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Picture from Hilary Litchfield, Puncknowle

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WEEKDAY SERVICES, JUNE 2010

Wed	2 nd	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thurs	3 rd	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	4 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	7 th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	9 th	9.00am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thurs	10 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Mon	14 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	16 th	9.00am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thurs	17 th	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	18 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	21 st	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	23 rd	9.00am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion
Thurs	24 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	25 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	28 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	30 th	9.00am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion

Note: There will not be a service at Litton Cheney on 11th June.

FROM THE RECTORY

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Please do not trouble yourself to read this, the scrivening of one who is a fool. This fool it is who invited people to climb up Shipton Hill to mark the feast of the Ascension, and there to join in a service of Holy Communion. Have you stopped reading yet? Please do not continue.

Climbing the hill was not in itself a foolish thing to do. Some started at Chilcombe, and others from the Shipton side, and we all met at the top as arranged and in good time. And when we met it was to see the glorious sight of the Valley lit with an early evening, early Summer sun; the fields sculpted with light and shade, the trees throwing long shadows. Please do not imagine that this was the folly. On the contrary, this was a true sense of the senses. The folly has yet to come. Are you still with me? I do hope not.

The fool who is writing found a spot in the lee of a low bush, and the people gathered facing the sea. No nonsense here; a fine place to settle the soul in prayer. The folly of the fool began after the bible readings had been given out, and when he put his hand in the rucksack to pull out the chalice, which was at that moment sitting on the kitchen table at the Rectory.

“What an idiot!” we all thought, but there we were, with an instinct to improvise. A water bottle would have to do.

That is enough of reading for now; please close the page.

The next discovery was that there was no bread to go with there being no chalice. The bread was in a little tub inside the chalice back at the Need I go on? Linda nobly offered her packet of wine gums as a substitute, but we all felt, I think, that this might be pushing canonical rules governing liturgical expression a bit beyond the permissible.

And so we said prayers, on the hill, above the Valley and facing the

sunlit sea. And God who makes everything from nothing, and who mends our folly, and who raises the dead to heaven as Christ is lifted up, bid us go down the hill to be his fools in the world, just as if we were the first disciples.

And if you have read this far, the more fool you.

Bob.



From Shipton Hill
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We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ

1 Corinthians 4:10

FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

24th April

ANDREW BRINDLEY and **GAYLE ACORS** were married in St Mary's Church,

Burton Bradstock.



1st May

NICK TAIT and **DEBBIE LEGGE** were married in St Mary's Church, Puncknowle.

8th May

SIMON FOULDS and **SARAH HILLIER** were married in Holy Trinity Church, Swyre.



FUNERALS

On Monday, 19th April in the cemetery of Burton Bradstock the ashes of the late **PAMELA CHANIN** were laid to rest with those of her sister, Barbara, who died in 2004. A small gathering of family and friends attended on a sunny morning to remember them and pay their respects.

The funeral of **MARGERY KINGHORN** was held in St Peter's Church, Long Bredy on Thursday, 29th April. Her son, Alan, spoke of her life. Alan's wife, Gwen, read the lesson. Granddaughter Charlotte read a poem at the end of the service, and Grandson Edward assisted in the bearing of the coffin.

Friends from the village joined this warm and loving, family funeral service, before Margery was borne out into the Churchyard to be laid to rest at the foot of the surrounding hills.

ELIZABETH, LADY WILLIAMS, lately of Bridehead, was mourned by family, friends and the people of the village of Littlebredy at her funeral held on 4th May in the Church of St Michael and all angels. The Revd Anthony Bush spoke of her life, and the lesson was read by Sir Philip Williams, her son. Lady Williams was borne into the churchyard to be laid to rest.

A thanksgiving service in remembrance and thanksgiving for her life is planned for Friday 21st of May at Owermoigne, where she lived for the last 25 years of her life.

The funeral of **EDWARD WALTER (TED) JENNINGS** was held at Weymouth crematorium on Wednesday, the 5th May. Philip Buston, a friend of many years, told of Ted's many interests, skills and enthusiasms, including that of taking pot shots at the Church tower when the mood took him. In latter

years his life had been a more solitary one, but in earlier times he was widely known as a man of great skill at cooking, and generous hospitality. Many stories of his life were fondly recalled after the service at a gathering at the Luggier Inn at Chickerell.

On May 12th, the funeral of **LEN DOWNTON** was held at Weymouth crematorium. He was a born and bred Burton Bradstock man, who after serving in Burma during the war worked with heavy horses, taking gravel from the Chesil beach – as did many in those days. Later he worked on a milk round and then at Burton Bradstock garage. Family and friends gathered to remember and mourn him, and to miss another part of the age of the village that passes with him.

The publication date for the magazine does not allow for a record of funerals that are arranged as I write. But it has been a sad time for the Parishes of the Valley in recent weeks. I simply record that the following services have been arranged.

For the late **GILLIAN LEGGE** on the 19th May at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock, and thereafter at Weymouth crematorium.

For the late **MARK LAVER** at St Mary's, Puncknowle on Monday, 17th May, and following at Weymouth crematorium.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory.

LONG BREDY

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LONG BREDY THREE GARDEN SAFARI



Saturday & Sunday, 3rd and 4th July, from 12.00noon at Bellamont House, Whatcombe House and Pitcombe.

Plans are coming together for this big village event and we hope as many people as possible will be able to help if only for a short while (we will be contacting you soon so we can work out a rota).

This is fundraising for the upkeep of the church, on going running of the Village Hall (e.g. electricity, equipment) and maintenance of equipment etc for the playground.

We are a very small village and it is difficult to keep these facilities going, so we do hope you will be able to help with serving lunch and teas,

taking money at the gate or moving tables and chairs before the event (and many other jobs !).

The hog roast on the Sunday will be manned independently, giving the villagers a chance to have lunch and look around the wonderful gardens.

We will be having a limited number of stalls run by the village, for which items will be needed. We shall be grateful for any donations given to the stallholders listed below:

RAFFLE - Elinor Frost 482269

TOMBOLA (any prize) Gwen and Alan Kinghorn 482270. Ruth and Dave Cullingford 482562.

CRAFT AND UNWANTED GIFTS Margaret Elliot 482338. Rose-Marie Pitcher 482486

LUNCH AND TEAS (cakes and savouries) Jackie Cain 482379

BOOKS Sara Winter 482637



IN MEMORIAM

TED JENNINGS died on 19th April in Bridport Hospital. He had lived at 'Flora' (the house next to the Church), Long Bredy for 50 years. Family and friends gathered at Weymouth crematorium for his funeral service on 5th May.

LITTON CHENEY

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ST MARY'S CHURCH BUILDING WORK

When you read this the works should be finished, but please bear with the PCC whilst the grass and paths are returned to good order. The opportunity was taken, with the help of a generous donation, to lay a new electricity main in the trench taking the drain and water supply, to connect with a new main in Church Path for the Old Rectory. This will allow the removal of the unsightly overhead supply behind the Church – final connection and removal should take place in a few weeks. The PCC is most grateful for the encouraging response to the Appeal which remains open; it is still hoped there may be sufficient funds to resurface the paths but if not this will have to wait for another day.



Apologies and thanks to those, principally the residents of Church Path and those with adjacent family graves, who had to put up with the disturbance.

SPONSORED WALK

You are invited to take part in a Sponsored Walk from Salisbury Cathedral to St Mary's Church over three days 15th/17th July.

After a send-off from the Cathedral by Canon Mark Bonney, we will head off on the first stage to Tollard Royal (18 miles) where we will be collected and delivered back to our homes. After a drive back to where we finished the evening before, the next day continues on to the Folly, near Plush (19 miles). Another journey home and return the next morning for the final stage to St Mary's (17 miles) where you will be served a well earned tea from the new kitchen in the Church tower.

