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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy

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FROM THE CLERGY

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I have now spent some months mending from the stroke I had just before Christmas, and

have only recently discovered the intricacies of the operation that was done to plant me back on my feet again. The surgeon was stitching blood vessels in my brain together while looking down a microscope to do it. The result is not just that I am up and about, but that the weakness that led to the stroke in the first place has gone. I did ask if my life had been shortened by the stroke and the operation, and was told it had not – I shall have something to say if it has. I was then told that for the first few hours I ought to be careful not to jump up and leap about too quickly, and that after 4 days I would be fine and fit to conquer a continent.

And so it has proved. It has taken a while to lose some pretty bad headaches, and longer to get my strength and fitness back. But now I am not only upright but back working, much to my delight. This is a gentle start for August, as I write, before



Back in harness - Bob blessing the new cross at St Peter's, Shipton Gorge, which has been erected to replace one which had fallen.

getting back up to speed a bit more in September, as you read. But it will not be the same as before.

During my enforced absence, one of the gifts that went on display was the way in which the people of all the Churches in the Valley worked together to make sure that everything was covered. All the services on Christmas Day happened, and ever since, through Lent, over Easter and beyond, the arrangements have been made and the services have been led – and this includes the weddings, baptisms and funerals that have taken place. And not just the services, the pastoral care of the people and the Christian witness in the parishes has continued.

Now I am back in circulation, the temptation is to pick up where I left off. I will try to avoid it, and if I do not please feel at liberty to tell me off. There are many parts of the life of the Churches that are working much better than they were when I left them. I shall try not to interfere by taking back control. Hands off, are the words to remember, because after all it is not my hands that do the work, and all hands are in His.

Many thanks from us all to the Revd Ryder Rogers, to Mike Read and James Webster, our Readers, to the Pastoral Assistants and Lay Worship Leaders for all that they have done. And thanks too to the Churchwardens and other Church officers who have worked so hard, and to the regular members of the congregations who have kept the faith.

And many thanks from Jean and me for the help that was given her during my excursion through the valley of the shadows. David Smith organised a team of drivers for the whole long and weary way to Southampton hospital and back, waiting for Jean while she watched over me. Then there was food waiting for her on her return, and visits, messages of encouragement and kindnesses all of which meant more I am sure, that the givers appreciate or would ever acknowledge. Thank you to all.

And my thanks for all the prayers, cards visits and help by which means I have been crowded with blessings over these past months. It has been a privilege to have been given so much in the way of blessing, good will and friendship. I am a much humbled man; not in the sense of having been belittled, but by having been placed securely and lovingly where I belong to be. Thank you, and through all of you, thanks be to God. **Bob.**



What a

delight to see Bob back to his old self at the Burton Bradstock Fete, starting to take services in our churches; and once again writing his letter from the Rectory. As Bob & Jean recommence their ministries, let me say personally and on behalf of all the churches in the Bride Valley, how thrilled and grateful to God we are.

In this, my last clergy corner letter, may I invite everyone in the Bride Valley to make a special note of, and get involved in, Back to Church Sunday on September 27th. People get disconnected with church for a number of reasons - moving into the area and never getting involved with the 'new' church; missing a few weeks and then being embarrassed to come back again; generally losing the church-going habit with all the busy-ness of life;

getting disillusioned with God and the church; thinking what the church says and does is irrelevant; maybe something or someone that upset them; having questions about the Christian faith or some Christian practice that they felt unable to ask anyone about. The reasons are multitudinous. You name it, and it will fit the bill for someone.

This sort of thing has happened across the board, in all denominations and in all areas. So some churches got together and said, 'Let's make people feel comfortable enough to come back to their 'local' with no questions asked, no criticisms made, and no pressure put on anyone.' And it worked.

Last year throughout the country literally tens of thousands took the opportunity to return - to come back home on Back to Church Sunday. So all denominations and most of the church in the UK are getting involved this year.

You may be giving to a friend or neighbour, or be given, a simple invitation saying, 'Come back home, you are welcome.' Please look at the service grid on the back of the BVN and see what is available in your local church and make a note in your diary to come to one of the services on that day. We look forward to seeing you. *Ryder*

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 & nurture, including confirmation preparation & 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

A CELEBRATION OF WHOLENESS AND HEALING

Salisbury Diocese is among the leading Dioceses in the country in its expression of the Church's healing ministry. For a good number of years there has been a biennial celebration in the Cathedral in Salisbury at St. Luke's tide. This has included worship and workshops/seminars with distinguished speakers from across a wide spectrum of experience. This year's celebration will take place on Saturday 17th October between 9.30am and 4.30pm and will cost £10. The aim of the day is to celebrate and experience the power and joy of Christ's healing ministry through worship, teaching and prayer, both individually and corporately.

There is a good selection of workshops to choose from, ten in all. These range from Bishop Dominic Walker's 'But deliver us from evil' to Sister Frances Dominica's 'God's mistakes' and from Beccy Widdows 'Dreamworks' to Rev'd Pat Southgate's 'meditation'.

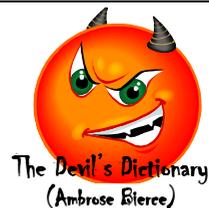
Booking forms are available in local Churches and should be returned to Debbie Albery, Sherborne Area Office, from whom further details can be obtained by email, debbie.albery@salisbury.anglican.org or telephone 01258 859110.

Please don't leave your booking until the last minute. You can be assured of a thoroughly good day with uplifting worship and thought provoking seminars/ workshops. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Phillip Ringer (Rev'd)

Bishop's Advisor on Wholeness and Healing for the Sherborne Archdeaconry

REPROBATION, n. In theology, the state of a luckless mortal prenatally damned. The doctrine of reprobation was taught by Calvin, whose joy in it was somewhat marred by the sad sincerity of his conviction that although some are foredoomed to perdition, others are predestined to salvation



LITTLEBREDY

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One tends to associate the name of Pitcher more with Longbredy, but another member of the family has now moved among us. As well as Jason with Natasha in 2, Punchbowl Cottages, we now welcome **TONY PITCHER** to the Winterbourne Lodge. We hope his time there will be fulfilling and settled.



It is also time for a farewell, though. At the end of the month, **COLIN AND CAROL ARMISTEAD** depart from Gardens Cottage for the rather more modern delights of Poundbury. Their time in Littlebredy has not been as long as they might have hoped, and we regret that circumstances have required a move into the town, but we hope they will remember the village and their neighbours fondly, as we shall them. We hope the Club will see them back from time to time.



Mention of the Social Club brings a recollection that there was some talk a while ago of a Car Treasure Hunt sometime in September. If this initiative has taken firmer shape subsequently (and nothing more is known as these notes are prepared), there will be a flier about it inside the magazine – and others in the valley can contact the village correspondent if they're interested enough. Please support it, and a Social afterwards, if it goes ahead.

The Church and the Hall will be celebrating **HARVEST THANKSGIVING ON SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER.**

An evening Harvest Festival service in Church at 6.00 p.m. will be followed by the traditional Harvest Supper in the Village Hall at about 6.45 p.m. All are warmly welcomed to both events, and it would help catering arrangements if people could let Jim Armstrong (482452) know the likely numbers for the supper. We hope the Church decorating team will be able to perform its usual wonders for that weekend.

It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious.

Oscar Wilde, Lady Windermere's Fan,

COMMUNITY LEADER FOR LONG BREDY & LITTLEBREDY



Alongside of Alison and Jeanne, Wayfinders for Long Bredy & Littlebredy (part of the Chesil Bank villages), I work as a Community Leader for Dorset POPP. My role is to challenge and change the way services are provided to older people. I work with service providers and older people to identify gaps in how these services are delivered and opportunities for them to be developed locally.

Another aspect of my work is to support The Community Initiatives Commissioning Fund whereby older people have identified opportunities to start up new projects, for example: lunch clubs, computer classes, Neighbourcar voluntary transport scheme, Memory Cafes, Carers' Support groups, individual Senior Forums, coffee mornings, exercise classes and equipment, table tennis groups and many more. There is an application and appraisal process, led by older people, that has to date funded over 170 new initiatives throughout Dorset.

So if there is any group of people in Long Bredy or Littlebredy who are over 50 yrs of age, who feel that they would like to either start something new or perhaps extend what they already offer, please contact me to talk about your idea. Currently the funding available is not huge but may be just the boost you need to get something off the ground and for it to be sustainable. Unfortunately single events cannot be supported.

For those of you who are not familiar with the POPP message it is simply this:

“To build supportive communities enabling older people to remain living in their own homes for as long as they wish”.

This includes appropriate housing, not being isolated, feeling safe and financially secure, free from discrimination, being able to make a positive contribution, be in good health in mind and body and have dignity and choice throughout their life.

Please ring me if you would like to talk further on 07825 206047 or e-mail on lesley.chandler@helpandcare.org.uk. I will respond but there may a delay as I work part-time.

Lesley Chandler

MAN, n. An animal so lost in rapturous contemplation of what he thinks he is as to overlook what he indubitably ought to be. His chief occupation is extermination of other animals and his own species, which, however, multiplies with such insistent rapidity as to infest the whole habitable earth and Canada.



LONG BREDY

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ST PETER'S

HARVEST FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 20TH 11AM.

Calling all pet lovers! This year we invite families to bring their pets to a family Harvest service; cats, dogs, birds, hamsters, ponies, whatever you have. This is something new for this end of the valley so come and join us for this special Harvest day.

The service will be followed by a **HARVEST LUNCH** at the village hall, 12.30pm, in aid of hall funds. We will provide fresh local food, so take a day off from cooking and meet your friends at the hall.

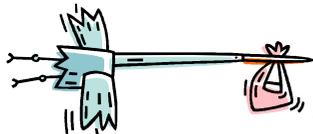
Enquiries to Elinor 482269 or Sara 482637

2009 FETE

What a beautiful afternoon we had on 12th July. Thank you very much to Juniper and family for letting us use her lovely garden. The Frome Valley Morris Dancers were great fun and all the stalls well supported. numbers of people through the gate were down but we still made £1967; a great achievement.

Donations to the Village Hall, £800, and playing field, £200, are being made. A complete list is on the notice board.

A very big thankyou to stallholders, teas and all who helped in lots of ways.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Mark & Caroline Banham on the arrival of Sophia Mary Elizabeth, a lovely sister for William.

