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THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

ST MARY THE VIRGIN: Burton Bradstock **ST MARY: Litton Cheney**
ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy
ST PETER: Long Bredy **Chilcombe (dedication unknown)**
ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle
ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge **Holy Trinity: Swyre**

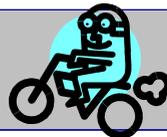
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WEEKDAY SERVICES, APRIL 2010

For Sunday Services, see back cover

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| MAUNDY THUR | 6.00pm | Puncknowle | Passover Meal & Watch in Church |
| GOOD FRIDAY | 11.00am | Shipton Gorge | Litany |
| | 11.00am | Littlebredy | Litany followed by Stations of the Cross, ending at |
| | 12noon | Little Bredy | |
| | 12noon | Burton Bradstock | 3 hour Meditation inc walk to Bindbarrow Hill |
| EASTER EVE | 7.00pm | Chilcombe | Service of Lessons and Songs for Easter |
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| Mon | 5th | 9.00am | Long Bredy |
| Wed | 7th | 9.30am | Burton Bradstock |
| | | 10.00am | Burton Bradstock HolyCommunion |
| Thur | 8th | 9.00am | Swyre |
| Fri | 9th | 9.00am | Shipton Gorge |
| Mon | 12th | 9.00am | Littlebredy |
| Wed | 14th | 9.30am | Burton Bradstock |
| | | 10.00am | Burton Bradstock HolyCommunion |
| Thu | 15th | 9.00am | Puncknowle |
| Fri | 16th | 9.00am | Litton Cheney |
| Mon | 19th | 9.00am | Long Bredy |
| Wed | 21st | 9.30am | Burton Bradstock |
| | | 10.00am | Burton Bradstock HolyCommunion |
| Thur | 22nd | 9.00am | Swyre |
| Fri | 23rd | 9.00am | Shipton Gorge |
| Mon | 26th | 9.00am | Littlebredy |
| Wed | 28th | 9.30am | Burton Bradstock |
| | | 10.00am | Burton Bradstock HolyCommunion |
| Thur | 29th | 9.00am | Puncknowle |
| Fri | 30th | 9.00am | Litton Cheney |



Over the past few months a number of people from the Valley have been training to be Lay Pastoral Assistants, to join those who already have been commissioned and are at work. L.P.A.'s are what they will be called technically when they are licenced, but we have got into the habit of calling them Pastoral Assistants, because we could not work out what the word Lay added to the title, or what was removed if it were not there. So quite simply, these are people who assist in the Pastoral work of the churches of the Valley. They are involved in visiting, in hospital, at home and elsewhere, and in association with our schools.

They make contact with those who are to be married, families who celebrate a Baptism, and are involved in the comfort of the bereaved. They take communion to people who cannot get to Church, carrying, as we say, "the prayers of the Churches into the Parish, and the needs of the Parishes into the Churches for prayer". So it is going to be of great benefit, we trust, to have more people working in all areas of the life of our Parishes.

And there is another calling that now needs to go out. Some years ago there was a call for people to be Lay Worship Leaders. Five people stood forward. We had an eight week training course, before, greatly daring, they began to share in leading Sunday services in the Valley. They then led worship on their own, and over the past few years have been a regular and appreciated part of our pattern of services in the Valley.

Of the five, Hugh has moved away, Yvonne is in training to be a Reader, and Sue has offered herself for training for the priesthood. Both Sue and Yvonne continue leading worship, but less as their course workload increases. Janet and Hilary are still at the old stand, and we thank God for them.

But we are at a point when it would be good to train up some more Lay Worship Leaders for the Valley. It is not an urgent or desperate matter, but we have to be aware that if we do not keep up we will fall back, and that could become serious. Also we have to bear in mind that just because I have not been calling out people, that does not mean that God has not. We have to reckon that there may be people who have been thinking, or at least half thinking to themselves that they could see themselves leading worship, and that they may actually be being called to do so.

So here is the word. If you have been musing on the possibility of leading worship, say prayers and have a good ponder. If you have never thought of doing anything like that, this is an invitation to give it a thought. As important as anyone's feeling that they may themselves be being called,

is the sudden moment of knowing just the person who could lead worship. Having spotted them, the call is to be the one who calls – to say to someone how you think they could be a worship leader. You may well find yourself being the voice outside a person whose words are joined with the calling within. You may speak out of a clear blue sky; but you will have spoken, and that is important.

This is a call that I will repeat gently for a few weeks up until Easter. Then I will hope to gather a few who have spoken to me, or about whom others have spoken as having a gift and we will meet and consider and pray.

Until then, listen out!

God bless. Bob Thorn.

FROM THE REGISTERS

On Monday 1st of March a large number of people gathered at Shipton Gorge for the funeral of Barbara Hilda May Gee, Mother of Matthew and Stephen, and step mother of Karen and Debbie.

Barbara was born in Middlesex. Later she worked as a telephonist for the Police where she met and married David, a policeman in the MET. When David retired in 1988 they moved to Dorset where they took over the Shipton Gorge Post Office and ran the village shop called BG stores.

After the death of her husband, whose remains were buried in Shipton Gorge in 1991, Barbara moved to South Annings in Burton Bradstock. Following a prolonged battle with cancer she died at her home on 18th February.

Our condolences go to her children, grandchildren and friends.

Ryder



FROM THE ADVERTISING EDITOR

ADVERTISING IN THE BRIDE VALLEY NEWS

There has, recently, been some confusion over advertising in the Bride Valley News; I hope that I can clarify the position here.

The magazine, which is delivered free to more than 1,500 homes in the Bride Valley, aims to keep residents, their guests and other visitors informed of events within the churches and the wider society of the Valley. As such it makes no charge for advertising forthcoming events within our community, or for charitable occasions – nevertheless, donations from some of our regular contributors and village societies for advertising or publicising their regular events are, however, most appreciated! The income from

Commercial Advertisers is used to cover printing costs for the magazine and any surplus from this helps to defray the ever increasing costs of the Bride Valley Benefice.

The Editor, Advertising Manager, Distributors and Treasurer are all volunteers, but printing and administration costs have to be met and have recently been increased. Consequently, as from the May edition of the magazine, advertising charges will need to be increased.

Please contact your Village Correspondent (details in the magazine at the top of each village contribution section) if you wish to put in an item specific to your village or to the wider valley community. Please contact me on 01308 897574 or bvnadverts@btinternet.com if you wish to advertise your business within the magazine. The advertising deadline is the fifth of the month preceding the edition publication – i.e. for May publication deadline is 5th April. I hope that this has been helpful.

Kate Kent

AND THE EDITOR



You may be surprised to hear that I fear we got ahead of the times last month.

In the March issue we carried an item about a new dial-a-ride bus service for the valley. As a result it seems a number of people telephoned the Exe Valley Dial-a-Ride office to book a trip, only to be told that the service is not yet in operation. To those people who were disappointed we offer our sincere apologies for any inconvenience and/or disappointment.

On the positive side, the bus company was encouraged by the interest shown, so watch this space.

The truth of the matter is that the timetable provided to us was a sample timetable provided as part of a submission to WDDC for funds to get the project under way. WDDC has not yet responded (as far as we know), but we will keep you informed as soon as more information comes to hand.

TOMB, *n.*

The House of Indifference. Tombs are now by common consent invested with a certain sanctity, but when they have been long tenanted it is considered no sin to break them open and rifle them - the famous Egyptologist, Dr. Huggyns, explaining that a tomb may be innocently "glened" as soon as its occupant is done "smellynge," the soul being then all exhaled. This reasonable view is now generally accepted by archaeologists, whereby the noble science of Curiosity has been greatly dignified.



VALLEY NOTES

DOES GOD REALLY EXIST

Why not come and find out at Bride Valley Youth Alpha?

For 11-14 year olds at 'Ennis' West Bexington. Join us for fun, food, friends and faith. Starts Friday 23rd April, 6.00pm to 7.30pm and continues every Friday for 10 weeks. For more information contact Dianne Sinclair 897629 or Sally Jevons 897068



BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

BRING & SHARE LUNCHES FOR 2010

The dates for this year's Bring & Share Lunches are (please note change of previously published date for May):

Sunday 2nd May

Sunday 4th July

Sunday 12th September

Sunday 7th November

These lunches are open to everyone in the Bride Valley, at no charge, and yet over the years we have seen very few people from villages throughout the valley. So why not note the dates in your diary and come along to join us, you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Th lunches are in Burton Bradstock Village Hall, and start at 12.30pm. For any further information please call Lesley on 897695.

