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Picture by Rob Reeks, Puncknowle

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August for most of us, in our collective consciousness, conjures up holiday times: idyllic memories of enjoying the seaside, the mountains or countryside. Sunny (or sun burnt) days of laughter, family games, splashing in the sea or a stream somewhere, walks across grassy fields or craggy hillsides, of dripping ice creams or cream-on-your-nose-or-moustache cream teas.

Ah, memories! Now it's all tarnished by motorway gridlocks, airport delays, exotic destinations with exotic ailments. Holidays are supposed to be times of relaxation and rest. They're also supposed to be times of refreshment - the 'recharging of the batteries' physically and spiritually.

For Heather and me it used to be (at the end of July) a trip with the children and some from the Church up to the Lake District for the Keswick Convention, and then (in August) off camping to Shepton Mallet for the New Wine Holiday, both of which combined things physical and spiritual - after all holidays were originally festal holy days. Yet for many of us in August there is so much going on; visitors arriving (it's a time to welcome people to our lovely valley), the Season of Fetes, and our Charity Sales etc, etc.

There is so much happening that we need a rest afterwards to recuperate. A bit like Jesus when he said to his followers 'Come with me across the lake for some time out' only to be met by a crowd who were hungry to hear what Jesus had to say and hungry to receive what Jesus had to give - bread and fish. So Jesus and the disciples had to wait until later for their break!

Last week I was off at the Diocesan Clergy Retreat in Derbyshire - a busy, but enriching time on the theme of being Fully Alive with a combination of Bible teaching and worship, lectures, entertainment and alternative workshops. Whilst there, with our full quota of Bishops, now that Bishop Graham has been consecrated, Bishop David gave me a personal greeting to pass on to all the folk of the Bride Valley that God would bless us all.

So this August, whatever the month may involve, be blessed.

Ryder

Forward notice that September 27th is Back to Church Sunday. For those who may have lost the habit, or never ever really had it, this is a national, and interdenominational, day for

people to come back to church with no questions asked and no criticisms given. For those of us who are regulars, be prepared.

A Lay Pastoral Assistant is a person who is trained and authorised to engage in pastoral ministry on behalf of the local church, working as part of a team of clergy and laity. The focus of all LPA ministry is pastoral care, but an individual's ministry will vary according to their gifts and skills, and the local situation. In all cases the ministry calls for a loving and compassionate heart, and a willingness to listen and support those in need.

LPA's may be involved in:

- ✘ welcoming newcomers to both our churches and our communities
visiting families before and after baptism
- ✘ work with children and young people
- ✘ marriage preparation
- ✘ hospital visiting
- ✘ visiting people in their homes (not just the elderly and housebound)
- ✘ supporting the bereaved
- ✘ prayer and healing
- ✘ hospitality
- ✘ training and nurture, including confirmation preparation and home groups
- ✘ evangelism, including Alpha groups
- ✘ participating in worship

Whilst through baptism into Jesus Christ, all Christians are called to serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us, a LPA is someone who is seen by the church as already having particular gifts in this area, and who has undergone a short training course to help develop those gifts.

Careful selection of suitable LPA's by their incumbent is vital. There is no single pattern of gifts or character that is looked for in an LPA, but the following are important requirements:

- ✘ maturity in the Christian faith and a member of the congregation
- ✘ a regular and developing pattern of prayer
- ✘ gentleness, tact, discretion and the ability to keep confidences
- ✘ a willingness to listen without comment
- ✘ a willingness to serve the church as part of a team led by the Incumbent or other nominated person.

Candidates must be baptised and confirmed members of the Church of England (or other denomination) whose pastoral gifts and skills have been identified and welcomed by the local church. As an LPA is seen as representing the church it is important that there is a careful process of discernment that this is the ministry to which God is calling an individual.

The course has been recently updated. There is a course starting in the autumn and the 'taster' meeting is on Wednesday 16th September at Beaminster. If you feel that God is calling you to this work and would like to be considered for the course, please ask any member of the clergy team or ring 01308 897445.

Mike Read



Not any Chimp can do it

FROM THE EDITOR

My apologies for any confusion caused last month by the errors in the Service Schedule for Sundays in July. My fault entirely (actually, I blame it on Microsoft!!).

There were also items intended for last month that for some reason failed to reach me. It is usually much safer to send any copy (even if it is to be included other than in your village's section) to your Village Correspondent, so that it can be sent in bulk with other copy.

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CHURCH FETE 6th August

Roll Up, Roll Up, come and enjoy the fun of the fete and bring your family, friends and visitors to what promises to be a splendid afternoon. The Fete activities with a rural crafts theme take place in the Rectory Garden, around the Green and in the Church plus teas in the Village Hall. The opening is at 2.00pm on Thursday 6th August.

Late offers of gifts, bric a brac, cakes, wine, plants and produce will still be most welcome, as will offers of help. Please bring them to the Rectory Garden from 10.00am on the day. The setting up of tables etc. starts at 8.30am on the morning of the Fete.

Help for this purpose and for clearing away at 5.00pm will be enormously appreciated.

CELEBRATION OF FLOWERS 2nd - 6th August

The Church will be specially decorated with flowers from the Sunday before up to and including the day of the fete, and these can be enjoyed throughout this time.

QUIRE CONCERT 7th August

A special Concert by Beaminster Gallery Quire will take place in the Church as part of the event at 7.30pm. on Friday 7th August, with a retiring collection in aid of the upkeep of the Church.

Peter Broomhead Fete Co-ordinator (01308 897408)

VILLAGE TREASURE TRAIL WALK & CREAM TEAS

Sunday 30 August – 2.00pm onwards

There will be a Treasure Trail Walk around the old parts of Burton Bradstock Village on the late Bank Holiday, Sunday 30th August 2009. The Trail will start and end at the Village Hall where you will collect the Treasure Trail Clue Sheets and also where Cream Teas and cold drinks will be available all afternoon. The Treasure Trail clues will be suitable for visitors and residents alike and there will be a children's version consisting of photographic clues. Adult Clue Sheets will cost £1.00 each and Children's 50p. Don't forget to bring a pen or two.

The Trail should take approximately 1½ hours to complete at a slow walking pace incorporating a short stop at the playground if desired. The halfway stage of the Trail will be at the Village Green giving 'Trail Blazers' an opportunity to buy a Cream Tea and a drink at the beginning, middle or end of their walk. Answers will be given at 4.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Bring your family and enjoy this fun event walking round a beautiful Dorset Village.

Susan Moores – Fundraising Committee, Burton Bradstock Village Hall

BURTON BRADSTOCK YOUTH CLUB

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Earlier this year a 'funday' was held on the Burton Bradstock playing fields for the youth. A video diary captured the youth's needs and ideas resulting in some well received and supported recommendations to the Burton Bradstock Parish Council. One of which is for a Youth Club.

In the past few months parents have met and been working on the viability and formulation of a local Youth Club. Interestingly there had previously been a successful youth club in the village but unfortunately this was disbanded a number of years ago and there is no opportunity to 'revive' it.

A questionnaire for both parents/adults and youth has been distributed in the village to help in identifying and determining the support and interest for a youth club and at the time of submission of this article the final results were not available but initial indications were encouraging.

With support from parents and some initial funding from the parish council some in-roads have been made but there is still a lot to be done before the planned launch in October. Any support in the form of venue, equipment, time or funding would be warmly welcomed and appreciated. In particular we need a Youth Worker either experienced or someone who is passionate about working with young people.

Anyone wanting to know more or help in anyway can either e-mail

burton-youth@googlegroups.com or call Louis on 898609. Anything no matter how small would be fantastic, thank you.

Burton Bradstock Youth Club Committee.

BEWARE FLOODING:

The organisation glorying since February 2007 under the name of 'Burton Bradstock Downstream Drainage Group' (myself, Alistair Bristoll, David Edwards and Tom James) continues its work with WDDC and Highways, and now the Environment Agency, to help put an end to the flooding that has occurred once or twice a year for decades through Gages Lane, Middle Street and Grove Road.