WELCOME

To Dan & Emma Christmas with children Tilly & Maddy who have moved into Bottleknapp Cottage. We hope they, the three cats and one rabbit enjoy life in Long Bredy.



PLEASE SEE previous page for information re POPP

I wish people who have trouble communicating would just shut up.

Tom Lehrer

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

PUNCKNOWLE FETE

A big thank you to all who helped to make our 2009 Fete a huge success, whether you helped organise, served on a stall, donated goods or produce, washed up or just came along and spent your money. A special thank you to Sarah and Jim Wild for the use of their beautifully landscaped garden. Without the help of those who worked so hard on and before the day we could not have raised the magnificent sum of over £3,500. Very many thanks.

The Fete Committee

HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

The Harvest Family Service will take place on Sunday 27th September at 11.00am and will be followed by a 'bring and share' harvest lunch in the village hall from noon onwards. Everyone, including children, is most welcome. A notice will be put up in the Church porch should you have time to let us know what you are bringing.

This is an invitation to all in the Bride Valley, to celebrate our harvest, so please make a note in your Diary and join us. For further information please contact Sue Brown on 897953 or Liz Slater 897751.

THE DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

SATURDAY 12TH 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

Beaminster seems to be a magnet for expert cooks. Lucky for us then that Maureen felt inclined to invite us for coffee, cakes and a not so working lunch. Many thanks to Maureen.

Our last lunch before the August break was at The Bull where we set the competition subject to be judged on September 4th when we return. This will be 'Creating a Character' or 'Catching a Likeness'. On September 18th we plan to sketch in Swyre Church.

VILLAGE HALL

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The Club will start its third year with a lunch on 15th September at 12.30. Members will need £1 for their yearly subscription in addition to the £4 for the meal which will be as follows-

Fruit Juices

Sausage and Mash or Chicken Supreme with Rice

Summer Pudding or Jelly and Ice Cream

Cheese and Biscuits

Tea or Coffee

Any member who did not order their meal at the July lunch should ring 897622 to do so before 11th September. Any person wishing to join the club should ring the same number.

BROADBAND ACCESS

The Village Hall's internet connection will again be available for all to use starting on Wednesday, 2nd September, and every Wednesday throughout the month, from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. The change of time is intended to allow access to those who may be unable to get home from work any earlier. Bring your own laptop and connect to the network, or use one of our machines. Support will be available to anyone who wants to come along and see what the fuss is all about!



100 CLUB RESULTS

April	1 st Prize	Ken Martin	£10
	2 nd Prize	Mary Fitzpatrick	£ 5
May	1 st Prize	David Buckland	£10
	2 nd Prize	May Yeates	£ 5
June	1 st Prize	Pam Carter	£10
	2 nd Prize	R Owen-Jones	£ 5
July	1 st Prize	Sandy Marshall	£10
	2 nd Prize	Madeline Marshall	£ 5

The next prizes will be drawn at the September Luncheon Club.

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 1st September commencing at 7.30pm.

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY, SWYRE.

SWYRE'S FAYRE FOR 2010!

Following the article in July's BVN there has been one response, and it was suggesting that we may consider moving the date of our Fayre. This would be to try to maximise the number of holiday makers who would be in the area to support the event and to avoid being too close to a number of similar events. We will be discussing this at our next church meeting on 10th September, so please let the church wardens (Madeline and David) know any views or ideas you may have before that date. Don't forget this is for the whole community, so all your ideas are welcome. Thanks to the one respondent. Now let's hear from some more of you.



DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST CYCLE RIDE/WALK

This years sponsored Cycle Ride/Walk is to take place on Saturday 12th September. If anyone is interested to do this in aid of a very worthwhile charity, forms and other information may be obtained from Tony Taylor at 4 Green Barton, telephone 898523, or Des Kennedy 2 Green Barton, telephone 897877. You can visit as many or as few Churches in the area as you wish and refreshments should be available at each venue.

The Trust gives valuable assistance including financial help to Parishes in need of funds for work needed on Churches and this is one way of showing support to this worthwhile cause.

WORKING PARTY

The September Church working party will be on 12th September for work you see needs doing for your Church. I am usually there most Saturday mornings but unfortunately not this one, but we would welcome help in the maintenance of Church and Churchyard.

SERVICES

Following the Songs of Praise season we are back to our normal pattern of services :

6th September : Evening Prayer

13th September : Family Service Sheet

20th September : Holy Communion

27th September : Holy Communion by extension

PCC MEETING Just a reminder to all PCC members that the next PCC meeting will be on 10th September at Chantry House 7.30 P.M.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

On Friday 2nd October we shall be decorating the Church for Harvest starting at 10.30am: anyone who would like to help will be most welcome. We shall be having our usual coffee and biscuits, and if you would like to join us just for coffee and company, we will be delighted to see you. Any spare flowers from your gardens will be gratefully received, together with any thanksgiving offerings. Last year offerings were taken to Chancery House Day Care Centre in Bridport and in the event of no other suggestions we shall do the same this year.

On Saturday Evening 3rd October we shall be having our Harvest celebratory meal.

We were very conscious last year that we were unable to seat everyone in the village in the rear of the Church and consequently we have decided to hold the Harvest Swyre Village Party in the Village Hall this year. We shall be circularising further information to Swyre residents and we welcome anyone from the valley who would like to join us, just telephone Madeline on 897318 to let us know if you would like to come. The party will be a plate party; anything sweet or savoury; bring your own wine and we will provide tea and coffee.

On Sunday 4th October at 6.30pm come and be with us all in our lovely old Church when we hold our Harvest Service of Thanksgiving. A warm welcome awaits you then, as always.

David Buckland and Madeline Marshall, Church Wardens

LITTON CHENEY

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   **BacktoChurchSunday**

27TH SEPTEMBER 2009

'Back to Church Sunday' began in Manchester in 2004, spread to Wakefield Diocese in 2005, nine dioceses in 2006, 20 in 2007, and 38 in 2008, when an estimated 37,000 people came back. Every one of the Church's 44 dioceses is taking part in the initiative this year.

St. Mary's Litton Cheney will be holding a special service at 9.30am on 27th September, led by Revd. Ryder Rogers, and there will be a warm welcome for anyone who would like to try coming 'Back to Church'.

Do come - you might be pleasantly surprised - and there will be refreshments afterwards!

FAREWELL

Hugh and Carol Lindsay are leaving Litton on 1st September 2009 and will be moving to Wynford House, Wynford Eagle, Maiden Newton DT20ER, PHONE 01300-321751



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Luca Spiller on his graduation from Exeter University on 24th July 2009, with a Bachelor of Science degree (with Honours) in Computer Science. Well done, Luca!

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the council will be on Tuesday 8th September, 7.30 pm at the Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. All welcome.

LITTON CHENEY LENGTHSMAN

The Parish Council is interested in employing a person to keep the village looking at its best. Duties would include keeping the verges tidy, sprucing up street furniture and signs, removing dog mess, removing litter and other similar deeds. If you are interested in such a position please write to John Firrell, Parish Clerk, Litton Cheney Parish Council, Wheelwright's Cottage, Litton Cheney DT2 9AR who will furnish more details.

John Firrell

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The July Village Walk had to be cancelled due to the rain - whatever happened to the long range promise of a very hot summer?! The next **VILLAGE WALK** is on September 12th starting at the bus shelter.



The Second **BRIDE VALLEY NAVIGATIONAL CHALLENGE** was a great success. The sun shone and the valley looked wonderful as 26 intrepid participants "navigated" their way around valley and someway beyond! There were a total of 7 cars, two of which decided to have a refreshment break at the SPYWAY, including last year's winners. This left the coast clear for the STEDDINGS to come through on the inside and pip TOP DRAW by 0.3 of a mile to win the 2009 trophy!! Congratulations to Diana, Jennie, Brian, and Freddie, on such a tremendous win. It's good to know that the Parish Council is in such capable hands!! The "correct" distance was around 33 miles, and it is interesting to note that the BIONICS did keep going.....for 40 miles!!!

We all eventually ended up, as planned, at THE WHITE HORSE for a great supper. Many thanks to Clive, Lois and David for their time and organisation. We did enjoy ourselves, including the introduction to Tulip Diagrams!!

The **BARN DANCE** will be on Saturday October 3rd at the Hall, and tickets will be on sale shortly. The Casterbridge Band will be back by popular demand, so do come along, enjoy the treat of dancing on a sprung floor plus a great buffet and beer from the barrel!! Look forward to seeing you there.

Unfortunately because of insurance difficulties there will not be a **BONFIRE** this year. Apologies for this, but it is a reflection of the litigious times.

The committee is keen to assist in establishing a **FILM NIGHT** using the wonderful facilities at the hall. If you would be interested in such an evening and, even better, have some ideas of what and how, please give any of the following a call:

Ron Davidson 482661, Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482378, David Taylor 482532.

LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER & BEYOND

Forthcoming attractions include **TAI CHI** and **TABLE TENNIS** courses for 13 weeks with qualified instructors as part of the Fit as a Fiddle programme. The first sessions are free, so come and give it a go!! Tai Chi will start on Wednesday September 16th at 2.00pm, and Table Tennis also in September at a date and time to be arranged, see www.littoncheney.org.uk for more details or phone Alison Davidson on 482661.

A Social **BADMINTON EVENING** led by Fiona Gibson will start on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm.

All bats, rackets, balls and shuttlecocks will be provided, so just come along and enjoy the activities.

PILATES will recommence on Monday 7th September. Newcomers welcome at either 4.00 or 5.00pm. **YOGA** resumes on Friday 11th September at 9.30 am. Any newcomers should have previous yoga experience.

NEW WORLD WINE TASTING with Steven Spurrier. These events are very special as those who attended a French Wine Tasting this time last year will testify. International Wine Guru Steven Spurrier will impart his considerable knowledge, with just a whiff of the sommelier's apron and demonstrate why the New World is giving France a run for its money. Places

are limited and the cost £30 per person (proceeds to LATCH). The date is Saturday 26th September, at 7.00pm in the Hall.

Tickets are available from Freddie Spicer (482617), Ron Davidson (482661), John Firrell (482313) or David Taylor (482532). Don't leave it too long: tickets are going fast for this monster treat.

