all in Puncknowle to Glyn and June. It is good to see the old place refurbished and open once again. As the new incumbents of the Crown you are most welcome to our community. With our help we trust your stay will be a long and happy one.



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

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk

LITTON CHENEY

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LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The next **VILLAGE WALK** is on Saturday 14th February 2009 - weather permitting. Meet at the bus shelter at 10.00am.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the **LITTER PICK** back in November 2008.

The Social Committee wish you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at events in 2009.

Sheila Davison Secretary LCSC 482262

LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL (LATCH)

A Happy New Year to one and all. May this be the Year of the Hall!

Construction progress continues and it seems surreal to imagine that within a few months, out of the seasonal mist will emerge our very own community hall.

By the time this edition of the BVN reaches you, we should have more information regarding the booking of the hall and activities and we will endeavour to publish these details including hire charges on the Litton Cheney web site www.littoncheney.org.uk. Further information can be obtained from Wendy Taylor (482532) who has assumed the temporary guise of hall booking clerk – Thank you, Wendy.

Smart 2009 Desk Calendars with images of the Bride Valley and the beautiful skies so often seen in the area are still available at Modbury, Bride Valley Farm Shop in Abbotsbury and The White Horse Inn, and from Ron Davidson (482661), John Firrell (482313), David Taylor (482532) or Freddie Spicer (482617). At £3.50 or £6 for two, they are a steal!

If you wish to make a personal donation to LATCH and join the ever growing list of donors, please contact Freddie Spicer (482617). We still do need funds to make this the hall we would truly like, and suitably equipped to be enjoyed by all.



PRODUCERS' MARKETS

As you will have seen from December's BVN we will be looking at things afresh in 2009 as to how best we can service the market needs of local residents albeit that we will not be running the monthly markets.

Much will depend on the availability of producers and their willingness to attend any events we may organize. Notwithstanding we are viewing things through rose coloured spectacles and when we know what we are doing so will you.

Our Christmas Producers' Market was a great success, and we collected in excess of £300 (final figure awaited) for the Weldmar Hospice Care Trust. Thank you to all who came, supported, purchased and enjoyed.

On a personal note may I gratefully thank all members of the Litton Retailers Association who have steadfastly held firm over the years, broke a leg when necessary, put up tents in driving rain, suffered bouts of frostbite and the occasional heat stroke in order to provide for the Producers Markets. There is still work to do, and we shall enjoy doing it. We hope you will continue to support us.

POETS' CORNER

So Be It.

*The world at night enclosed
By marbled clouds, reposed
To dream of tomorrow
In the curious calm of sleep.
The world rests in belief
The dawn brings joy, not grief.
Let it awake and rise
To find the perfect day.
Let it awake to peace
And hope, let the dream cease.*

Sandra Yates



A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a folded newspaper. "What are you doing?" she asked.

"Hunting flies," he muttered.

"Oh! Kill any?"

"Yes, three males and two females," he replied.

Intrigued, the woman asked, "How can you tell them apart?"

"Easy. Three were on my tin of beer, and two were on the phone."

OVER THE GARDEN WALL

by Perry Scope

By the time (and if) this is published, the Post Office will be well and truly up and running again. Many of us were touched (from a ring side position in the queue!) at the sight of Gwen - on her first day - *very* conscientiously and attentively dealing with the highest concentration of customers in the year: all this under the beady eye of the Lord High Post Office Mandarin, perched on her shoulder. The joys of playing at shops, for most of us, are now over. It *was* good fun though. The Post Office is just one of those manifestations of village life - like the Library, the Village Society, the W.I., the British Legion and all the other groups I have overlooked - that make Burton Bradstock the dream it is. There are so many like-minded individuals living here - intelligent, motivated people - nice people - *all of whom* are blessed with the social skills that make village life happen. It is usually only the odd shy tourist who reminds one of what it is like to be invisible.