The walk (principally on footpaths and bridleways) passes through some stunning countryside including Compton Down, Cranborne Chase, Hambledon Hill (and/or Hod Hill for those with plenty of puff), Bulbarrow and Dorsetshire Gap. You may walk the whole distance or just one or two of the days; for those unable to do more, the final stretch of 7 miles from Maiden Newton, or less, is an option for the Saturday afternoon. If walking is not for you then please do volunteer as a driver to take walkers to the start each day and collect in the evening.

The object is twofold – to raise the final amount needed to pay for the recently completed works at the Church and to enjoy a challenging cross-country, predominantly high level walk (who knows, we may follow the same route taken by those who had charge from the Diocese of building our Church 700 years ago).

Sponsorship forms are available from any member of the PCC. Please confirm details of your intended participation on the walk or availability as a driver to Freddie Spicer (482617) by no later than Thursday 8th July.



JUST WALK

CONCERT

On Sunday 18th July there will be an evening Concert at the Church given by our organist Paul Cheater; please see the July magazine for details of the time and the music.

A glass of wine will be served at the interval when there will be an opportunity to see the reordering in the tower.

Tickets at £7.50 can be bought in advance from any PCC member. The proceeds will be for the reordering Appeal.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE



On May 8th, despite the grey skies a hardy band of walkers set off for an invigorating ramble to the Chapel in the Woods. There were swans to be seen on the Bride, and bluebells along the track up to the woods where an excellent display was coming into full bloom. Along with quite a few orchids and primroses it was a real antidote to the grey and showery skies.

The next Village Walk will be on June 11th.

AGM

The AGM will be on June 3rd at 7.30pm and will provide a brief update on the years activities, followed by a glass of wine, and Steve Kourik explaining the Northern Lights phenomenon, accompanied by photographs from his recent, pre-ash! trip.

DIARY DATES

Bride Valley Navigation Challenge on Friday July 16th

Summer BBQ on Sunday August 8th

More information in the July edition, but the BBQ was a sell out last year and it will be advisable to buy your tickets in advance !!

Ron Davidson LCSC 482661

LITTON CHENEY COMMUNITY HALL FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER



It's glorious June and one year on from when we first opened the doors to our brand new hall. On Friday 11th June, at 7.30 pm, come to Litton and Thorner's Community Hall to celebrate our first full year of the Hall. The outlook is stunning, the weather set fair, there's scrummy food and the company nothing but the best.

A three-course dinner plus a cash bar, a few well-chosen words, some musical entertainment, plus a little dancing for those that care to, are all on offer.

Tickets are £17.50 per person or a table for 6 at the discounted price of £96. For details of menu and bookings, please call 01308 482532 or email hall@thorners.dorset.sch.uk or visit www.littoncheney.org.uk

EVENTS AT THE HALL – JUNE

VILLAGE CAFÉ

Saturday 19th June – 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Everyone welcome!

YOGA

Continues every Friday through June, at 9.45am in the Hall

LITTON CHENEY WEB GROUP OPEN EVENING

for computer users – Wednesday 9th June, 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Meeting Room. Come one, come all.

For more details of activities and the comings and goings at the hall visit Events at the Hall at www.littoncheney.org.uk

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

CHURCH GATES

The cracks in the wrought iron gates have now been successfully repaired and repainted. We were informed that the gates are over 150 years old, so with loving care we hope they will last a further 150 years.



CHURCH WINDOW

We have not been given a positive date for the reinstallation of the West Window. The builder gave us an estimated time of between 4-6 weeks, so we are extremely optimistic that they will be fitted and the glass gleaming in time for the Church Fete.

CHURCH FETE

This is to be held on 26th June at 2.00pm in and around the Village Hall. Helpers are needed for the stalls and also goods for us to sell. If you feel you can help, please contact Gillian 897346, Vicky 898648, Kate 897574, Elizabeth 897207, Linda 898278 and James 898657.

FEAST OF FLOWERS FOR THE FAMILY

An addition to the Church Fete will be A Feast of Flowers for the Family. We invite everyone in the village - children and adults - to place a flower arrangement in the Church from Friday 25th June, so that over the Fete weekend there will be a feast of flowers for everyone to enjoy within St. Martin's. Arrangements can be as simple or elaborate as you wish, so let us fill the Church with a marvellous Feast of Flowers. This is not a competition, it is a celebration of flowers. At the same time the Tower will be open so that everyone can enjoy the views.

OPEN GARDEN & CREAM TEAS

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Langran are opening their garden and serving cream teas at their home, Church View, Brook Street, on Saturday 12th June commencing 2.30 p.m. They will also be having a Plant stall. Everyone is most welcome.

Gillian Maxfield, Churchwarden

PARISH APPRAISAL

The 2009 Parish Appraisal is now available following the Parish Plan Presentation. To obtain a copy, it is available for download on the Shipton Gorge Parish Council website. A CD copy or a paper copy is being distributed to all households in due course, if you have not had a copy and require one please ring Peter Gates Tel 897836.

PLAYING FIELD

A huge thank you to all who assisted with the maintenance day in April. Much tidying up was achieved which will be appreciated very much by all who visit and use the field.

Parish Council Playing Field Committee.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Three successful events have been enjoyed recently by the village Society:

“The Home Guard Bash” sparked memories of the Local Defence Volunteers, the “wartime rations” were delicious (we think that there were two weeks’ meat ration in the pie!), and the “Red Cross Food Parcel” was won by Chris Morgan, with Doris Benselin getting second prize.

The Bingo evening was not so well attended, but those that did go enjoyed it and came away with several excellent prizes.

“Stompin’ Dave Allen” received a standing ovation from a very appreciative audience. His stage show has been described as “bordering on mania and his stamina bordering on the impossible”. He performed American roots music on guitar, five-string banjo, fiddle, piano, harmonica, vocals & tap dancing, all interspersed with hilarious banter with the crowd. Wonderful!

COMING SOON (watch out for notices):

Sunday 13th June - Village Treasure Hunt on foot – start at the New Inn from 10.30am.

Friday 18th June – “Celebrate Summer”, dance to The Vinyl Monkeys, bring your own food and drink in a format similar to our New Year’s Eve Ball. Held at The Village Hall, tickets £12 per head from John Kent (897574), Sally Parker(897168), Ed Buck (898278) or Ann Hunt (898301)

Saturday 24th July - Picnic in the Park, bring your picnic to the Village Playing field for a sociable afternoon with entertainment from One Night Stand.

Saturday 31st July - Fruit & Vegetable Show. Entry schedules available from Sally Parker(897168),

Saturday 21st August - Village Society Fete- any offers of help gratefully received!

DORSET'S BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Having won several categories in the Dorset Best Kept Village in 2009 and only missing the first prize by a whisker, Shipton Gorge has entered the competition again this year 2010. If not having already taken place judging will be within the next two months. We will not have notice of judging. I reiterate this is *not* a competition for the prettiest village and private properties are not being judged. Only public areas will be judged and we need to ensure these and, in fact, the whole village are in even better condition than our usual high standard. All your support with this will be greatly appreciated - if people can help keep their local areas tidy that will be a great help. Any queries contact Peter Gates 897836.

SHIPTON GORGE LTD

There was a good response to the Apple Quiz from the Coffee Morning held in February, and Elizabeth Langran won the £10 first prize.

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

£20	No 35	Heather & Graham Puttock
£10	No 36	Jill & Dave Curtis

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

BURTON BRADSTOCK CHURCH FÊTE

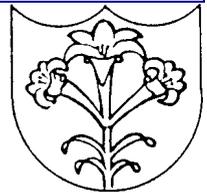
Thursday, 5th August 2010

Work is already well under way on this year's Church Fête on Thursday 5th August in St Mary's lovely walled Rectory garden.