BRIDE VALLEY FILM NIGHT

- The next film on the big screen at Litton & Thorner's Community Hall on Wednesday 21st April will be **JULIE & JULIA** (Cert.12+, 2 hours).

Responding to enthusiasm from Bride Valley filmgoers, we have decided to show **Julie & Julia** at 8.00pm on Wednesday 21st April, a different day of the week this time.

'Julie & Julia' is a film that should be relished with gusto, accompanied by the freshest and best ingredients, pounds of butter, and bottles of the very best wine. (We can at least supply a glass of wine!) It lovingly celebrates the life of one of American food's most influential and beloved figureheads:



Julia Child played here with zest, humour, and respect by Meryl Streep,

whose performance is spectacular. Julie & Julia is based on the book by Julie Powell, a frustrated New York bureaucrat who wants to be a writer. "But you're not a writer until someone publishes you," she moans. So she gives herself a challenge: to cook her way through Julia Child's Mastering the Art of French Cooking in one year, and to blog about it. As Powell (Amy Adams), begins to find her groove as a cook, and her voice as a writer, the project takes on a life of its own-and in the end it does provide the struggling young woman with her life's purpose, to her very pleasant surprise.

Tickets £5 (to include a glass of wine and friendly chat) available from Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Bella Spurrier 482367, Elizabeth Kingston 482162 or on the door if available.

Note: we welcome feedback and requests. Did everyone catch An Education in Dorchester or is that still one people would like to see? Email; sally@watercombe.co.uk / Lois@hornbeam-cottage.co.uk

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH)

The next social evening will be held at The Three Horseshoes on Monday 19th April, 2010, 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

£5 including supper. Please telephone Jim Reeves 01308 897091 by 15th April if you wish to attend.

If any non-members would like to attend with a view to joining the Legion you will be most welcome, but please telephone Jim first.



WOMENS' INSTITUTE

We enjoyed a superb talk by Roger Gould on "The History of Gould's Department Store" in Dorchester at our March meeting. This was started in Edwardian times by the family of the present Directors, from a tiny shop in Dorchester to its present 2 sites in South Street, the Fashion and the Homeware and the Garden Centre at Littlemore, near Preston in Weymouth. They have many long term members of staff, some having put in over 60 years of service, what a record. The HR Manager told us they now have a email order service too, so we don't even have to travel as far as Dorchester. Each member was given a primula plant as a gift.

Our AGM will be on Tuesday 13th April at 7.30pm, when your committee will wait on its members. Please come along and see how you may help in some small way, or just listen to the reports from the last year.

The usual groups will meet in April: please check the notice board by the hall for dates of the Embroidery, Mahjong, Reading and Walking groups.

The Spring Council meeting takes place this month in Poole, when Erin Pizzey will be the main Speaker - 2 representatives from the Institute will represent us there.



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Well, the spring flowers should now be giving us great pleasure after the snow and ice we endured last winter. The Gardening Club is also now in full swing and we are looking forward to learning all about the best way to compost our leftovers at our AGM on April 19th in Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall. Then on May 17th we have a talk to be given by the Poundbury Garden Centre on Climbing Plants. Doubtless many of the plants talked about will be on sale.

Before that on the 10th May we have organised a private evening outing for our members to the Mill House at Netherbury. We would remind News readers that our Club takes in all the villages in the valley and visitors and new members are more than welcome. Our subscription remains at £5 and visitors are £2 a meeting.

JOBS TO DO

Feed roses and mulch. Prune Chaenomeles and Forsythia after flowering and evergreens. Plant second early potatoes and sow beetroots, carrots, leeks, peas and salad crops. Plant summer flowering bulbs.

Sylvia Delves, Chair. email: sylvia@delvesuk.plus.com

Valerie Cameron, Secretary. email: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net Tel: 01308 482240

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is hard to believe that when you start reading this, our term will be over. Easter is so early and the cold weather has been with us so long, hopefully disappeared by now.

The term has been a busy one. The first half was dominated by preparing for and then going through the process of being inspected both by Ofsted and SIAS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools). As a school we are pleased that, after a rigorous inspection, we have been recognised as a good and caring school where pupils are very happy. 'Behaviour of the pupils was described as outstanding which contributes to the purposeful atmosphere in each classroom. All the adults provide good care, guidance and support to all pupils and have extremely good relationships with the pupils, showing genuine concern about each individual pupil's welfare and happiness. There is very good local community cohesion which has enabled the school to benefit from the shared use of a new village hall. Learners receive good care and support and are encouraged to fulfil their potential within an inclusive environment based on implicit Christian values. Good links between school, church and wider community. Learners speak about the caring family atmosphere and express pride in their school. Learners show positive self esteem and speak enthusiastically of school and church. This is because learners are given good opportunities to develop their potential within a



nurturing and inclusive environment showing good links between church and school.'

Alison Johnstone, Headteacher

100 CLUB WINNERS:

£15 Mrs Pip Roper (outside member)
£10 Mrs K Wills (parent)

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

Topics and events this half term are sorting by size, shape and sequencing, using stories such as "Three Billy Goats Gruff", "Little Red Riding Hood", and "Jack and the Beanstalk". The last will be linked to growing some beans in our garden, along with potatoes and onions. For Mother's Day gifts the children made porcelain hands with Maureen.



We recently had a visit from a vet with hamster, and also a visit by two donkeys from the Donkey Sanctuary called Groucho and Benny. Very exciting - reception class also joined us to walk the donkeys. We also had a library lady come in to read us a favourite story during World Book Week, and the children did some dressing up. We went on an outing to see new lambs again at Longbarrow Farm, and parents were invited in for a "Stay and Play", with Easter Hat Parade and games.

We are still awaiting our official Ofsted report - maybe more on this next time. Plans are in hand to refurbish and make some alterations in the Fledglings room, plus a new shade/shelter, and work in the Discovery area is ongoing.

Now there is parking for parents to use, Fledglings opening times have changed as follows:-

Morning Session: 9.00 - 11.45am

Lunch Club: 11.45 - 12.45pm

Afternoon Session: 1.00 - 3.15pm

For any information about Fledglings or Nestlings, please ring Fiona Evans, Playleader, at school on 01308 482410

FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

We offer the opportunity for babies and toddlers to play with other children in a safe, friendly environment. Parents and carers have the chance to meet and have a cup of coffee or tea in the Bride Valley.



The day and time of the session in Puncknowle has changed and we are sorry if anyone during February had a wasted journey on a Tuesday.

The group meets between 9.45 and 11.15am and will be in the village

hall in Puncknowle on Friday 23rd April, and in Litton Cheney's Hall on Wednesday 28th April.

All babies and children 0 – 4 years accompanied by a carer/parent welcome. For further information contact: Julie 897178, Martin 482776, Debbie 898506 or Elizabeth 482162

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children returned to school after the half term break to fine weather and clear blue skies - making playtimes more enjoyable.

Key Stage 2 children were also very lucky with the weather on their Orienteering day in February. We were fortunate to have Di Tilsley from West Dorset School Sport Partnership to work with the children on the playing field. Everyone had lots of fun as well as developing their orienteering skills.

In March we also celebrated World Book Day. Our youngest children dressed up as naughty boys and girls using the book 'Alfie' which they had been reading. Luckily they returned to their normal, well-behaved selves the following day! The children in the Key Stage 1 class also dressed up, but as a fairytale character with a twist. Some of the costumes were extremely imaginative - Little Blue Riding Hood, Puss in Trainers and Baldylocks and the Three Hairs! The children across the school spent the day on book related activities which included writing book reviews of their favourite books, making a human-size Iron Man, devising a board game based on 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and writing names in Japanese! Please browse our website to look at our photographs
www.burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk

The children have also been involved in working with the community. A number of our children took part in the Burton Bradstock Pantomime 'Goody Two Shoes' and thoroughly enjoyed the experience - well done to everyone for a fantastic performance. We have also received two certificates in recognition of our efforts raising funds for 'Shelter Box' and 'Oxfam Unwrapped'. Both involved the children making decisions, organising and leading the fundraising.

As I write the children in Class 3 are restlessly waiting for their residential trip to Leeson House Field Studies Centre in the village of Langton Matravers. They participate in a range of indoor and outdoor activities that not only support the curriculum but also help to foster team work. The children are encouraged to be as independent as possible by taking responsibility for making their own beds, laying the table for meals and keeping their room in order for the dreaded room inspection! This year we

will also be visiting Durlston Park and Bovington Tank Museum.