The Ploughman's Lunch organized by the Library Friends was breathtaking: the Hall was packed and queuing. Making one's entry, a mere ten minutes after the kick-off was like lifting a paving stone, except one recognized most of the scurrying throng. Let's hope that this can be a regular activity; what a pleasant way to avoid preparing Saturday lunch; what an insight into exactly who runs the Village: **everyone!**

Grumbling over a mediocre Sunday Lunch at a local hostelry (oh, well, I might as well say which: the "Jack on the Green") and wincing at the price, I found myself (not for the first time) questioning tips. There is the well-worn justification that tips are part of the employee's income; "Gratuities not included" drones the bill. "But what are they actually for?" I have found myself asking more and more these days. I feel sorry for the restaurateurs: how they find staff who are willing to turn out on Sunday, beats me. Service is often sulky and nobody cares whether I actually want gravy, or understand the menu-speak ("*sun bleached kid's livers on a bed of lime drenched roses; freshly crushed avocados with puréed walnut*

skins" - what *are* they talking about? And the grammar!): no one offers me another roll - so I suggest another rôle for the sniffy youth who can't wait to get outside for another fag. Good job they don't actually ask for a tip, or I should be inclined to give them one: "Get yourself another job!" Dining out nowadays is almost an ordeal unless one is prepared to fork out huge sums and travel deep into the countryside. But then, there will be hooray Henrys (in red trousers) neighing at the next table.

I gave that Sunday Tip to charity and have resolved, at posher venues, to just turn off my hearing aid.

St James the Least of All

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

On the art of ringing in the New Year

The Rectory

St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I am afraid you must concede that church bells are not to everyone's taste. The idea of switching on your recorded bells - no matter how digitally enhanced - at midnight in order to welcome in the New Year may have seemed inspired at the time, but considering that most of your inner city parish is Moslem, that you are surrounded on one side by a hospital and another by a care home for the elderly, it is not too surprising that the joyful sound was not well received.

If you really felt threatened by being confronted at the church door by irate nurses at one minute past midnight as you wished them all a Happy New Year, just think of your degree of discomfort were we still to have matrons. Never mind, curates are supposed to make mistakes; the only pity is that you seem to be so well endowed with them.

But to be fair, we too had a small misjudgement on New Year's Eve. Our bell-ringers - who practise the art of campanology, not on operating electronic equipment - have always been something of a trial. They ring with great enthusiasm for half an hour before services each week, but

then as we are singing the first hymn, can be seen emerging from the church tower, putting on hats and coats while volubly discussing who made the error in the middle of that morning's grandsire triples.

By the time we reach the prayers, they have reached the porch and can be heard discussing the inadequacies of Miss Timmin's hat. When we come to the Bible reading and they can be heard criticising the rector's sermons, I send the verger out to tell them to go home.

But New Year's Eve is the high point of their year, as they ring out the old and ring in the new. They meet in the bell tower at 11pm to have a glass of champagne and then have a period of ringing before further refreshment becomes necessary. By midnight, their enthusiasm somewhat exceeds their accuracy and the village hears the New Year being joyfully welcomed by a set of eight bells being rung in an entirely random order.

This year, I drifted off to sleep with their sound in my ear, to be woken three hours later to hear one bell being mournfully tolled. Since it persisted, I felt obliged to go and find out why - to discover Colonel Bradshaw alone in the bell tower. When the party ended and the ringers trooped out, the Colonel returned to retrieve his hat. The others, ignorant of his absence, then locked the church and went home to their beds. That lone bell was his way of announcing his predicament.

