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THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

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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, SEPTEMBER 2010

For Sunday Services, see back cover

Mon	6th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	8th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	9th	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	10th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	13th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	15th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thurs	16th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	17th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	20th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	22nd	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thurs	23rd	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	24th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	27th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	29th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thurs	30th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri Oct	1st	9.00am	Litton Cheney

FROM THE RECTORY

THE RECTORY,
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The Church

fetes of this year have been various, from the Trinity weekend late in May at Swyre to the early August extravaganza which is the Burton Bradstock fete. In between, Long Bredy decided on a change and arranged a garden visit along the Littlebredy road when, thanks to the generosity of the owners, three lovely gardens were opened, for people to come and enjoy the surroundings, to enjoy a meal and to bask in the sunshine. A truly spectacular feature was a walk posted over the high hill between two of the gardens which opened up a huge panorama along the length of the Valley, from the Hardy monument to the sea.

There were changes in Litton Cheney when for the first time the fete moved to the new hall, proving again what a versatile building it is. Stalls ranged outside on the open grass, and continued inside the hall where teas were served. Fund raising for Litton Cheney Church continued with support for Freddie Spicer walking from Salisbury Cathedral to arrive at St Mary's Church after three days on foot – an effort cheered home by a crowd waiting to look over the alterations to the Church tower.

A new committee consisting of many old friends in Puncknowle was matched by the same mixture in a new set of organisers for the Burton Bradstock fete. Both saw perfect fete weather, which is always such a relief, and both maintained the excellent standards of provision and organisation of years gone by. A marker has gone down. There is much to look forward to in years to come in Puncknowle and Burton Bradstock.

Shipton Gorge again posted a record receipt for its fete, as it did last year. I think people are beginning to take notice of Shipton fete, and just how good it is to be part of a real village celebration.

And the

common feature of all of these events, as I toddled from one to the next, was how much fun they all were. Swyre did not have the best of weather. It was by no means the worst and not as bad as last year, but the atmosphere of jollity could not be missed and was heartwarming of itself.

And so it was throughout the year, up and down the Valley. People made such great efforts and did a lot of hard work, but it did not feel like drudgery. There was all over a determination that people should have a good time, and because such sentiments are infectious, they did.

Generosity is infectious and works for good, and the fool in me, the one who loves hopefulness, says that all the meanness and selfishness in the world will never destroy it. Which must be my salute to those who helped

make our fetes such a success this year, which in turn calls out my thanks to you all, which I write so happily, I trust, on behalf of us all.

Bob.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

GREAT NEWS FOR THE WHOLE VALLEY!

Yvonne Buckland will be licensed as a Lay Minister (Reader) on Saturday 9th October at 11.00am, in Salisbury Cathedral. As you know, Yvonne has been working with the Bride Valley Benefice, leading worship in our churches for several years as part of the ministry team. She will continue to do so of course, but will now become 'fully accredited'!

October 9th will therefore be a day of celebration, not just for Yvonne, but for us all. Transport and lunch may be arranged, so watch this space. However, it's not too early to get the date in your diary and your name on the list; please telephone me, Mike Read, on 01308 897445.

P. A.'s

Do you know what P. A.s are?

Quite often P.A. refers to a Personal Assistant to a Director or specific person but in clerical jargon a P.A. stands for a Pastoral Assistant. We are here to assist the Rector in the pastoral care of the parishioners in the Bride Valley.

We do a three term training, covering such aspects as bereavement, visiting the sick or housebound, and working with young people and the elderly. The most important part of our ministry is having a loving and compassionate heart and a willingness to listen to, and support, those in need, with strict confidentiality. If anyone would like a visit from a P.A. please contact Ann Read (897445) for Burton Bradstock or speak to your Church Warden in the other villages of the Valley.

In June, **HEATHER GOFFEE, GEOFF and MARGE LANGWITH and CHRISTINE LAWRENCE** were commissioned as P.A.'s by the Archdeacon in a service at St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. They now join the team of **LESLEY DOVE, ANNE READ and PAULINE WOODFORD.**

One of our most successful activities is the Chesil Court Coffee Mornings which have been running now for a couple of years. These are held on the second Thursday of the month from 10.30am onwards in Chesil Court Hall, off Annings Lane, in Burton Bradstock. It is held mainly for older people to have a chance to chat to one another over coffee and cakes and this has provided a network of friendships in the village. We are hoping to introduce some gentle exercises to music soon.

In June we had a light lunch party at Chesil Court and in July we hired a minibus for a jolly outing to Mapperton Mill, where we had a very indulgent Cream Tea. Looking forward to December, there will be our annual

Christmas Dinner, followed by carols, in the Village Hall. If anyone would like to come to our Coffee Morning, just turn up or ring Ann Read (897445) for details.

Pauline Woodford

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE SATURDAY, 11 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

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

THEO DAVID MCCARTHY was baptised at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock on 25th July 2010. We sang hymns and Theo joined in. He bestowed his presence on doting friends and family, and bore the attentions with great dignity. He was calm during the baptism itself, waiting patiently to be lifted up and once again be the centre of attention.

Subsequent photographs showed him to be in his element: the boy is a star in the making.



On August 1st, **FINLAY JAMES GAUDEN** was borne to St Mary's Church, Puncknowle, to be at the centre of a crowd of adoring admirers. His parents, Neil and Claire, were supported by his God parents, Michelle and Alice, in making the baptismal promises and encouraging him during the momentous ceremony. A party in the Village Hall followed to the joy of all.



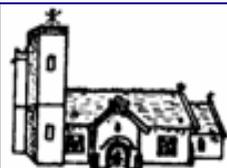
WEDDING

On 31st July the marriage of **DIEGO GARRIGUES RUIZ** and **LOUISE SIAN NICHOL** was blessed in St Mary's Church, Puncknowle. The marriage was celebrated in Spain some days before, and the couple had returned to Puncknowle with their

new family and many old friends to dedicate themselves in prayer in Louise's Church. Diego's sister read a poem both in Spanish and in its English translation, and spoke of the strength that the two of them will find in one another in their marriage. The reception took place in a marquee erected in a field overlooking the beach at West Bexington.