To date we have had two successful PTA events. The cake sale, which

was jointly run with the Playgroup, was well supported, as was the Pampered Chef evening where everyone enjoyed the cooking demonstration using various cooking utensils and gadgets. Our next major fundraising event is the famous annual Duck Race. This is being held on Sunday 4th April and promises to be a fun-packed family day out.

When this is published Easter will be almost upon us and we will be busy preparing for our Easter Service in the Church on Thursday 1st April at 9.15am. Please come along to any of our events - we always look forward to seeing you.

Claire Staple, Headteacher

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

Thanks to all who supported our Pantomime. I am very pleased to announce that I will be directing the play "Far from the Madding Crowd", an adaptation by Matthew White, next summer, to be performed on 1st – 4th September 2010.



The Players will be holding a **Voice and Movement Workshop** to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 17th April from 10.00am to 4.00pm (please arrive by 9.45am). The Voice workshop in the morning will be led by Sue Andrews, a professional voice coach, and we hope to appoint someone to lead a movement and stage technique workshop in the afternoon. This should interest all who wish to improve their voice projection, stage presence, and general acting skills. Cost will be £5 for Players' members and £10 for non-members. Bring a packed lunch; drinks will be provided. Please telephone me as soon as possible if you are interested.

Daphne Ekins, 01308 897415



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH)

DAY TRIP TO YARMOUTH, IOW

Thursday, 22nd April

Coach pick ups: 9.00am Abbotsbury Square, 9.10am Portesham Green, 9.15am Steepleton Pon, 9.30am London Road, Dorchester. We shall go to Brockenhurst where we join the SouthWest train service to Lymington Pier, then by Wightlink Ferry to Yarmouth, arriving at lunchtime. We have reserved seating in The Bugle Coaching Inn, Yarmouth, where you can get sandwiches, jacket potato or a 3-course lunch (food not included). This gives us a couple of hours free to have a look around before boarding the 3.55pm sailing to Lymington. The coach will collect us from the pier and return to Dorset via a different route, arriving in Abbotsbury at about 6.30pm. Combined coach, rail & ferry fare is £27.50 (non-refundable and payable at the time of booking) (plus £2 booking fee for non-Members).

Cheques payable to "RBL Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch" and all booking through the writer please.

The Branch Annual Holiday is a **5-DAY TOUR OF SNOWDONIA**, 9th - 13th May, 2010 led by Des & Jean Baker. Any profits will be shared between the Poppy Appeal & "Dors to India".

LAYING UP/DEDICATION OF BRANCH STANDARDS: This event is being planned to take place at Portesham Church on Sunday, 6th June, 2010, when we hope that anyone who has any connection, including lapsed members, Poppy Appeal Collectors and so on, will wish to participate. We expect to have a parade from Portesham Village Hall to St. Peter's Church and after the service to retire to the hall for refreshments. If you support the Poppy Appeal, please make a note of the date and come and join us on this special occasion.

The world's best-loved musical ends its run at the London Palladium in September and you didn't get to see it?! Well, **"THE SOUND OF MUSIC"** is coming direct from there to Bournemouth Pavilion. This lavish and critically acclaimed production tells the uplifting true story of the Von Trapp family's flight across the mountains - well you know all that. We have been lucky enough to secure 30 of the best seats at a discounted price on your behalf for the performance at 7.30pm on Thursday, 23rd. September, 2010. Book now to avoid long term disappointment. Seats are £32.50 (a saving of £5) (for non-Members add £2 booking fee) and should be booked through the writer as soon as possible, together with non-refundable payment, as for Yarmouth above. We shall lay on a coach, cost of which depends on ticket sales.

Des Baker01305 267617

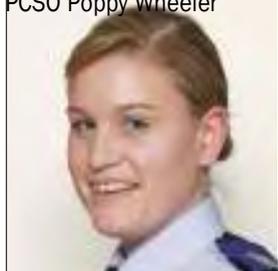
A NEW FACE ON THE BLOCK

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am PC2441 Sarah Corrin and I have taken over from Nigel Case as Community Beat Officer. I will be working with PCSO Poppy Wheeler as part of the



PC Sarah Corrin

PCSO Poppy Wheeler



Safer Neighbourhood Team for Bridport Rural East.

The main

incident of concern recently is the distraction burglary which occurred in Shipton Gorge on 3rd February. The offender posed as an official from the water board and was allowed access to the house where he stole a purse. The offender subsequently withdrew several

hundred pounds from the victims post office account. This is a very sad incident, which has left many shocked and worried. However, if you are cautious about who you answer the door to and who you let in your house, you can protect yourself and your property.

'Distraction burglars' or 'bogus callers' are people whose only aim is to get into homes to distract people and steal their money and valuables. They may be smartly dressed and claim to be from the police, gas, water or electricity companies. They can be convincing and persuasive especially as they often use fake identity cards or wear overalls with a company logo.

If somebody calls at your door and they are not expected, check that the back door is locked. If you decide to open the front door, put the door chain or bar on first. Keep this on while you are talking to the person. Ask for and carefully check their identity card (all genuine callers will carry one). Genuine callers won't mind waiting if you want to phone and confirm their identity. Only let them in when you are absolutely sure that they are genuine. If you think that a bogus caller has called at your door, report it to the police immediately- dial 999. Try to give the police a description of the person.

Remember that this area has a very low overall crime rate, but just to be aware that this sort of crime does happen and to be vigilant. Please feel free to contact me if you would like any crime prevention advice or if you would like to discuss any issues.

*Sarah Corrin, Bridport Rural East Safer Neighbourhood Team
01305 226930, sarah.corrin@dorset.pnn.police.uk*

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP VEHICLE

The Community Partnership vehicle will be visiting the Bride Valley on Wednesdays 7th April, 12th May and 9th June.



The time table for each day will be:

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| 9.30 - 10.30am | Shipton Gorge- The New Inn car park |
| 10.45 - 11.45am | Puncknowle- Outside the Church |
| 12.00noon - 1.00pm | Burton Bradstock- Annings Lane |
| 3.15 - 4.15pm | West Bexington- Beach Car park |

The van will also be visiting Littlebredy, Litton Cheney and Long Bredy on Saturday 16th October as follows:

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| Littlebredy bus stop | 12.00noon - 1.00pm |
| Long Bredy by bus stop | 1.15 - 2.15pm |
| Litton Cheney bus stop | 2.30 - 4.00pm |

and also on Monday 7th June:

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| Littlebredy | 4.15 - 5.15pm |
| Long Bredy | 5.30 - 6.30pm |
| Litton Cheney | 6.45 - 8.00pm |



WEST DORSET 'HOME START' CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

Mrs Juniper Greener kindly hosted the St. Peter's Frugal Lunch at Langebride House on Thursday 11th March at which Helen Horsley spoke of the work she is doing in West Dorset establishing "Home Start".

This is a national organisation of volunteers who, after a period of training, give a few hours of their time each week assisting parents of young children who, because of various difficulties, find it difficult to cope and appreciate the joy of family life. Helen thanked those present for their donations, totalling £212, and asked that her continuing search for volunteers be made known throughout West Dorset.

If you have a few hours to spare, please phone her on 01308 800031.

O2 "THINK BIG" GRANTS

O2 has unveiled "Think Big", an ambitious new five million pound scheme designed to back young people making a difference in their communities, as new research shows £300 in the hands of one young person can deliver a ten-fold return for their local community.



Research shows that 46 per cent of adults believe there is a negative view of young people in society. To help counter this perception, this innovative social action programme will inspire and celebrate young people by putting £300 directly in their hands. Young people aged between 13 and 25 will be able to apply for £300 grants to run projects to help their local communities. This could include:

- helping to fight local knife crime,
- overhauling a community garden,
- teaching music to other young people, or
- starting a local youth group.

The most important thing is that the projects are chosen and run by young people themselves. In addition to the cash injection, the young participants will also benefit from a comprehensive package of training and support: from project management to communications, and from presentation skills to networking. After the initial grant, they will then have the chance to apply for £2,500 to further boost their project. Training and support will be delivered through O2's charity partners.

In addition to the investment that O2 is making, customers can get behind Think Big through an innovative investment model which will give funds to the programme. O2 will give £5 for every sim-only tariff that is

purchased and £1 for every handset recycled through o2recycle.co.uk to Think Big, thereby linking O2's social action and sustainability programmes to drive mutual benefit.

To find out more about Think Big, visit www.o2thinkbig.co.uk.

THE SCALING UP FUND



The Youth of Today Scaling Up Fund invites applications from small third sector organisations in England to address key challenges of how to scale-up innovative youth leadership programmes and reach out across communities. The Fund is expected to make investments of between £5,000 and £20,000.