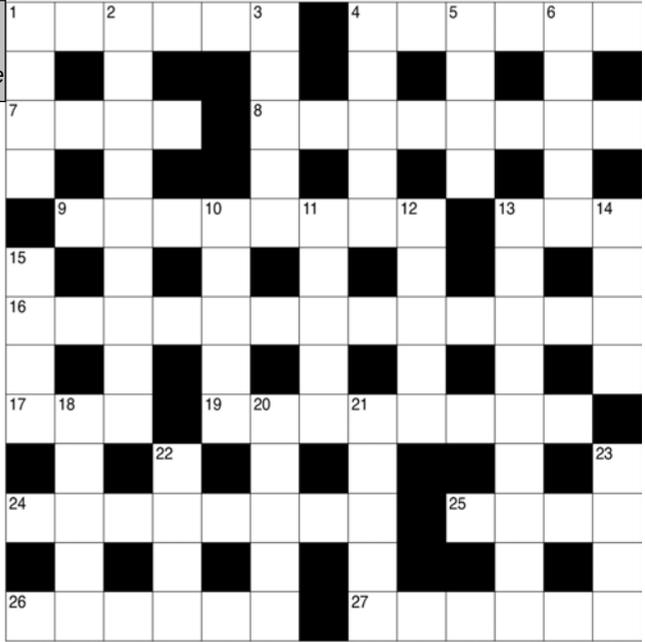
At least I was able to reassure him that his six hour vigil in the church partially made up for his absence from Mattins for the previous twelve months.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

A ten-year old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? The virgin Mary, or the King James Virgin?"

CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible



ACROSS

1 Under these Hagar put Ishmael to die (Genesis 21:15) (6)

4 Vantage point from which Moses saw the promised land before he

died (Deuteronomy 34:1) (6)

7 'The Lord is compassionate and gracious, — to anger, abounding

in love' (Psalm 103:8) (4)

8 'When he sees the wolf coming the hired hand — the sheep and

runs away' (John 10:12) (8)

9 The world's first steam-worked public railway, — to Darlington (8)

13 It helped to provide the honey inside the carcass of the lion

Samson killed (Judges 14:8) (3)

16 High Church (5-8)

17 Possessive pronoun (3)

19 Plotting (Nehemiah 6:2) (8)

24 'Lovers of — rather than lovers of God' (2 Timothy 3:4) (8)

25 Destroy by fire (Deuteronomy 7:5) (4)

26 'He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something — with his hands' (Ephesians 4:28) (6)

27 One of the colours of the riders' breastplates in John's vision (Revelation 9:17) (6)

DOWN

1 'The father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring me the — robe and put it on him"' (Luke 15:22) (4)

2 Ghosts are (anag.) (9)

3 A small one can set a great forest on fire

(James 3:5) (5)

4 Instrument used as accompaniment in some churches (5)

5 'A Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other — ' (Luke 10:32) (4)

6 Swiss illustrator of the Good News Bible, — Vallotton (5)

10 'In the — of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time' (5)

11 Paul told Timothy that an overseer in the church must be able to do this (1 Timothy 3:2) (5)

12 Comes between Micah and Habakkuk (5)

13 Ill in a bug (anag.) (9)

14 'They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on — of them' (Acts 2:3) (4)

15 Controversial artist best-known for his Christ of St John of the Cross, Salvador — (4)

18 'Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' — ' (1 Timothy 4:7) (5)

20 Barbaric (Jeremiah 6:23) (5)

- 21 Adversary (Luke 10:19) (5)
 22 The portion of his possessions that Zacchaeus told Jesus he would give to the poor (Luke 19:8) (4)
 23 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as —' (Isaiah 1:18) (4)

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DEMOCRACY



Democracy consists of choosing your dictators, after they've told you what you think it is you want to hear. **Alan Corenk**

If liberty and equality, as is thought by some are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will be best attained when all persons alike share in the government to the utmost.

Aristotle

The great thing about democracy is that it gives every voter a chance to do something stupid.

Art Spander

Democracy means government by discussion, but it is only effective if you can stop people talking.

Clement Attlee

Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half the time.

E. B. White

Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve.

George Bernard Shaw

Democracy substitutes election by the incompetent many for appointment by the corrupt few.

George Bernard Shaw

The whole dream of democracy is to raise the proletariat to the level of stupidity attained by the bourgeois.

Gustave Flaubert

Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want and deserve to get it good and hard.

H. L. Mencken

Under democracy one party always devotes its chief energies to trying to prove that the other party is unfit to rule - and both commonly succeed, and are right.