STAIRWAY TO THE STARS. The sky at night via the telescope and knowledge of Steve Kourik. Learn about the Bride Valley sky, and why it is a special place to be, astronomically speaking. Tuesday 27th October for an evening of Starry, Starry Nights.

For more details go to Events at the Hall at www.littoncheney.org.uk

LATCH 2010 CALENDARS Once again we have put together a beautiful collection of images of the Bride Valley and incorporated them into a wall calendar whilst still leaving you room to jot down your forthcoming engagements. These are the perfect gifts but be warned, the recipients of the calendars will be green with envy when they realise what a wonderful place the Bride Valley is. Our thanks to Claire Gross for all her artistic efforts and to CG Fry & Son for their material support. Details on how to possess these works of art can be found on www.littoncheney.org.uk or call Ron Davidson (482661), David Taylor (482532) or John Firrell (482313). Order now!

KEEEEEP DANCING

Every month we are holding a dance in our new Hall. Beginning in September, it will take place every second Saturday until Christmas. So after watching Bruce on the TV come on down to the Hall, put on your dancing shoes and waltz and cha cha the night away.

The first dance is on 12th September. All abilities welcome, just come and enjoy the dancing and benefit from a little exercise.

As well as all your favourite ballroom dances we will include some sequence dances and plenty of Latin American including the jive. There will not be a bar but you are welcome to bring your own refreshment.. Why not get a group together, share the food and drink and make it a party night. Further details, and advance tickets, which are only £3 per person per night, are available from John 01308 482170.



REALLY, adv. Apparently.

MAGIC, n. An art of converting superstition into coin. There are other arts serving the same high purpose, but the discreet lexicographer does not name them.

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

PICNIC IN THE PARK

The PCC of St. Martin's wish to thank the Village Society for their most generous gesture in donating half of the raffle proceeds to our West Window Appeal. This has added £246 to our Appeal fund. Thank you very much.



FETE

Despite the inclement weather we had a successful fete. It was extremely cosy in the village hall, but amidst a lot of laughter we raised a most respectable sum of £970. The Novelty Dog Show once again proved to be an invaluable source of amusement and the PCC wishes to thank Dorwest Herbs for sponsoring this event and Petpals for organising it.



CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE DAY

We will be having a session on churchyard maintenance on Saturday 26th September from 10.00am until midday. Tasks include ivy removal from the walls and bush trimming. Any help would be most warmly welcomed - please bring secateurs and clippers if you have them.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival is on Sunday 27th September at 11.00am. Everyone is most warmly welcome to this special service. The church will be decorated on the Saturday morning (26th September) and if you would wish to donate flowers and/or vegetables and fruit we would be most appreciative.

HARVEST SUPPER

This will be on Wednesday 30th September at 7.30p.m. This year we will be serving beef and also pork with stuffing and apple sauce, instead of beef and ham. A vegetarian meal is available, but we ask that you let us know if you would like this at the time of purchasing your ticket. The entertainment this year is John & Jilly Dobson and a good time is anticipated.

Gillian Maxfield, Churchwarden

BOTTLES GALORE!

Thank you for the most generous contributions that you made for the Bottle Bola at the Church fete when I came knocking on your doors. You made the collecting process a real pleasure. Many thanks.

Jo Warren



I am pleased to announce that we have two definite dates for the winter programme, with a third date to be confirmed in March.

On Wednesday 28th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall we have '**SWINGERS IN SUSPENDERS**'. It is bold, brassy, occasionally risqué and certainly not afraid to be excellent entertainment! Welcome to a swinging cabaret night at the King Villa Lounge, Hollywood. James Cagney and Joan Crawford host a galaxy of stars... Bing Crosby, Marlene Dietrich, Groucho Marx, Dean Martin, Edith Piaf and Frank Sinatra have already agreed to lend their talents!

Jo King and Alexi Harden sing and dance ~ comedy, puppetry and glamorous costumes are all here in a kaleidoscopic, burlesque review of the 1930's, 40's and 50's. *It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that 'ping'!*

This will be held in cabaret style, seated at tables, so please feel free to bring refreshments as usual! Tickets are £7.50 each (to be paid in advance please). Book with Doris Benselin on 897562.

The second show will be on Wednesday 27th January (more details later).

Jo Warren

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH SURVEY

Firstly a big 'Thank You' to all who have completed and returned the Parish Survey. For those who have not yet completed or returned it, it is not too late, it can be returned to Old Manor Farm (Junction of Brook St. & Chapel St.), Fir Tree Cottage (Bottom of Shipton Rd) or call 01308 888082 for collection. It is important that as many of your views as possible are considered in the Parish and Parish Plan. In due course the results will be analysed and a 2009 Parish Survey published.

Peter Gates

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Ernie Thomas Parish Clerk

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

August began with our summer show, which was a great success despite the poor weather. Original worries that produce had failed to grow were dispelled by record entries for the various categories. Children's categories and the poetry were judged by popular vote. The overall show winner was Steve Larcombe.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to a visit to Salisbury, including an afternoon's racing, and the village fair, as well as the Melplash Show.

September brings the **VILLAGE WALK** on September 5th and a day trip to London on the 13th, guided by "Big Bob" Ayers looking at Leafy, Literary and Legal London.

The presentations for the Calor Community Village of the Year Business Award are on September 24th and we intend to hold a "**PARTY IN THE PUB**" on Friday 25th September. Look out for more detailed notices nearer to the time.

Advance notice for **BINGO** in the Village Hall on Wednesday October 7th – everyone is welcome to come and join us!

John Kent

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

100 CLUB AUGUST DRAW

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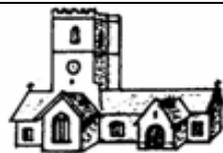
BURTON BRADSTOCK

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WANTED - CORRESPONDENT FOR BURTON BRADSTOCK

John and Cathy Lay-Flurrie will be giving up the job of Village Correspondent after the October edition. The job entails receiving e mailed messages from the representatives of local organisations and individuals and passing them on to the editor, who has the sole decision about what is printed.

Please e mail the editor if you feel this monthly task is for you.

Cathy and John Lay-Flurrie

ST MARY'S CHURCH

COME AS YOU ARE ... BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Churches all over the country will be holding a special service on Sunday 27th September with the theme 'come as you are'. Therefore at 11am on that day a service will take place at St Mary's Burton Bradstock.

Please say to a friend, neighbour or member of your family "would you like to come with me to something I love ... come to church"! They may not have been for some time, or indeed, never before, but all are welcome.

FETE

6TH AUGUST 2009

A rather dismal day did not dampen the spirits of those who attended the Church Fete and the large crowd enjoyed themselves greatly and spent most generously.

The usual stalls and games did a brisk trade and the Rector, who it was good to see back in harness after his illness, welcomed everyone but was banned from his preferred role on the Wet Sponge game. His place was taken by John Lay Flurrie, suitably clad in goggles and snorkel, who with Steve and Janet Tolputt were equally willing targets!

Punch and Judy were ever popular and with St Swithun's band helped to provide a marvellous atmosphere.

The Rural Crafts theme attracted plenty of interest and the demonstrations of spinning, weaving, lace making, walking stick making and net making were fascinating to watch. A display of bee keeping and honey products was joined by two human sized bumble bees named Buzz and Bizzy (Alan and Judy Clarke) who jollied everyone along.

There were excellent prizes for the Grand Draw and wonderful items included in the Auction and these both raised major sums of money. This was possible thanks to our most generous sponsors and donors.

The five day Celebration of Flowers in the Church looked wonderful and provided great interest and the annual chance to climb the Church Tower proved unmissable for a large number of people.

Linked to the Fete on Friday evening was a very special concert given by the suitably traditionally attired Beaminster Gallery Quire who explained about the history of music in churches in the past and sang beautifully to a full church.

Together the Fete, the Flower displays and the Concert raised £6500 for the upkeep of the church which is an absolutely splendid result.

An extremely large "Thank You" is due to everyone who helped to make this possible.

Peter Broomhead: Fete Co-ordinator

St. Mary's Harvest Supper

Saturday 10th October 6.30 – 9.45pm

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

*Tickets (£5.00 to include first drink, £2.50 for children under 12)
will be available at the Post Office from the beginning of September*

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



St.Mary's P.C.C.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BELL RINGERS

The West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Bell ringers recently held a branch striking competition. Burton entered two teams; a Ladies' Team and a Men's team. Out of a total of eight competing teams, Burton Ladies came first



BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW, SATURDAY 18TH JULY, 2009

At the Village Hall on the morning of Saturday 18th July, there was much activity as exhibitors deposited their beloved items for the Show. Bad weather had not inhibited the competitors, judging by the sheer size of some of them.

All morning judges and their minders munched away or peered at various exhibits (I was the fortunate minder of the Shloe Gin Fudge, who, very thoughtfully, yay, yay, yay thoughtfully indeed, in fact indeed, let me help him in raking up his mind...).

They say that dogs often resemble their owners – I guess that this may be true of some exhibits - but that is not to say that there were not other images created by, for example the giant cabbages, which looked like contented spaniels lying before a cosy fire or a comforting Aga. Breath-takingly beautiful flower arrangements, delightful craft work and a turn-out that crammed the Hall all afternoon. The tables groaned under regiments of currants, gooseberries, loganberries and cherries; swathes of potatoes, courgettes, beans and apples. The walls decked with paintings and colourful and skilful embroidery, knitting and sewing. This paragraph just cannot do justice to the success of the occasion, due almost entirely to the efforts, once again, of Sandy Adderley.

MONTHLY TALKS – 2009/10

The season begins again on Friday 18th September at 7.30pm (as usual) with a talk by Dr Carole Bourne-Taylor, entitled, “Don't be afraid of Virginia Wolf - a Beginners' Guide Bloomsbury”. Carole' first book was “The imaginary World of Virginia Wolf” and her latest, to be published this Summer, is an “Anthology of Phenomenology (you may well ask what that is!) and Modernism”. Those who attended her talk on Art Nouveau will remember an unusual and entertaining trip through Paris of the 1890s.

The programme for the rest of the season is:

16 th Oct	Abbotsbury Swannery	Dave Wheeler
13 th Nov	Rainforest, light and spirit	Sir Ghillean Prance (Kew Gardens)
4 th Dec	From the Atlantic to Peru	Shirley Critchley
15 th Jan	Tracing Roman Roads	Peter Lawrie
12 th Feb	The Prison Fiasco	Andrew Rutherford (Howard League)

12th Mar Thirty Years of Wildlife Photography

Colin Varndell

16th Apr Aride Island: Seychelles Nature Reserve

Pam Middlemast

More detail of these events will be promulgated before each meeting.