The Fund aims to:

- help more young people take on leadership roles in their community;
- create more opportunities for young people to influence the decisions affecting them;
- raise the quality of youth leadership opportunities;
- enable small organisations to grow; and
- fund innovative projects that are unlikely to find funding from other sources.

Grants should be used to develop and expand youth leadership programmes – including delivery costs, staff costs and small capital items. The deadline for Round Three is 23rd April 2010.

Round Four of the Fund will be for six month projects only, and has a deadline of 23rd June 2010.. This will be the last round of the Fund. For

Come and enjoy an evening of dancing in Litton Cheney.
 Ballroom - Sequence - Latin American - Jive - Salsa
 A dance will be held at Litton and Thorners Community Hall on the second Saturday of every month during 2010 .
 We dance from 7:30 until 11pm with a break for tea and coffee.
 All ages and levels welcome. £3 per person per night.
 You can bring your own refreshments.
 For more information ring David 01308 482532 or John 01308

When you think of the log and gloomy history of man, you will find more hideous crimes have been committed in the name of obedience, than have ever been committed in the name of rebellion.

C. P. Snow (1905 - 1980)

SHIPTON GORGE

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



PLAYING FIELD MAINTENANCE

We will be "maintaining" the playing field on Saturday April 17th, from 10.00am until midday (ish). Apart from cutting overgrown vegetation, touching up paintwork and clearing any winter debris, we want to tidy up the area to the right of the gate and repair/repoint the wall. We would be most grateful for assistance.

Parish Council Playing Field Committee.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall AGM will take place on Wednesday 21st April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

All are welcome.

SHIPTON GORGE LTD

A successful Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy was held on 27th February in the Village Hall, and with donations received on the day raised over £200 for The Orchard fund. An Apple Quiz was produced for the occasion, priced £1, with a prize of £10 for the winner. Entries do not have to be in until 30th April, so if anyone would like a copy please contact Barbara Chambers on 01308 897482.

All proceeds will go to Shipton Gorge Ltd. which is a registered charity.

ALICE GILES-TOWNSEND

On Saturday 6th March a tree planting ceremony was held in memory of Alice who died after a short illness, on the 8th February aged 88. A large gathering of family and friends went to Shipton Hill Farm to plant 2 oak trees; one for Alice and one for her late husband, Neil. They both had very happy memories of times spent at the farm with the Battershell family. It was a lovely occasion, the trees were planted and a toast was drunk before everyone repaired to the New Inn for excellent refreshments.

Alice was a passionate advocate for all things Dorset and over the many years she lived in Shipton Gorge she supported many local groups and activities; she delivered the Bride Valley News for many many years starting as a young mother when it was a single sheet of news and her "patch" was the entire village! Her sense of humour and her phenomenal knowledge of the history of the village and those who lived here will be sadly missed. May she rest in Peace.

100 CLUB MARCH DRAW

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| £10 | No 48 | Joy White |
| £20 | No 36 | Jill & Dave Curtis |

LITTON CHENEY

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LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

DUCK RACE DAY



The race will be on Sunday April 4th. Starting time is 12.00noon on Main Street and the finish will be at The White Horse where burgers and drinks await. You can make sure of your duck by buying a number before the big day at The White Horse.

Come along, join in the fun, the spills and bottoms up of The BIG Race!! There's even a prize for coming last! Now, how friendly is that?

LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th May at 7.30pm at the hall. Further information and agenda will be placed on the Litton Cheney web site www.littoncheney.org.uk and on village notice boards.



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AT THE HALL

For information and details of activities and events at the hall visit the Litton Cheney web site or call Wendy Taylor on 482532. If you have yet to visit the hall and appreciate what a super facility it is, call Wendy to arrange.

VILLAGE CAFÉ

Saturday 17th April, 10.30am until 12.30pm. Refreshments, socialising, raffle, books and CD's.

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

See Valley Notes for details of this month's must see film.

VILLAGE FETE

This will be held on Monday 31st May at LATCH, in aid of St. Mary's Church, and although it's only just April, it's not too early to start preparations for the Fete!

If you are skilled at handicrafts, now is the time to get busy making things. If there is fruit lurking at the bottom of your freezer, then please turn

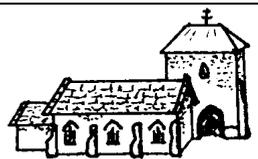
it into jam or chutney. Too many books cluttering your shelves? We'll be happy to have them. Then there are plants – we'll need lots of them for our plant stall, so while you are planting seeds, potting on, splitting clumps and preparing your garden for the summer, please put some things aside for us. Cakes, bottles, provisions, toys, - they will all be needed to stock the stalls - please look out for a full list of all stalls and stall-holders in the May edition of the BVN.

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: ELIZABETH SLATER

1, LITTON CLOSE, PUNCKNOWLE

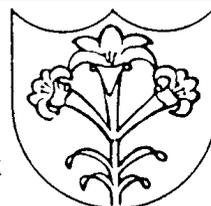
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ST MARY'S CHURCH

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in St Mary's Church on Sunday 11th April after the 5.00pm Evening Service to elect the two church wardens.

Nominations to be received by 10th April. Please ask for nomination forms. Anyone wishing to be on the PCC should have their names on the electoral roll. Please ask for a form.



Ann Roberts



ART CLUB

Lately we have enjoyed painting together and visiting exhibitions in Bridport. There is no meeting on the 2nd but work must start in earnest on 16th however, as we have a workshop in Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall with Terry Whitworth, 9.30am for 10.00am to 1.00pm. The 30th will be a follow up meeting at The Bull.

Christine Malony

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets again on April 14th - if you would like to join us just come along to the Village Hall in Puncknowle at 7.30pm. Discussions are lively!

Books we have chosen to read are a mixed selection by authors such as Margaret Drabble, Alexander McCall-Smith, Amy Tan, Rupa Bajwa, Douglas Kennedy, Anita Shreve, Margaret Atwood and Simon Kernick. For more information, contact Carol Bennett on 897771.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

You can imagine that after a meal at the club there are hundreds of items including china, glass and cutlery as well as

cooking equipment to be washed and wiped up. This chore takes several people a long time to finish. The club has therefore decided to try and purchase a commercial dishwasher in order to shorten this process and to improve hygiene.

Although the club has been saving for some time it still needs about £600 more. If purchased it will be fixed in Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall and will be available to any of the hall hirers who have a large amount of washing up. We have already asked for donations from our members but if any individual or group would like to help, please forward your donations to the Treasurer, Madeline Marshall, Owl Bank, 3, Green Barton, Swyre.

Any member who has not already ordered a meal for Tuesday 20th April should ring 897622 before 16th April.

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

For bookings, telephone 01308 897724



“100 CLUB”

Congratulations to the winners of the February draw:

Jean Bunyan £10

Pam Coventry £ 5

Reg Charity No. 1105233

The draw takes place at the Lunch Club on the third Tuesday of every month. Anybody wishing to join the club for the remainder of the year should pick up a form from the hall (it is open every Wednesday afternoon - see Broadband access times below), or contact Rob Reeks (897633).

BROADBAND ACCESS



Free Broadband Access continues but as from February timing will revert to 3.00 - 6.00pm every Wednesday (except the fifth Wednesday of any month). Are you fed up with TV adverts etc telling you to go to the internet for more information? Come along and we'll have a look for you.

ONLINE SHOPPING - buy.at/PuncknowleSwyreVillageHall

Support thr Village Hall when you shop online . Popular retailers available on the site include ebay, Sky, Play.com, Ethical Superstore, Amazon, Waterstones, Ryman and many more.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS SPRING:

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY MORNING: Thursday April 15th, 10.00am - 12.30pm. Accompanied children only. Donations for entry. Holiday Fun includes: Craft, Baking, Games, Treasure Hunt.

SPRING BINGO: Date in April to be decided, watch for posters - 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Everyone welcome. Buy your Bingo books at the door. Bring your own drinks.

SPRING CHICKEN EVENING: Saturday May 15th, 7.30pm. A fun evening with a chicken theme throughout – music, quiz sheet, food etc. Bring and share your favourite chicken dish or vegetarian option. We will provide pasta, potatoes and salad. Bring your own drinks. Entry £1.

Look out for posters and leaflets for up to date times and details or Contact Carol Bennett (897771) for further information.

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th April at 7.30pm.

PLAYING FIELD TIDY UP AND VILLAGE LANE LITTER PICK

This will take place on Sunday 25th April from 10.30am to 12 noon. Please come and help - all ages welcome and refreshments for willing helpers.