H. L. Mencken

Democracy is a process by which the people are free to choose the man who will get the blame. **Laurence J. Peter**

Democracy is the name we give the people whenever we need them. **Marquis de Fliers Robert and Arman de Caillavet**

In democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism it's your count that votes. **Mogens Jallberg**

Many forms of Government have been tried, and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time. **Sir Winston Churchill**

It's not the voting that's democracy, it's the counting. **Tom Stoppard**

On account of being a democracy and run by the people, we are the only nation in the world that has to keep a government four years, no matter what it does. **Will Rogers**

Democracy is a form of government in which it is permitted to wonder aloud what the country could do under first-class management. **Senator Soaper**

How many Charismatics does it take to change a light bulb
One, since his/her hands are in the air anyway.

How many Baptists does it take to change a light bulb?

The whole congregation needs to vote on it!

How many Anglo-Catholics does it take to change a light bulb?

None. They always use candles.

How many Brethren does it take to change a light bulb?

Change?????

How many Evangelicals does it take to change a light bulb?

Evangelicals do not change light bulbs. They simply read out the instructions and hope the light bulb will decide to change itself.

How many Atheists does it take to change a light bulb?

You can ask them to change it as often as you like, but they'll still remain in darkness.

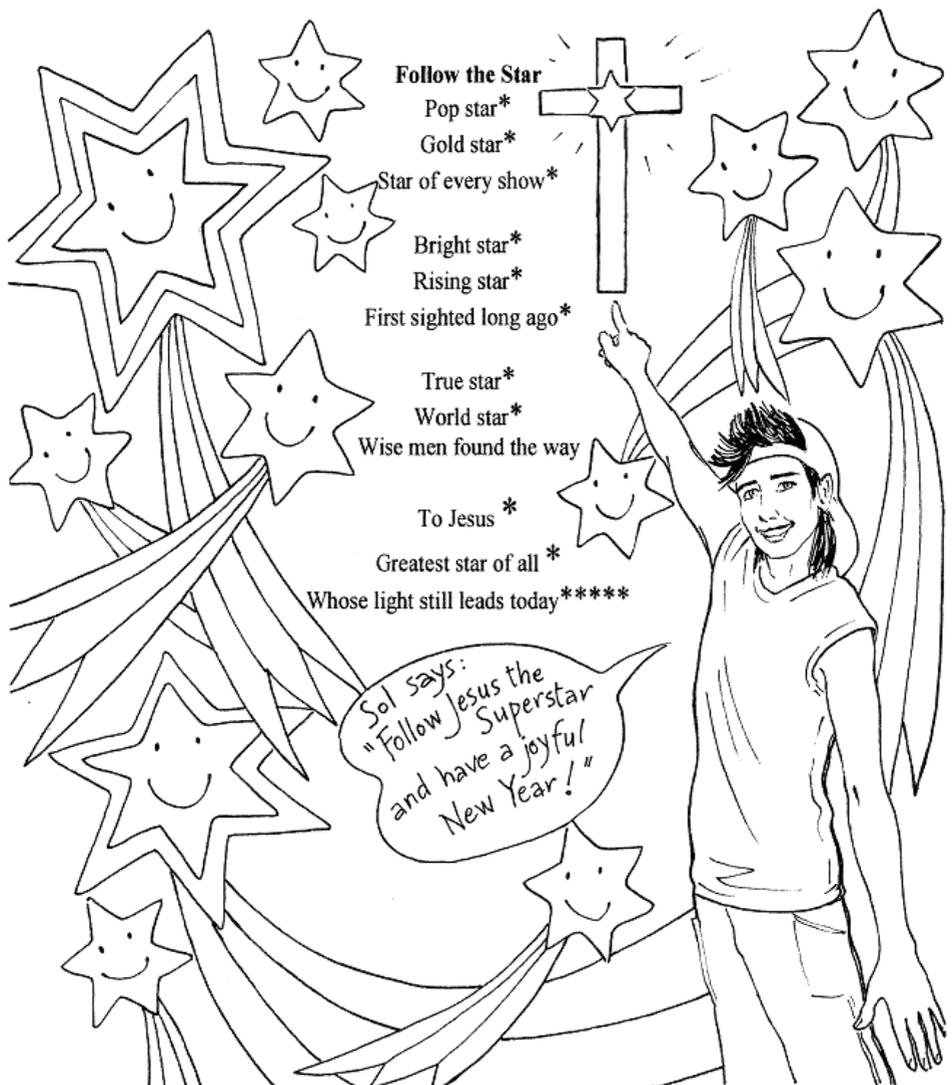
How many Anglo-Catholics does it take to change a light bulb?