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This will be held on Sunday 3rd October at 11.00am.
All flowers and produce will be gratefully received.



HARVEST SUPPER

Monday 4th October at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale from any member of St. Martin's PCC.

Gillian Maxfield. Churchwarden

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

The Picnic in the Park was a very enjoyable afternoon, and is planned again as an event for next year. "One Night Stand" entertained so well that they have been booked for the next village dance!

The Flower and Produce show proved that villagers could provide exhibits despite the season's best efforts to thwart them! Steve Larcombe and John Kent tied for "top exhibitor" and will share the Cup.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday 4th September - Village Walk led by Vicky Thomas. Meet at New Inn at 10.00am.

Sunday 12th September – Big Bob's Tour of London. This year the theme is "Mainly Monopoly" leaving New Inn at 7.00am. There are still a few seats available, but book quickly. Cost approximately £35.00 including lunch. Ring John Kent 897574.

Saturday 2nd October – Dance to One Night Stand at the village Hall – ring Phyl Webster (898657) for more information.

Wednesday 6th October – Village Bingo – Eyes down for a full house with special prizes – ring Sally Parker (897168) for more information

Monday 11th October – Day in Salisbury – afternoon at the Races. Ring John Kent 897574.



MRS GERRISH'S REAR WINDOW

On Saturday 9th October we have the first of the season's Artsreach productions at the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. I am delighted that we beat off strong competition from many much larger halls who also wanted this show on the same night! Those of you who loved 'Goodbye Mrs Chips' and 'Mrs Gerrish's Guest House' will not be disappointed by the Ministry Of Entertainment's third show. This will be held *cabaret style* with tables and you are invited to bring your own refreshments. Tickets will be in hot demand, so please book and pay for these (£8 each) with Doris Benselin on 897562. I am sorry, but unless the tickets are paid for in advance we will be unable to hold them for you. This show will also be advertised in Artsreach's own publications and tickets will sell fast, so act now!!

Jo Warren

FROM FARM TO FACTORY

Due to the inclement weather on the evening of the talk only a few brave souls met for the walk through the orchard to the Village Hall to enjoy the informative and amusing talk given by Martin Hewitt about his cider apple farm in Herefordshire. Apple juice and cider were served in the interval together with a fun raffle, and the profit made, of £150, goes to Shipton Gorge Ltd to help maintain the village orchard. Thanks to Hilary Cunningham for arranging this enjoyable event.

VILLAGE HALL

100 CLUB JULY DRAW

Jean Filby	No 54	£20
Kit Laughton	No 93	£10

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

Shipton Gorge Parish Council will meet on 6th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Councillors should note that the date is not the usual Wednesday and has had to change due to other bookings in the hall.

PLAYING FIELD

Concern has been expressed that the proposed new shelter has not yet started to grow out of the ground. Those who volunteered earlier in the year to act as pretend builders may wish to know the delay is not terminal. Tom Grace, the authoritarian press ganger has been incapacitated: first he broke a bone in his foot. Second he's due to undergo a knee operation on

the other leg. He felt unwilling to press gang and beat volunteers if he was unable to work himself. So rest assured he will be nagging those volunteers in a few weeks when he is on his feet and the feet are supporting him!! Any further information ring 01308 897559 or 01308 897064.

Get your boogie boots out

ONE NIGHT STAND

at

Shipton Gorge Village Hall

Saturday, 2nd October

Doors open at 7.00pm

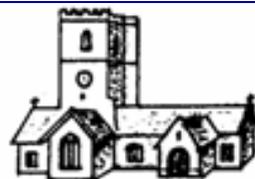
Bring your own Drinks

Tickets £5

from Phyl Webster 898657 / Sally Parker 897168

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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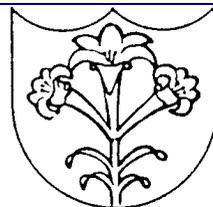
ST MARY'S CHURCH

CHURCH FETE

A fortuitously dry and warm Thursday sandwiched between damp and dismal days were ideal to ensure a bumper turn out of around 1000 visitors plus their children to our annual church fete. Overall this year's fete raised a fantastic sum of over £6,000 towards the church fabric fund.

This year's theme was flowers and gardens that were well reflected in a number of stalls plus the wonderful arrangements of flowers displayed at the church. Larry and Lucy Ladybird were in attendance entrancing young and old alike.

The usual panoply of stalls were packed around the rectory garden catering for a diverse choice of interests and challenges for all ages, plus stalls for things to eat and grow. Especially popular was the opportunity to



douse the Rector and chums with the very wet sponges, accompanied by squeals that fans of Billy Bunter would recognise. There was even an evocation of old empire with the White Elephant stall whose epithet echoed past rivalries between Maharajahs in India.

Over 100 parishioners plus relatives and friends heroically 'manned' the large number of stalls, not forgetting the unseen heroes beavering away in the village hall supplying tea and cakes. Other unseen heroes were directing car park traffic or ensuring that the church tower queues were kept to a minimum. Thanks must go to all. Well done!

The day was accompanied by a wide range of wonderful sounds, from the unique ululating trills of the human fruit machine, St Swithun's Band, the tinkling sounds of the hand bell ringers, piano playing serenading the tea drinkers in the village hall and of course the old favourite Punch and Judy. The latter's refrain of 'That's the way to do it' perhaps a passing compliment on our much admired fete.

In the final climax of the afternoon, a large expectant crowd assembled in front of the Rectory awaiting the Auction and Grand Draw. Special mention must be made of Susan Moores and Vicky Gibson for obtaining generous donations and sponsorships for both, and of course to those that provided them, also to David Woodford 'the man on the mike' for his sterling announcement work during the afternoon and for running the auction bidding in the face of difficult economic conditions.