Membership of the Society is a snip at £3 a member for the year, plus £1 to get in on the night. Refreshments are always provided at “modest contribution” prices. The Annual Outing next year will be to Dunster Castle with a trip on the Steam Train, details to be announced later in the year.



BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE GROUP

Play resumes on Tuesday 8th September at 2pm prompt in the Village Hall. For further information please phone 898117

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

The Players need new members – particularly MEN!! If there are any aspiring male actors (or, indeed, female ones!) reading this, please telephone me and have a chat about joining the Players. Also, we are always on the lookout for people who could help us in any capacity – directing, producing, stage-managing, stage crew, etc. Please do come and join us! Unfortunately we were not able to produce a play this summer, mainly owing to a lack of young/middle-aged male actors.



We hope soon to be able to announce our February production and dates for auditions. So, come on, MEN let's be having you!!

Daphne Ekins, Hon. Secretary: 01308 897415

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



The flavour of last month seemed to be ‘diesel’! A cap was forced open from a car in the village and the tank syphoned off! Also 400 litres of diesel was removed from a farmer’s tank close to Burton; even the 6 foot fence surrounding it didn’t stop the determined thief/thieves who must have had a large tank, pipes and vehicle to carry it away. Any person who knows anything about this or has been offered cheap fuel should please contact PC Nigel or PC Poppy or me. Another very upsetting theft was roses that were dug up from a lady’s garden.

I received 4 calls from residents complaining about a very pushy male claiming to be collecting for the Red Cross via an agency. Even though I asked him to stop cold calling, he continued to pester people. A full description of him was given to the police and I informed the Manager in

charge of donation sales at the Red Cross Head Office. I should, however, suggest that if you did take up a direct debit donation through this person, you should cancel it asap and closely check your bank statements.

Finally, every month there is the opportunity to meet with our local police officers and me to chat through any queries. Details of this are in the Post Office window.
Ian Pitt-Aikens: 01308-897440

CALLING ALL BURTON BRADSTOCK MUSICIANS... **BURTON BRADSTOCK HARVEST SUPPER BARN DANCE 10TH OCTOBER**

I'm keen to recruit a 'scratch' band of villagers interested in forming a country dance band to perform at the supper. Interested? You will need to be over 13, grade 4 or equivalent on your instrument, be prepared to attend a couple of rehearsal evenings at my house, Greensleeves' Annings Lane, and be free to perform on the evening of the dance. Katy Woodrow and I will supply tea, biscuits music & advice. First rehearsal is 10th September from 7.30 – 9.30pm.

Just turn up with instrument, or if you want to know more, ring me on 01308 897389 or email davidjpowell@fsmail.net
David Powell

'QUINTESSENTIAL' COMES TO BURTON BRADSTOCK.

Individually, each member of 'Quintessential' has an outstanding voice, having either studied singing at The Royal College of Music or as a choral scholar at university, but when the five of them sing in various combinations of harmony, the result is an experience not to be missed: and there is an opportunity to hear them when they give a concert in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 19th September. Three of the members, Elizabeth Drury (Soprano), Robert Cross (Countertenor) and Robert Woodford (Tenor) will also be singing solos. The music performed will be wide ranging, from Tallis to Gershwin and will include folk song arrangements for five voices.

The concert starts at 7.30pm. Admission is £7.50 (tickets now available from the Post Office) and is in aid of The Children's Society. Further details from Pauline Woodford (01308 898327).

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

"200 CLUB" AUGUST 2009 DRAW

WDDC Licence no: SLO080

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£44.00	No 189:	Miss Wynne Hughes
2 nd	£22.00	No 216:	Mrs Andrea Wilkinson



3rd £11.00 No 198: Mrs Sylvia Delves

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the September-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £4 – one pound for each of the remaining 4 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.



RNLI BURTON COLLECTION

During a very rainy week the house to house collection in Burton Bradstock raised £480.90 for Lifeboats (RNLI). Grateful thanks to those who ventured forth in the terrible weather and who gave of their time and energy and also to all who gave generously at the door. *Thelma M. Skues*

BEYOND THE VALLEY

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH)

At our quarterly Branch Committee Meeting on 30th July, 2009, members stood in silent tribute to William “Denis” Jenkins of Thornford who had recently passed peacefully away at Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne. He joined the Branch in 2000 and despite being hampered by Parkinson’s Disease, he often travelled to our area where he enjoyed RBL events. A real gentleman and a fun loving man, he will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with his wife Betty and her family.



Poppy Appeal Organiser Peter Hoare (01305 871328) reminds us that now is to time to give him your order for Poppy Wreaths, Crosses, Sprays etc. so that they are received in good time for Remembrance Day. Poppy Appeal Collectors are required for a couple of parts of Portesham so if you can help Peter would like to hear from you also.

Our Thursday, 17th September meeting takes place at 7.30pm in Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury, when the speaker will be a representative of Dorset County Council’s Trading Standards Department.

“East Lancashire Railways” by Roy Winterburn is the subject for discussion at Portesham Methodist Hall on Thursday, 15th October, 2009. Meeting starts at 7.30pm and visitors would be welcomed for a donation of £1, at this, or the September meeting.

ADVANCE NOTICE: On Friday 20th November, 2009, we shall run a coach to Ascot Racecourse/Christmas Market. There will be a full day’s meeting and about 35 Christmas stalls to keep you entertained between races. Grandstand Tickets, usually £15, if pre-booked and paid for will be

£8.50 for members or £9.50 for guests. Coach fares will be assessed nearer the date, but to cover cost only. More details available on the web at www.ascot.co.uk. Book with the writer please.

I am researching the possibility of running a 4 or 5 day tour of Wales with visits to some of the principality's narrow gauge heritage railways in April or May, 2010, and would like to hear from those who, without obligation, might be interested.

Des Baker: 01305 267617

"BIG DORSET BRUNCH"

NEW RADIO PROGRAMME EXCLUSIVE FOR DORSET!

On Saturday, 25th July, 2009 the BBC launched the "Big Dorset Brunch". The local reporter, Harry Crawford, hosted the programme in the Dorchester studio on 103.8MHz FM on Radio Solent from 8:00am to 11:00 am. It will be broadcast each Saturday from now on.

Because of the reception issue (in that it doesn't reach much further west than Abbotsbury) it is primarily aimed at the Dorchester/Weymouth areas, although it includes items from across the county. For more information, see the item also under "DorBAG Latest" on the DorBAG website -



NEW BBC DORSET WEBSITE

In addition, the BBC Dorset web site team, based in Dorchester, launched a new look website for the county on Wednesday, 29th July, 2009. This should be much improved, easier to use, and will have more information etc. etc. Go to: www.bbc.co.uk/dorset

AUTUMN ADULT LEARNING BROCHURE

With a huge range of activities and classes around the county, there's something for everyone in Dorset Adult Learning's autumn brochure which is out now.



Janet Beauchamp, DAL's Service Manager for Curriculum Quality and Learner Services says: "There are literally hundreds of courses to choose from all around Dorset. I'm particularly proud of our languages programme, for which we have just won a prestigious European award. Our Skills for Life programmes were graded good in our recent OFSTED inspection too."

You can enrol for courses on line, by post or by speaking to a customer care adviser. Adult learning is open to anybody aged 16+ and courses last anything from two hours to an academic year. Courses and programmes take place during the day and evening, during week days and at weekends offering great flexibility and choice.

Arts, crafts and media are always popular with demand expected to be high for a series of Saturday workshops about the Italian Renaissance, Botticelli, art in Florence and Soviet Russia. Why not make some jewellery or flouncy voile flowers or try a Drawing for the Terrified course to boost your confidence?

Personal development, stress management and self esteem are under the spotlight in the ever popular Yourself & Others programme. A range of IT courses is available, together with business workshops. You may like to invest in your future with an NVQ or study for a GCSE or an A level. Health, sport, fitness, leisure and beauty therapy are in strong demand with complementary therapies and counselling skills also on offer. You may like to tickle your taste buds with a cookery course, learn a new language or brush up rusty skills or study psychology. Help is at hand for anybody needing to improve their English and Maths or for those whose first language is not English.

If you would like more information, please call 0800 26 26 48 or enrol online at www.dorsetforyou.com/adulted

ADVANCE NOTICE: CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

At 12.00noon on 25th December in Bridport for anyone on their own. Names for invitations can be given to Grant Butcher: 01308 456066, fambutcher@btinternet.com. Offers of help also welcome.

BRIDPORT & DISTRICT COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next lunch will be on Wednesday 9th September at 12.30pm in Bridport United Church Hall, East Street – bring lunch to share, drinks provided. The June lunch was attended by over 30 people, representing a broad range of the community, care and charity groups in the local area, who felt it provided a very useful information exchange. For more details, contact Churches Together secretary on 01308 427851.

SUNDAY TEA & CHAT

Do you know anyone who is on their own or lonely at weekends? Tell them about Afternoon Tea on the 3rd Sunday of each month, at 3.00pm (till 5.00pm) at Bridport United Church Hall in East Street.

Contact Tom on 455674 or Jo on 427851 for more details or if you need help with transport. Offers of help welcome too.

PATHWAYS TO CARE,

which has been providing an information signposting service in the area for many years, is taking over the running of **Bridport & District Good Neighbours**. This scheme helps people with transport, shopping, visiting – needs which may not yet be met by other agencies or organisations. To

revitalise the scheme, we need new volunteers – can you spare some time to help occasionally? Call 01308 427851 for more details.

GOOD BOOKS

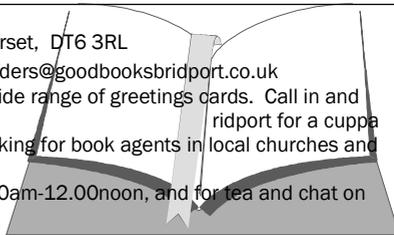
St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL

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 10.00am-12.00noon, and for tea and chat on most Monday and Wednesday afternoons



CHAI & CHAT (West Dorset/Africa network) meets at Good Books on the 3rd Monday of each month. At the next meeting on Monday 21st September 2.30 – 4.30pm, Ruth Homer will share her experiences of Bees for Development – which should also be of interest to bee fans & honey lovers too! For more information: 01308 868791 or 427851.