This year's theme will be "Gardening" and we intend to have some stalls and games which reflect this.

Last year we raised a bumper record sum for the Church Fabric fund. This reflected the hard work of the fête committee and their helpers, together with the generous support of residents of the Bride Valley and holidaymakers. Many of the latter ensure their holiday break coincides with our church fête.

The fête committee would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to help on the day by contacting any of the following: Alan & Judy Clarke (897051), Susan Moores (897673), Susan Paul (897381),



Sylvia Delves (897358), Vicky Gibson (897440), Ian Wigglesworth (897083) or myself.

In the meantime you can help by having a late 'spring clean' and clearing out your unwanted items in your attic/cupboards such as books, toys, games, puzzles, household articles plus donations for the fete auction and raffle. Please ring me and I will come and collect them.

Thanking you in advance on behalf of St Mary's Church.

Jim Rogers - Church Fête Co-ordinator (897464)

CHURCH URBAN FUND

Mr Chris Howard, Youth Worker at St Philip's Church, Kinson, will speak about the work of the Church Urban Fund at the 9.30am and 11.00am services at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock on Sunday 6th June. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



Unfortunately, Mr Howard is unable to stay for the evening service. Perhaps those who normally attend the evening service would, exceptionally, come in the morning - or come both morning and evening if you so wish!

And a note for your diaries: Mr Nick Viney, will attend the 9.30am and 11.00am services on Sunday 4th July to speak about the work of the charity Farm Africa.

OPEN GARDEN

John and Caryl Hubbard are opening their garden and gallery at Chilcombe on Friday afternoons during June, from 2.00 to 6:30 p.m.

Entry is £5 per person, those under twenty years free, dogs on leads please. Parking is on the large field just above the house.

THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

We will be having a Garden Party at Linden Cottage, 41 Grove Road, Burton Bradstock in aid of the above very worthy cause on Sunday, 27th June (2.00-4.00pm). There will be various stalls - books, cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, raffle, teas etc. and musical entertainment. Gifts for any of the stalls would be much appreciated (for collection, please ring 897609).

Do come and join us for a fun afternoon. We have ordered the weather but if wet bring a brolly!

John and Veda Bull



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BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

The speaker at our April meeting, Pam Middlemast, had only travelled a short distance from the Three Horseshoes to join us, but she quickly transported us across the world to tell of her experiences on Aride Island in the Seychelles.

Her skills as a publican (with Paul) are well known but few of us knew that she is an experienced and well travelled biological scientist who has carried out varied and interesting research projects. Her talk was about the conservation of this remote island and the part which she played in gathering data about the Seychelles Sunbird, which had successfully re-colonised.



Seychelles Sunbird
© David Massie

We heard about the long journey to and the history of Aride, which is essentially a desert island with no reliable water supply. It had been a French Leper colony in the 18th century, and a plantation thereafter and many non native plants had been introduced, but it is now an internationally important nature reserve. It had been acquired by the Cadbury family in the 1970's and is now managed by the Island Conservation Society.

It has steep granite cliffs on the northern side and a forested plateau to the south. It only measures 1.6km x 0.6 km but it is home to 1.25 million seabirds including the world's largest colony of Lesser Noddy, plus a wide variety of Terns, Shearwaters, Greater Frigate and Tropic Birds.

Many of the land birds had been lost during the plantation time but with clearance of the introduced plants and the re-establishment of native species the birds have returned including the Blue Pigeon which becomes drunk after consuming figs!! The island boasts the highest density of lizards in the world and a wide variety of insects but, fortunately only one that stings.

Pam's fascinating talk was followed by an interesting question and answer session and the revelation that this was her second visit to the Seychelles. The first time was on her honeymoon and was very different – a five star hotel - not a very basic camp with a “long drop” toilet!

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

VILLAGE TREASURE TRAIL WALK & CREAM TEAS

There will be a Treasure Trail Walk around the old parts of Burton Bradstock Village on the afternoon of Sunday 1st August 2010. The Trail will start and end at the Village Hall where Cream Teas and cold drinks will be available all afternoon and where those who want to take part can collect the Treasure Trail Clue Sheets. The Treasure Trail clues will be suitable for visitors and residents alike and there will be a children's version consisting of photographic clues.



Cost of entry onto the trail will be £1.00 for adults and 50p for children. Don't forget to bring a pen or two.

The Trail should take approximately 1 hour 30 mins to complete at a slow walking pace incorporating a short stop at the playground if desired. The halfway stage of the Trail will be at the Village Green giving 'Trail Blazers' an opportunity to buy a Cream Tea and a drink at the beginning, middle or end of their walk. Prizes will be given and answers will be available late in the afternoon. Answers will also be posted in the Post Office on Monday 2nd August.

Bring your family and enjoy this fun event walking round a beautiful Dorset Village. *Susan Moores - Chairman, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust*

CHRIS PACKHAM

On Friday 25th June, Chris Packham, of BBC Spring Watch, will be giving two talks entitled "Never mind the buzzards. Here's the really wild life" to help raise funds for the charity Wessex Heartbeat, and to support Pam Middlemast in her attempt to reach the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro next February. Anyone who would like to know more about Wessex Heartbeat or Pam's fund raising plans should contact her at The Three Horseshoes, Burton Bradstock on 01308 897259.



Tickets for Chris' talks are available from The Three Horseshoes or Burton Bradstock Post Office.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

WDDC Licence no: SLO080

Congratulations to the winners of the May Draw:

1 st	£44.80	No 183	Mrs Sylvia Delves
2 nd	£22.40	No 6	Mr Graham Blunden
3 rd	£11.20	No 37	Mrs Elaine Tame

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the June-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £7 - one pound for each of the remaining 7 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.



BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

The Players will be holding their AGM on Thursday 24th June at 8.00pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Wine and nibbles to follow - do come!

And don't forget to buy your tickets for "Far from the Madding Crowd" when the Box Office opens at the Post Office on Saturday 14th August (mornings only). The play will be performed in the village hall from 1st - 4th September at 7.30pm.

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Saturday, 11th September 2010

Cycle or walk to Dorset's beautiful churches and raise money for the Trust and your own church at the same time! Alternatively, consider becoming a sponsor of a participant!



For further information, please contact your parish organiser:-

Burton Bradstock	Mr. Howard Bongers	898029
Littlebredy	Sir Philip Williams	482232
Litton Cheney	Mr. Freddie Spicer	482617
Long Bredy	Mrs. Elinor Frost	482269
Puncknowle	Mr. Nick Tate	898506
Shipton Gorge	Mrs. Janet Lane	897241
Swyre:	Mr. David Buckland	898492



FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

The good news is that Burton Bradstock library has just been re-furbished and the new opening times introduced.

The interior of the library has been re-decorated and new book shelving installed, providing much needed extra space. The room now has a bright and friendly feel to it, and the extra book shelving will allow more books to be displayed. The library is open 6 days a week, from 3.00 to 5.00pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and from 10.00am to 12.00noon on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

The sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday are staffed by volunteers, with Central Library staff on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The volunteers can deal with most situations, but where a Central Library staff member's expertise is required, the problem is logged and carried over to the next day to be dealt with by professional staff.

Although relatively small, the library does contain a good selection of books, and has access to all the books and services of the Dorset Central Library. Any requested books can be ordered in person or on-line www.dorsetforyou.com/libraries from, and delivered to, Burton Bradstock library. We will also keep track of Central Library activities and events and, where possible, have the Burton Bradstock library share in them.

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful local library, if you have not joined yet, please do and remember you do not have to live in Burton Bradstock. We need everyone's support in these difficult times.