Improvements have been made that already have reduced flooding to very minor proportions in the last 2 years, and Grove Road has escaped entirely in this period. As a further improvement, work will take place in Grove Road in September to improve the outflow from drainpipes below the small river at the end of Grove Road. The whole run from the top of Gages Lane to the end of Grove Road is now videoed every year in September to alert us to any problems in the piping, and many maintenance actions are fully scheduled in WDDC's works. There will be a Study by the Environment Agency in early 2010 which will help determine whether that Agency will invest in a scheme that diverts the bulk of the rainwater from the fields above Burton, and straight out to sea, so that it does not even have to travel through our little streets – this would be a major breakthrough.

A Warning: not all the remedial work is completed, and the time of greatest risk to the amount of rainwater that can hurtle through the village from the fields above – if there is a sudden, torrential downpour - is when the ground in the fields above is at its hardest.....which is right now. Flood-boards or sandbags can be effective and give peace of mind!

John Grantham 01308-897935

VILLAGE SOCIETY OUTING

A village-wide alert was instigated by the Dorset Police upon hearing that the entire village (well, 88 of us!) was to depart by motor charabancs on its Annual Summer Outing.

Such was the excitement that the organiser forgot to mark the coach tyre for the "First Stop Sweepstake" (remember those?) - mind you, £88 would have been rather a serious pot to win, so perhaps it was not such a good idea. Having got Simon and Gwen to open up the Shop early for our newspapers, we were off at the 0815 hours, agog with excitement, to Totnes for a river trip and some sightseeing, followed by a visit to the Arts and Crafts beauty, Coleton Fishacre.



Boarding the good ship “Dart Venturer” for our cruise down to Dartmouth, the ferry company is to be congratulated on the information-packed commentary we received throughout the trip. Our commentator, a “cheeky chappie”, in the same league as Arthur Askey, might have earned better money writing one-liners for Christmas crackers (perhaps he does), but we, certainly, arrived the better informed: “Dart” is the Celtic word for oak; largest yew tree in Britain is at Stoke Gabriel; the houses (and boats) of the Dimblebys are to be found at Dittisham – and James Dyson’s; there are plans proposed for a dreadful development for a holiday complex at Philip and Sons Marina; there was a paddle ferry across the river; Greenaway, on the river bank (or, river’s bank, as he called it) is the former home of Agatha Christie.

We lunched, with mixed results, at various Dartmouth hostelries, with just enough time to inspect some of the sights, then whisked-off in our charas, bound for D’Oyly-Carte’s masterpiece in 24 acres, a few miles away, on the sea at Kingswear. Oh my, what a wonderful house; and so unusual! Coleton Fishacre is a comfortable family house built just at the cusp of Arts and Crafts and Art Deco: an absolute feast. Splendid limed oak everywhere; beautifully made bordered carpets; oodles of Bakelite and a small ballroom-cum-sitting room to die for. Delicate sconce wall lights everywhere. The gardens, running down to the rocky cove, jammed with lush bog plants, hydrangeas and palms – never far from the reassuring sound of David Edwards’s chuckle; a beautiful delphinium garden and water works that would complement a small-scale Chatsworth.

This was another triumph for Peter Broomhead’s organizing skills and yet another testament to the joy of life in the Burton Bradstock family.



GROVE HOUSE CREAM TEAS

Just when you think it is all over! The Mission Committee will be hosting Cream Teas on Sundays 16th and 23rd August at Grove House between 3.00 and 5.00pm. Come and relax in Celia Cummin’s tranquil garden, and support this year’s charities.

PETERTIDE PLAY

On 28th June the evensong congregation at St. Marys in Burton Bradstock was moved, entertained and enlightened by the Petertide play which was written and produced by Heather Rogers. Excerpts from the early acts of St. Peter were portrayed by members of the Church, with music provided by Amy Van Zyl and Toulia Kanellaki. The beautifully modulated voice of Geoffrey Seward provided continuity as narrator of St. Luke, along with his assistant Tom Wilson as Theophilus. Church warden Howard

Bongers struck a fine balance between strength and humility as St. Peter, thirty other church members brought the stories related in the Acts of the Apostles to life. Special effects were created by Pat and Peter Broomhead, who also took care of the post performance party! Ryder Rogers concluded the event with prayers for the support of the Holy Spirit in today's world.

ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE

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

On Thursday 6th August 2009, Gates open: 2pm until 5pm

Featuring Rural Crafts - watch demonstrations and enjoy

A Celebration of Flowers

In the church before and on the day

Cake Stall, Ice Cream, Auction, Punch & Judy, Grand Draw, Plant Sales

St Swithun's Band, Bridport

Face Painting, Games to Play, Handbell Ringing,

Refreshments in the Village Hall

ADMISSION: Adults 50p, children (12 and under) Free

FREE CAR PARKING

and on Friday 7th August in St Mary's at 7.30 pm

 **Beaminster Gallery Quire** 

present an informal concert of traditional village church music from
TWO CENTURIES AGO, together with readings, anecdotes and a few
surprises sung and played in costume in aid of St Mary's Church,

Burton Bradstock

Join in the fun and come in costume as country folk or squires & ladies

RETIRING COLLECTION

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

It was a warm, sunny evening for our summer concert in the Village Hall this year, where local young people along with a few adults, sang and played to raise money for The Children's Society. £255.67p was

donated, so many thanks to the children, their teachers and parents and to Gill Redford and her team for providing the refreshments. At the end of the evening the School Choir raised a loud cheer for Mark Stratta as, sadly, this was his last appearance as their Director.



Pauline Woodford



Burton Bradstock ONLINE

DIGITAL PHOTO COMPETITION 2009

Just to remind everyone of the competition – it's not too late to apply!

£265 in prizes to be won!

- Three prizes for adults **£100, £50 and £25**
- Three prizes for under 16s **£50, £25 & £15**

Theme:

"THE HUMOROUS OR UNUSUAL IN BURTON BRADSTOCK".

This should encourage creativity and, we hope, will be lots of fun.

OPEN TO ALLCOMERS WORLDWIDE!

Closing date: 16th September, 2009

For full details of how to apply see www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

Ken Pett 897550

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

"200 CLUB" JULY 2009 WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners:

1st £44.00	No 150	Mrs Margaret Webby
2nd £22.00	No 90	Mrs Joyce Baldwin
3rd £11.00	No 201	Mrs Margaret Oldridge



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

LITTLEBREDY

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A warm welcome to David Lowe, who moves into Spring Cottage this month, although his preliminary works there will already have been visible for some weeks. We hope his time among us will be fulfilling and happy for him.



August has five Sundays, and the United Valley Service on the fifth (which is the 30th August) is usually held here in the summer, followed by a collective picnic by the lake. There are no details about this at present, as these notes are going to press much earlier than usual for various reasons, but everyone is especially welcome to share this enjoyable occasion when the time comes.

For the same reason, no details are available about any activity the Social Club may plan for August, but all will be revealed in a flier inside this magazine for Littlebredy residents if the Club's "summer break" is over.

LONG BREDY VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: CAROLINE MORRISH-BANHAM TEL: 482757 EMAIL: mark_banham@btinternet.com	
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ST PETER'S

KATE & TREVOR BATEY had a beautifully sunny day for their wedding at St Peter's on the 27th of June and our flower festival the following day was a great success. A steady flow of visitors from 12 noon onwards kept us all busy with teas and chats. Over £400 was raised for the church funds! Thank you so much to all the ladies who worked so hard both before and after the weekend to make the church look so beautiful: a wonderful display.

We extend a special thank you to Margaret Elliott and Rose-Marie Pitcher who very unfortunately both had a fall whilst decorating the church. We wish them a speedy recovery, especially Rose-Marie who will be out of action for several weeks.

It was a great gathering of past and present residents of Long Bredy attending the festival, ending a wonderful weekend.

KEEPING UP TO DATE

If you have any news, views, events or information you'd like to share with your Long Bredy neighbours on these pages, please do drop a line to the contact details above, I'll be happy to include you.

MEANDER, n.

To proceed sinuously and aimlessly. The word is the ancient name of a river about one hundred and fifty miles south of Troy, which turned and twisted in the effort to get out of hearing when the Greeks and Trojans boasted of their prowess.



PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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THE DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

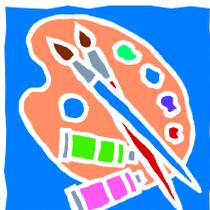
Saturday 12 September 2009 12 noon

Children taking part meet at St Mary's Church at midday. We cycle to Swyre Church, on to Litton Cheney where we have a picnic lunch, then back to Puncknowle. The sponsorship money raised is divided equally between your local church and The Trust. Please be generous in your sponsorship this year as it is as a result of your sponsorship that the Historic Churches Trust gave us a generous grant towards the money needed to repair the church roof. Sponsor forms may be obtained from Ann Roberts, Burwell Cottage, Puncknowle. Tel: 897716



All are welcome so do please come and join us.

Ann Roberts



PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

We had a wonderful day painting at Jennifer's with a good deal of eating and drinking for good measure. Thanks to Jennifer for hosting the event for the whole group. Thank you to Pam who gave us an interesting talk on Art Nouveau and brought so many books along with lovely illustrations.

Ken and Enid Waterfield have long been supporters of our little group. We all love Ken's painting and he has often given us talks. It was with some amazement however that I read Enid's book 'Not Out of Malawi' about their life in Africa. Now I know what amazing people they are.

There are no meetings in August but we start the new season on September 4th.

Christine Molony



www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk

Calling all people in Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington who wish to help preserve and improve the website for these villages.

I have been effectively trying to enhance and maintain this social community website on my own for 2-3 years - after designing and implementing it in 2006 with technical support from our service provider, Simon Nobes of Litton Cheney.

However, I have been unable, through my work as Chairman of the Parish Council and other commitments, to do little more for some time than post on the website some information about local events - often late! I have not been able to move forward with this important means of providing information around and about our community in the way I had originally envisaged, and undertaking a complete overhaul is long overdue.

I need people to contact me who:

- a. live in the community
- b. have a good nose for local information on village or other interest events etc.
- c. have a commitment to community life - to enhance the way we live in our rural villages
- d. have a good standard of literacy for preparing public information
- e. are computer literate and willing to learn to use the JOOMLA software system on which the website is based (this is not complex and anyone who uses for example Microsoft Office applications could learn it.)

Please e-mail me on seafretfantine@btinternet.com if you would be willing to explore with me how you might help to enrich our community living by the upgrading of our local web-site. I think it is a very worthwhile venture.

Once I have replies in, I shall organise a public meeting of those interested - most likely in September.

Tony Edwards - Tel: 897435

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL



Hi-Tec, Lo-Tec

There will be no Hi-Tec, Lo-Tec coffee morning in August. However they will restart on the fourth Saturday of September.



For bookings, telephone
01308 897724

FREE PUBLIC BROADBAND ACCESS

Similarly there will be no open sessions during August. They will start again on the first Wednesday in September, at the slightly later time of 4.00pm until 7.00pm.

Mike Brown: 897953

LUNCH CLUB

No lunch in August, and the next one will be on September 15th. If you would like to join, please contact Ken Martin on 01308 897622

LIVE MUSIC NIGHT

- a great date for your diary - Saturday 29th August in your Village Hall - with excellent musicianship by **THE VINTAGE** from



London - who have played in Puncknowle before and got people up dancing in the pub garden. So come along and hear them again at our first live Music Night, and dance the night away! Bar available thanks to Glyn at the Crown - tickets only £4!

LITTON CHENEY

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THE FETE

It was with considerable relief that we were spared the heavy showers forecast for the Whitsun Bank Holiday Monday and the gazebo city which sprung up in Court House garden was not ultimately put to the test. Grateful thanks are due to the many who so generously donated supplies, to those who came and spent their money, to Linda Gundry and Thorner's children for the wonderful maypole dancing and of course to the stalwarts who also gave so freely of their time and talents and manned the stalls, cooked, baked, made, prepared and generally put up and took down. All these combined efforts produced not only a happy and enjoyable afternoon but a most agreeable financial result for the Church Treasurer who now knows he has sufficient funds, from the £3,600 raised, to carry out the outstanding repairs to St Mary's.

Having the Fete at Court House was particularly welcome after two years of last minute changes of venue on account of bad weather - very many thanks to Bella and Steven Spurrier for their hard work of preparation and allowing us to use their lovely garden.

St Mary's PCC, with apologies for late publication

LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL

So as not to take up the whole of the BVN telling you about events and happenings at the new community hall, I have restricted myself to short references to the various activities available at the hall. More information can be obtained at www.littoncheney.org.uk and from the various people nominated below.

NEW WORLD WINE TASTING: Saturday 26th September with Steven Spurrier.

An exclusive audience with one of the top Masters of Wine following on from an earlier tasting of the best of France. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are £30 per person. Call Freddie Spicer (482617), Ron Davidson (482661) or John Firrell (482313).

PILATES & YOGA: These popular classes will re-commence on 7th and 11th September respectively. Contact Alison Davidson (482661) for details

STARS OVER THE BRIDE VALLEY WITH STEVE KOURIK: Tuesday October 27th.
More details in next month's BVN and Events at the Hall on the Litton web site.

BADMINTON & TABLE TENNIS: register your interest with Ron Davidson (482661). Expert tuition will be provided to bring you up to Olympic standard.

BRIDE VALLEY YOUTH CLUB & TRAMPOLINING: These well supported pursuits are run by Paul Kingston (482162).

ARCHERY: In the safety of the hall. Paul Kingston (482162)

SHORT MAT BOWLS: Leisurely, sociable and fun. Contact David Taylor for more details (482532).

VILLAGE CAFÉ: Available rent-free on the third Saturday of each month to help clubs and interest groups to raise funds or to raise their profile.
Wendy Taylor 482532

To book the hall for private social events or sports, contact Wendy Taylor on 482532. It's your Hall. There to be enjoyed!

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Despite the early morning mist the sun appeared and we had a great walk from Abbotsbury across to Portesham and back along the ridge with all its wonderful views....it really does beat shopping on a Saturday morning!!

The next **VILLAGE WALK** will be on Saturday August 8th starting from the bus stop; do come along and enjoy the sun, scenery, company and exercise. An unsurpassed experience!!!

The **SUMMER BBQ** is on Sunday August 16th in the hall grounds with the same disco as last year, BUT no "dancing in the rain", unless you want to, as we can move indoors if the clouds open.

Early note for your calendar, the **BARN DANCE** is on Saturday October 3rd. So make a note, do come along and check out the excellent sprung floor and great acoustics of the new hall.

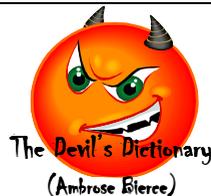
Ron Davidson 01308 482661 Litton Cheney Social Committee.

QUOTIENT, n.

A number showing how many times a sum of money belonging to one person is contained in the pocket of another -- usually about as many times as it can be got there.

ABSURDITY, n.:

A statement or belief manifestly inconsistent with one's own opinion.



SHIPTON GORGE

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VILLAGE SOCIETY

The main aim of the Society is to provide entertainment and opportunities for social interaction in a fun and inexpensive way. Over the course of the year we build up a modest surplus which we like to give back to the Village as our gift for your support; hence, the idea of the **PICNIC IN THE PARK**, with free entry. We hope these ideals are embodied in this event.

We decided to give the raffle opportunity to good causes in the Village and this year's beneficiaries were St. Martin's Church and the Friends of the New Inn, both in need of new windows. They organised between them all that needed to be done and on the day sold tickets to a very generous public which gave them a shared profit of £450.00.

This year, our second attempt, was blessed with glorious sunshine and a wonderfully good humoured crowd of nearly 300 villagers, friends, and family. The playing field, immaculate, as ever, was bedecked with colourful awnings and parasols under which many a fine hamper was shared with neighbours and people never met before! (It reminded me of Twickenham Car Park on the old Middlesex 7's Day!)

The local bands, Harvest Moon, Bride Valley Band, Bill Duke, Grayham Rosamond's Skiffers, and The Last Stand from West Bay did us proud and we are extremely grateful for their time and very modest expenses. Richard Hewlett, known to many of us, if not all, was brilliant again. Generous, unflappable, good fun, we just need to work on the legs...

The children's entertainer, "Strawberry Jam" was amazing and worked so hard for over 4 hours without a break! Such energy. All the youngsters (and not so young!) were fully engaged spinning plates, juggling, walking on stilts to name but a few. This left the grownups free to get on with the serious business of partying without worrying about what their offspring and their own parents were doing!

Strawberries and cream were consumed in vast quantities, disappearing rapidly into smiling faces which came back time and time again!