Liz Slater

DIARY DATES

Beach Clean at West Bexington - Sunday 18th April (10.00am - 12noon)

Annual Assembly - Tuesday 20th April (7.30 pm) - agreed at PC meeting

Cake-stall at Bridport Charter Fayre to raise funds for Playing Field -

Saturday 3rd July (am)

RECYCLING TO SAVE LIVES

Don't forget the "textile bank" in the Village Hall yard. Clothes, shoes (paired and tied together please!) and other textiles will be recycled. Funds raised will go to the Air Ambulance service.



ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE

This will be held on Saturday **31st July** at **2.30pm** in the grounds of Puncknowle Manor by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Wild.

There will be a get together in the Village Hall on Monday **April 19th** at **7.30pm** for all those willing to get involved, where we can gather ideas and make plans for this year over cheese and wine. Offers of help from people of all ages would be greatly appreciated. Now is the time to start growing plants for the plant stall and saving or preparing items for other stalls.

For more details contact Sue Brown 897953, Liz Slater 897751, Koo Jones, 898553 or Geoffrey Fry, 898068.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S PCC

A REMINDER

The AGM of St Mary's PCC will be held on Wednesday 14th April in the Church at 7.00pm.



BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 14th May 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Burton Bradstock. All Members are cordially invited to attend.

In accordance with the Rules, nominations for the Committee must be received by the Hon. Secretary on or before the 10th May 2010. The present Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer are all willing to continue to serve, if re-elected. There is a vacancy on the Committee for someone to serve refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits) at our monthly meetings. If you are interested, could you please contact me on 897365. At the end of the AGM, there will be wine and refreshments.

After very many years of wasted time, effort and paper, we have decided to publish this Notice in the Bride Valley News, in the hope that it will reach all our members.

As you will see in your Programme card, our Coffee Morning and sale of cakes and plants takes place the next day, Saturday 15th May from 10.15 am to 12 noon, again in the Village Hall. Could I ask, please, for your usual generosity in donating cakes and plants to help raise funds for our Annual Flower & Produce Show in July. Please contact any Committee Member or bring along your contributions on the morning. Many thanks in advance.

Carol Lumley, Honorary Secretary

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Andrew Rutherford is better known to some Villagers as the proprietor of Wild and Homeless Books in Bridport – where one is always welcomed with a sticky Liquorice Allsort and allowed to just browse – but at the February Meeting of the Village Society, he revealed to his other expertise, Her Majesty's Prisons: a former Professor of Law at Southampton University, prison governor and Chairman of the Howard League for Penal Reform, Andrew's presentation was not one to which his audience could remain indifferent: he hit us hard with an engaging, almost academic paper that examined three periods in recent political history, with particular

regard to what was happening during those periods in the prisons. We were thus able to conclude that, although the prison society is isolated, it is by definition of society and may provide a possible indicator of the future. He first offered some ticklish presumptions to his audience: prison is a place of exile and, maybe, elimination, even extinction; captivity brings out the worst in prisoners and warders; apathy will lead to violence; in the dead silence of unconcern, prison is likely to quickly slide downhill. "What is the symbolism of prison?" was the leitmotif.

The periods examined were, the Thatcher Years, when numbers of those incarcerated fell; the 1970s in the United States, when the Commissioner for Youth Services in Massachusetts almost emptied the prisons yet nobody noticed they had gone; the years when the young Churchill was Home Secretary (incidentally, the only Home Secretary to have been imprisoned, which he described as his most difficult years excepting those at Harrow) - Churchill would release prisoners under the Royal Prerogative of Mercy, which rather upset some of the judges. Right up until the Second World War, the prison population in Britain had been the lowest in Europe. Thatcher had commented that prison "was an expensive way of making bad people worse" - it was during that decade, under Whitelaw and Hurd, that there was a striking break from the earlier pragmatism of imprisonment. Thus, one might extrapolate that the size of the prison population is emblematic of the unease of society: right now, under New Labour, the United Kingdom (with a prison population of over 100,000) has risen almost to the top of the league, beaten only by Albania and Rumania.

There were many questions. One, commenting on "prisons being holiday camps these days", drew a quick rebuke from our speaker, ".....if you think young men being raped in the showers is a holiday...." This made us all sit up. We were left to consider a comment by Jack Straw (of all people!), "...there is a treasure, if only you can find it, in the heart of every man."

John Grantham, proposing a vote of thanks revealed that he had been a Prison Visitor, that is, until he had encountered his namesake in Wandsworth.

ARTSREACH NEWS



"Dope Under Thorncombe" is a silent amateur film made in 1939 by a Bridport family. Originally silent, it has now been given its own music, specially composed by Rachel Leach. This accompaniment will be played live at its showing on Saturday, 24th April at Burton Bradstock Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £6 from the post Office when available, or in advance by

phone booking on 01308 897214. There will be a supporting programme of other archive films of Dorset life.

This is a Trilith project supported by Artsreach. Don't miss this chance of seeing local people and places of over 60 years ago brought to life on the screen in front of you!

Norman Saunders-White: Artsreach Promoter, 01308 897214

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Unfortunately my copy for the last issue of the BVN was mislaid so I shall now be relaying some old news here. I can hardly believe I have been doing Neighbourhood Watch for nearly a year. I have spoken to many of you and received numerous phone calls. All these contacts have given me useful information about problems and also 'outsiders' pushing their luck

trying to sell something or getting vulnerable Burton residents to sign up and give their bank details. Please remember that Trading Standards allow us to cancel in writing any agreement signed within 7 days.

Important to know that there has been a telephone SCAM of a man with an unusual accent pretending to be from Dorset County Council Rates Department saying that you have overpaid your rates by £1,100!! Then he asks if he can have your bank details so the money can be paid into your bank account. The police and the Council are aware of this.

Straw and diesel were stolen from a nearby farm. The police suggest that farmers should plant thickets of thorn bushes around their outbuildings as farmers do in Africa to ward off lions.

A delicate subject is 'dog poo'. You may ask what's that do to with Neighbourhood Watch. I have been asked by many residents to do something about this. The Council is not responsible for picking it up and, obviously, our neighbours do not wish to so. Having a dog, I would not expect anyone else to do so except myself. The cliff path and secret areas of Burton have been affected this winter. We cannot blame this on spring or summer visitors so maybe some of the culprits are local dog owners?

On a brighter note – it seems we are to have a 20pmh speed limit with extended pavements etc. on the main road through the village. The Parish Council meeting in early March was attended by about 50 residents and the Transport Engineering Department. Many points were aired and the majority of people were pleased with the proposed plans discussed. It was indicated that the work is hoped to be finished by the end of March 2011.

As you know PCs Poppy or Sarah (our new PC) and I, are always available to help you.

Ian Pitt-Aikens, 01308-897440

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222



“200 CLUB” MARCH 2010 DRAW

Congratulations to the winners:

- 1st £44.80 No :88 Mrs Carolyn James
2nd £22.40 No :37 Mrs Elaine Tame
3rd £11.20 No :66 Mrs Audrey Foster

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the April-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £9 – one pound for each of the remaining 9 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

BBVH - VILLAGE FAYRE

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will once again be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday 31st May. Your support last year made this event a great success and the money raised has allowed the Village Hall Committee to continue to maintain the hall and facilities. There will be many stalls and games with plenty for children to do; for example they can test their speed and agility over a fun Obstacle Course, Mr. Custard will be there to entertain and amuse and this year there will be a fencing demonstration by West Dorset Fencing Club led by a former Olympic Fencer.

In order to make this event a success we need volunteers to help with the stalls and games and we need donations for the stalls, the General Raffle and Bottle Tombola. If you can help in any way please contact Susan Moores on 01308 897673 and more details will appear in the May edition of the BVN. *Susan Moores: Chairman BB Village Hall Committee, 01308 897673*

BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL 2010

SPRING CONCERT

FRIDAY 7TH MAY AT 7.30PM, VILLAGE HALL.



David Juritz (violin), Caroline Dowdle (piano), and Adrian Bradbury (cello)

Programme to be announced (includes Beethoven Trio)

TICKETS: £10 (including wine and soft drinks)

Obtainable on and after 5th April from Gill Redford Tel No: 01308 897203,
at the village Post Office or on the door.

Tickets for the main festival events in August will be on sale in the Reading Room on Thursday 6th May (9.30am to midday) and at the Spring Concert from 6.15pm.