R.J. Hynds – Chairman of FBBL Trustees.

Ewell Court, Shipton Lane, Burton Bradstock, Dorset DT6 4NQ. Tel 01308 897440

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



A new scheme is now available for people and businesses with large amounts of fuel in tanks, to get a security check from the local police. If this is of interest to you then please contact PC's Poppy or Sarah who will explain and arrange this for you. If you would like to chat to them you could always check the times when they come to Burton which are given in the Post Office window.

Now that summer has arrived, some of us may be thinking of leaving our homes for a break. Don't advertise this by having letters sticking out of the letter box or leaving a top window open so the house gets an airing. Please ask a friend or neighbour to look after your house so the signs of "I'm free, nobody's home" are not visible. Also remember when gardening not to leave the doors open as you get carried away attacking a patch of problem weeds!

PUNCKNOWLE & W. BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

We would like to thank Ann Roberts for 17 years of devoted service to the church as our Church Warden. She gave an enormous amount of time to the care and maintenance of the church fabric and grounds, supporting services and running the fete. Thanks also go to Jim Bailey who was also Warden, and is stepping down after 12 years.



FETE

This will be held on Saturday July 31st. Put the date in your diary now. This may seem some time away but now is the time to start freezing cakes, collecting toys, books, bric a brac as well as planting seeds and taking cuttings so plants are ready to sell on the day. Many thanks to all those who have already offered to help. We need as much help as we can to make the fete a success.

Children – start thinking about your fancy dress outfit for the parade from the hall to the Manor grounds. This year's theme is "Puncknowle past and present"



ART CLUB

We all enjoyed our watercolour workshop with Terry Whitworth who also brought along some samples of his work –

wow! Our next meeting was a follow up session at which we were able to compare notes and paint together.

On June 11th we plan to paint at West Bay and on June 25th at Abbotsbury.

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

For bookings, telephone 01308 897724

The Management Committee is pleased to say that the Hall is to benefit from a Grassroots Grant (a Government sponsored programme administered by The Community Foundation for Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole (for more details see www.localgiving4dorset.org.uk) to enable us to redecorate the interior of the hall. Quotations are currently being sought, and a contractor will be appointed very shortly.

Inevitably there will be some disruption whilst the work is being carried out, and we would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience that may be experienced by users. However, we hope this will be kept to a minimum by doing the work in phases, and mostly during the Summer lull in use of the Hall. Anyone likely to be affected will be given as much advance warning as possible.



Reg Charity No. 1105233

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB



The next lunch will be on Tuesday 15th June. Any member who has not already ordered their meal should ring 897622 before 11th June.

BOOK CLUB

This month's book is "Relentless" by Simon Kernick, which will be discussed at the next meeting on June 9th.



PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thank you for your support for the Children's Activity Morning in April. It was well attended: the weather was fine and both adults and children had a good morning.

The Spring Bingo turned into a St George's Day Quiz: greatly enjoyed by those who attended.

The Table Sale in June was fun, and bargains were there to be had. There was a good atmosphere, and it was an enjoyable afternoon. Well worth doing again.

We are taking a break in June and July, as the Fete Season is upon us, but there are some future dates for your diaries:

THE VINTAGE BLUES BAND

The Band will return on Saturday, August 28th. Led by Carol Bennett's

son, they gave us a really good evening when they played for us last Summer. Tickets £5 from Carol.

AUTUMN BAZAAR - Sarurday 25th September

HALLOWEEN QUIZ—Sunday 31st October

PLAYING FIELD CAKE STALL

In order to raise money for the Playing Field the Committee will be having a cake stall at the Charter Fair in Bridport on Saturday July 3rd. Contributions of as many cakes and biscuits as possible to sell on the stall, would be most gratefully received. The more money we can make the better play area we can have. Please let me all offerings by Friday July 2nd, or I can collect. Also if there is anyone who would help me for any part of the morning it would be a great help. **Please do help.** Last year we made approx £130 – let's see if we can do better this time!

Liz Slater 'Ruddles' Lytton Close 897751



NICK TAIT and **DEBBIE LEGGE** would like to thank everyone for making their recent wedding day such an enjoyable and moving one. Memories of the love and warmth expressed on that special day will remain with us in the years ahead.

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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This month's news is mainly to give notice of forthcoming events, which we hope as many villagers as possible (and others) will want to support:-

GRAND BARN DANCE

This is a final call in the BVN for the Grand Barn Dance in aid of Church and Village Hall funds to be held at Longlands Barn on Saturday 19th June. Tickets are £10.00 in advance (please ring 01308 482768 to reserve them), or £12.50 on the door: a family ticket can be had for £25.00. Terrific value, with supper included and it should be a great and unmissable evening. Please bring friends along too.



ngs gardens open
for charity

THE WALLED GARDEN

The garden will be open under the National Gardens Scheme from 2.00–7.30pm on two

consecutive Tuesdays, the 22nd and 29th June. This will give more people the chance to see what is being achieved there, Teas will be available as well as a Plant Sale.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

In case next month's edition is distributed too close to the event, here is advance notice that the Social Club is organising a Rounders Evening on the cricket ground from 7.00pm on Friday 2nd July. There will be a barbecue supper, but attendees are asked to bring a bottle and something to sit on.

Games prowess is not essential for a good time to be had by all...

ELIZABETH, LADY WILLIAMS. (1921 – 2010)

Elizabeth Williams died in Dorchester aged nearly 89 on the 24th April. She lived at Bridehead from 1959 till 1985: with her husband Sir David till his sudden death in 1970 and for 15 years as a widow after that.

During her time here, steady improvements were carried out on the farms and estate, and Littlebredy as it is today owes much to her wise stewardship during some difficult periods. She loved this place, where she is now buried, and her time here is remembered with gratitude by large numbers of those who attended her funeral or thanksgiving service during May. R.I.P.

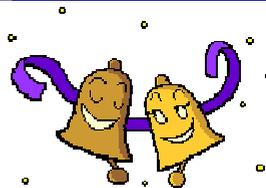
SWYRE

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smarshall@which.net tel: 897318



MARRIAGE OF SARAH AND SIMON.

The marriage of **SARAH HILLIER** and **SIMON FOULDS** was conducted by the Reverend Bob Thorn at 12.00noon on the 8th May, in our Parish Church. Sarah had lived in Swyre through most of her childhood and chose to return to the village for her marriage. The weather was overcast and drizzly but the Bride's radiant smile more than made up for the lack of sunshine. We wish them every happiness in their lives together.



As you journey through life take a minute every now and then to give a thought for the other fellow. He could be plotting something.

Hagar the Horrible

BEYOND THE VALLEY

GOOD BOOKS

St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL, Tel: 01308 420483 Email: 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

We may be able to open for groups at other times by special arrangement.

Good Books now has a wide range of Christmas cards and Advent calendars in stock, as well as the popular Lion Christmas Promotion of children's books at very reasonable prices for presents.



Come and explore some Mystical Paths at our Midsummer Open House on Thursday 24th June: whether it's walks over Colmer's Hill or Eype Down, to the ancient shrine of St. Wite, or through the writings of Christian Mystics such as John of the Cross, Meister Eckhart, Francis of Assisi, Teresa of Avila, Thomas Merton, Julian of Norwich – or perhaps Susan Howatch's famous Starbridge novels?

Join us for summer refreshments, when and once again we'll be open through till 2.00pm.

We now send out a monthly Schools' Mailing, so please let us know if you, or any teachers or schools you have contact with, would like a copy.

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN QUIET DAY

With Veronica Ziegler & Jo O'Farrell, on Thursday 17th June. Booking forms available from Good Books, or call 01308 427851.