The Carnival atmosphere was further enhanced by some very colourful Shirts and shorts which may be worthy of a prize next year.

Next year? Yes, by popular demand. Date is fixed for Saturday 24th July 2010. Thank you to all of you who gave your time and made a great day memorable.

THE HANGING BASKETS

at the New Inn are wonderful and have received many a plaudit from villagers and visitors alike. Well done to all who took part in this year's competition which was won by Steve Larcombe, with Nova Varney as runner up. Thanks to John Parson and Doreen Rogers who had the difficult task of judging.

THE VILLAGE FETE

will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 15th August and feature a Dog Demonstration by the Bridport Dog Training Club.

MELPLASH SHOW

The Society is staging an exhibition in our marquee at the Melplash Show this year. It takes place on Thursday 27th August and will feature the village in bygone days and more recent activities, not least our journey through the Calor Village Competitions.

John Kent

TOWER NEWS

St Martin's Church tower will be open to visiting bellringers from 12.20 until 13.20pm on Saturday, 15th August.

Christine Green

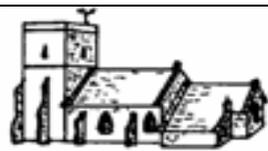
VILLAGE HALL

100 CLUB. JULY DRAW

£10	No 58	Yvette Smith
£20	No 32	Gary Warren

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HOLY TRINITY

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

The next date is 8th August and anyone in the village who can spare a couple of hours to do anything that they feel needs doing is more than welcome. I am often there most Saturday mornings if anyone wishes to join me other than the fixed date. I am aware that the grass has grown too much but we are currently balancing cost v cut. We hope to have most areas to which access is needed tidied very soon.



SONGS OF PRAISE SEASON

The season starts on Sunday 2nd August at 7.30pm and will continue for the following 4 weeks. All are welcome and in case you have not been before we have 8 hymns chosen by someone in the church and the

community sung in 2's with a poem, Bible reading and prayers followed by some light refreshments. It is not too long and great fun and we would love to see you.

David Buckland, Churchwarden

VILLAGE WEBSITE

See entry in Puncknowle and West Bexington section.

VALLEY NOTES

SUMMER RHYTHMS AT OTHONA

Friday 28th August, 5pm till late

An Evening of Music, Song and Dance £6 (£3 for under-14s) including Bonfire and BBQ-style buffet

All welcome! Join in with alfresco song and dance or just come along to enjoy some talented musicians. Help us celebrate the rhythms of summer with voices, drums, circle dance and fine music. Booking essential. For more information and tickets, contact mandy@othona-bb.org.uk or 01308 897130



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VIEWS SOUGHT ON COAST ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

Proposals aimed at reducing crashes along the B3157 Coast Road between Chickerell and Bridport are to be presented to local communities throughout the summer.

Dorset County Council is working closely with Dorset Police, the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership, local parish and town councils and residents to deliver the B3157 Road Safety Partnership Project.

The £1m scheme has received £500,000 from the Department for Transport to go towards developing new ideas that will help reduce casualties along the route, with matched funding from the county council.

The 14-mile road has a recent history of serious and fatal collisions. The county council's collision data shows that between 2003 and 2008 there were over 70 recorded incidents, including five fatalities, 14 serious and 51 slight casualties. Of these, 80 percent were assessed as speed related and 70 per cent involved local drivers.

The safety project aims to cut the number of collisions by introducing innovative measures to influence driver behaviour. These will include addressing known hazards and reconsidering speed limits, which currently vary between 30, 40, 50 and 60mph. There will also be an ongoing programme of driver training and education along the route, with courses for

car drivers and motorcyclists having already proved popular.

Local people will be involved in helping to find solutions that are sympathetic to the character of the surrounding countryside and villages. The design and construction of the scheme will be influenced by national and county guidance on managing rural roads in a way that is in keeping with the environment, such as by reducing unnecessary roadside clutter and using local, natural materials for village 'gateways'.

Preliminary design concepts for the project were discussed by the Project Board, comprised of county council highways officers, county, district and parish council members, and representatives of Dorset AONB and the DfT.

The ideas will now be presented at town and parish council meetings throughout July.

Local residents will have the chance to view and comment on the proposals at community exhibitions throughout the summer, with dates and locations to be confirmed soon. Highways officers, police and other representatives will be available to explain the proposals and answer questions.

Dorset County Council cabinet member for transport and Project Board chairman, Col Geoffrey Brierley, said:

"It is vital that local people are involved in shaping this opportunity to create a safer coast road that befits the thriving villages and outstanding landscape through which it passes. The partnership would welcome all members of communities along the route to take the chance to view and comment on the proposals over the next few months."

For further information, please visit <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/B3157coastroad>, email a.brown@dorsetcc.gov.uk or call 01305 221000.



BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP

This month we have been taking advantage of the lovely weather and have spent a lot of time in the rectory garden. The trees provide the perfect shade for the children whilst playing in the garden. The children enjoy the climbing frame, water and sand play and obstacle courses. Thank you Bob and Jean for letting us use this wonderful space and we would like to say all the best Bob with getting back to work.

We have now dug up our potatoes, cooked and tasted them, delicious. Well worth the wait.

The children have made a 'Magical Miniature Garden' for the Produce Show. They used a lot of imagination and creativity for this, collecting their own materials, plants and flowers.

On Wednesday 15th July we held an end of term leavers' party at the

park. Parents, children and siblings had a great time.

We would like to wish all the children leaving us all the very best for their future, they will all be missed. Thank you for being a pleasure to have.

The opening times for the playgroup are as follows:

Mondays 9.15am till 2.15pm

Wednesday 9.15am till 2.15pm

Fridays 9.15am till 2.15pm



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BURTON BRADSTOCK SCHOOL

If we don't count training days today is the last Friday of term. As I ponder this month's contribution to BVN the deadline is looming large, the first ashes test is heading for a draw and it is just beginning to sink in that I am on the last leg of a journey that began over six years and six months ago. Year 6 have just four more days with us and are preparing for their Leavers Service next Thursday, 16th July starting at 1.15. This is always a special time of year and it is somehow fitting that I am leaving at the same time as the children who were in reception when I arrived. We have learned much and our lives are all the richer for the experience. The time is now right for us to fly, each one in our own directions.

Recently Class 4 enjoyed a memorable trip to the Ancient Technology Centre at Cranborne. We all learnt a lot about the life of our ancient ancestors. Children had the opportunity to grind corn to make the flour with which they later made dough. This was divided into pieces which were then baked in the oven. The children also had an opportunity to make some felt the traditional way and tried their blacksmithing skills too as they collectively made a brooch. The day went all too quickly but was a great 'hands on' experience.

Class 3 rounded off their topic on the Ancient Greeks with a 'Greek Day'. The children's costumes were fantastic and they enjoyed a day of

activities that included pot painting and an Olympic Games on the field. Mr Platt and Mrs Denning really looked the part too! Boats and Sails classes are having a 'Pirates Day' next week to round off their term - I'm sure that will be fun!

We wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Mark Stratta

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

Holiday time again, and our plants are all growing well in the raised bed thanks to lots of watering during the hot weather and some welcome rain. We looked at different flowers - their seeds and colours - then different vegetables - including peas from our own garden plus learning the names of the others. Clever James already knew them all!



Some activities now take place in the new Litton Cheney Hall such as music sessions on Thursday mornings, as well as indoor physical exercises on a Tuesday morning. Cooking activities recently have included making fruit jelly, banana muffins and real lemonade along a healthy fruity theme.

The playgroup children and staff have walked across the fields to Litton Cheney Playing Field to use the play equipment and back during the fine weather. The Summer Outing this year was on July 9th to the Sea Life Centre in Weymouth taking along a picnic lunch, and on the last day of term, we all gathered in Puncknowle Playing Field for fun play on a Bouncy Castle and had another picnic before saying "Au Revoir" to our leavers - as we shall see them when they are in Reception Class next term when they come down to play. They were presented with new Gym Bags with their own art work on as a leaving present. Also we said a Big Thankyou to our staff for all their hard work and training during the year. Finally, a Big Welcome to Isla who has already started at Fledglings.

NESTLINGS: Open to parents, babies, and toddlers to join in playgroup activities, play with resources, meet others, become familiar with Fledglings environment, find out information re playgroup and school, have a snack & a drink - when? Just drop in on Thursday afternoons at 1.45pm - only £1.50 - and join in the fun.