Three. One to change it and two to point out that it wasn't done properly



Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.



Follow the Star
Pop star*
Gold star*
Star of every show*

Bright star*
Rising star*
First sighted long ago*

True star*
World star*
Wise men found the way

To Jesus *
Greatest star of all *
Whose light still leads today*****

Sol says:
"Follow Jesus the Superstar
and have a joyful
New Year!"

When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!
(Matthew 2:10 NLT)

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



STARS

January 6th is the Feast of the Epiphany, the day when we remember the wise men that followed the star to where it rested over the stable at Bethlehem.

Every Christmas we sing about Three Kings but we don't really know that they were kings, or even that there were three of them. The Bible just says 'wise men'; you can check the details in St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 2.



We do know that they brought with them very expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Traditionally the gifts have a special meaning: gold is for a King, frankincense (sweet smelling incense) for God and myrrh (a spice used to prepare bodies for burial) for mortal man. Not the usual kind of gifts that people give to a small baby but symbols that show what Jesus was and would be.

WHICH STAR....

The wise men followed a star to find Jesus – each of the answers to this quiz start with the letters STAR, so can you say which STAR is....

1. Used to stiffen washing?
2. The right side of a ship?
3. A beginning?
4. Another name for the American flag?
5. A bird?
6. Surprising?
7. What Patrick, Sponge Bob Squarepants friend, is?

Answers at the bottom of the page.



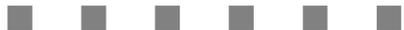
When is a window like a star?

When it is a sky light.

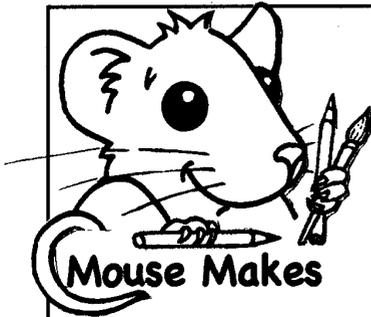


What is big, bright and stupid?

A fool moon.



Answers: 1.starch, 2.starboard, 3.start, 4.stars and stripes, 5.startling, 6.startling, 7.startish