FIFTH FOOD FESTIVAL & CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Village Hall, Leigh, Nr Sherborne on Saturday 17th July from 10am-4pm. Some of the best food from local producers, & a variety of cars.



Mat Follas, Master Chef of 2009, will be opening the Fair.

Entrance £2 Children Free. Proceeds will go to the Leigh Village Hall Charity No. 301144, and St Andrew's Church, Leigh

DORBAG

We have just been in touch with BBC South West, who advised that they are commissioning an independent survey of residents in rural Dorset. This survey, to be conducted by an outside agency, is aimed at establishing the demand for the reinstatement of BBC Radio Dorset on FM.

DORBAG wants to pre-warn as many residents as possible if we are to try and ensure strong support for this plan.

We are trying to find out more details of the survey, but in the meantime, if there is a simple way of informing as many people as possible, and requesting their support for our campaign on this issue we would be most grateful.

The BBC have said that they have already carried out a smaller survey of Bournemouth & Poole, where they received mixed support (40/60), as many feel that BBC Radio Solent meets their needs (but clearly 40 % don't!). The BBC is thinking that the new station would cover ALL the county and not just rural Dorset, which would mean that residents and businesses in Bournemouth & Poole would anyway have a County wide programme IN ADDITION TO Radio Solent. Hence they would have a choice, which we hope is an attractive proposition.

As you may know, the biggest single argument (quite apart from the need for local news and events coverage) as to why this radio station is so important is, that at present, there is no single broadcasting medium that covers the whole county in the event of a local or national emergency! The County Council, Fire & Rescue services, Coastguard, Ambulance Service etc. are all pushing for this medium.

Of course, we have no way of knowing who will be surveyed, so we are asking everyone to try and help spread the word. We imagine it will take a while for the chosen agency to design their survey and implement it, so there is time on our side. We want to do all we can to make sure the BBC gets strong support for the proposal, and we hope we can count on your support.



A CELEBRATION OF CRAFTS



In aid of Barnardo's:
at St. John's Church, West Bay,
June 12th from 10.00am to 4.00pm.



Light refreshments available.

 **Barnardo's**
BELIEVE IN CHILDREN



THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have now been using the Community Hall for a year, and we find it very hard to remember what it was like before. I was invited to address the LATCH AGM and was quite surprised when I reflected on how we use the hall. The difference the hall has made to school life is tremendous.

Our curriculum has been extended: pupils have experienced new sports, volleyball and badminton have proved to be very popular, while an increasing number of pupils accompany (guitars and violins in particular) us in assemblies on a regular basis, and parents join us regularly for class celebrations. There have only been 2 days when we delayed walking over for assembly due to bad weather - needless to say we donned coats on those days to get our hot dinners!

Our children have taken it all in their stride and using the hall is just normal to them which is marvellous. Making regular use of the stage will I hope become much more comfortable to each and everyone of them giving them increased confidence when performing: we are aiming to put on a production of 'Tattybogle' towards the end of term, following the visit of author Sandra Horn during Book Week. Look out for more information.

Alison Johnstone, Headteacher

100 CLUB WINNERS:

£15 Mrs Pauline Macauley (Governor)

£10 Mrs Jill Maltby (Grandparent of pupils)

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We returned to school for the Summer Term to lovely sunny weather which has meant that the children have been able to enjoy games and activities outside.

The diary for the Summer Term is already very full and each week we seem to add new events and opportunities for the children! So far this term the children in Class 4 have visited the Fossil Festival at Lyme Regis where they took part in lots of interesting activities. The older children also had the opportunity to visit the polling station in the village during the election - although they were very disappointed that they were too young to actually vote!

This term the children will be learning through different topics. Class 4 will be exploring a contrasting UK locality when they visit Dartmoor. Class 3 will be studying life during the Tudor period and the younger children have started the term by studying the topic of minibeasts and their habitats.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 3RD AND 4TH JULY 2010

THREE GARDEN SAFARI

LONG BREDY

**visit the gardens of
Bellamont House, Whatcombe House and
Pitcombe Farm**

Open: 12 noon to 7pm on Saturday
12 noon to 5pm on Sunday

Lunch and tea available both days (hog roast for Sunday lunch)
Sundowners at Whatcombe House on Saturday

"spot the animals" (game for children)
Raffle, Tombola, Stalls

Plenty of parking or you can walk along the road and fields
to all three gardens

ENTRY CHARGE £3 PER ADULT, CHILDREN FREE

BARN DANCE AND SPIT ROAST

With "Up & Running"

Saturday 19th June

7.00 to 11.00pm

Longlands Farm, Littlebredy

Ticket Sales

01308 422730, 01308 482768

£10 in advance, £25 Family ticket

£12.50 at the door

No charge children agd 6 and under

Proceeds to Littlebredy Church & Social Club

In addition to the curriculum, the children continue to access the extended schools programme. This term our regular after school clubs continue to run and we have started up our gardening club. Each week after school the children visit our allotment to tend to the fruit and vegetables that they have planted. Last year we had a very impressive show during our Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church so fingers crossed for a bumper crop again this year!

We continue to welcome the community into school and have been very pleased that Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Pursey from the WI have been able to come in and work with some of our children designing and making an altar cloth for our altar in the school hall. The children were understandably very proud of their work, and the cloth brings a touch of colour and warmth to the altar. You will find some photographs of our altar cloth on our website, www.burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk, along with other events currently happening at school.

Claire Staple, Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

Our themes this term are "Our Bodies" and "Good Foods", continuing the topic of Growing. We are learning about foods such as potatoes and onions which are growing fast in our vegetable patch, alongside lots of mint and chives, and we have also planted some "Minibel" tomatoes. Our pepper seeds did not get going! Maybe we will try again.

We learnt about feeding the plants, just as we feed ourselves to assist with growing and being healthy. Thank you to Carol for helping us with our gardening.

In May we went to Litton Cheney Playing Field for a Teddy Bears' Picnic, along with Reception Class. Our summer outing will be to Farmer Palmers - date to be decided as yet. At the end of term, Fiona is planning to have the Leaving Party/Picnic in Puncknowle Playing Field, with the usual presentations.

Thank you also to Jane Hutchins who has given up her time to do Drama on Tuesday mornings with Fledglings children - it is much appreciated.

Our staff are continuing their training activities - Maureen has nearly finished her NVQ2 and Emma, Deputy Manager, is starting her Early Years Foundation degree in September.

For any Information about Fledglings, please do not hesitate to ring Fiona Evans, Manager, on 01308 482410 .



It is dangerous for a national Candidate to say things that people might remember.

Eugene McCarthy (1916 - 2005)



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH)

The next social evening will be held at The Three Horseshoes on Monday 28th June, 2010, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Cost is £5 including supper. Please telephone Jim Reeves 01308 897091 by 24th June if you wish to attend. This will be the last social event until the Autumn, so please make every effort to support this event.

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.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

So what have the ladies of the Burton WI been doing in the last month? Well, the answer is the usual groups led by members, including the Majhong, Reading, Walking, Writing and the Embroidery groups. In fact a recent member won the Dorset Writing prize: she has now moved further away, but well done to her.



We held the AGM last month with a short play after. The President Valerie Cameron was willing to stand for another year and was duly elected, as were the officers.

Two members went to Poole to attend the Spring Council Meeting at the Lighthouse Theatre, where there were several people giving short addresses, but the main contributor was Erin Pizzey, who founded the first Women's Refuge in London 40 years ago. She spoke without notes on the torment of her own life, where she knew she was not a wanted child and how

ARMED FORCES DAY

SUNDAY 27TH JUNE - LUNCHTIME

**Wing and a Prayer will be playing at the Crown Inn
Puncknowle**

to help raise money for Help the Heroes.