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

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch)

Last month 38 members and friends spent an enjoyable three days visiting the potteries at Stoke on Trent, Trentham Gardens and Lichfield Cathedral. Most were awe-struck by their



visit to the 150 acre National Memorial Arboretum, where we took part in the act of remembrance at 11.00am, being the only place in the country where this happens every day of the year. Then at noon our Chairman laid a wreath at The Mound, Alrewas, on behalf of the Branch; here are inscribed the 16,000 names of all the servicemen and women who have died since the end of the Second World War. The whole site is now under the management of the Legion.

The following weekend we were on the road again, this time paying our second Branch visit to Bishops Lydeard and Minehead via a Special Steam Excursion Train run by the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust.

Our August meeting takes the form of a visit on Saturday, 22nd August, 2009, to Gillingham Military Tattoo, where attractions include:- R.E.M.E. Freefall Parachute Team - Pipes & Drums, Wessex Highlanders, Reading Pipe Band, Avon Glen Pipes & Drums, Wessex Military Band, Surbiton RBL Traditional Youth Marching Band, Chelsea Pensioners - all culminating in Beating Retreat and Sunset ceremony. Vintage Military vehicles, Military bookstall, Bar & refreshments. Tickets which are non-returnable, must be pre-booked and paid for in advance: adults £8, seniors £7, children £4, family of 2 adults + 2 children, £20.

We will lay on a coach for this event at cost. Pick ups as follows: Abbotsbury Square 4.30pm, Portesham Green 4.35pm, Steepleton Pond 4.45pm, London Rd, Dorchester 5.00pm. All bookings through me please, payment in cash or cheques payable to "RBL (Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch)". Non-members + £1 booking fee.

"Trading Standards" is the subject of our meeting on Thursday, 17th September, Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury.

Roy Winterburn will talk about the "Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway" on Thursday, 15th October, Portesham Methodist Hall.

Racing and Christmas Market at Ascot Racecourse, Friday, 20th November, 2009.

Des Baker, Branch Vice Chairman, 01305 267617

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

We had another fascinating talk from an expert from Poundbury Garden Centre on Low Maintenance Gardening which was enthusiastically received. The plants shown, and subsequently offered for sale, proved to be an interesting mix of shrubs and perennials which required little attention once they were established.



Our Mini Flower and Produce show was well attended and proved to be a popular event which is now going from strength to strength. Our President, Brian Prentice, presented the cups and prizes to all the winners. The Fry Cup

for overall winner again went to Maureen Miller with her outstanding contributions in many of the classes.

The winner of the Floral Cup for all the floral classes went to Ann Miles and the May Tankard for the best annuals and perennials went to the Chair, Sylvia Delves.

The Barker Bowl for the best fruit and vegetables classes went to David Peretz, the Coombes Cup for the best Handicraft to Ann Shaw, the WI Cups for the best rose to Margaret Ackland and best Pot Plant to Maureen Miller.

Other winners were:

Best Annuals	Sylvia Delves
Best Perennials	Brenda Smith
Best Flowering Shrub	Angela Fowler
Best Sweet Peas	Ann Miles
Best Floral Display	Ann Miles
Best Herbs	Maureen Miller
Best Fruit	Valerie Cameron
Best vegetables	David Peretz
Best vegetable Display	Maureen Miller
Best Photograph	David Peretz

There will be no meeting in August but we look forward to another topical talk from Cyril Whitlock of Groves Nurseries on Christmas and Spring Bulb Planting on Monday September 21st.

JOBS TO DO

Clip over lavenders after flowering to keep compact. Continue regular deadheading. Summer prune wisteria. Lift onions, shallots and garlic.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Apologies for us not getting an entry in the July magazine. This was indeed sent by email to the Editor, but unfortunately he did not receive it. So what have we all been doing in this heatwave/the rainy climate of July. Well the walking group had a superb walk in wonderful weather, and all the other groups met as usual. The Reading group have been reading "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Seobold - most people liked this book, despite it's rather different theme - someone talking from heaven! This month we are reading "Jane Eyre" - much more of a traditional book - that is the good thing about the reading group, you find yourself reading something you may never have chosen - members choose a book each!



The annual barbeque took place as ever at Joan and Ian's and this year's wonderful weather helped to make it a great success - although we

had planned to defeat the weather of last year by hiring a marquee!

At our July meeting we will be having a talk by Roger Snook on "Hat Mania" - hopefully we can try some on! There is no meeting in August - we meet again on September 8th when Jane Silver-Corren will be speaking on "My Jewish Home".

If you feel you would like to come along and give us a try please do so - your first visit will be without charge. If you join you have many interesting groups to come to if you wish - the Walking Group, the Reading Group, Mahjong Group, the Embroidery Group and the Creative Writing Group - a wide choice - we look forward to seeing you on the second Tuesday of each month at Burton Hall.

BEYOND THE VALLEY	
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 B	ridport 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?	and chat on
Opening hours: Monday-Friday 9am-1.00pm, Saturday 10.00am-12.00noon, and for tea and chat on most Monday and Wednesday afternoons	



In March, the Book of Hours team spent a lovely evening with the Litton Cheney Ladybirds who showed a great deal of interest in how the books are produced and much time looking at & enjoying them - they had read about us in the Bride Valley News!.

Since then, we've had some art cards made from a selection of pages in the Book of Hours and they are on sale now in Good Books, do come and see.

SUMMER IN WEST BAY.

If you are planning a trip further west for a day at the beach or a stroll across the cliffs, Harbour Green at West Bay is the venue for Summer Songs of Praise (Churches Together) on Sunday 19th July - with St Swithun's Band - and Sunday 6th September, at 4.30pm with tea after in St John's Church.

I object to being told that I am saving daylight when my reason tells me that I am doing nothing of the kind.

At the back of the Daylight Saving scheme, I detect the bony, blue-fingered hand of Puritanism, eager to push people into bed earlier, and get them up earlier, to make them healthy, wealthy, and wise in spite of themselves.

Robertson Davies, *The Diary of Samuel Marchbanks, 1947*

Sudoku

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Solutions
next Month

Intermediate



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Easy

Last Month's
Solution

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3	6	2	5	7	1	9	8	4
8	7	5	6	4	9	2	1	3

OVER THE GARDEN WALL

By Perry Scope

We stopped at a garage just outside Plymouth a few weeks ago; we had been out all day, National Trust hunting and had somehow overlooked lunch. Being able to stand it no longer (I am, after all, a bloke), I insisted that we stop at the next garage/Spa shop to top up with something to keep the wolf at bay.

It was a large Spa – about the size of our one in Burton; there was simply everything to choose, but I just couldn't see the Jelly Babies (for my sweet course). In the substantial queue at the till and, when I was two away from its head, I spotted the Jelly Babies, about six feet away, to the right. Clearly, if they had been further, I should have expected a possible problem with leaving the queue to collect them, but on this occasion, whilst I could not, without injury, actually keep one foot in the queue *and* reach the display, I was obliged to take both feet off my territory. It took less than two seconds.

“Push in by all means!” bawled the chap behind me, as I bounced back; well, he actually said, “Push in bowl mins!” with the emphasis on *bowl*.

I confess, I very nearly burst out laughing: I am a great collector of vernacular phrases and this was a gem. I confined myself to, “Don't be a twit, bowl mins” (screw up your nose on the last word to get the correct intonation) - I may have left out the first “w” I confess. My wife and several friends were driven crazy by my practicing this phrase in every situation I could over the next week or so, but it did catch on with them for a short time.

There are other infectious ones: the old chestnut, “the boy done well” – one of my academic colleagues was equally tickled by this one and declined the whole present indicative, “I done well, you done well, he, she, the boy Linaker done well”. “We was robbed,” appeared on the sports pages of *The Times* the other day. And of course, there is the frequent, indignant, “That is well out of order!” Although my best yet was a shabby car bearing a “For Sale” note on its window, with the recommendation, “Runs nice”, I'm told by a friend of a variant: steak in the butchers' window described as “Eats nice”.

RESULTS OF MY LAST YEAR SITTING AT THE COMPUTER

Email warnings and cautionary tales, unsolicited or forwarded on by well meaning (presumably) friends, can have unfortunate effects:

I must send my thanks to whoever sent me the one about poison in the glue on envelopes because I now have to use a wet towel with every envelope that needs sealing. Also, now, I have to scrub the top of every can I open for the same reason.