Mike Southgate 897487

BURTON BRADSTOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

PROUDLY ANNOUNCE THE

ANNUAL EASTER DUCK RACE

ON THE RIVER BRIDE ON EASTER SUNDAY 4TH APRIL,

On the RECREATION GROUND NEXT TO THE PARK,

BURTON BRADSTOCK

STALLS INCLUDING TOMBOLA, CAKES , LUCKY JAM JARS, GAMES,
NAIL BOUTIQUE, DECORATING BISCUITS (& EATING THEM!)

WILL BE OPEN FROM 1PM

DUCKS AWAY FROM THE BRIDGE AT 2PM

EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

DUCK TICKETS GO ON SALE FROM 1ST MARCH AT £1 EACH FROM
BURTON BRADSTOCK SCHOOL, THE POST OFFICE, THE ANCHOR INN, THE THREE
HORSESHOES PUB , THE GARAGE & THE HIVE BEACH CAFE

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF EASTER FUN FOR THE FAMILY

PRIZES FOR THE FIRST THREE DUCKS & THE BEST EASTER BONNET

BUY YOUR DUCKS EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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So near, and yet so far. Although Annette

Hallett was dethroned as

Champion of Champions in the world of Ladies' Bowls earlier in the year, she won through to the Finals of the Ladies' Championships held in Bedford in March, and made it through to the Final, only to be beaten at that last stage. All the same, it was a great achievement, especially as she defeated three international players on her way to the Final. Very hard luck, Annette, but also very well done.



The next Social Club event in the Village Hall will be another "Swinging Sixties" evening on Friday 23rd April. The bar will be open at 7.30pm, and there will be a prize for the best fancy dress, as well as a raffle and snacks. Mike Luddington will be playing the Jimmy Saville role on the gramophone, spinning those old Beatles and Stones hits to sing or dance along to. All are encouraged to come along and make it a memorable evening.



Those who have noticed that the Church clock has been becoming less accurate over the years (concealed by the fact that the hours continue to strike at exactly the right time) have probably not stopped to look at it for long enough to notice that the hands seem to move forwards or backwards at random every minute. The local firm which installed it have now taken the movement away to try and ensure that, when it comes back, every move will be forwards and at the right time.

Easter services in the village begin with the traditional short and simple Litany in Church at 11.00am on Good Friday, 2nd April. This will mark the beginning of a walk to Long Bredy for those who want to go, for another devotional service there at midday. On **Easter Day** itself, Sunday 4th April, the service here is **Holy Communion** at **11.00am**.

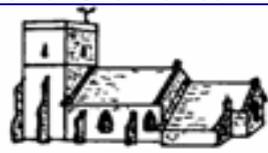
In between, the flower rota team will have met to decorate the Church for Easter, and all volunteers to help are more than welcome to make themselves known in advance to Catherine Williams on 482232. As these notes are written, not a single primrose is in sight yet (though haven't the snowdrops lasted incredibly well this year?), but assuming we are in a position to write the usual Easter message in the windows, about 200 bunches of primroses are needed, each one of about 20 heads. Volunteers who bring some (already tied in bunches) to the Church or Village Hall from about midday onwards on Good Friday will also deserve many thanks.

We are intending to open the Walled Gardens at Easter, for the summer season. We will be open on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday afternoon and every Sunday, Wednesday and Bank Holiday Monday afternoon.

We are also looking for volunteers to join our gardening group. For more information please contact Liz Eaton, email lizeaton-uk@hotmail.com

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SWYRE

The APCM for Holy Trinity Church Swyre is to be held on Sunday 18th April at 4.30pm after the afternoon service. All parishioners are invited to attend when the Annual Report and Accounts will be presented, questions answered and the election of your Churchwardens, as well as other Church officers, will take place. Light refreshments will be available. Your current Churchwardens will be pleased to see you all.



Churchwardens

CONCERT

The Bride Valley Ladies Choir will be giving a concert on Sunday 16th May at 7.00pm in Swyre Church. Details of the concert and ticket sales will be in the next BVN so watch this space.

LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: CAROLINE MORRISH-BANHAM

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ST PETERS

Our Easter Morning service, a Family Holy Communion service is at the earlier time of 9.30am.

In the Church there is a new Chancel carpet and the rail kneeler cushions have been recovered. Many thanks to Iris Way for these beautiful kneelers.

The chair cushions have also been given a wonderful new lease of life thanks to Sara Winter. Thank you so much to both, it all gives a warmer look to the church.

Also, our continued thanks are extended to Ray and Sara Winter for their ongoing care of the church and churchyard.



PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

The Annual Spring Clean will take place on Saturday, 10th April. Please meet at Maybyrne, in the centre of the village, at 10.30am to pick up gloves and sacks. The usual excellent refreshments will be available after the litter pick and our thanks to Jane and David Dowling for hosting the morning once again.

If you are unable to come on the morning please can we ask you to pick up any litter you may see when you are out and about "every little helps".

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of Long Bredy and Kingston Russell Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 12th May at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The AGM will be followed by a Parish Council meeting. All are welcome.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday, 27th May at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. This year the short meeting will be followed by a talk on the 'Dorset Flag'. If you have any issues you would like discussed at the meeting, please can you let the Parish Clerk know beforehand if possi-

ble. Wine, soft drinks and light refreshments are served and all are welcome including children. This is an excellent opportunity for everyone to get together so do please attend.

Gwen Kinghorn, Parish Clerk, 7 Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy 01308 482270

FAREWELL & WELCOME!

Farewell to Les and Pat Cox who have moved to Shipton Gorge, and welcome to Mark & Jane Gravellers, who have come to Higher Kingston Russell with their children Tabitha, Tilly, Coral and Jed. We hope they will enjoy life in the valley.

BITS & PIECES

Over the Garden Wall *by Dave Bellows (Perry Scope is on holiday)*

It was a great honour to be arst by Mr Scope to write his column whilst he was away on his Saga skiing holiday (is that one of those Oxymorons?). On his advice Mrs Bellows and me went to the theatre the other week to see a contempory play - he suggested we try the Theatre of the Absurb, but not findin' it in Yellow Pages, I booked something at a trendy student venue, payin' by Gold Card (as you do). No point in that, though, we 'ad to wait at the desk anyway. I noticed that we was standin' right next to 'what we call' the auditorium, which was empty. "Maybe they're waitin' for Val McRadio to pop in to do the honours with the Safety Exits," I thought (as we know from the Village Society, she's v. good at it, what with bein' an ex air hostess!).

Well, eventually we got in and the play started. No scenery (they don't 'ave such things in the Modern Theatre, you see); just a kitchen table with a cloth (nice touch that, if a little 'what we call' Roccoco) and these two youngsters who stared at each other for most of the evening. Then it was dark for a bit and some of the audience laughed when they started discussin' crocodiles in Japan: I didn't think it was any laughing matter. Mrs B. leant across and explained that it was because it was "tragi-comedy" (another oxymoron, if I'm not mistaken), but demurrin' that she'd got it well wrong, I explained that this was 'what we call' *stream of consciousness* and was in fact serious, not funny, despite the script bein' badly written, if at all.

That collected me a few black looks from the other audients - well, I could *feel* they was black, even in the dark; and in any case they was hiss'n' (why *do* people hiss at you when you are tryin' to explain something to them?). Then it dawned on me: I shouldn't of been so naff (or is it naïve?). I explained to Mrs B. that the play 'ad already started when we was queuein' and us *waitin'* outside the

empty theatre was all part of the performance! You don't fool Dave Bellows that easy! I know Theatre of the Absurb when I see it.

As I was explainin' this , there was more hissing from the audi-ents all round us, then the lights went up and ev'rybody started clap-pin' and that was it. I congratulated the director on the way out, but did mention that, personally, I preferred the play we saw last year about a bloke in a dustbin, "Waitin' for Godfrey": "I'm still waitin' for an answer to that one!" I jested. It's funny how, at the "Absurb", we are always *waitin'*.

The followin' mornin' over breakfast in our hotel, I found myself readin' aloud the label on a portion of butter: "Natural Dairy Butter - contains milk." "Ooh!" said Mrs B., "that sounded just like a line from Harold Pinter". "Yes", I replied drily as I took up my copy of "The Stage", "we're all in the same Beckett".

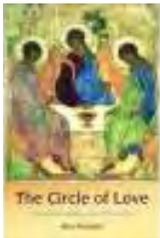
Faith in Politics? Rediscovering the Christian Roots of our Political Values By Richard Harries, DLT, £12.95

The revelation of the extent and nature of expenses claimed by MPs aroused almost universal feelings of outrage and derision. How could our democratically elected public servants have behaved in such a seemingly immoral way? The outrage was particularly keenly felt given the difficult economic climate, with global recession making everyday life hard for many. The net effect of the scandal was increased suspi-cion of our politicians and a sense of alienation from those 'at the top'. However, the crisis goes deeper than a distrust of politicians. There is a wide-spread indifference to our political institutions, as reflected for example in the low turnout for elections. Richard Harries argues that it is essential for the health of our society that we recover confidence in our political values.