**There will be stalls selling books, fruit and veg, plants,
cakes, alley skittles, bonus ball, bottles and a Prize Draw.**

**Come along, have fun and support our armed forces.
This event is organised by the Puncknowle Fundraisers**



**HELP for
HEROES**

Support For Our Wounded



difficult this had been for her to deal with. She was in fact cared for with her twin in a Residential home in UpLyme, so she feels great warmth for Dorset. The whole meeting was led with warmth, humour and friendliness, something I think all Committees could learn from - there can be meetings, but there should be laughter and warmth, why else would one give ones time!

The Speaker for our meeting on Tuesday June 9th at 7.15pm in the Village Hall will be Hilary Warner talking on "More Memories of the BBC" - if you feel you would like to come along do give us a try - you can be a guest for one meeting. You will find something to interest you!

NJM

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

We had a good attendance at our AGM in April when the Chair reviewed the year's activities and the Treasurer showed that the Club was in a healthy position. All the Club's posts were elected and after 25 minutes the meeting continued with a talk by the West Dorset District Council on how to compost all food in their green cones. Our members had great fun debating the merits of the cones and the speaker, David Levi, caused great hilarity with his talk and answers.



Our members will be reminded at the May meeting of a trip we are organising to the Poundbury Garden Centre on Monday June 7th to be there by 6.00pm. Interested parties will be asked to 'car share' and to put their names down at the meeting to show their interest. If any member would like further information or to add their names to the list, please let David Barnikel know on 01308 897375 - this visit is restricted to members only. Because of our membership of the Gold Club we are allowed to have a group of over 15 people attend the Centre on an evening visit when anything bought that evening carries a 25% discount and, if required, delivery is free.

JOBS TO DO:

Cut back hard Oriental poppies after flowering and feed with a high potash fertiliser which can promote regrowth of foliage after dormancy.

Thin out direct sowings of hardy annuals.

Continue to sow salad crops every two or three weeks for a constant supply.

To help provide nectar and pollen for our honeybees and bumblebees in the autumn when wild flowers are less abundant, the following plants would be particularly valuable: Michaelmas daisies, goldenrod, helenium, Japanese anemones, autumn crocus.

Sylvia Delves, Chair. E-mail: sylvia@delvesuk.plus.com

Valerie Cameron, Secretary. E-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net tel: 01308 482240



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH)

SPECIAL EVENT:

"May I take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Branch is laying up our old Standard and dedicating the present one at a ceremony in St. Peter's Church, Portesham, at 3.00pm on Sunday, 6th June, 2010.

This will be a significant event in the 63 year history of our Branch. I do hope that as many of you as possible will attend the service, after which the Dorset County RBL Standard, together with our own and other Standards will be paraded, marching from the church to the village hall. Members are invited to join the parade following behind the Standards.

Refreshments will be available in the village hall afterwards. Please come along in numbers to support this prestigious event and help make the day a success. Thank you." John Perry, Chairman

WELFARE

Last year the County welfare department was approached for help by an ex-serviceman whose life has been shattered by PTSD. The simple purchase of a laptop computer has enabled this gentleman to order his food on line and keep in touch with friends and family. He was just one of 600 people in Dorset last year who contacted the Legion for help - and we spent more than £750,000_funding this support.

Money raised by the Poppy Appeal is helping to make a real difference to people's lives, helping our heroes from past and present campaigns - as well as supporting their families who are so often also affected when their loved ones return home requiring physical, financial or emotional support.

Barnardo's

BELIEVE IN CHILDREN

COFFEE MORNING

to be held at Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney

Thursday 17th June 2010 10.00am until 12.30pm



**Admission: £3.00
to include coffee and
homemade biscuits**

ARMED FORCES DAY

Saturday 26th June, 2010

The Blue Pool, Wareham, is offering free admission to members of the armed forces and RBL Members producing a current Membership Card (this includes other members of the same family).

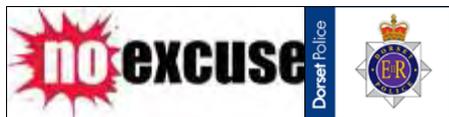
BRANCH ANNUAL BBQ

This will take place on Friday, 23rd July, 2010, on Portesham Village Hall Patio. It is an open event, to which we extend an invitation for you to see what a happy bunch we are - perhaps it will entice you to join us permanently!

"FOWELL BUXTON"

Joyce Fannon will give a talk at Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury, about this pioneer in the abolition of slavery on 5th. August, 2010

Des Baker, Entertainments Chairman (01305 267617)



As the warmer months are finally here, the roads seem to be busier than ever with extra holiday traffic. Due to the increased volume of traffic extra

care needs to be taken when driving. The area has seen some serious collisions in the past and as a result of this, the No Excuse campaign was rolled out.

In the last year there was a reduction of 14% of people killed or seriously injured on Dorset's roads. This is great news. However, in order to meet the 2010 target a further fall of 24% is required.

You may have seen in various places in and around Bridport, signs stating "No Excuse". This campaign was launched in January 2010. The project combines extra police and safety camera enforcement on the roads with hard-hitting publicity and education campaigns in a joint effort to reduce the suffering caused by bad and careless driving in the county. A total of well over 5,000 offences detected by the team in the first three months of the operation underlines the need to improve driver behaviour on our roads.

Offences include, inappropriate speed, drink and drug driving, not wearing a seatbelt, and distractions, like using a mobile phone.

If you are caught without a seatbelt then you will be given a £30 fine. If you are caught on your mobile phone then you will receive a £60 fine and 3 points endorsed on your license.

A minimum of 3 points and a fine will be given to a driver travelling at excess speed.

Dorset has also introduced "The Driver Awareness Scheme", another way in which Dorset focuses on road casualties and educating drivers on

excess speed. If you are eligible to take part, the scheme administrator will contact you after you have been caught travelling at excess speed. If eligible then you will not be required to pay the fine or receive any penalty points, however a fee will be charged for attending the course. The course is classroom based and is an opportunity to refresh observation and hazard perception skills. The course is also open to participants who haven't received a fixed penalty notice but are keen to improve their driver education. If you are interested, please contact 01305 227670.

If you would like any further information on the No Excuse campaign, or any other issues please do not hesitate to contact us.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP VEHICLE

The vehicle will be in Shipton Gorge (Brook Street) on Wednesdays 14th July, 11th August, 8th September, 13th October, 10th November and 8th December, from 6.00 to 7.00pm. This is an opportunity for the public to raise any concerns, (and they don't have to be Police related) and we will do our best to help resolve the problem.

The force website will be updated and posters and leaflets will also be produced, as soon as I receive them I shall put them about in the villages.

PCSO Poppy Wheeler

JUNE EVENTS AT THE OTHONA COMMUNITY

GUILD OF HEALTH QUITE DAY

Thursday 3rd June, 10.00am – 4.00pm

“The Mystery of the Present Moment” with renowned author/retreat leader Simon Small. Please bring a packed lunch. Soup, tea and coffee provided. £5 on the door.



Keeeeeep dancing

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 482170

AN EVENING WITH JONATHAN HERBERT

Monday 14th June, 7.30 for 8.00pm

Former Pilsdon warden Jonathan, has recently returned from a pilgrimage walk from Santiago de Compostella and from peace and justice work in the occupied Palestinian territories. Join us for an illustrated talk and Jonathan's reflections on these experiences. Donations welcome.

CREAM TEAS AND A SEA VIEW

Wednesday 23rd June, 2.00 – 5.00pm

Another chance to treat yourself to a luscious home-made cream tea on our terrace overlooking the sea. Take a stroll round our grounds, wander through the woods, then enjoy a cuppa plus home-baked scones with thick cream and our own preserves (£3.50 with two scones).