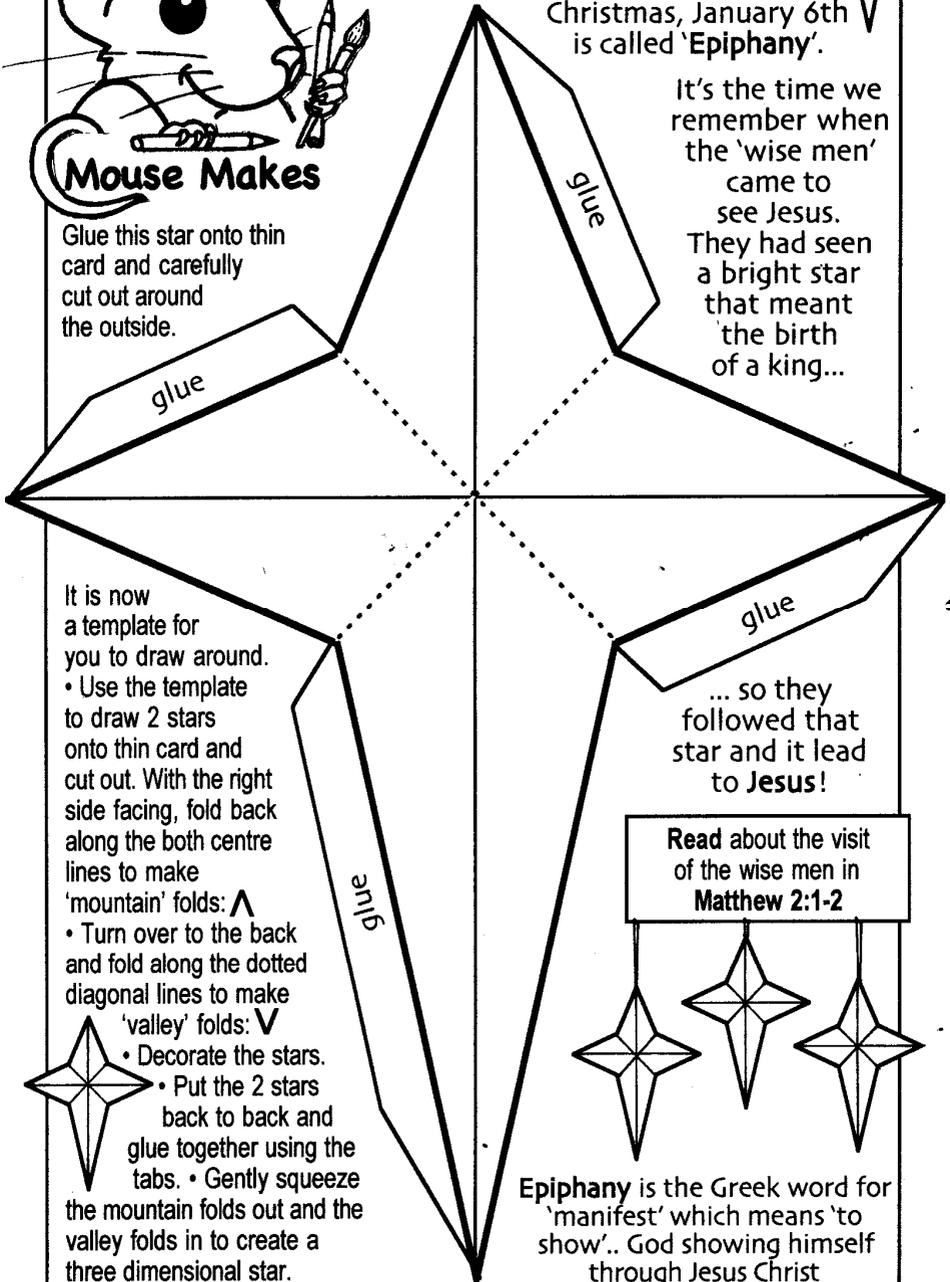
Mouse Makes

Glue this star onto thin card and carefully cut out around the outside.

FOLLOW THE STAR

The twelfth day after Christmas, January 6th is called 'Epiphany'.

It's the time we remember when the 'wise men' came to see Jesus. They had seen a bright star that meant the birth of a king...

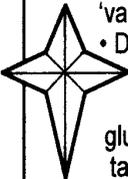


It is now a template for you to draw around.

- Use the template to draw 2 stars onto thin card and cut out. With the right side facing, fold back along the both centre lines to make 'mountain' folds: **^**

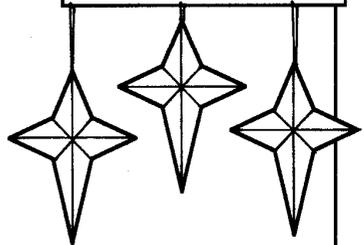
- Turn over to the back and fold along the dotted diagonal lines to make 'valley' folds: **v**

- Decorate the stars.
- Put the 2 stars back to back and glue together using the tabs.
- Gently squeeze the mountain folds out and the valley folds in to create a three dimensional star.



... so they followed that star and it led to Jesus!