THREADS OF HOPE meet again on Wed 16th September 2.00pm at Good Books after the summer break, with a list of requested items to make for the children & staff at Julia's House. If you enjoy sewing & handicrafts, come along and join us.

Good Books stocks a wide range of **greetings cards** for all occasions so why not drop in for a coffee or tea and a browse? We continue to accept **second hand books** for our shelves as well as to send to Book Aid. Also if you have any suggestions on what else you would like us to stock or how we can improve our service to meet your needs, we'd be pleased to hear from you (and we had a lovely time at the Punknowle Garden Fete – thank you for inviting us.).

UPARO DISPENSARY

I signed a three year contract in 1962, close to the date of Independence in Tanzania. A year later I met and married my husband Charles and left teaching to live in Western Kenya.

Now, fifty years later, I feel called to make up for the two years teaching I did not do. After consulting with the Parish Priest, the Primary School Teacher, Dr. Julius at the Dispensary and the Chairman of the PCC, the greatest need seems to be for accommodation at the Dispensary.

At present, any serious, life threatening cases which occur at night are simply not seen because there are no staff buildings "on the spot". The Dispensary is in Uparo Village in Kilimanjaro region in N.E. Tanzania. It was started in 1980 and is 30 kilometres from the nearest Regional & District Hospitals. I am holding a Coffee Morning/Table Top Sale, with friends, at the United Church Hall in East Street, Bridport on Saturday 19th September from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. - do come and join us. If you would like more information please call me on 01308 868791.

Veronica Ziegler

VALLEY NOTES



MOTHERS UNION.

Next meeting on Thursday 24th September. 2.30pm at Norburton, Burton Bradstock.

Yvette Smith. 898219.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

Monday, 21st September 2009 - Social evening at The New Inn, Shipton Gorge £5 including supper. All members welcome but please notify Jim Reeves if you are attending (897091).



The Royal British Legion, Bride Valley Branch Present

A Band Concert in aid of the Poppy Appeal

Featuring

The St. Swithun's Silver Band

At the Village Hall, Burton Bradstock on

Friday, 23rd October, 2009 at 7.30 pm

Popular music from the shows and films as well as traditional Silver
Band Music

Tickets available from the Post Office £ 5

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

We had a very interesting topical talk in July on preparing and growing winter vegetables given by Mark deGreef, a local organic vegetable producer. There was a lively question and answer session and the Club was subsequently asked to donate his fee to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Society.



There was no meeting in August but we are looking forward to another topical talk in September on planting bulbs for Christmas display and spring flowering to be given by Mr. Cyril Whitlock from our local Groves Nursery. Our final meeting in October will be given by Colin Varndell on Dorset Gardens.

JOBS TO DO

Sow winter lettuce, Oriental vegetables and overwintering onions for next spring. Plant out onion sets and young spring cabbage plants. Plant out new perennials and divide existing clumps. Plant daffodils and take cuttings of tender perennials.

*Sylvia Delves, Chair. E-mail: sylvia@delvesuk.freeserve.co.uk
Valerie Cameron, Secretary. E-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net Tel: 01308 482240*



NATIONAL TRUST

Greetings from the National Trust West Dorset Team!

No sooner has work finished to improve the car park at Burton Bradstock beach, and the National Trust is digging it up again – but this time it is part of local celebrations to mark the completion of the project.

Wednesday 15 July saw children from Burton Bradstock Primary, helped by NT staff; bury a time capsule on the site. Inside were copies of local newspapers and magazines, National Trust information, contributions from local businesses, photos of the children, before and after shots of the car park work, and a signed copy of the yet-to-be-released new CD from local resident Billy Bragg.

Children from Burton Bradstock Primary, with head teacher Mark Stratta, helped Bob Cornish, NT's Roving Recruiter; to bury the capsule, which was donated by Hansford Construction Ltd – the contractors who worked on the project.

The idea came from the Bob Cornish, who is based at Hive Beach: “It’s been really interesting watching the work from start to finish, and it came into my mind, wouldn’t it be nice to bury a range of items and information about the village, National Trust and the project for prosperity.

“In many ways it’s sad to think that we won’t be around when the capsule is ‘discovered’, but it’s nice to know our little bit of Burton may be of interest to future generations.”

NT took over management of the car park back from the parish council in October 08 and just after Easter, started work to upgrade the parking bays and access, fill pot-holes, resurface the car park with a natural finish and install new drainage to permanently alleviate the regular flooding of the site.

Caroline Richards, Visitor Services Manager for the National Trust in West Dorset said “We’re really pleased with the result, and hope the car park



being up to this standard means everyone can enjoy this area in much more comfort all year round,” for further information about the Burton Bradstock project or other National Trust sites in West Dorset then please contact Caroline Richards Visitor Services Manager on 01297 561900 or e mail: caroline.richards@nationaltrust.org.uk Caroline Richards



SAFER NEIGHBOUR HOODS

PC NIGEL CASE AND PCSO POLLY WHEELER

cover the area of Burton Bradstock, Shipton Gorge, Puncknowle, Swyre, West Bexington and West Bay, as well as the entire Lodders voting ward, from Bridport.

*(The remainder of the Valley is covered by **PC SANDY REDFORD** and her team, who operate from Dorchester.)*

Recently, there has been a series of **BEAUTY SPOT THEFTS** from unattended motor vehicles. Cogden beach and Burton Bradstock are two of the worst hit areas. We have been putting up signs and handing out stickers and bags for people to put their belongings in. It is no longer enough to leave valuables in the boot of the car or to hide things in the glove compartment or under the seats. You must remove ALL valuables from the vehicle and take them with you.

DIESEL THEFTS appear to be on the increase yet again. Fortunately for you, the thieves are not hitting the Bride Valley too badly at the moment. However, this doesn't mean they won't. Please be alert for any suspicious vehicles around the area and report anything that you feel doesn't seem right. If you would like Crime Prevention advice on this matter then please contact us. We will be more than happy to visit you and look at a way of preventing the problem.

BOY RACERS are a never-ending agony at the moment, especially for those living and visiting West Bay. We have, however, had a few complaints about them driving around Hive beach car park and lurking around Burton Bradstock garage. We are looking at the area as much as we are with West Bay. Please phone us with any information about the vehicles and details as to what they are doing. Also if you can get the registration number of the vehicle, then we can often retrospectively deal with them. Please phone 01305 222222 at the time of the incident.

A reminder to all that when out enjoying the fabulous Dorset countryside; please **CLOSE BOUNDARY GATES** behind you. We get many 'phone calls about loose animals on the road to which we have to respond. Please remind yourselves to close the gate as this allows us to deal with other calls and complaints.

PARKING IN PUNCKNOWLE- it has been brought to our attention that

there is a parking problem outside the play area in Puncknowle. It is extremely difficult for vehicles to judge what is coming around the corner and local residents understandably are worried that there may soon be an accident. We are monitoring the area very closely and will take appropriate action to those people irresponsibly parking their vehicles.

PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT)- Our next PACT meeting will be held on 8th October. If you have any problems or concerns that you would like to be raised at the meeting please contact us on 01305 226930. I would like to remind everyone that this is not Police orientated. There are representatives from the local council, highways, neighbourhood watch, parish council, National Trust and housing associations to name a few. We will sit and discuss all issues that have been brought to our attention over the last 6 months and decide on 3 top priorities. We will then do our best to resolve the 3 priorities over the coming 6 months. We welcome any problems or concerns that matter to you.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the bookings for the **COMMUNITY SUPPORT VEHICLE**. We were due to come out to Swyre and Burton Bradstock in September and November but due to apparent lack of interest on previous visits, we cannot justify its use.

Finally, the **BURTON BRADSTOCK SURGERIES** are proving a great success! Nigel and I have been very impressed with the amount of people coming to see us. If you haven't been along yet then please do. We are there for an hour each month to listen to your problems or concerns. If you are happy and have nothing to report to us then please come along for a chat. We are more than happy to have a good ol' natter!

Contact us on 01305 226930, NON emergency-Safer Neighbourhood team office or 01305 222222- Dorset Police switchboard - 999- Emergency
PCSO 5413 Poppy Wheeler

B3157 PUBLIC DROP-IN SESSIONS

In September, Dorset County Council will be holding Public information drop-in sessions for the B3157 Road Safety Partnership Project to enable local people to find out more and have their say about the B3157 road safety partnership project.



Dates and times of these sessions will be:

Wednesday 16th September at Portesham Village Hall

Thursday 17th September at Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Both events are open to all between 2.00pm and 8.00pm. Come along to find out more and give us your views on this £1m project to enhance safety on the B3157 coast road between Chickerell and Bridport.

The project aims to make the route safer for all types of users and

local communities by:

Influencing driver behaviour

Addressing known accident locations

Promoting road safety training and education

Enhancing safety and access in keeping with the character of the landscape and villages

We need local people to help find solutions to safety and access problems along the coast road in keeping with its outstanding setting. A range of options will be available to view and members of the project team will be on hand to answer your questions. A questionnaire will be available for you to give us your comments.

There will also be a chance to sign up for driver refresher training with an advanced instructor.

Please visit www.dorsetforyou.com/b3157coastroad, call 01305 221000 or email ltip@dorsetcc.gov.uk for more information.

Posters and leaflets will also be distributed soon. Please let me know if you have any questions at all about these events.

Michael Carhart-Harris, Public Relations Officer, editor, "Your Dorset"

LAND'S END TO JOHN O'GROATS AND BACK FOR CHILDREN WITH LEUKEMIA .



Clearly bored from a lack of activity after running (and completing) this year's London Marathon at the age of 70, Brian Webster of Litton Cheney plans to cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats and back in aid of Children with Leukemia sometime in September. He has a target of £2000 in mind which actually seems small beer for the number of miles cycled (or indeed recycled!). If you would like to sponsor Brian for a very worthy cause contact him on 01308 482155.

JOLLYTOTS

welcomes all babies and toddlers up to 2½yrs with parents and carers to a new venue at a new time. We now meet in Burton Bradstock Parish Church (if wet) and in the Rectory Garden (if fine) from 9.30-11.00am each Monday during term time. More spaces - more equipment - more possibilities.