Othona is on the B3157 Coast Road 1.5 miles east of Burton Bradstock Garage. Families welcome, sorry no dogs. For more details ring 01308 897130



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*

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

ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

On why Arts Festivals in church are a bad idea

*The Rectory
St. James the Least*

My dear Nephew Darren

Your decision to hold a Summer weekend Arts Festival in church, bringing culture to your inner city streets, was most commendable. Pity, how it all turned out.

The Friday evening started well with the concert of Scott Joplin piano music. Obviously knowing that the pieces were originally played in seedy bars on pianos wildly out of tune with several notes missing, your committee must have gone to endless trouble to find precisely the right instrument. Your stage hands, were, however, less careful and hadn't noticed that the platform had a noticeable list to port. After each piece, the pianist had to relocate the piano stool closer to his nomadic piano, with the last piece being performed with both entirely out of sight behind the pulpit.

It created much innocent entertainment for the audience, but the fault really should have been remedied before the Saturday evening choir concert. Discarded kneelers and rotting hymn books do not form a stable base for a stage supporting an 80-strong choir. So when it came to the enthusiastic rendering of hits from "Oklahoma", with copious hand movements, it came as something of a relief that the stage took this as the moment to signal defeat, tipping the tenors behind the altar. The audience's thunderous applause, assuming this was a carefully choreographed part of the performance, was quite touching. I am sure all the compensation claims will soon be sorted out.

Your one great mistake was to take on responsibility for organising the refreshments afterwards. Church entertainments committees have centuries of collective experience in judging the numbers of ham sandwiches and

bottles of milk required. I am forever proud that our own ladies - through years of experience - can now get 34 cups of tea from every tea bag and can butter bread so thinly that one pack can last several months.

What you now do with 89 surplus loaves of bread is a problem you have brought upon yourself. You could possibly use them for supporting the stage next year.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

BITS & PIECES

Over the Garden Wall

by Perry Scope

"What can I do to help you?" the nice young lady asked. "I had a call last Wednesday that my order would be ready the following day; sorry I'm a bit late." After some scurrying round behind the counter and in the back room, another nice young lady appeared and asked my name; a few moments later, she said, unconvincingly, "It's in the machine being done right now - er, what colour were you expecting?" So we went back in half an hour to collect our stuff.

There is a whole glossary of expressions one must learn to interpret these days if one is to resist the temptation to order from Amazon, the latest edition of, "Burning Down Shops - How To Get Away With It". "They've just come in and need to be unpacked; could you call back." ("I must get those cards done"); "They're in the post, should be with you tomorrow first thing." ("I must put this order at the top of my list for next week"); "They were definitely sent last week; what was your name again?" ("Why didn't I write your details down at the time?"); "Bloke came in this morning, bought the lot; you wouldn't believe it." ("No, I wouldn't.").

In the run up to the election we kept hearing about the 'elephant in the room'. While deciding what shade to repaint of one of our bedrooms, I noticed, amongst the names upon the elegant colour-card (interesting how that hyphen makes all the difference: without it, the card might be an elegant colour [though that's a teeny bit subjective: after all, who says what's elegant and what isn't?]; rather like 'man eating tiger', or, of course, Lyn Truss's lollypop, 'Eats

shoots and leaves'. H.W. Fowler got there first, though, with this theme, in 1926 ...). Now, where was I? Oh yes, colour cards (no hyphen now! Cos there's no ambiguity): one of the shades was 'Elephant's Breath'; this is Farrow & Ball speak for 'grey'. So maybe now it will be possible to imagine that we have one (an elephant) in every room, or that we live in a tent - which brings to mind Lyndon Johnson's comment about J. Edgar Hoover, unprintable in this journal! But I can see the piece in *House and Garden* and quote from it: '.....Peregrine chose a delicate shade of Elephant's Breath, whilst Jelly preferred Miami-style fakery for the kitchen and butler's pantry, re-using materials where possible. In the stables, Jasper, their pony, seemed happy with a more peaches and cream shade.' Yuk!

“Excuses, excuses”

by 'Indignant' of Little Breeding (Dave Bellows)

“Caught? NO excuse”: you've probably seen the signs on the approaches to the Village. For me they conjures up visions of bein' caught short late one night, in the headlights of an approaching car. What I cannot discern is what *exactly* we are being caught doin'. Clearly, to the thinkin' man (or woman, sorry!), this must mean caught speedin'. But, I ask you, have you ever seen anyone caught speeding in Burton Bradstock? No, you haven't! And there's a sort of Kafka-esque no messin' implication there, which worries me - just like my old Sergeant Major: “Excuses? I can't 'ear you!” I was thinking of the poor devil who's driving along in his Toyota, minding his own business when he arrives at beautiful Burton Bradstock. Not only does his accelerator stick (as they do), but it 'appens just as 'e coasts through the speed limit sign, with its sister tellin' him he has *no* excuse! “Fair enough,” I say, “Ignorantia non excusat”. What kind of excuse is a stuck accelerator pedal, anyway?” There's a melody that keeps runnin' through my mind, “*Sergeant Kafka's Lonely Hearts Club Band.*”

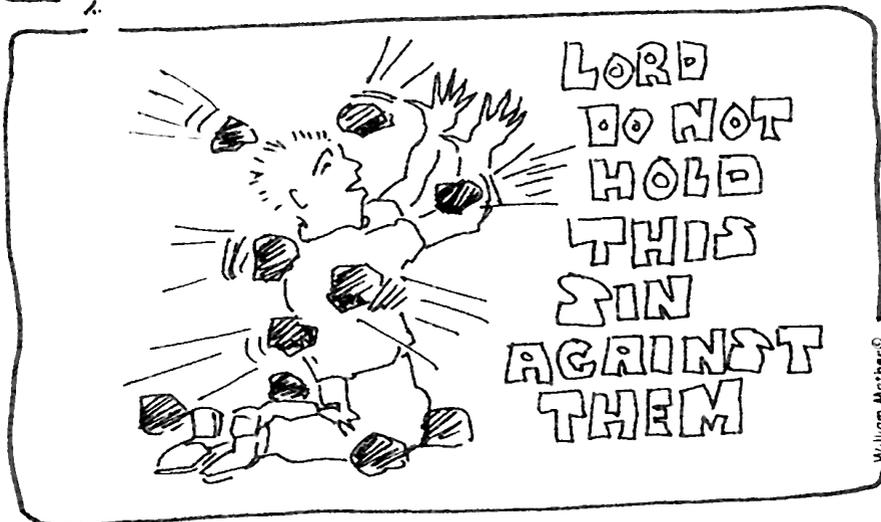
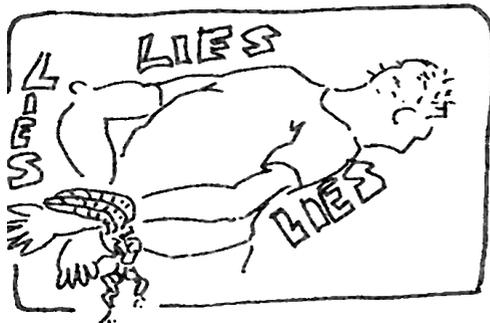
By the way: I have an issue with whoever reports the Village Society talks - Mr Rutherford is quoted as having given Jack Straw those immortal words, “there is a treasure, if only you can find it, in the heart of every man”. This is WELL OUT OF ORDER; it was Churchill - everybody knows that!

FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE

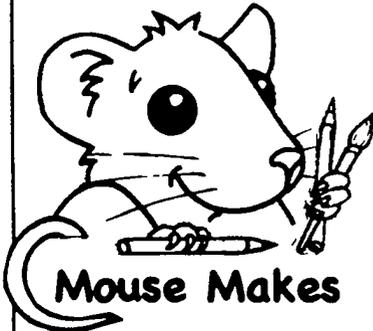
Keep on Forgiving!