All in all a wonderful afternoon, which was enjoyed by all visitors and a big thank you again to all who gave so freely of their time, energy and money! A full photographic record of this year's fete will be added to the Burton Bradstock web site in due course, by courtesy of Carol 'Scoop' Lumley our intrepid snapper of events happening in our lovely village. Finally, please note that next year's Church Fete is on Thursday 4th August.

Jim Rogers - Church Fete Co-ordinator

MISSION GIVING

The cream teas and produce sales held to support Farm Africa and the Church Urban Fund held in July raised a total sum of £692.70 to be divided equally between them. Our grateful thanks go to all those who supported these events.

St Mary's Mission Sub Committee.

R.N.L.I. COLLECTION

The 2010 July house to house collection for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution raised £452. Our thanks go to all (a small noble band) who gave of their time and energy to collect and to all who gave generously to this most worthy cause.

Thelma Skues





Thank you to all of you who bought Will's chocolate brownies and cookies, and gave donations to his fundraising stall for Help for Heroes.

"My target was £10 but I got 3 times more at the end! Then our extremely nice next door neighbour gave a £10 note to us after. So our grand total was £40.40!!!!!" *Will Loudon (age 10)*

70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

A Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration

will be held at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Burton Bradstock at 11.00am on Sunday, September 19th, to remember the men and women who took part, and the many who gave their lives to defend our Country in 1940.

Light refreshments will served after the service.

Ray West



BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE GROUP

Play resumes on Tuesday 21st September 2010 in the Village Hall at 2.00pm prompt. For further information please telephone 01308 898117

BURTON BRADSTOCK INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Thanks to generous grants received from the Community Foundation Grassroots Grants programme and the West Dorset District Council's Bridport Community Fund, the Burton Bradstock Indoor Bowls club has been able to buy new equipment and improve the Village Hall storage shed.

Since the club started playing short mat bowls in the Village Hall in 1992, the heavy mats which are essential for the game have had to be carried out to a shed through a small door and stored on makeshift racks. This was very difficult and risky for many of the players and the club almost ceased to function. Now with two new handling machines the mats can be rolled up and wheeled with ease into the shed which has been fitted with wide double doors.

The club membership is thriving and new members are most welcome.

The new season starts on Monday 27th September at 7.00pm with the AGM scheduled for 4th October and there are afternoon sessions on alternate Wednesdays (recycling day)



starting on 6th October at 3.00pm.

For further information contact the Treasurer Peter Colbert (897922) or the Secretary Peter Broomhead (897408)



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Once again we are being pestered by outside fund raisers who employ agencies to ship in people by bus! Their forceful manner has upset several of you. These collectors have been trying to obtain bank details so that donors can join a Direct Debit scheme. The charity, this time, was NDCS (The National Deaf Children's Society). The charity, the police and the collection agency were informed. Again, please do not give your bank details to anyone knocking at your door or phoning. Although the charity may be totally worthy, it cannot guarantee the trustworthiness of the collectors from their agency ... they seem not to be able to read the signs entering the village nor plastered on our windows!

400 stainless steel cheese moulds were stolen from a local Cheese manufacturer. Sheep rustling is moving from Devon into Dorset. All of a sudden things seem to be like the Wild West.

Finally, would the dog owner/s who leave their marks, particularly near the Village School, Church and river walks, **Clean Up After!**

A £1,000 fine would do nicely. Hmmm.

Many thanks.

Ian Pitt-Aikens: 01308-897440

St. Mary's Harvest Supper



Saturday 16th October

6.30 to 9.45pm

Burton Bradstock Village Hall



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

As in the past we are asking you to bring either a sweet or savoury dish and your ticket will be marked according to your choice; we are most grateful to Gwen at the Village shop for agreeing to sell them. There will be some informal entertainment after supper. This is an occasion for all the family and everyone in the village is very welcome to join us. Harvest Thanksgiving is in church the following day

St.Mary's P.C.C.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222
Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust (BBVHT)



“200 CLUB” AUGUST DRAW

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£45.00	No :164	Mr Richard Seebohm
2 nd	£22.50	No :215	Ms Marion Dewey
3 rd	£11.25	No :27	Mr John Lay-Flurrie

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the September-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £4 – one pound for each of the remaining 4 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw. *WDDC Licence no: SL0080*

TREASURER – NEEDED URGENTLY

At our AGM in January 2011 our Treasurer, Bernard Chennells will retire from the Village Hall Committee. Having someone undertaking the role of Treasurer is crucial to the Hall Management Committee continuing to exist. We are looking for someone to volunteer to take on this role and to shadow Bernard for the last few months of what is the Hall's financial year (January to December). If you are interested in finding out more about what the role entails, please contact Bernard (Chennells) – 01308 897066 or Susan (Moores) – 01308 897673

VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE AND REFURBISHMENT

A combination of successful fundraising and grant applications has allowed the Management Committee to plan a large maintenance and refurbishment project at the Village Hall. Already new emergency/exit doors and a new condensing combi boiler installation have been fitted, and interior

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE PLAN OPEN DAY

SATURDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER
VILLAGE HALL, 11.00AM TO 4.00PM

PLEASE POP IN AND HELP TO INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF
BURTON BRADSTOCK.

decoration has commenced. New chairs are on order and will go into the hall when interior and exterior are completed, hopefully by mid September.

Some disruption continues whilst the work is being carried out, and we would like to apologise for any inconvenience that may be experienced by users. The Hall will be closed from 6th September to 18th September inclusive but we hope to reopen fully on Monday 20th.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKING SLOTS AVAILABLE

Sadly, the Playgroup in Burton Bradstock has had to close due mainly to falling numbers. This means that there are sessions available for booking on Monday (morning and afternoon, Wednesday (morning) and Friday (morning and afternoon). If anyone is interested in booking any of these sessions on a regular or ad hoc basis please contact Carolyn James on 01308 898222.