I no longer have any savings because I gave them to a sick girl (Penny Brown) who, it now appears, is about to die in hospital for the 1,387,258th time.

I no longer have any money at all, but that will change once I receive the \$15,000 that Bill Gates/Microsoft and AOL are sending me for participating in their special e-mail program.

I no longer worry about my soul because I have 363,214 angels looking out for me, and St. Theresa's novena has granted my every wish.

I no longer eat KFC because their chickens are actually horrible mutant freaks with no eyes or feathers.

I no longer use cancer-causing deodorants even though I smell like a water buffalo on a hot day.

Thanks to you, I have learned that my prayers only get answered if I forward an email to seven of my friends and make a wish within five minutes.

Because of your concern, I no longer drink Coca-Cola because it can remove toilet stains.

I no longer can buy gasoline without taking someone along to watch the car so a serial killer won't crawl into my back seat when I'm pumping gas.

I no longer drink Pepsi or Dr. Pepper since the people who make these products are atheists who refuse to put "Under God" on their cans.

I no longer use Saran wrap in the microwave because it causes cancer.

And thanks for letting me know I can't boil a cup of water in the microwave anymore because it will blow up in my face, disfiguring me for life.

I no longer check the coin return on pay phones because I could be nicked with a needle infected with AIDS.

I no longer go to shopping malls because someone will drug me with a perfume sample and rob me.

I no longer receive packages from UPS or FedEx since they are actually Al Qaeda in disguise.

I no longer shop at Target since they are French and don't support our American troops or the Salvation Army.

I no longer answer the phone because someone will ask me to dial a number for which I will get a phone bill with calls to Jamaica, Uganda, Singapore and Uzbekistan.

I no longer buy expensive cookies from Neiman Marcus since I now have their recipe.

Thanks to you, I can't use anyone's toilet but mine because a big brown African spider is lurking under the seat to cause me instant death

when it bites me.

And thanks to your great advice, I can't ever pick up \$5.00 in the parking lot because it probably was placed there by a molester waiting underneath my car to grab my leg.

I can no longer drive my car because I can't buy gas from certain gas companies!

If you don't send this e-mail to at least 144,000 people in the next 70 minutes, a large dove with diarrhea will land on your head at 5:00PM this afternoon and the fleas from 12 camels will infest your back, causing you to grow a hairy hump. I know this will occur because it actually happened to a friend of my next door neighbor's ex-mother-in-law's second husband's cousin's beautician...

Have a wonderful day....

Oh, by the way, a South American scientist from Argentina, after a lengthy study, has discovered that people with insufficient brain activity read their email with their hand on the mouse.

Don't bother taking it off now; it's too late.

OVER THE GUARDSMAN'S WALL

by Perry Scope

At my annual injection of patriotism - the Queen's Birthday Parade - with a pocketful of tissues (I get very emotional these days), I drifted into anthropology mode and looked round at those seated nearby. Rather like the funerals of the great and the good, these functions produce some of the finest specimens of that rich amalgam, Savile Row and Eton. Almost everywhere, the blue-red-blue ties of the Household Brigade, the grand old retired Guards Officers: the softer and more casually-tailored Cavalrymen, with French middle names and an aristocratic speech impediment; "Why walk when you can wide?" their contrapuntal self-assurance seems to ask of their rather more stiffly-elegant former Foot Guards colleagues.

I always look at the shoes; there's something very special about a pair of exquisitely hand-made shoes - but, at £6K+ a pair, there jolly well should be!

Then there are those who don't know these things. The foreign diplomats in their Moss Bros kit, just wearing "black shoes" (with welded rubber soles.....!). I could go on about the strange interpretations of "morning dress" one sees at weddings these days; I blame "Hello!" magazine, professional footballers and the wannabe culture that re-invents what it believes to be good taste: Edwardian frock coats, great silk bows, mixed with the Tony Blair cuff-too-long look, clompy shoes. All rather a mess, but at least they've dressed up!

Back in the stands, I listen to the chatter. "Air hair lair", bleats one to

a new arrival. [Read these exchanges exactly as they are written and you will find yourself speaking like a toff. Really!] “House yer earl men?” “Marsh emproofed, thairk ya” [just to start you off, this is posh-speak for, “How’s your old man?”, “Much improved, thank you.”]. And another: “Shem aboutcha lettuced book, Cholls, femme est c’est ceaux” [*just a little bit of Franglais required there, but stick with it*]. “Yairs”.

Then, from the waif (usually in this class, not very attractive; with, as they quaintly put it, “a fess leck a bet lex”): “The femmler Bocksher pipple. Should ner better.” “Egg wetter gree.” And so on. It’s a whole new language.

In the sixties, when I was obliged to attend more of these functions, there was a very useful handbook, “Fraffly Well Spoken” by Professor Afferbeck Lauder, an Australian academic, who had stumbled on this linguistic phenomenon during a book-signing. “Emma Chissit”, announced the lady at the front of the queue. Lauder duly inscribed the book with that name before realising that she was actually asking the cost of the book. And so his two more widely-read pocket books were born (the other one being, “Let stalk Strine”). Well, there we were, ’midst the movers and shakers of Society, just as bad as the rest of them. Eventually we had to escape, for lunch.

“Shell we nip ite the bare quare?” I asked Mrs Scope.

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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



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See **BRIDE VALLEY NEWS**
IN COLOUR,
on the *Burton Bradstock website*

CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible

ACROSS

- 1 Of Moses (6)
 4 'You have been weighed on the — and found wanting' (Daniel 5:27) (6)
 7 Where Jesus performed the first of his miraculous signs (John 2:11) (4)
 8 Roman emperor who ordered all the Jews to leave Rome (Acts 18:2) (8)
 9 Member of a conservative Jewish party in the Sanhedrin which believed there was no resurrection (Acts 23:8) (8)
 13 South London Mission (1,1,1)
 16 Sure of one's own ability (2 Corinthians 11:17) (4-9)
 17 'At this the man's face fell. He went away —, because he had great wealth' (Mark 10:22) (3)
 19 Airs used (anag.) (8)
 24 'The Lord is my —, I shall not be in want' (Psalm 23:1) (8)
 25 'He has sent me to — up the broken-hearted' (Isaiah 61:1) (4)
 26 At or towards the rear of a ship (6)
 27 Cross-carrying evangelist and world traveller, — Blessitt (6)

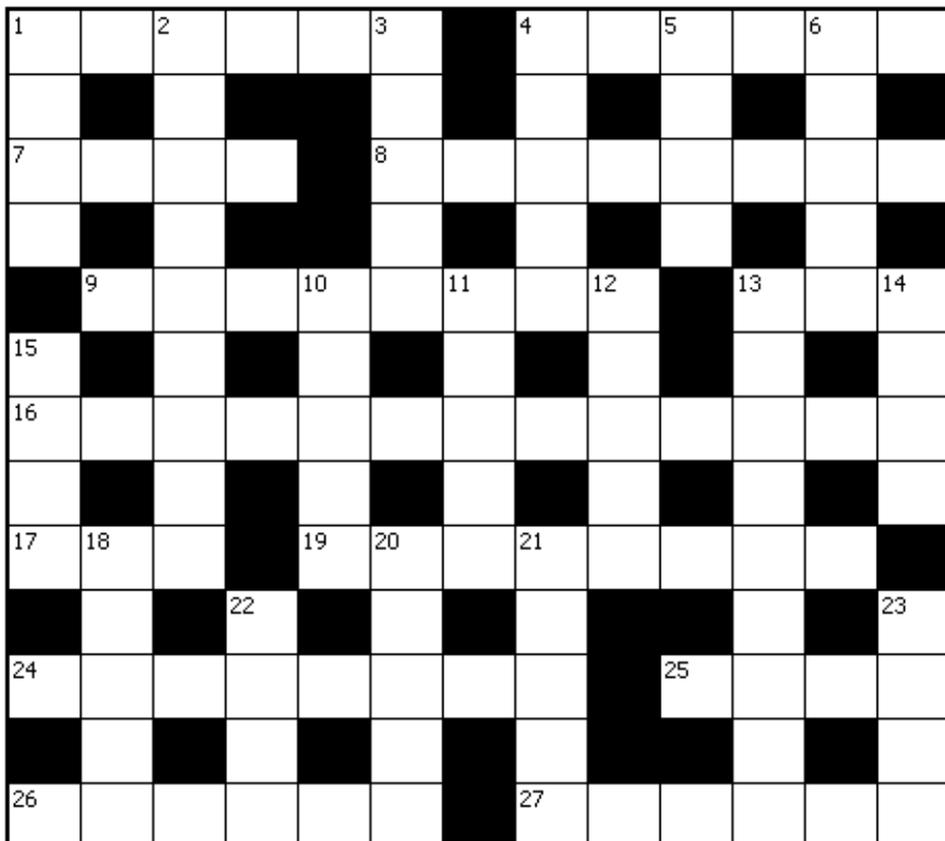
DOWN

- 1 Ridicule (Luke 18:32) (4)
 2 Encased in strapped-on light shoes (Song of Songs 7:1) (9)
 3 Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (1,1,1,1,1)
 4 'Father, give me my — of your estate' (Luke 15:12) (5)
 5 Assistant (4)
 6 On a par (John 5:18) (5)