Bible Sketchbook

Stephen helped find money for the widows but was also a great speaker. People lied about him, arrested him, but his face was like an angel. They stoned him to death but he asked God to forgive them! How about you? Can you keep forgiving people who keep doing horrible things to you? Read more in Acts 6 & 7.

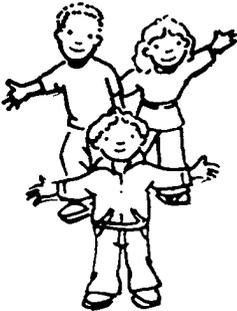


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Mouse Makes

Just as the different parts of our body need each other to make a whole living person, so Christians need each other to make a whole living church!

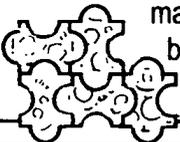


"Now you are the **body of Christ**, and each one of you is part of it"
1 Corinthians 12:27

"Though we are many, **we are one body in union with Christ**, and we are joined to each other as different parts of **one body.**"
Romans 12:4-6



Cut out this jigsaw piece, fill in and colour. Draw around it to make lots of jigsaw pieces to give to your family and friends to fill in. Glue them together onto one large sheet of paper to remind you that you



may all be different but you are **all one** in Christ Jesus.

My hair colour: _____

I am GOOD at: _____

ONE

I like: _____

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My name is _____

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Intermediate

Easy →

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STATUTORY NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

Notice is given that Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall Management Committee has applied to West Dorset District Council for a new premises licence in respect of Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall, Clay Lane, Puncknowle, DT2 9BT for regulated entertainment and the provision of alcohol at events run by the Hall Committee and approved regular hall users, generally between the hours of 10.00am and 12.00midnight. With the agreement of the Hall Committee, private parties and events where the hirers are not known to the Committee will still be controlled by a Temporary Event Notice issued by WDDC.

Any interested party or responsible authority may make representations in writing to, The Licensing Section, West Dorset District Council, 58/60 High West Street, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ within 28 days from the date of this notice.

The licensing register and details of this application may be inspected during normal office hours at the above address.

It is an offence under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003 to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (£5000).

1st June 2010

STATUTORY NOTICE OF VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE

Notice is given that an application has been made to West Dorset District Council for a variation to the existing premises licence in respect of Litton and Thorner's Community Hall, Schoolhouse Lane, Litton Cheney, DT2 9AU.

The variation requested is to Condition No 2 of Appendix 3, that "whenever music is being played, all external doors and windows on the north side of the building to be kept closed other than for access and egress".

Following a change in the Licensing laws it is also requested that the LATCH Committee should be permitted to allow the sale of alcohol between the hours of 11.00 and 02.00 at events run by regular hall users. (Private parties and events where the hirers are not known to the Committee will still be controlled by a Temporary Event Notice issued by WDDC).

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Dated 1st June 2010

Further details of the application and reasons for requesting a variation can be found at www.littoncheney.org.uk

DIARY OF EVENTS: JUNE 2010

Tue	1	2.00pm	Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
		3.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
		7.30pm	Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	2	2.00pm	Tai Chi	LATCH
		3.00pm	Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		3.30pm	Table Tennis	LATCH
		7.30pm	Burton Bradstock Parish Council Meeting	BB Reading Room
Thu	3	10.00am	Quiet Day "Mystery of the Present Moment"	Othona Community
		7.30pm	Badminton	LATCH
		7.30pm	Litton Cheney Social Committee AGM	LATCH
		7.30pm	British Heart Foundation Meeting	B'port Christian F'ship Hall
Fri	4	2.00pm	Open Garden	Chilcombe
		6.00pm	Bride Valley Youth Alpha	"Ennis", W. Bexington
		9.45am	Yoga	LATCH
Sun	6	3.00pm	RBL (A&P) Dedication of New Standard	St Peter's, Portesham
		7.00pm	One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon	7	4.00pm	Pilates	LATCH
Tue	8	3.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	9	2.00pm	Tai Chi	LATCH
		3.00pm	Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		3.30pm	Table Tennis	LATCH
		7.00pm	Litton Cheney Web Group Open Evening	LATCH
		7.30pm	Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	10	7.30pm	Badminton	LATCH
Fri	11	10.30am	Puncknowle Art Club paint West Bay	
		2.00pm	Open Garden	Chilcombe
		6.00pm	Bride Valley Youth Alpha	"Ennis", W. Bexington
		7.30pm	LATCH Anniversary Dinner	LATCH
		9.45am	Yoga	LATCH
Sat	12	10.00am	Celebration of Crafts (in aid of Barnardo's)	St John's Church, West Bay
		10.00am	Village Walk	Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney
		2.30pm	Open Garden & Cream Teas	Brooke St, Shipton Gorge
		7.30pm	Keeeeeep Dancing	LATCH
Sun	13	10.30am	Village Treasure Hunt	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
Mon	14	4.00pm	Pilates	LATCH
		7.00pm	An Evening with Jonathan Herbert	Othona Community

Tue	15	12.30pm	Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
		2.00pm	Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
		3.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	16	2.00pm	Tai Chi	LATCH
		3.00pm	Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		3.30pm	Table Tennis	LATCH
Thu	17	10.00am	Barnardos Coffee Morning "Extraordinary Women" Quiet Day	Baglake Farm, L. Cheney ??Good Books, Bridport??
		7.30pm	Badminton	LATCH
Fri	18	9.45am	Yoga	LATCH
		2.00pm	Open Garden	Chilcombe
		6.00pm	Bride Valley Youth Alpha	"Ennis", W. Bexington
		7.00pm	RBL (BV) Social Evening Celebrate Summer Dance	Three Horseshoes, BB Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Sat	19	10.30pm	Village Cafe Grand Barn Dance & Spit Roast	LATCH Littlebredy Village Hall
Mon	21	4.00pm	Pilates	LATCH
		7.30pm	BVGC "Vegetables for Plot or Pot"	PSWB Village hall
Tue	22	12.00noon	Open Garden	Walled Garden, Littlebredy
		3.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
		7.30pm	Charity Whist Drive	The Bull, Swyre
Wed	23	2.00pm	Cream Teas & Sea View	Othona Community
		2.00pm	Tai Chi	LATCH
		3.00pm	Public Computer/Broadband Access	PSWB Village Hall
		3.30pm	Table Tennis	LATCH
Thu	24	7.30pm	Badminton	LATCH
		8.00pm	Burton Bradstock Players AGM Midsummer Open House	BB Village Hall Good Books, Bridport
Fri	25	6.00pm	Bride Valley Youth Alpha	"Ennis", W. Bexington
		9.45am	Yoga	LATCH
		10.30am	Puncknowle Art Club paint Abbotsbury Chris Packham Talk (for Wessex Heartbeat)	BB Village Hall
Sat	26	2.00pm	St Martin's Church Fete	St Martin's, Shipton Gorge
		2.00pm	Open Garden	Chilcombe
Sun	27		Armed Forces Day with "Wing & a Prayer"	Crown Inn, Puncknowle
		2.00pm	Garden Party (in aid of Alzheimer Soc)	Linden Cottage, BB
		4.00pm	Pilates	LATCH
Tue	29	12.00noon	Open Garden	Walled Garden, Littlebredy
		3.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	30	2.00pm	Tai Chi	LATCH
		3.30pm	Table Tennis	LATCH
Thu	31	7.30pm	Badminton	LATCH

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

June 2010

	1 st Sunday 6 th June Trinity	2 nd Sunday 13 th June Trinity 2	3 rd Sunday 20 th June Trinity 3	4 th Sunday 27 th June Trinity 4
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	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion with Baptism	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer	
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Family Service		11.00 Holy Communion