Susan Moores, Chairman, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This Service will be held in Church on Sunday 26th September (instead of an 11.00am Holy Communion that day), followed by a Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. There will be fliers about this in due course, so we can have an idea of numbers, and we hope that attendees will be prepared to contribute something towards the meal. There will be an opportunity to volunteer on the reply slip to the invitations, and let us hope this event is as well supported and enjoyable as usual.



HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

This year's ride, on Saturday 11th September, will have no Littlebredy participants, which is a pity, but if anyone would like to join a rota to spend an hour or two in the Church that day, dispensing water, squash and/or a friendly welcoming word to cyclists who visit from elsewhere, that would be very welcome.

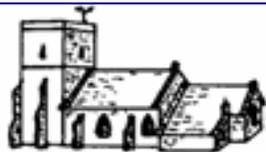
Offers in advance to Jim Armstrong on 01308 482452, please.

The point of philosophy is to start with something so simple as not to seem worth stating, and to end with something so paradoxical that no one will believe it.

Bertrand Russell

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SWYRE

SONGS OF PRAISE

Another successful season of our popular services during August and much thanks to all who took the lead and chose the hymns they liked best. I hope all who came enjoyed the services and hope you will all come again next year and bring a friend. We are now back to our normal services as shown in the BVN and it would be lovely to see you.



PRAYER CIRCLE

The Church prayer circle has been renewed again this year. This is a most helpful and spiritually uplifting occasion and we hope all involved feel the support of prayers said for them and others. If anyone still wishes to be involved please let me as Churchwarden know.

HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE/WALK.

This will take place on September 11th and is a sponsored event where you can cycle or walk to as many Churches in Dorset you can manage. The money goes to the Historic Churches Trust who return half of the amount collected by the local Church to them, so this benefits both your local Church and the Trust at the same time. The Trust is in existence to assist Churches with many maintenance issues by way of loans or grants so is a very worthwhile cause. If you wish to partake I have sponsor forms so just let me know whether as a cyclist, walker or sponsor.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Our next churchyard working party will be on the 11th September from 10.00am. It would be lovely to see any villagers who would like to help maintain our building and churchyard. I am finding it increasingly difficult to do all the jobs both in the Church and churchyard so your help would be appreciated.



HARVEST SUPPER

This was very successful last year and Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall has been booked again for Saturday 2nd October from 6.30pm. This is a bring and share meal of both food and drinks and it would be lovely to see

you there. It is **not** just a Church thing, but open to all to come and enjoy the evening. Last year we had impromptu entertainment which would be lovely again so if you would like to do a turn you would be most welcome.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

This year's service will be held on Sunday 3rd October at 6.30 pm. The time for decorating the Church will be announced and anyone from the village is very welcome to join us for both decorating and the service. If you are interested please let me know.

CHURCH PROJECTS

We have now ordered the new cabling into the Church and for the electrician to obtain the heaters. It is hoped now after all the difficulties we can have a reasonable heating system before this winter starts. Many thanks to all who have helped in any way.

David Buckland, 898492



Don't forget to look in the Village Hall section in the Puncknowle & W. Bexington Section

LONG BREDY

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ST PETER'S CHURCH

PCC MEETING

The next PCC meeting is to be held on Monday 6th September at Bridelands, Long Bredy at 7.30pm.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival at St Peter's will be on Sunday 31st October at 11.00am. This is later than usual and will be on the fifth Sunday of the month and so it will be a United Valley service with refreshments to follow. More details next month.

No matter how advanced your camera you still need to be responsible for getting it to the right place at the right time and pointing it in the right direction to get the photo you want.

Ken Rockwell, Your Camera Does Not Matter, 2005

PUNCKNOWLE & W. BEXINGTON

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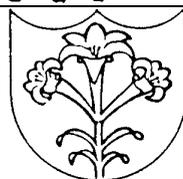


ST MARY'S CHURCH

THE FETE

Many thanks to all those who worked so hard both before and on the day of the fete to make it a huge success. So many of you helped in so many ways. Especially valuable was Geoffrey's team who moved all the chairs, tables and equipment and put them all away again afterwards. Without your help we could not have raised just over £4,500 for the upkeep of the church.

A special thank you to Jim and Sarah Wild who kindly allowed us to use their beautiful garden, such a lovely setting for our fete. We woke up to low cloud and fine drizzle but the day brightened up and we all had a good time.



HARVEST FESTIVAL IN PUNCKNOWLE

AUTUMN BAZAAR

Saturday 25th September:

in the Village Hall, Puncknowle from 2.30pm, organised by the Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall Social Committee.

Family Communion, Sunday 26th September: at 11.00am, to which all are welcome.

'Bring and Share' Harvest Lunch in the village hall from 12.15pm onwards. Do come along to the lunch even if you do not make it to the service. We all have much to be thankful for and everyone is welcome. If you are not sure what food to bring (hot or cold, sweet or savoury) contact Sue Brown (897953) or Liz Slater (897751)

THANKS

What a wonderful job Alan Fry achieved in clearing barrow loads of weeds and yew needles from the road along the Manor wall to Knackers Hole. A BIG THANK YOU.

A great improvement to the village.

Ann Roberts

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Thank you to Jennifer for leading a wax and watercolour morning. We enjoyed our lunch party at The Bull before a break for the holiday period.

On 3rd September we resume with a look at the results of our



painting challenge. Our meeting on 17th September will also be at The Bull.

There will be an OPEN WORKSHOP on Oct 1st for those who would like to try some painting - materials available.

ART EXHIBITION & SALE

18th & 19th September In The Reading Room, Burton Bradstock from 10.30am to 4.00pm.