- 10 Credo (anag.) (5)
 11 Beaten with a rod (5)
 12 The fourth of Job's 'comforters', who deferred making his contribution because of his junior status (Job 32:6) (5)
 13 Chosen as a temple attendant, he was described by Ezra as 'a capable man' (Ezra 8:18) (9)
 14 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where — and rust destroy' (Matthew 6:19) (4)
 15 Employs (4)
 18 Associated with penitence for sins, along with sackcloth (Matthew 11:21) (5)
 20 Association of South-East Asian Nations (1,1,1,1,1)
 21 Sub-continent to which Baptist missionary pioneer William Carey devoted his life (5)
 22 Recess at east end of a church (4)
 23 One of the nine sons of Beriah (1 Chronicles 8:15) (4)

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

23	Eder	27	Arthur
22	Apse	26	Astern
21	India	25	Bind
20	ASEAN	24	Shepherd
18	Ashes	19	Raduses
15	Uses	17	Sad
14	Moth	16	Self-confident
13	Sherebiah	13	SLM
12	Elihu	9	Sadducee
11	Caned	8	Claudius
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St James the Least of All

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

On the discovery of a long lost crypt

*The Rectory
St. James the Least*

My dear Nephew Darren

Since your church is a former cinema, I suspect that were the floor to be removed, cigarette ash, sweet wrappings and tickets for the last Charlie Chaplin film would be revealed. Our marble flooring in the chancel was raised last week to try and find the rat that had died on an underfloor heating pipe. It made its presence so un-ignorable last Winter that it gave me the excuse to use incense.

But we have made an exciting discovery: the long lost

crypt containing the tombs of the Lords Staveley, who flourished in this area until a little domestic disagreement with Henry II made the family realise that life in Italy might be pleasanter if they wished to retain their heads. The stone from their manor house soon became our lady chapel; an example of re-cycling as a euphemism for theft.

Inevitably, as soon as we had made the discovery, rumours of vast treasure flew round the parish. Long before anyone had descended into it, the treasurer had the fortune earmarked for re-wiring the church, the organist decided it should be spent on enlarging the organ, and Mrs Millington had decided it should keep the flower arrangers in chicken wire until the next millennium-but-one. I confess that even I toyed with the idea of a conservatory with discreet drinks cabinet at the rectory.

Sadly, it was not to be. Our 'treasure' consisted of rows of coffins in various stages of decay, enough bat droppings to keep our Verger's vegetable patch enriched for the coming year and long-lost peppermints dropped by generations of choristers sitting above, as they munched their way through the sermons.

Later that evening, when the workmen had left, I decided to have one last look. Taking a torch, I descended the stone steps, but lost my footing. The now-broken torch went one way and I another. After floundering round in total darkness and unable to find the stairs to get out, I resigned myself to an uncomfortable night in the crypt until daybreak.

In the early hours, I heard steps on the same stairs and in their torchlight, saw it was someone who must have heard the rumours of treasure and decided to liberate some of it. He, too, tripped, fell and lost his torch and in the total darkness I heard him fumbling about at the other end of the crypt among the coffins.

Intending to be helpful, I shouted out that I'd been trying to get out of here myself for a long time and had never made it, so he may as well give up. But do you know, he found his way out in no time.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE

Bible Sketchbook **Obey God not man!!**

The gospel of Jesus Christ is DYNAMITE! People might try and stop you but God is more powerful so long as you OBEY him! Are you willing?
Read all about it in Acts 5: 12-32.





CATHEDRALS

It is nice to visit other people's places of worship and see what parts are like our own church at home. But a visit to a cathedral is special.



In a cathedral everything is usually so much bigger – the roof is higher and there are lots more corners to explore.

They were built in stone at a time when most people lived in small houses made of wood and mud or brick. How did those who designed it know that the huge building would actually work?

The architects could imagine the finished buildings but it took a whole army of workers of workers to make the vision come true. Hundreds of people worked for hundreds of years to build these wonderful buildings. Hundreds of people all working together, not for themselves but for the greater glory of God.

CHURCH BITS

There are lots of things that you will only see in church buildings – do you know what these are? Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. PISCINA

- a) is it a niche in a wall that drains outside the church or
- b) a type of organ?

2. REREDOS

- a) is it a type of column
- b) or a screen behind the altar?

3. PEW

- a) is it a long wooden seat
- b) or the large hinges on a heavy wooden door?

4. APSE

- a) is the curved space at the eastern end of a church or cathedral
- b) or a curved roof

5) AMBO

- a) the framework that supports the bells or
- b) a raised platform, a predecessor to the pulpit?



Who are the 2 ice cream firms in the Bible?

Walls of Jericho and Lyons of Judah.

Who was the most popular person in the Bible?

Samson - he brought the house down.



Answers: 1: a 2: b 3: a 4: a 5: b

Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

The Leaver

I'm in a strange place.

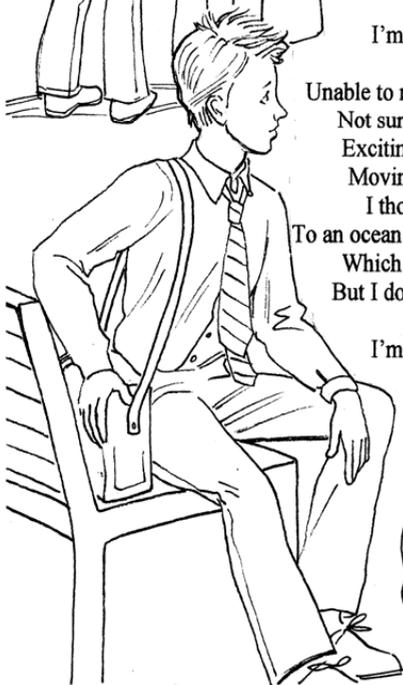
The sounds of security,
Voices, bells, echoes,
The days' patterns,
Familiar as breathing.
People who have made my world mine,
Who know when I'm happy,
Or cross or upset
Don't belong to me any more.

I'm in a strange place.

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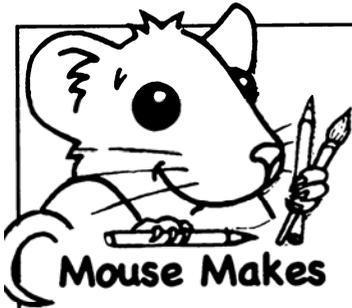
Unable to reach out yet to the future.
Not sure I want the promised,
Exciting world of tomorrow.
Moving from the safe pond
I thought I'd outgrown,
To an ocean full of unknown swimmers
Which time says I must join,
But I don't belong to them yet.

I'm in a strange place.