Furthermore, he argues that these values, such as the rule of law, democracy and human rights are not just the product of the seventeenth century enlightenment but are deeply grounded in a Christian understanding of what it is to be a human being in society. This suggests that the political philosophies that have driven our society for the last fifty years, social liberalism and economic liberalism, are inadequate and we need to work at recovering a much richer concept of the common good.

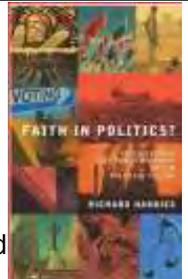
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Circle of Love by Ann Persson, BRF, £5.99

This is a devotional rather than an academic book exploring ways of praying and contemplating with this famous icon. Endorsed by Sister Wendy Beckett, the book shares some of the history and artistic traditions behind icon painting, including a trip Ann made to Russia, to the monastery where this famous icon originally belonged.



St James the Least of All

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace.'

On how to run your notice board

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your decision to place a notice board outside your church seems a good one - and its design in blue plastic with luminous red detachable letters seems entirely in keeping with the aesthetics of your building. Make sure that it is lockable, however, as an innocent notice saying "all are welcome" may be modified by a devotee of anagrams to say something far less polite by the following day.

We recently replaced ours, which had disappeared shortly before last bonfire night. That the Scouts' bonfire had a board which closely resembled our old one in its centre was, I am sure, complete coincidence. The Venture Scouts' collective smirk during the following week's Parade Service did give one pause for thought, and the Cubs' collapse into helpless laughter at the chorus "So light up the fire and let the flames burn" only increased suspicion.

On reflection, you may not have been wise to use your notice board to tell everyone your holiday dates. Certainly various local burglars were tripping over each other inside the vicarage while you were away. However, the note the last one left, saying that next time he broke in, he would bring you something, since you had so little left, was quite touching.

Inevitably, now that your church has a notice board, there will be open warfare over who is allowed to display notices on it. Will the Slimmers' Club be seen as biblical? Why is the Ladies Guild notice twice as large as all the others? And do remember that while everyone will want space to display their notices, no one will ever remove them once the event is over. Plaintive announcements of Christmas parties in April or of Summer Fetes in November only serve to take people down memory lane.

Here's the best way to manage a notice board: create that panacea for all problems: a sub-committee. These

poor people only ever exist in order to get the clergy out of tight corners and to make sure that matters are discussed at such inordinate length that every issue eventually dies a natural death. And if even that fails, you could have a quiet word with our Scouts before next year's bonfire night.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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SOLUTION SON ON P.37

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EASTER FLOWERS

From the darkness of Good Friday, the day on which Jesus died on the cross, we come to the light and joy of Easter Day.

In Lent the church was dull and bare but at Easter it is bright with masses of flowers. The flowers remind us that the world is full of life, even though it looked so dead through the winter months.

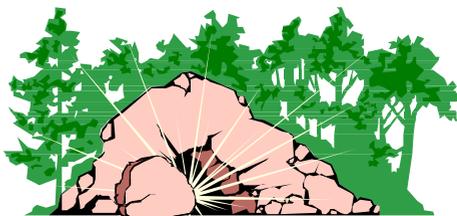


You can read what happened in a special garden on that very first Easter Day in the Gospels; Matthew, chapter 28; Mark, chapter 16; Luke, chapter 24 and John, chapter 20.



What flower does everyone have?
Tulips.

YOUR OWN EASTER GARDEN



Lots of churches build an Easter garden to show the empty tomb. You can make your own quite simply – you will need a shallow tin or dish, soil or potting compost, moss, stones, empty little jar (from baby food or paste), flowers and leaves and a small clay flower pot.

Line the dish with soil or potting compost and put the clay flowerpot on its side to make the tomb. Cover the sides of the pot and the soil with moss.

Make a hole in the 'grass' large enough to take the jar. Fill the jar with water and a small arrangement of flowers and leaves.



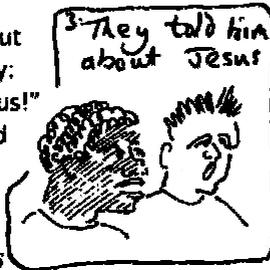
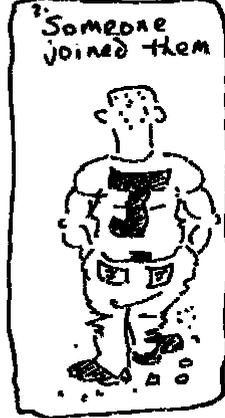
Decorate the garden with stones (for a path), pebbles and other flowers. Put one large stone by the side of the mouth of the flower pot to make the door of the tomb that was rolled away. Spray your garden with water and it will keep green and fresh for quite a long time.

Bible Sketchbook

Recognition!

Deep depression.
Leader dead.
Revolution over.
Take a long walk.
Talk it all out.
...But rumours...
He's alive...
Someone comes.
Something exciting
About him.
Time to eat:
"Stay with us."
He breaks bread
At supper...
Simple act, but
Extraordinary:
"It's him, Jesus!"
All is changed
For ever.

Read more
Luke 24: 13-35



Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

Aunties' Kisses.

Why do aunties want to kiss you
When they come and when they go?
Why *do* they always want to kiss you,
Slip-slap quick or slimy slow?

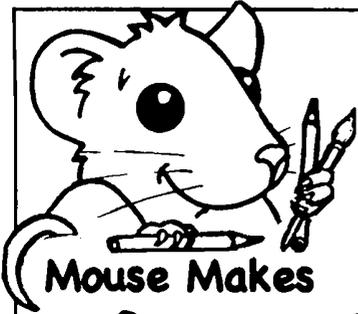
I love my auntie, she's the one who
Buys toy mice, tin drums and tricks,
But how I hate those last embraces,
Garlic, mints and pink lipsticks.

Why do they want to squeeze and hold
And make a fuss before they leave?
Don't they know that sloppy kisses
Just get wiped off on my sleeve?



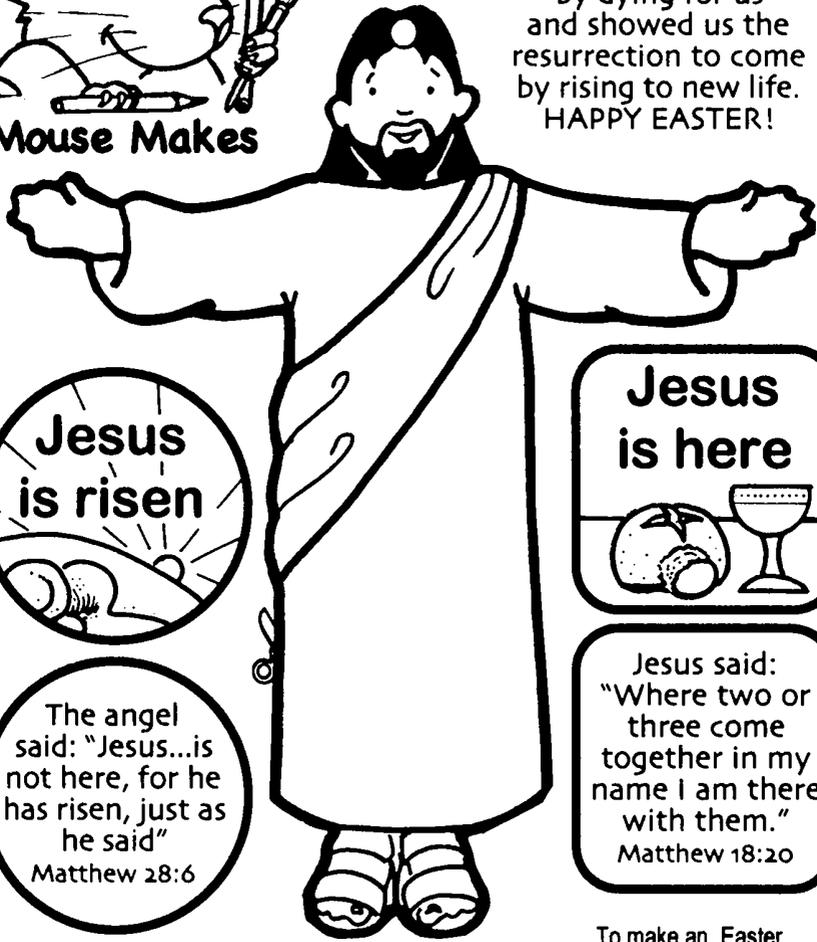
Jesus said, "*Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?*" (Luke 22:48 NIV)

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



Mouse Makes

On the cross Jesus opened wide his arms for us, Jesus put an end to death by dying for us and showed us the resurrection to come by rising to new life. **HAPPY EASTER!**



The angel said: "Jesus...is not here, for he has risen, just as he said"
Matthew 28:6

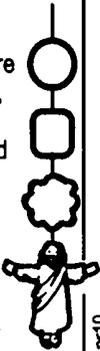


Jesus said:
"Where two or three come together in my name I am there with them."
Matthew 18:20



Jesus said:
"I will come back and take you to myself so that you will be where I am"
John 14:3

To make an Easter mobile glue the picture of Jesus to thin card, colour, then cut out. Cut around the word panels and glue together along a length of thin string or wool. Tie end to the top of Jesus and hang up.