Read about the visit of the wise men in **Matthew 2:1-2**



Epiphany is the Greek word for 'manifest' which means 'to show'.. God showing himself through Jesus Christ

HOW TO KEEP YOUR INNER MESS FROM TRASHING YOUR OUTER WORLD:

(Creating peace from your inner chaos)

Bill Giovannetti, Monarch £7.99

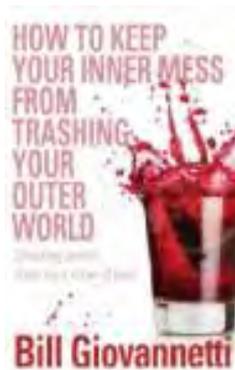
Our various spiritual malfunctions are manifestations of a single force: what used to be called 'the flesh'.

The theme of the book is how to handle the flesh. The flesh - or, as this book terms it, the Inner Mess - is the biggest splat on the windshield of following Jesus. It turns Christianity into a gigantic hamster wheel of frustration. You run fast, but go nowhere. Your Inner Felon, Inner Control Freak, and Inner Brat wrap their tentacles around even your most sincere intentions.

If you try to fight against your lower nature - the Brats and Control Freaks - you will fail. 'That's picking the wrong fight. The correct fight is the fight of faith. It is the fight to keep on believing in God and his power.'

This shrewd and joyful book will help believers at any stage to encounter the real power of grace afresh.

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DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES: JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2009

JANUARY

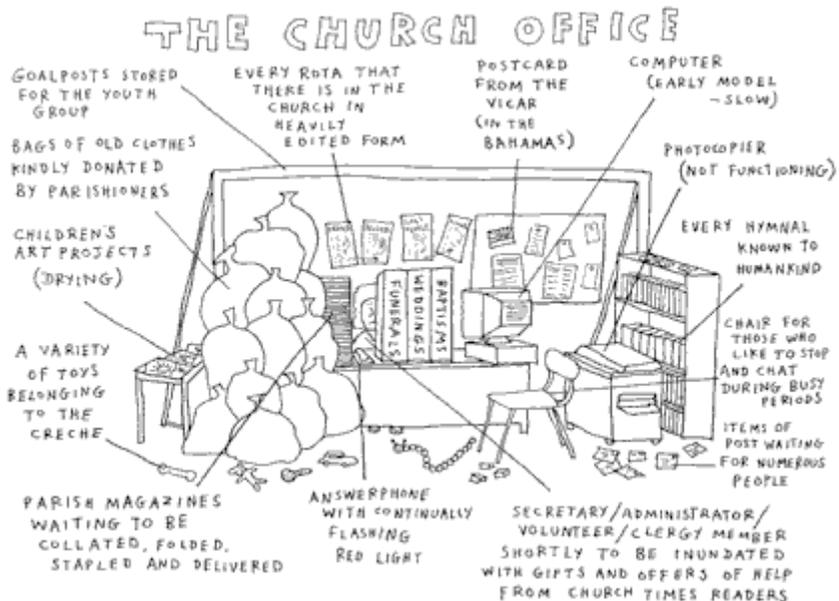
1	THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST	
6	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD	
7	BVN ADVERTISING DEADLINE	
7	2.30pm House Group	Westford, Shipton Lane, SG
9	10.30pm Puncknowle Art Group AGM	Patria
10	BVN EDITOR'S DEADLINE	
11	5.00pm Christingle Service	St Mary's, Puncknowle
13	2.15pm WI Meeting "Julia's House"	BB Village Hall
14	7.30pm Bridport Camera Club Meeting	The Salt House, West Bay
14	7.30pm SG Parish Council Meeting	SG Village Hall
16	?? BBV Socy Meeting "St Lawrence Seaway"	BB Village Hall
16	7.30pm SGVS Meeting "Dorset Gardens"	SG Village Hall
21	2.30pm House Group	TBA
22	2.30pm Mothers' Union AGM	7 Norburton, BB
23	10.30am Puncknowle Art Group Meeting	Patria
23	7.30pm BBVHT AGM	BB Village Hall
25	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	
26	TIMOTHY & TITUS	
27	JOHN CHRYSOSTOM	
28	THOMAS AQUINAS	
28	7.30pm Bridport Camera Club Meeting	The Salt House, West Bay
31	10.00am Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy	Bridehead, Littlebredy