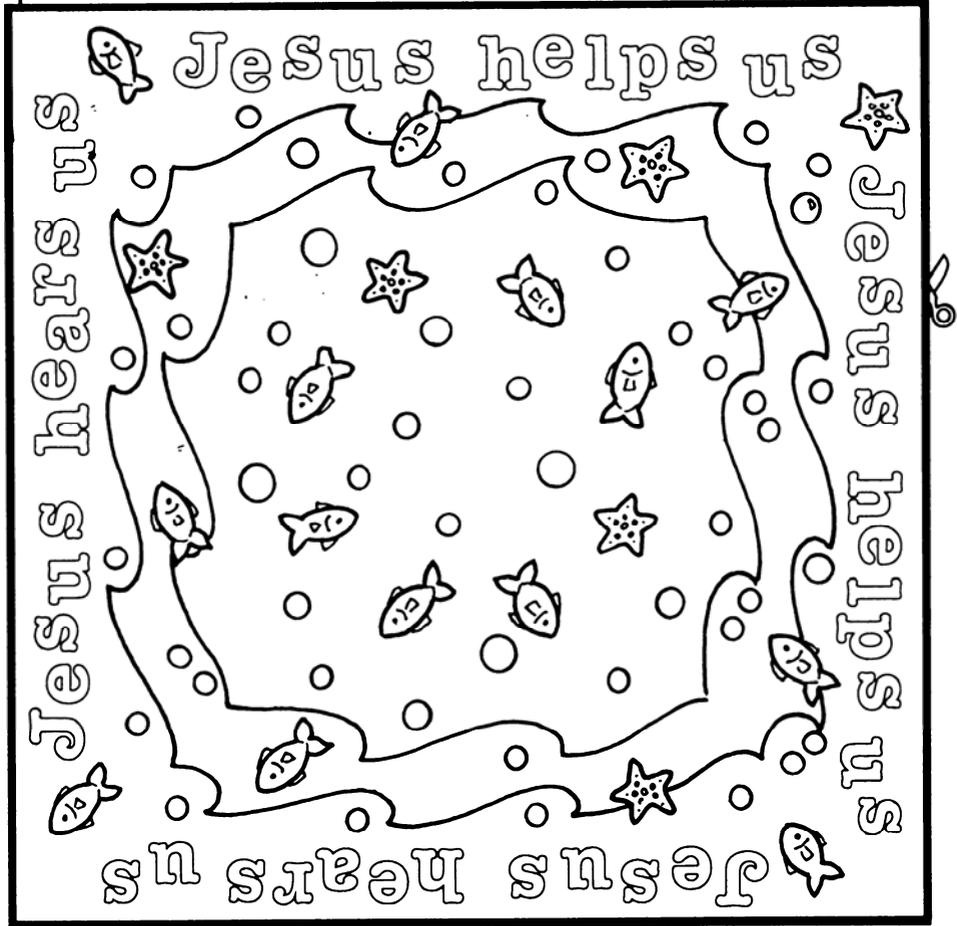
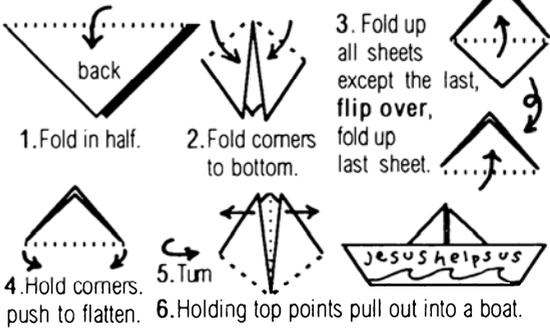
Do not be afraid, for I am with you,
(Isaiah 43:5 NLT)

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



The little boat was being tossed about in the storm. "Be still, be calm" said Jesus, and the wind and the waves obeyed him!
Read Mark 4:35-41

Cut out the square at the bottom of the page and follow these instructions to make your own little boat.



DIARY OF EVENTS: AUGUST 2009

Sat	1	2.00pm Village Flower & Produce Show	SG Village Hall
Sun	2	7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
	2	Celebration of Flowers <i>starts</i>	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Tue	4	10.00am National Trust "Drop-in Surgery"	Hive Cafe
Thu	6	2.00pm St Mary's Church Fete	Rectory, Burton Bradstock
	6	7.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	7	7.30pm Beaminster Gallery Quire Concert	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Sat	8	10.00am Village Walk	Litton Cheney Bus Shelter
	8	10.00am Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sun	9	Burton Bradstock Festival of Music <i>starts</i>	
Tue	11	2.30pm Women's Institute Meeting	BB Village Hall
Thu	13	10.00am Produce Sale in aid of Tearfund & Emmaus	BB Reading Room
Sat	15	12.20pm Bell Ringing	St Martin's, Shipton Gorge
	15	2.00pm Village Fair	SG Village Hall
Sun	16	Summer BBQ	LATCH
Wed	19	7.30pm Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	20	10.00am Produce Sale in aid of Tearfund & Emmaus	BB Reading Room
	20	7.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	29	7.30pm Live Music Night, with "The Vintage"	PSWB Village Hall
Sun	30	2.00pm Treasure Trail Walk & Cream Tea	BB Village Hall

DIARY OF EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 2009

Tue	1	10.00am National Trust "Drop-in Surgery"	Hive Cafe
Tue	1	7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council Meeting	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	2	4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	3	7.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	4	10.30pm Puncknowle Art Club Mtg	The Bull, Swyre
Sun	6	7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Tue	8	2.30pm Women's Institute Meeting	BB Village Hall
Wed	9	4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Sat	12	Dorset Historic Churches Cycle Ride	See local Churches
Wed	16	4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	16	7.30pm Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	17	7.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Wed	23	4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
Mon	21	7.30pm BVGC "Christmas & Spring Bulbs"	PSWB Village Hall
Sat	26	10.00am HiTec-LoTec Coffee morning	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	30	4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall

LC: Litton Cheney
Lb: Littlebredy

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

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

PRINCIPAL FESTIVALS & PRINCIPAL HOLY DAYS

FESTIVALS & HOLY DAYS, Sundays & Lesser Festivals, *Commemorations*

AUGUST

- 4 *Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide*
- 5 *Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr*
- 6 **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**
- 7 *John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer*
- 8 *Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers*
- 9 *Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union*
- 10 *Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr*
- 11 *Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minors (Poor Clares)*
- 11 *John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian*
- 13 *Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith*
- 13 *Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer*
- 13 *Octavia Hill, Social Reformer*
- 14 *Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr*
- 15 **THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- 20 *Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith*
- 20 *William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army*
- 24 **BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE**
- 27 *Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo*
- 28 *Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith*
- 29 *The Beheading of John the Baptist*
- 30 *John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer*
- 31 *Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary*

SEPTEMBER

- 1 *Giles of Provence, Hermit*
- 3 *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith*
- 4 *Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex*
- 6 *Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society*
- 8 *The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- 13 *John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith*
- 14 **HOLY CROSS DAY**
- 15 *Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr*
- 16 *Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts*
- 17 *Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary*
- 19 *Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury*
- 20 *John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and Companions, Martyrs*
- 21 **MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**
- 25 *Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer*
- 26 *Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army*
- 27 *Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists)*
- 29 **MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**
- 30 *Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith*

SILVER BIRCHES

by Adrian Plass, Zondervan, £5.59

When David Herrick receives an invitation to a reunion from a long-forgotten acquaintance, he reluctantly visits Headly Manor. When the friends gather, they no longer resemble the fresh-faced group of twenty years ago. This poignant and moving story blends Adrian Plass's rich style of writing with his knack for addressing the issues we all face—faith, grief, love ... and fear.



ARE THERE HORSES IN HEAVEN?

By Mary Lou Davis, Christian Focus, £6.99

This book for young people tells the story of two friends who grew up with a shared love of horses. Together they find authentic answers for real life issues among the people, sights and smells of Heathermoor Farm. A gripping read based on true events. A story of faith which you can give to any horse-mad teenager.

THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

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, AUGUST 2009

There will be a service of Holy Communion on Wednesdays
5th, 12th, 19th and 26th of August at 10.00am in
St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

August 2009

Parish	Date 1 st Sunday 2 nd Aug 8 th after Trinity	2 nd Sunday 9 th Aug 9 th after Trinity	3 rd Sunday 16 th Aug The Blessed Virgin Mary	4 th Sunday 23 rd Aug 11 th after Trinity	5 th Sunday 30 th Aug 12 th after Trinity
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Flower Festival Celebration. 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	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer	
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Payer		
Swyre	7.30 Songs of Praise	7.30 Songs of Praise	7.30 Songs of Praise	7.30 Songs of Praise	7.30 Songs of Praise
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	5.00 Evening Prayer	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)	8.00 Holy Communion (by extension)
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		11.00 Family Service		11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 United Valley Service