Christine Molony

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

For bookings, telephone 01308 897724



AUTUMN BAZAAR

Following last year's successful event we are holding an Autumn Bazaar linked to the Harvest season. Blackberry and apple pies, fruits of the season, cakes, biscuits and jams; demonstration and sale of country crafts; pickle making, refreshments. Proceeds in aid of Hall Funds.

Further details from Carol Bennett, 897771 and Sue Brown, 897953.

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The club will be starting a new year on 21st September and this is an ideal time for new members to join, paying £1 for the whole year. Anyone who is over 50 and lives or has lived in the villages of Puncknowle, Swyre or West Bexington will be very welcome. If however you feel you are much too young or do not need to be provided with a meal, then why not join our band of volunteers who prepare the hall or cook the meal?



This month If you want to order a lunch or need further information, please phone David Buckland on 898492. At a cost of only £4 the lunch on 21st September will start with fruit juices, Chicken curry or Salmon en crouete followed by poached Plums or Pineapple upside down pudding, cheese and biscuits, and finishing with tea or coffee.

Ken Taylor



BOOK CLUB

Next meeting is on September 1st: the book to be discussed is "The Pursuit of Happiness" by Douglas Kennedy.

BROADBAND ACCESS

Broadband sessions recommence in September, from 3.00pm to 6.00pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.



JULY WINNERS

Mike Brown	£15
Ellie Pearson	£10

LITTON CHENEY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: JOHN YATES
2, SUNNYSIDE COTTAGE, LITTON CHENEY
john-and-sandra@hotmail.com Tel: 01308 482585



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The PCC is pleased to report that the Architect has signed off the alterations to the church and churchyard and we are now enjoying the benefits of the reordering. It was wonderful to welcome Sallie Firrell to the August Family Service – for the first time Sallie was able to attend a service, driving her buggy up to and into the church.



Grateful thanks to Paul Cheater for giving us a stirring organ concert and to the many generous sponsors of the Great Walk from Salisbury. Thanks too to the walkers (two generations of Caves and their friends, three generations of Spicers and Bob Thorn) and to the kind drivers who took and fetched each day and the ladies who provided the lovely tea to welcome the walkers home. £259 was raised from the concert and £2,026 from the walk for the Appeal. Work is now under way to relocate the old clock on the new mezzanine floor.

Please make a note in your diary now – our **HARVEST THANKSGIVING** will be at the Family Service on 3rd October at 11.00am (usual harvest offerings will be welcome); the service will be followed by a "bring and share" **HARVEST LUNCH** in the Church – please bring a plate of "finger food", savoury or sweet.

BELL RINGING - TOWER OPEN EVENING

When you hear the bells ringing on Sunday morning or Monday evening, do you ever wonder how it's done? If you would like to see the bells being rung and maybe have a go yourself, come along to St. Mary's Church on Monday 4th October at 7.30pm. We shall show you the bells, high up in the tower, demonstrate how they are rung, let you have a go at chiming and maybe take the first step in learning to ring. We would welcome some new learners, so if you are interested and would like to find out more, please come along on 4th October or ring Wendy Taylor (482532).



Thank you to St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney, PCC for making it possible for me to gain access to the church, something that has not been possible until now thanks to the improvements that have been made regarding access and improved facilities.

Sallie Firrell.

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Litton Cheney Parish Council on Tuesday 14th September at 7.30 pm at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. All local residents are welcome to attend, and indeed encouraged to do so.

LITTON CHENEY'S VILLAGE LENGTHSMAN

As a number of local residents will know the Parish Council employs a Lengthsman to carry out tasks around the village that help to keep Litton Cheney not only clean and tidy, but maintained in good order. Originally the term Lengthsman referred to a person who kept a length of road clean, tidy and looking its best. Little has changed it would seem. James Williams is Litton Cheney's Lengthsman, and has been doing a splendid job now for six months. If you see anything that might require James's attention or indeed that of the local authority (WDDC or DCC) please contact the Parish Clerk (John Firrell) on 482313. WDDC have asked to be made particularly aware of the condition and state of finger posts with the distinctive Dorset CC finial which is unique to Dorset. Again please contact the Parish Clerk who will be submitting a report to WDDC very shortly.

LATCH EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER:



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| Tai Chi | continues Wednesday Sept 1 st : 2.00 - 3.00pm every Wednesday. |
| Pilates | resumes Monday 6 th : 4.00 - 5.00pm (for 7 weeks) |
| Short Mat Bowls | resumes Tuesday 7 th : 3.45 - 5.15pm (new members welcome) |
| Table Tennis | resumes Wednesday 8 th : 3.45 - 5.15pm (new members welcome) |
| Film Night | "It's Complicated" Thursday 9 th : - See Valley Notes for details.7.30pm. |
| Yoga | resumes Friday 10 th : 9.45 - 11.15am |
| Keep Dancing | Saturday 11 th : 7.30pm |
| Village Café | run by First Steps Toddler Group, Saturday 18 th : |



DIGITAL CAMERA CLASSES AND TUITION AT LATCH

It is planned to run two courses on "Getting the best from your digital camera" starting at the beginning of October. There will be both an evening and an afternoon course covering the

same subject. There will be eight sessions, each two hours long, run over eight weeks. The courses are aimed at people who are just starting out with a digital camera or those who just wish to improve their photography skills. Class sizes will be kept small in order to allow for individual tuition. Costs will be £40 for the full eight weeks if paid on the first session or £6 per session if paid weekly.

Please contact Steve Kourik on 482552 for further information and to book a place.



ANNUAL WINE TASTING WITH STEVEN SPURRIER

Our third outing in the company of wine guru Steven Spurrier will be on Saturday 23rd October when we will be sampling the delights of “The Wines of the Rhone Valley”. Why are we telling you now? Because this is a highly popular event and you need to book early by contacting Freddie Spicer (482617), David Taylor (482532) or Ron Davidson (482661).

BEYOND THE VALLEY

RECYCLING TO SAVE LIVES.