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EXPERIENCE, *n.* The wisdom that enables us to recognize as an undesirable old acquaintance the folly that we have already embraced.

*To one who, journeying through night and fog,
Is mired neck-deep in an unwholesome bog,
Experience, like the rising of the dawn,
Reveals the path that he should not have gone.*

Joel Frad Bink



DIARY OF EVENTS: APRIL 2010

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| TBA | | 7.30pm Spring Bingo | PSWB Village Hall |
| Thu | 1 | 7.30pm Badminton | LATCH |
| Fri | 2 | 9.45am Yoga | LATCH |
| Sat | 3 | 10.00am Church Decoration | Puncknowle |
| Sun | 4 | pm "Walled Garden" open | Littlebredy |
| | | 1.00pm BB School Annual Duck Race | Recreation Ground, BB |
| | | 12.00noon Annual Duck Race | Main Street, Litton Cheney |
| | | 7.00pm One World Worship | Othona Community |
| Mon | 5 | pm "Walled Garden" open | Littlebredy |
| | | 4.00pm Pilates | LATCH |
| Tue | 6 | 2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group | Ourganics, Litton Cheney |
| | | 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting | PSWB Village Hall |
| Wed | 7 | 9.30am Community Partnership Vehicle | Shipton Gorge, New Inn |
| | | 10.45am Community Partnership Vehicle | Puncknowle, Church Street |
| | | 12noon Community Partnership Vehicle | B Bradstock, Annings Lane |
| | | 2.00pm Tai Chi | LATCH |
| | | 3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access | PSWB Village Hall |
| | | 3.15pm Community Partnership Vehicle | West Bexington, Car Park |
| | | 3.30pm Table Tennis | LATCH |
| | | 7.30pm APCM | St. Mary, Litton Cheney |
| Thu | 8 | 2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation | Othona Community |
| | | 7.30pm Badminton | LATCH |
| Fri | 9 | 9.45am Yoga | LATCH |
| Sat | 10 | 10.30pm Annual Spring Clean | "Maybyrne", Long Bredy |
| | | 7.30pm Keeeeeeep Dancing | LATCH |
| Sun | 11 | 5.00pm APCM | St Mary's, Puncknowle |
| Mon | 12 | 4.00pm Pilates | LATCH |
| Tue | 13 | 7.30pm Women's Institute AGM | BB Village Hall |
| Wed | 14 | 2.00pm Tai Chi | LATCH |
| | | 3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access | PSWB Village Hall |
| | | 3.30pm Table Tennis | LATCH |
| | | 7.00pm APCM | St. Mary's, Burton Bradstock |
| | | 7.30pm Book Club | PSWB Village Hall |
| | | 7.30pm Book Club | PSWB Village Hall |
| Thu | 15 | 10.00am Children's Activity Morning | PSWB Village Hall |
| | | 7.30pm Badminton | LATCH |
| Fri | 16 | 9.30am Art Club | PSWB Hall |

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| Sat | 17 | 10.00am BB Players Voice Workshop | BB Village Hall |
| | | 10.00am Maintenance Day | Shipton Gorge Playing Field |
| | | 10.30am Village Cafe | LATCH |
| Sun | 18 | 10.00am Beach Clean | W. Bexington Car Park |
| | | 4.30pm APCM | Holy Trinity, Swyre |
| Mon | 19 | 4.00pm Pilates | LATCH |
| | | 7.00pm RBL(BB) Social Evening | Three Horseshoes, BB |
| | | 7.30pm BVGC AGM & Green Cone Composting | PSWB Village Hall |
| Tue | 20 | 2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group | Ourganics, Litton Cheney |
| | | 7.30pm Annual Parish Assembly | PSWB Village Hall |
| Wed | 21 | 2.00pm Tai Chi | LATCH |
| | | 3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access | PSWB Village Hall |
| | | 3.30pm Table Tennis | LATCH |
| | | 7.30pm Village Hall AGM | Shipton Gorge Village Hall |
| | | 8.00pm BV Film " Julie & Julia" | LATCH |
| Thu | 22 | 2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation | Othona Community |
| | | 7.30pm Badminton | LATCH |
| | | RBL(A&P) Day Trip to Yarmouth loW | |
| Fri | 23 | 9.45am Yoga | LATCH |
| | | 6.00pm Bride Valley Youth Alpha | "Ennis", W. Bexington |
| | | 7.30pm Swinging Sixties Evening | Littlebredy Village Hall |
| Sat | 24 | 7.30pm Artsreach "Dope Under Thorncombe" | LATCH |
| Sun | 25 | 10.30am Playing Field & Village Tidy Up | Puncknowle Playing Field |
| Mon | 26 | 4.00pm Pilates | LATCH |
| Tue | 27 | 7.30pm Charity Whist Drive | The Bull |
| Wed | 28 | 2.00pm Tai Chi | LATCH |
| | | 3.00pm Public Computer/Broadband Access | PSWB Village Hall |
| | | 3.30pm Table Tennis | LATCH |
| Fri | 28 | 9.45am Yoga | LATCH |
| Mon | 29 | 7.00pm BVGC AGM & "Green Cone Composting" | PSWB Hall |
| Thu | 29 | 7.30pm Badminton | LATCH |
| Fri | 30 | 10.30am Art Club | The Bull |
| | | 6.00pm Bride Valley Youth Alpha | "Ennis", W. Bexington |

There are grammatical errors even in his silence.

Stanislaw J. Lec, (1909–1966), "Unkempt Thoughts"

SERVICES FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM & EASTER DAY



- 1st MAUNDY THURSDAY**
 6.00pm Puncknowle Passover Meal & Watch
- 2nd GOOD FRIDAY**
 11.00am Shipton Gorge Litany
 11.00am Littlebredy Litany, followed by
 Stations Of The Cross, ending at
 12.00noon Long Bredy
 12.00noon Burton Bradstock 3 hour Meditation including walk
 to Bindbarrow Hill
- 3rd EASTER EVE**
 7.00pm Chilcombe Service of Lessons & Carols

- 4th EASTER DAY**
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| 6.00am | Chapel in the Wood | Holy Communion |
| 8.00am | Chilcombe | Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | Burton Bradstock | Family Communion |
| 9.30am | Shipton Gorge | Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | Litton Cheney | Holy Communion (by extension) |
| 9.30am | Long Bredy | Holy Communion |
| 11.00am | Swyre | Holy Communion |
| 11.00am | Puncknowle | Holy Communion |
| 11.00am | Littlebredy | Holy Communion |
| 6.30pm | Burton Bradstock | Evening Prayer |



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

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES April 2010

| | 1 st Sunday 4 th April EASTER DAY | 2 nd Sunday 11 th April Easter 2 | 3 rd Sunday 18 th April Easter 3 | 4 th Sunday 25 th April St Mark the Evangelist |
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| Burton Bradstock | <i>See Page 75</i> | 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer | 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (ext) 6.30 Evening Prayer | 9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer |
| Shipton Gorge | | 9.30 Morning Prayer | 9.30 Holy Communion | 11.00 Family Service 3.30 Evening Prayer |
| Chilcombe | | | | |
| Swyre | | 11.00 Holy Communion (by extension) | 11.00 Morning Worship | 11.00 Holy Communion |
| Puncknowle | | 5.00 Evening Prayer | 8.00 Holy Communion | 11.00 Family Service |
| Litton Cheney | | 9.30 Holy Communion | 9.30 Morning Prayer | 9.30 Holy Communion |
| Long Bredy | | | 11.00 Morning Worship | |
| Littlebredy | | 11.00 Family Service | | 11.00 Holy Communion |