£1.50 to include refreshments for the adults.

Contact Heather (897780) or Natasha (898313) for more details



BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

Our visit to the Sealife Centre was most enjoyable - especially the Rock Pool creatures and the rides on the fairground boats. The weather was sunny and the children enjoyed splashing about in the pool.

On the last day of term we did play on the Bouncy Castle - but in the Hall, as it looked like rain. Then the sun came out again so we went along to Puncknowle Playing Field for our picnic lunches - making use of new picnic tables - and presentations of Scrapbooks and Leaving Certificates - then back to the Hall for more bouncing!

When the Bouncy Castle was collected, it was back to the Playing Field for games such as Egg and Spoon races, organised by Fiona. Staff were given some lovely flowers.

Maureen Lockett has started her NVQ2 and Emma Green has finished her NVQ3, while Fiona is continuing her degree course. Some of the Nestlings also came along in their buggies - and the rain kept off until after we went back to



Playgroup or home! Thanks to Paige Wakeley who came in for her work experience weeks, and to Sophie Lockett, who also helped on the day.

The Fledglings Website will be updated next term, and will include a Newsletter and new Policies.

Playgroup starts again on 7th September

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.

BRIDE VALLEY KNITTERS

The recently founded Bride Valley Knitting Group meets again after the summer, starting on Tuesday 8th and 22nd of September, from 2-4.00pm at Ourganics in Litton



Cheney.

Do come along if you are interested in knitting or crocheting whether you wish for instruction or inspiration. There will be a knitting tutor to help you get started. Bring your wool and needles, questions and ideas. We are looking forward to seeing you at the fireplace for the knitting for Christmas season.

For more details or directions ring Doris Ammermann 01308 897685 or Pat at Ourganics, 01308 482455.

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

We hope that you all enjoyed the summer.

At the end of term we wished Annie, Dionne, Imogen, Lucie, Rachel, Finn, Harry, Lewis, Hayden, William and William all the best for the next stage in their education. Parents, volunteers, friends, governors and staff listened to their speeches, reminding us of events which have happened during their time here at school. It is with a sense of pride that we all listen remembering when they first started school, many of them in Reception with Mrs Barry, and how they have grown both in height and stature.

The children have told me that they will miss Thorner's especially 'friends in year 5', 'knowing everyone in the whole school', 'representing the school in soooooo many sports',

'using the spectacular hall' and even 'being told off by Mrs J for swinging on my chair'. Year 6 also told me that they were not looking forward to 'lots of homework' or 'detentions'. It is a huge step for them



all as they move on to their Secondary Schools, we hope they feel prepared and make the most of every opportunity they can to experience more depth in many subjects. Good luck to each and everyone of you, we will miss you all.

This year in particular we also say goodbye to a number of families who have had a long association with Thorner's, even longer than me, though not as long as some of the staff. During the years they have helped

in so many ways, with coaching, the swimming pool, supporting TSA, enthusiasm, transport, attending concerts and church services, etc; thank you very much for that valuable support over the past years.

The new term starts in a few days and a number of families will be joining us for the first time so we hope that you enjoy your time here at Thorner's. We have a thriving School Association (TSA) who I am sure will welcome your support.

We welcome all our new pupils into reception and hope that they will make the most of all the opportunities available to them throughout their time here at Thorner's but most of all enjoy school and learning.

Alison Johnstone, Headteacher

100 CLUB WINNERS:

£15 Pam Massey

£10 Maria Maltby

BRIDE VALLEY BIBLE QUIZ

Sunday September 6th sees the start of the Quiz Season.

The opening event will include three 20 minute, University Challenge style matches between Shipton Gorge, West Bexington & Swyre United and the Four Seasons (with appropriate Vivaldi!). Please be at Burton Bradstock Village Hall in time for the 2.30pm start.

You may feel it very handy to enjoy lunch first from 12.30pm at the same venue, as it just happens to be an occasion for the United Valley 'Bring & Share' lunches.

The quiz season will be much shorter this time, ending on Sunday afternoon November 29th when the finals will be played and presentations made. Please book this date too and support your teams on each occasion. Contact Heather Rogers (01308 897780) for further information



BRIDE VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

based at Litton Cheney Community Hall

Starts again on Tuesday 8th September, from 7.00pm to-8.30pm, then meets every fortnight thereafter: cost is £1.50 per session.

The club is open to all children in the Bride Valley between 8 and 17yrs. Come along and try some sports, art, music or just chill out with your friends.

We have a tuck shop so bring along some extra money to spend.

Also we have our Summer Quiz on sale at Bridport and Dorchester tourist Information Centre's, Burton Bradstock Post Office, The White Horse, Litton Cheney, and The Crown, Puncknowle: cost £1, 1st prize £20, closing date 30th September 09

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE FROM ST. MALO TO GIBRALTAR FOR CLIC SARGENT



By the time this edition of the BVN is printed, Peter Bechervaise (22) from Litton Cheney should be well on his way to Gibraltar. He has set himself the challenge in his university holiday of cycling the 1500 or so miles from St. Malo in northern France to the very tip of Gibraltar in about 3 weeks. He has been training hard and spent many hours planning his journey. He will be accompanied by a friend as far as Biarritz but for the journey through Spain he will be entirely unsupported.

He would like to raise money for CLIC Sargent (a charity which supports children with cancer and leukaemia and their families) and would be very grateful to anyone who would like to sponsor him. If you are interested then please go to <http://www.justgiving.com/Peter-Bechervaise/> or phone his parents Rita and Philip on 01308 482366 for more information.



CAN YOU HELP?

Does anyone out there have a couple of hours a week to help out with the Bride Valley Scout Group.

We urgently need new Beaver and Cub leaders.

No experience necessary;

CRB checks and any training will be provided.

A fondness for children would be good!

Please contact Denise Hunt

(Group Scout Leader)

01308 458007



It is of interest to note that while some dolphins are reported to have learned English: up to fifty words used in correct context, no human being has been reported to have learned dolphinese. *Carl Sagan*

*In search of the ugliest plant in the world,
Guatemalan bandits, and other adventures'*

Charity Talk by Dr. Dave Aplin

New Director of the Kingcombe Centre

Wednesday 16th September 7.30pm

Litton Cheney Community Hall

Admission £5 incl. glass of wine

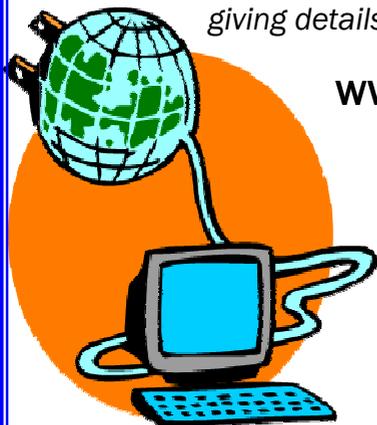
All proceeds to The Kingcombe Environmental Studies Centre.

For tickets in advance contact: 01300 320684

www.kingcombecentre.org.uk

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

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

The fact that an opinion has been widely held is no evidence whatever that it is not utterly absurd; indeed in view of the silliness of the majority of mankind, a widespread belief is more likely to be foolish than sensible.

Bertrand Russell, Marriage and Morals (1929)

A LITTLE NOTE FROM A CONTRIBUTOR TO BVN

The Editor may not print this, but I hope he will, so that I may put on record how much we, the contributors and we, the readers, of this great little magazine, appreciate all that goes into producing such a gem. Just stand back, folks, and look at the complexity that is mastered, literally every *month!* Who, but a madman would volunteer for such a thankless task? (Not me, that's for certain!)

This is one of the most important pieces of mail to drop through the letterbox each month, so, a vote of thanks to our Editor for all he does to make the click of that letterbox such an exciting moment.

Rita Ryder



Thank you for this - although I'm not too sure about the subtle hint regarding my state of mind!! Actually it's not too bad a job (as long as interruptions are few) but it's always good to get a little bit of affirmation. Credit has also to go to the Village Correspondents who's efforts in collating the individual village's contributions make this job much easier - and not forgetting the proof-reader who, in my time, has fielded a good few howlers

St James the Least of All

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

On the peculiar stains and smells of old choir robes

*The Rectory
St. James the Least*

My dear Nephew Darren

Your withering comments, saying that our choir robes, were "surplice" to requirements did not go down well at last week's practice. I will concede that Mr Baddeley's robes smell somewhat kippered and are laced with burns - but you can expect little less from 40 years of enjoying a final cigarette behind a gravestone before the start of Mattins.

Certainly, Mr Timmins's surplice has that strange series of red and blue polka dots, but that is only because he uses his time in the choir stalls when not singing to catch up on marking his pupils' essays. And we are only too conscious of Miss Thrupp's red gash down her front, making it look as if the choirmaster has just stabbed her for coming in one bar too soon - but trying to eat a jam doughnut just before that wedding five years ago was an unwise decision.

But you have no right to disparage choir uniforms. Your own music group's T-shirts, jeans and baseball caps are no

different from our robes - even though, unlike ours, they haven't seen their way through the death of Queen Victoria, the relief of Mafeking, and two world wars.

Our robes are steeped in history - which can have unintended consequences. There has always been rivalry between our two tenors. Some weeks ago one was given an elaborate solo, much to the other's disgust. Come the Service, as Major Clough warbled his way through his party-piece, Admiral Flagg developed an ostentatious cough. In an attempt to silence him, I found a cough sweet in my cassock and gave it to him. After the Service, he commented that it had a strange taste. I pointed out that it was not surprising, as it was in the pocket when I was given the cassock 50 years ago, by Canon Ball's widow after he died.

In an attempt to improve the look of the surplices, Mrs Wigg offered to starch them all. Unfortunately, her enthusiasm is only surpassed by her ineptitude. She worked on the principle that if one packet of starch was good, ten would be better. When the choir arrived the following Sunday, they found twenty surplices standing round the vestry floor looking like a circle of tents at Scout camp. I half suspected that they would sit on the floor in the centre round a fire and roast sausages.

Once the choir had struggled into them, they had to process up the aisle in single file, as they were all about 6 feet wide. The choir stood rigidly throughout the Service, knowing that any rapid movement risked severing a major artery.