The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance came into service in March 2000 and has attended to over 6,000 incidents. The aircraft responds mostly to emergency calls such as road traffic collisions and sporting incidents. On average it receives 3 to 4 calls per day, but during busy periods and summer months, it can be up to 8.



The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, needs £3,800 a day to keep its helicopter and highly trained crew in the air. As a charity, the service relies on the generosity of individuals and organisations to help it continue its life-saving work. Airborne within three minutes of a 999 call, the Air Ambulance can reach most of its operational area within nineteen minutes. It needs an area only half the size of a tennis court to be able to land. It can then transport patients to the appropriate hospital for their injuries - being able to do this will make the difference between life and death for many patients. You can help this vital service by recycling your unwanted clothes, shoes and household textiles.

Next time you clear out please remember the bank outside Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall, we urgently need your donations. For more information on your nearest textile bank and how to help the Air Ambulance visit www.bagitup.org.uk.

For more information about the air



ambulance, see www.dorsetandsomersetairambulance.org.uk or ring 01823 669604

Charity No. 1078685



SINGING GROUP FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T SING

A singing group for people who can't sing is being started by Bridport & District U3A. There are plenty of choirs and societies in the area for people who can sing. But what about something for those who lack confidence or think they have a voice that could frighten horses? U3A's new group will hit just the right note.

"We have had a lot of interest from people wanting to join the group," says group's co-ordinator Lesley Archibald. "You could describe it as singing for the terrified. But we believe that it will give people confidence and help them find their own voice."

The U3A group has been boosted by a surge in new members and the launch of new interest groups as a result of its getting-to-know-you party held at St Mary's Church Hall, Bridport. More than 70 people came along to meet members of the steering committee and leaders of some of the existing groups, such as bird watching, books, maths for fun, French conversation and fossil hunting. Seventeen new members signed up to join, while other new groups being launched include Italian, philosophy and arts and crafts, as well as the singing.



Colin Tincknell, U3A's South West trustee, has presented a certificate of full membership of the Third Age Trust to Bridport & District U3A, which also covers Burton Bradstock, Beaminster and surrounding villages. The presentation was made to Jan Kelly, chair of the steering committee, at the July meeting. The group, launched in January, has become the fastest growing in the South West, with more than 180 members.

The Speaker at the on September 28th will be Dr Tom Brereton who will give a talk on whales, dolphins and birds in Lyme Bay. The meeting takes place at the Christian Fellowship Hall, Kings Square, Bridport at 2.00pm. Non members are welcome, but there is a charge of £3.

For more information on Bridport & District U3A contact 01308 863347.

Rob Wells, Bridport & District U3A 01308 863347

If you believe everything you read, better not read.

Japanese Proverb

In mathematics you don't understand things. You just get used to them.

Johann von Neumann

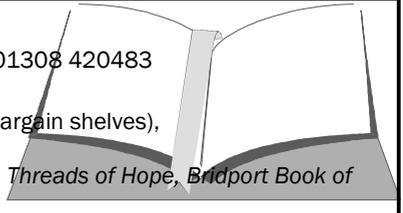
GOOD BOOKS

St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL, Tel: 01308 420483
email: orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk

Good Books: for Christian books (including 2nd hand bargain shelves), cards, gifts and church supplies.

Home of *Bridport Good Neighbours/Pathways to Care*, *Threads of Hope*, *Bridport Book of Hours*.

Good Books opening hours: Monday-Friday 9.00am-1.00pm, Saturday 10.00am-12.00noon
AND for tea & chat afternoons by arrangement.



OPEN HOUSE: HATS & HEALING

Friday, 17th September 10.00am-2.00pm

Join us on the first day of the Bridport Hat Festival suitably behatted (is this a word?) to celebrate the Florence Nightingale Centenary. Her familiar cap was a welcome sight wherever she walked and many of her nurses in the Crimea were nuns with their distinctive headgear. We'll have a range of books on health and healing to browse as well as some healthy refreshments. All welcome, with or without hats! (Do you have any unusual ones you can lend us to display?)

STARTING ON 10th September, we will be hosting **Sacred Space** on Fridays in our Quiet Area at 12.00noon for 20 minutes or so (except on Open House days), for quiet prayer & meditation on a theme. Do join us when you can.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Garden Party on 3rd August at The Salt House and everyone who helped in any way. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and we raised £280.

YOU ARE warmly invited to the next Bridport Community Lunch on Wednesday 8th September from 12.30-2.00pm at Bridport United Church Hall, East Street. This is an informal quarterly bring-and-share lunch where representatives & volunteers from local voluntary and community groups and charities in Bridport and the surrounding area can meet and share ideas, expertise and information.

Hosted by Churches Together in co-operation with the Volunteer Centre West Dorset Branch (for more information call Jo O'Farrell on 01038 420283, jo@jovian.co.uk or Karen Jones on k.jones@volunteeringdorset.org.uk)

SPONSORED MUSICATHON JUNE 2010

Thank you very much to all the musicians who took part in this event, all our sponsors, the audience who donated generously and everyone who helped in any way. The total raised was £1291.25 which has now been distributed to the three charities: The Fortuneswell Trust, WAWA and The Uparo Project.

Mary Bunney, Jo O'Farrell & Veronica Ziegler

VALLEY NOTES

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

Performances of our next production, "Far from the Madding Crowd", an adaptation by Matthew White of Thomas Hardy's novel, will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st to Saturday 4th September in Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

Tickets can still be obtained and on the door if available, or by e-mailing burtonbradstockplayers@yahoo.co.uk. Prices for tickets are: adults £6, children (under 16): £4.

This promises to be a very atmospheric production with the setting, of course, in rural Dorset. Please book tickets in advance to avoid disappointment.



BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

We had a lovely day out at Farmer Palmers, the rain kept off and it was warm. The indoor and outdoor play areas were fun and most of us went on a tractor trailer ride. There were mini-tractors to ride and a huge tractor Bouncy Castle to bounce on. We fed the big lambs and saw lots of other animals such as little goats, giant rabbits and more. After we ate our picnic lunches, we saw the cow being milked and answered questions about it with Farmer Palmer himself! Some of the mum's thought he was dishy!