FEBRUARY

2	THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE	
4	2.30pm House Group	TBA
6	?? Artsreach - New Rope String Band	BB Village Hall
7	?? Wine Tasting	LB Village Hall
10	7.30pm Bridport Camera Club Meeting	Strode Room, Beaminster
11	7.30pm Bridport Camera Club Meeting	The Salt House, West Bay
14	ST VALENTINE	
14	10.00am Village Walk	Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney
18	2.30pm House Group	TBA
21	2.00pm "Pied Piper"	BB Village Hall
23-28	7.30pm "Pied Piper"	BB Village Hall
24	SHROVE TUESDAY	
25	ASH WEDNESDAY	
25	7.30pm Bridport Camera Club Meeting	The Salt House, West Bay
27	POLYCARP, BISHOP OF SMYRNA	

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL - PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME 2009

Date	Day	Venue	Event
16/01/09	Friday	Village Hall	Talk on Dorset Gardens 7:30
02/02/09	Monday	Village Hall	SGVS AGM 7:30
06/02/09	Friday	Village Hall	Stew & Dumplings Quiz evening 7:30
18/03/09	Wed	Village Hall	Local History talk 7:30
11/04/09	Saturday	Village Hall	Children's Easter Party
15/04/09	Wed	Village Hall	Bingo 7:30
13/05/09	Wed		visit to Mapperton
30/05/09	Saturday		Cream Tea & Plant Swap (Stoneacre)
14/06/09	Sunday		Car Treasure Hunt
05/07/09	Sunday		Picnic In the Park (Village Hall if wet)
25/07/09	Saturday	Village Hall	Flower & Veg Show
12/08/09	Wed		Salisbury trip - including the Races
15/08/09	Saturday	Village Hall	Village Fair
27/08/09	Thursday		Exhibition at Melplash Show
05/09/09	Saturday		Village Walk
13/09/09	Sunday		London Visit
07/10/09	Wed	Village Hall	Bingo 7:30
08/10/09	Thursday		"The Gondoliers" - Octagon Theatre to be confirmed - subject to numbers
17/10/09	Saturday		Shipton Gorge Ltd Apple Day - SGVS participation
21/10/09	Wed	Village Hall	Illustrated Talk 7:30
06/11/09	Friday	Village Hall	Fish & Chip Quiz 7:30
12/11/09	Thursday		Taunton Race-day
03/12/09	Thursday		Christmas Shopping - Exeter



THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM MINISTRY

ST MARY: Burton Bradstock

ST MARY: Litton Cheney

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy

CHILCOMBE (Dedication unknown)

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge

Holy Trinity: Swyre

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WEEKDAY SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY: JANUARY 2009

Thursday 1st	9.00 Swyre	Morning Prayer
Friday 2nd	9.00 Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer
Monday 5th	9.00 Littlebredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 7th	9.30 Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00 Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 8th	9.00 Puncknowle	Morning Prayer
Friday 9th	9.00 Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer
Monday 12th	9.00 Long Bredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 14th	9.30 Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00 Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 15th	9.00 Swyre	Morning Prayer
Friday 16th	9.00 Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer
Monday 19th	9.00 Littlebredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 21st	9.30 Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00 Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 22nd	9.00 Puncknowle	Morning Prayer
Friday 23rd	9.00 Litton Cheney	Morning Prayer
Monday 26th	9.00 Littlebredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 28th	9.30 Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00 Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 29th	9.00 Puncknowle	Morning Prayer
Friday 30th	9.00 Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer

CHURCH SERVICES

THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

January 2009

Date	1 st Sunday 4 th Jan; 2 nd of Christmas	2 nd Sunday 11 th Jan; 1 st after Epiphany	3 rd Sunday 18 th Jan; 2 nd after Epiphany	4 th Sunday 25 th Jan 3 rd after Epiphany Conversion of St Paul
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) 6.30 Evening Prayer	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				
Swyre	3.30 Epiphany Songs of Praise	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Christingle	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service	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