But our style of choir dress has one advantage which yours can never equal. Within our choristers' voluminous robes, there is ample space for peppermints, packs of cards, the Sunday newspapers and balls of wool and knitting needles. Your music group must feel utterly bereft during the sermon.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD ON P.42

9 Loyalty	19 Obadiah	21 On earth	DOWN	6 Nylon	15 Ashore
8 Rhyme	17 Satan	22 Storm	1 Adrian	7 Saying	16 Thomas
4 Blinds	12 Loftiness	23 Exhale	2 Crystal	9 Lappidoth	18 Teeth
1 Access	11 Aenon	24 Depths	3 Siege	13 Funeral	20 Aisle
ACROSS	10 Antwerp	5 Lay bare	14 Spit out		

Sudoku

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Intermediate
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Easy
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Last Month's
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Flower Show

In deepest Dorset Merrie-flower-and-produce-England, I eulogised:
"What 'Summer lunch table' would not be enhanced?
Or entranced. What elegant Room, not appetised,
By Susan's Pauline Ming-blue plate?"
In Pavlovian obedience I salivate,
And in the corner, green Spaniels or Bloodhounds glower,
Cauliflower ears, their heads swept o'er;

(A judge's card says, "Only just in size".
What? But it's for them to philosophise.)

Near the beautiful vases that blare,
Is Ray West's imperious Von Hagen lawyer's stare.
Dragged from Flaubert to this twenty-first Century. Beware
His baleful Cyclops glare.

Fruitful battalions align themselves for any criticism I dare:
Gooseberry cavalry lead scarlet loganberries and a cohort of crimson
currants;

Baleful, too, black black berries
Eyes Right to warm claret cherries.
Beside me, mop-head Hydras, anxious for notice
From incey onions - sightless minions - that stare away in hope
To grope 'neath the folds of Folies-frilled lettuces.
Thrusting courgettes and their yellow parachute projectile cousins.
We should have run away
This cool Summer's day.
To the allotments,
Where real men make real Swiss Rolls
(with high ballistic potential)
For real men!

Real women are not slow to drink
Gin that's either sloe or pink
In this show, sloe's both pink and red
Usually it's the blokes that brew it in the shed.

Through the Playgroup Garden Suburb
("This butterfly can talk")
And beyond the palm tree rhubarb
(A hundred foot pink stalk),

With the reassurance of a whispering kettle,
Or the warmth of the farmhouse Aga's metal
(Away from the watchful eye of those verdant Spaniels),
Are Sandy Adderley's delightful Edwardian wallpaper perennials.
Home again to Chris Clarke's English tea cup theme
Eponymous in pink and cream.

With apologies to John Betjeman

Over the Garden Wall

by Perry Scope

Last month, the Village Society correspondent mentioned Agatha Christie's place, Greenway. Mrs S. and I took the opportunity to visit recently and enjoyed it "hugely" (as soldiers seem to say these days); the gardens were an explosion of colour and the weather, rarely, was all we could have wished for.

We were shown round as a small sub-set of the thousands of punters who are now systematically accelerating the demise of Agatha's lovely carpets. Seeing her house as it truly was is so interesting and gives much insight into the life of this remarkable lady, but those rugs must be protected; they just can't last for long with such punishment! Our group included an articulate orange monster of about eight years of age, with his parents; he had a lot to say for himself, reading out all the notices for us, touching everything and generally raising my blood pressure - clearly destined for Oxford in a few years' time (here I go again!). To give Daddy his due, he was clearly uneasy that trendy-Mummy should be so tolerant, encouraging even; but then, that's the modern way I suppose. As Daddy looked in our direction a couple of times, with a sort of apologetic half-shrug, we smiled wanly back in hypocritical reassurance.

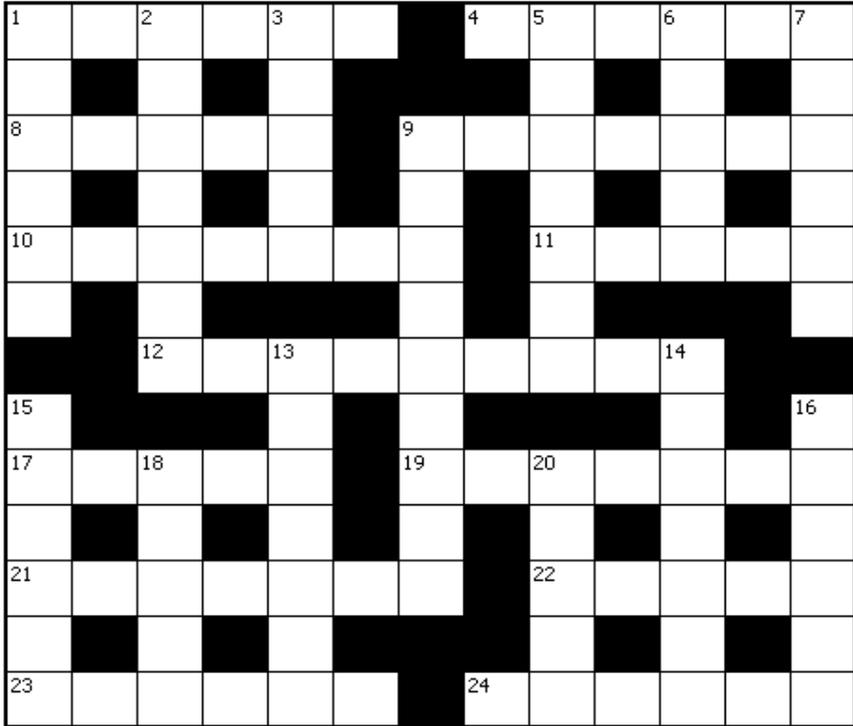
Once out of the house, the gardens brought the peace that only nature and its beauty can provide. Clambering down to the boathouse brought the most gratifying moment of our visit. At the foot of the path, on the quayside, was a notice: "Stop. Do not go down these steps". The Little Orange Oxford Monster stood before it, mouthing the words, his mother nearby - though not really near enough, as he promptly descended the steps as he had been programmed to do. Three steps down, the slippery seaweed and the tide did the trick. "WaaaAAARRRGHH!! Gurgle, gurgle" and he was gone in an instant. As he rose for the first time, eyes wide in the disbelieving horror, his bright orange T shirt clinging wetly to his frail torso, Mummy was next to him, tearing him from the clutches of the River Dart, wading ashore, L.O.O.M., a chastened marmoset, clutched to her breast. Daddy, almost unmoved by the episode, looked across to us, raised an eyebrow in resignation and muttered acidly, "Hence the notice."

It is, of course, right to give children their freedom, not to chastise them or in any way inhibit their whims, even if it does risk their lives and result in a pile of smelly washing.

CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible

(Solution on p.38)

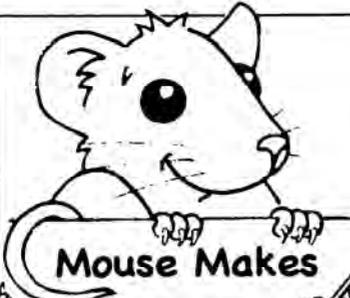


CLUES ACROSS

- 1 'Through [Christ] we have gained — by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
- 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
- 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
- 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)
- 10 Belgium's chief port (7)
- 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
- 12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)
- 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
- 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
- 21 'Your will be done — — as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)
- 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)
- 23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)
- 24 'Out of the - I cry to you, O Lord' (Ps 130:1) (6)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Popular Christian author and humorist, - Plass (6)
- 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)
- 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)
- 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)
- 6 Lonny (anag.) (5)
- 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)
- 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)
- 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)
- 14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)
- 15 'Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net — ' (John 21:11) (6)
- 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)
- 18 'There will be weeping and gnashing of — ' (Matthew 8:12) (5)
- 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)

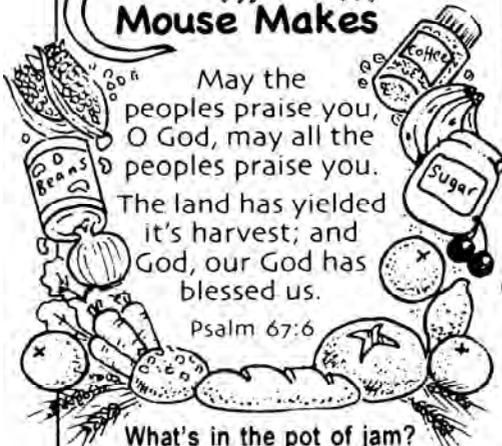


Mouse Makes

May the peoples praise you,
O God, may all the peoples praise you.

The land has yielded
it's harvest; and
God, our God has
blessed us.

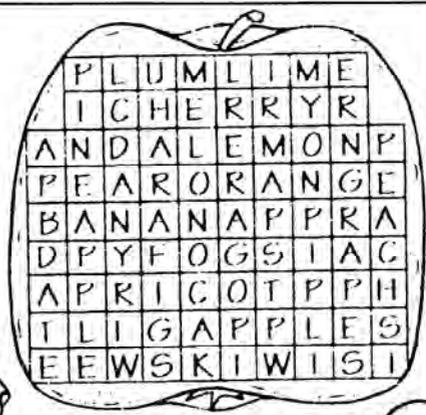
Psalm 67:6



What's in the pot of jam?

Can you find...

- CHERRY • YAM • WINE • KIWI
- FIG • MELON • CHIPS • PEAR
- PLUM • LIME • APPLE • GRAPE
- PEACH • MANGO • ONION
- LYCHEE • LEMON
- ORANGE



Can you find these fruit?

- PINEAPPLE • GRAPES • FIGS
- KIWI • MELON • PEACH • PIP
- CHERRY • PEAR • PLUM • LIME
- ORANGE BANANA • APRICOT
- APPLES • DATE

All good gifts around us are
sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank
the Lord for all his love.