On our final day of term, we gathered in Puncknowle Playing Field where Fiona had set up her barbecue - yes, for real, and again the rain held off and it was warm/misty. Everyone brought some food along to share on the picnic table. The Bouncy Castle man put up a small one to play on, and we had egg and spoon races for children and parents. What a laugh! There were some very competitive mums out there. Time for the sausages and burgers which Fiona was cooking on the barbie plus salads etc, plus cakes and jellies for the children. Many thanks to all who contributed, by the way.

Then it was time for our presentations of certificates and scrapbooks, plus P.E.Bags, which had been decorated by the children going to school in September, not forgetting goodie bags for all the little ones. Time to say au revoir once again to those starting school - Edward, Marcus, Hazel, Isla, Oliver and Frieda.

We hope to have new pets next term - big African snails! Emma Christmas is starting her degree course next term and Maureen is starting her NVQ3 course in January. Term starts again on Monday 6th September - new parents will be needed to take part in running of the group - look out for the AGM and do come along.



For information re Fledglings, please contact the manager, Fiona Evans, on 01308 482410.

A NEW SEASON OF FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY

Exciting news, not only are there new comfy chairs in the Hall, but there is also a licence, so if you fancy a second glass whilst watching the film, we will be able to oblige!

IT'S COMPLICATED

Thursday. 9th September. 'A wickedly funny film'. Cert.15 2 hrs.

With a thriving bakery, a new romance and her divorce finally behind her, Jane Adler (**Meryl Streep**) has her life all figured out, until her ex-husband Jake (**Alec Baldwin**) decides he'll stop at nothing to win her back.

Also starring **Steve Martin**, the characters are true to life and this hilarious, sad and thought-provoking film brings home the complications and emotions surrounding divorce and relationships.



GLORIOUS 39

Thursday. 7th October, 'A thrilling film, with sumptuous locations and costumes'. Cert.12 2 hrs.

Stephen Poliakoff has crafted a tense psychological thriller set against the idyllic British countryside during the glorious summer of 1939, just before the outbreak of



the Second World War. Anne, a budding young actress, stumbles across secret recordings of a sinister plot to appease the Nazis. As close friends die in suspicious circumstances, she finds herself swept into a web of dark secrets and in increasing danger from a powerful and menacing enemy. Featuring an outstanding British cast - Romola Garai, Bill Nighy, Christopher Lee, David Tennant, Jenny Agutter and Julie Christie.

For both films: Doors Open at 7.30pm. Films start 8.00pm. Tickets: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine) available in advance from: Sally Dyke

01308 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 01308 482162, Bella Spurrier 01308 482367 or on the door if available.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Screen Bites are showing the classic **Babette's Feast** on November. 4th at their foodie evening, and we plan to show **The Young Victoria** on Thursday. 2nd December, plus a film for all the family at the earlier time of 4.30pm on Sunday 12th December.

BRIDE VALLEY KNITTING GROUP

The group meets again after the Summer break from 2-4.00pm on Tuesday, 7th and 21st September at Ourganics in Litton Cheney. Informal knitting. Everybody welcome no matter which level or age. Learn how to knit or bring your unfinished projects.



Contact Doris 07818 490 657 or Pat 01308 482 455 for directions.

Doris Ammermann

BRIDE VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

'The West Country Quiz'.

Its on sale at the following

Bridport and Dorchester tourist information centre's, Burton Bradstock post office

The White Horse Litton Cheney, The Crown, Puncknowle Fordington Stores, Dorchester

Price £1

1st prize £20

Closing date is the 30th September.

All proceeds from the quiz will go directly into purchasing resources and activities for the children of the youth club.

We meet term time once a fortnight on a Tuesday at 7.00 -8.30 pm at LATCH, Litton Cheney, and is open to all children over 8, who live in or around the Bride Valley. Cost per session is £1.50. Our first session will be on 7th September.

We are looking for a helper who would be a volunteer to help at most sessions during the term time on a Tuesday evening between 6.30pm and 9.00pm, a free enhanced CRB will be required to work with the children along with Safeguarding Children and First Aid training.

For more details ring Sue on 01308 482204

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH)

Just a reminder that a 70th Anniversary of The Battle of Britain Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration is to be held at St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock on September 19th at 11.00am. Please arrive early to ensure a seat. Members of the Royal Airforce Association, Royal Navy Aircrew Association, Air Training Corps and The Bride Valley Branch of The Royal British Legion will parade their Standards.



October 4th is the first Social evening at The Three Horse Shoes, Burton Bradstock . Please let Jim Reeves know if you are attending by the Thursday 30th September please. We look forward to seeing you all.
From Ray West

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH)

We will remember.....

Phyllis SAUNDERS

Phyllis was the Poppy Appeal Organiser for this area for some 40 years and only handed on the responsibility when she did because of failing health. She had been a member in various capacities of the Women's Section since 1944. Throughout her life she worked tirelessly and with great ability for various Chesil area organisations, a record which is probably without parallel locally.

On 18th July, **Mrs. Kim Cooper** represented the Branch when she took part in the ten kilometre walk around our RBL Headquarters area of London. A sponsored event, Kim hopes to raise close to £200 by her efforts for the Poppy Appeal. We believe this to be the first time our Branch has been represented at such a national event.

Tickets for "**The Sound of Music**" at Bournemouth Pavillion Theatre on Thursday 23rd September are now sold out. Coach pick-ups will be as follows: Abbotsbury Square 5.45pm - Portesham Green 5.55pm - London Road, Dorchester 6.15pm

There will be a **Branch Committee Meeting** at Portesham Methodist Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, 7th October, 2010.

Our Thursday, **14th October** meeting will be at Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury at 7.30pm when our County Secretary **Miss Beverley Harrison** will talk about her professional duties.