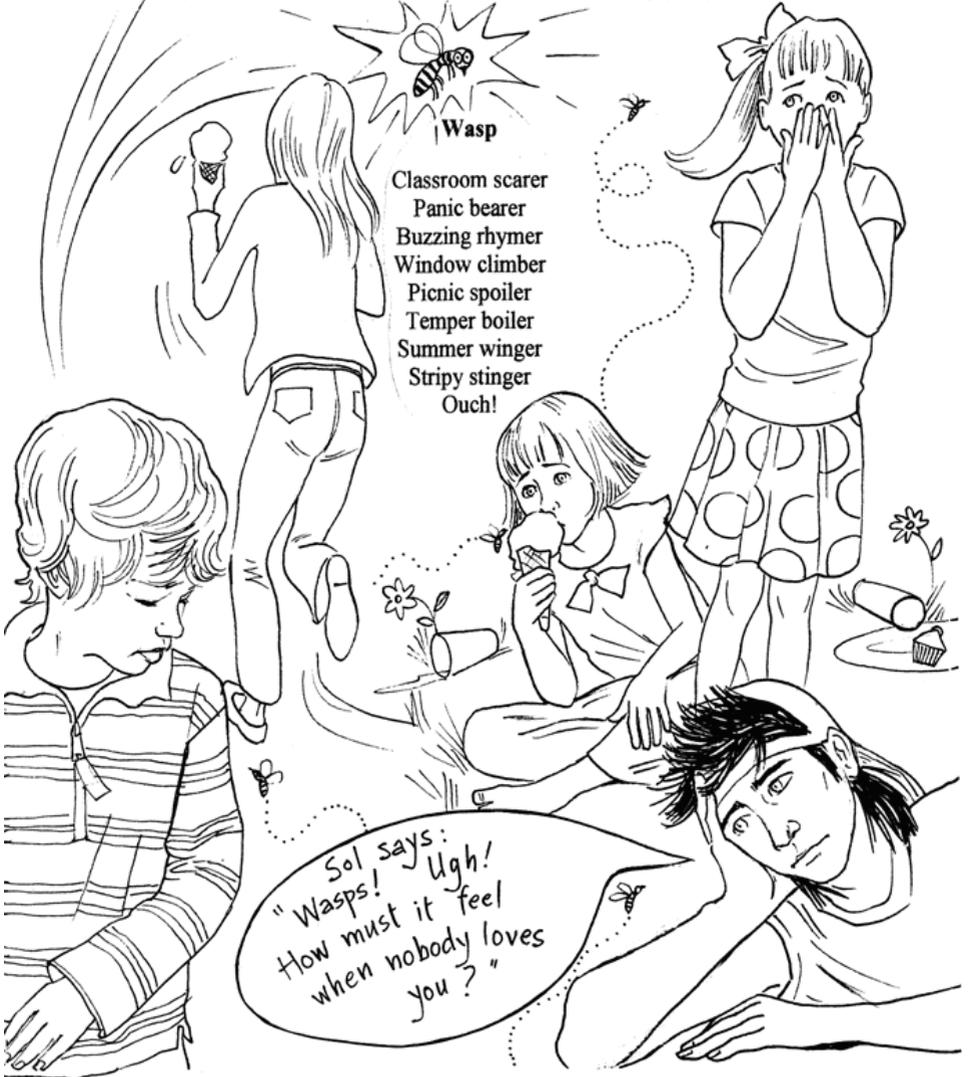


Find these words in the haystack:

- HARVEST PLOUGH FOOD
- SEED GOD WHEAT SUN
- SOIL RAIN BREAD
- SCATTER LAND SOW LOAF

Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.



Wasp
Classroom scarer
Panic bearer
Buzzing rhymmer
Window climber
Picnic spoiler
Temper boiler
Summer winger
Stripy stinger
Ouch!

Sol says:
"Ugh!
Wasps!
How must it feel
when nobody loves
you?"

O Lord, what a variety of things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures.
(Psalm 104:24 NLT)

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

Bible Sketchbook

He met Jesus and felt really free!



He was very rich, very unpopular and very small – too small to see Jesus in a crowd. So he climbed a tree. Jesus realised this and came to stay with him. Everybody else grumbled. He decided to give half of all he had to the poor. The man felt welcomed, loved and really free inside. His name was Zachaeus. Read more in Luke 19: 1-10





THE RIGHT TIME

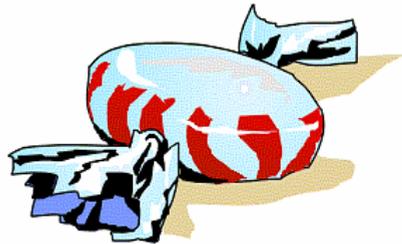
It is harvest time now. I suppose we think of harvesting wheat, corn, things like that; but do you think of sugar? A lot of the sugar we use in this country is home produced. It comes from sugar-beet which is harvested at this time of year. The roots are taken to factories where they are washed, sliced and crushed. The juice is carefully heated in a huge container and at exactly the right moment a tiny spoonful of powdered sugar is added to the boiling liquid. This tiny amount turns the whole batch into sugar crystals. The right thing and the right time coming together to make a complete change.

Moses told God that he wasn't very good at anything; others were much better, more clever than him. He said 'please send someone else' (Exodus, chapter 4) but God's reply was 'I will be with you'. With God everything is possible. God helps the impossible change into the possible – and God uses the most unlikely people and things to do it.

SWEET WORDS

Can you rearrange the letters to find the sweet things? Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. LLLYO
2. DUGEF
3. CEIRQULIO
4. ETFOEF
5. CLOTACHEO
6. LYJEL ABBY
7. ATREES GEG
8. MIPPETPENR
9. EIC MAREC
10. HALARMSLOWM



Why did the chewing gum cross the road?

Because it was stuck to the chicken!

What do bees chew?

Bumble gum!

What's a toad's favourite sweet?

Lollihops!



ANSWER: 1 lolly 2 fudge 3 liqueur
4 toffee 5 chocolate 6 jelly baby
7 Easter egg 8 peppermint 9 ice cream
10 marshmallow

DIARY OF EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 2009

Tue	1	10.00am National Trust "Drop-in Surgery" 7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council Mtg	Hive Cafe PSWB Village Hall
Wed	2	4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access 7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council Mtg	PSWB Village Hall PSWB Village Hall
Thu	3	7.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation 9.30am Yoga	Othona Community LATCH
Fri	4	10.30am Puncknowle Art Group 2.00pm Tai Chi	The Bull LATCH
Sun	6	2.30pm Bride Valley Bible Quiz 7.00pm One World Worship	BB Village Hall Othona Community
Mon	7	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	8	2.00pm Burton Bradstock Bridge Group 2.00pm BV Knitting Group 2.30pm Women's Institute Meeting 7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club 7.30pm Litton Cheney Parish Council meeting	BB Village Hall Ourganics, Litton Cheney BB Village Hall LATCH LATCH
Wed	9	12.30pm Bridport & District Community Lunch 4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access 7.30pm Shipton Gorge parish Council meeting	Bridport United Church Hall PSWB Village Hall SG Village Hall
Thu	10	7.30pm Holy Trinity PCC Meeting 9.30am Yoga	Chantry House, Swyre LATCH
Fri	11	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
Sat	12	Historic Churches Cycle Ride - see individual villages.churches for details Churchyard Working Party Village Walk Keeeeeep Dancing	Holy Trinity, Swyre Litton Cheney Bus Shelter LATCH
Mon	14	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	15	12.30pm PSWB Lunch Club 2.00pm Burton Bradstock Bridge Group	PSWB Village Hall BB Village Hall
Wed	16	2.00pm Threads of Hope 2.00pm B3157 Drop in Session 4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access 7.30pm Book Club 7.30pm Charity talk by Dr Dave Aplin	Good Books, Bridport Portesham Village Hall PSWB Village Hall PSWB Village Hall LATCH
Thu	17	2.00pm B3157 Drop in Session 7.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation 7.30pm RBL (Abbots.) Trading Standards 9.30am Yoga	BB Village Hall Othona Community Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury LATCH
Fri	18	10.30am Puncknowle Art Group 2.00pm Tai Chi 7.30pm Talk "Don't be afraid of Virginia Wolff	Holy Trinity, Swyre LATCH BB Village Hall
Sat	19	7.30pm Concert by "Quintessential"	BB Village Hall
	19	9.30am Coffee Morning in aid of Uparo Dispensary	Bridport United Church 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

Sun	20	12.30pm Harvest Supper 3.00pm Tea & Chat 6.45pm Harvest Supper	Long Bredy Village Hall Bridport United Church Hall Littlebredy Village Hall
Mon	21	2.30pm Chai & Chat "Bees for Development" 4.00pm Pilates 7.30pm BVC Christmas & Spring Bulbs	Good Books, Bridport LATCH PSWB Village Hall
Tue	22	2.00pm Burton Bradstock Bridge Group 2.00pm BV Knitting Group 7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	BB Village Hall Ourganics, Litton Cheney LATCH
Wed	23	4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access 7.30pm Social Badminton Evening	PSWB Village Hall LATCH
Thu	24	2.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting 9.30am Yoga	Norburton, B Bradstock LATCH
Fri	25	2.00pm Tai Chi Party in the Pub	LATCH New Inn, Shipton Gorge
Sat	26	10.00am HiTec-LoTec Coffee morning 10.00am Churchyard Maintenance Day 7.00pm New World Wine Tasting	PSWB Village Hall St Martin's, Shipton Gorge LATCH
Sun	27	11.00am Puncknowle Harvest Festival & lunch 12 noon Harvest Supper	PSWB Village Hall PSWB Village Hall
Back to Church Sunday - see individual villages.churches for details			
Mon	28	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	29	2.00pm Burton Bradstock Bridge Group	BB Village Hall
Wed	30	4.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access 7.30pm Harvest Supper	PSWB Village Hall Shipton Gorge

WEEKDAY SERVICES, SEPTEMBER 2009

Monday 31 st Aug	9.00am	Little Bredy
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
	10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday 3 rd	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday 4 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday 7 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday 9 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
	10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday 10 th	9.00am	Swyre
Friday 11 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday 14 th	9.00am	Little Bredy
Wednesday 16 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
	10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday 17 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday 18 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday 21 st	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday 23 rd	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
	10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday 24 th	9.00am	Swyre
Friday 25 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday 28 th	9.00am	Little Bredy
Wednesday 30 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
	10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

September 2009

Parish	Date 1 st Sunday 6 th Sept 13 th after Trinity	2 nd Sunday 13 th Sept 14 th after Trinity	3 rd Sunday 20 th Sept 15 th after Trinity	4 th Sunday 27 th Sept 16 th after Trinity
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Songs of Praise 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Back to Church Sunday 6.30 Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Harvest Festival
Chilcombe			6.30 EP for Harvest	
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Harvest Family Service
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Back to Church Sunday
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Harvest Service	
Littlebredy		11.00 Family Service		11.00 Holy Communion