Des Baker Entertainments Chairman (01305 267617)

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

We had a very successful Flower Show in July with attendance up on previous years.

The Fry Cup for the overall winner was won by Jennie Prentice, the Floral Cup by Sylvia Delves and the Barker Bowl for the best combined fruit and vegetable classes was won by Jennie Prentice. The special geranium class, where members had been given the same plug plant to grow on, gave a grand display and the winner was Janet Jackson.



Other winners in their classes were:

Best Rose	Eddie Miles
Best Floral Display	Elinor Frost and Anne Miles
Best Annuals	Sylvia Delves
Best Perennials	Sylvia Delves
Best Herbs	Jan Morrison
Best Shrub	Freda Dales
Best Fruit	Jennie Prentice
Best Pot Plant	Denise Rogers
Best Vegetable	Hazel Stirgess
Best Sweet Peas	Chris Smith
Oddest Vegetable	Sara Winter
Best Vegetable Display	Chris Smith
Best Photograph	Jan Morrison

Also in July, at our monthly meeting, Malcolm Mills gave a very opportune talk on choosing and growing fruit in different size gardens together with pruning and shaping, and in particular discussed the advisability of summer pruning. Then in early August the Club had a stand at the Burton Bradstock Church Fete where they ran a successful quiz on recognising the names of various plants which members had lent us.

We now look forward to our September meeting when Anne Pawley will talk about the care and presentation of house plants.

JOBS TO DO.

Lift dahlias and cannas after the first frosts and take cuttings of tender perennials such as Fuchsia and Pelargonium.

Plant daffodil bulbs by mid-September to ensure a good spring show. Plant out onion sets and young spring cabbage plants.

Cut out fruited canes of summer raspberries. This is an ideal time to turf or seed new lawns.

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

EVENTS AT LATCH

Artsreach presents:

Braga Tanga

Friday 15th October

a toe-tapping quartet performs an exotic mix of world folk music.

Doors open 6.45. Performance starts 7.30. Beer, wine and soft drinks available.

Adults £7.50, U18s £5.00 Family Ticket (4) £22.00.

Tables of 6 may be reserved

Ticket enquiries: 01308 482532 or 482661 or email hall@thorners.dorset.sch.uk

“Screen Bites”

Thursday 4th November

Local food producers’ tastings, followed by the film “Babette’s Feast”

Beer, wine and soft drinks available. Full details in October BVN.

And for next year.....

Artsreach presents a Forest Forge Theatre production of

“The Wolves of Willoughby Chase”

Friday 4th February 2011.

a show for all the family

Full details in December BVN

Details of other events at LATCH can be found in the Litton Cheney section



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 to 11.00pm with a break for tea & 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

SOFA SO GOOD.

Ottie and me have just taken delivery of a new sofa. “Our delivery team will phone you to give you an hours notice of arrival” they said. And “they will wear protective overshoes, lay dust sheets and take away all packing”. That was a larf! Good job Ottie blew Revally at 0630 hours, or Sigourny Weavers demolition team (as I began to call ‘em), could of got me out of bed when they phoned at 0645 hours – which would of been well-out-of-order! Overshoes? Nah! Dust sheets? Nah! Take away the packin’? Only the bits that stuck to the polytheen bag! I love crumblin’ up polystrene (dunno how to manage that one – spellin’ wise) an’ seein’ ‘ow much sticks to the ‘airs on my arms, but Sigourney’s Team was past masters – took us ‘alf an hour to pick up all the poly crums after they’d gone – well-out-of-order! Still we ‘ad a nice DVD with the sofa, congratulatin’ us on buyin’ it and tellin’ us ‘ow, as it was all natural fibers and the best that money could buy, they will naturally fade an’ ‘ow the real feathers will begin to flatten before you know it, but not to worry. Funny, I found myself thinkin’ should I of ordered a foam sofa?

Speakin’ of things well-out-of-order, I was pleased to ‘ave a couple of issues to follow up on the e mail (don’t foget: Dave Bellows can be found at well-out-of-order@hotmail.co.uk if you have anything out-of-order to be followed up). One was queuin’ at the Beach Café: what a pity there isn’t two coffee machines goin’ on a Sunday mornin’, maybe one at the ice cream shack and tother at the Café. Then those of us who just want coffee can get it in under the usual 40 minutes queu time. I tugged a queu jumper back the other week and ‘e claimed ‘e was a resident! Now that is well-out-of-order from amongst our own! I ‘ad none of that and pointed out the error of ‘is ways, in the manner of my old sarn’t major – not a spectacle to behold. But on the plus side, they always lets me and Ottie ‘ave the pot of Earl Grey for one, with two cups, which is very reasonable as then there’s less waste than two seprate pots and two tea bags. Ottie prefers ‘er Earl Grey “loose”, as she puts it. I think Earl Grey was in my regiment. ‘is brother officers used to call ‘im loose, though with their speech impedaments it sounded like loosh. Ottie tells me it was loosh they were sayin’, but its spelt louche.

At the Golf Club Jamboree in July (some say “the event of the year” round these parts), I noticed that the plates was rather too small to get one of everythink on them: they was large dinner plates, but it was still out-of-order nonetheless. Band was a bit too good; kept on

playing right past the closin' time, albeit by request: also could of been further-out-of-order for anyone tryin' to kip on the beach that night. At least Edwards didn't complain that there was no afters like 'e did at the British Legion (but what does 'e expect for a RBL five pound supper for a fiver?).

Dave Bellows L/Cpl (ret'd)
Little Breeding

OVER A GLASGOW GARDEN WALL

In *The Times Magazine* a few weeks ago, in a series that shows hitherto unused photographic archives, the subject was a visit of HM the Queen, in 1999, to a Glasgow council house for tea. The house was beautifully turned out (who wouldn't decorate throughout, knowing that Brenda was visiting?), with the best china and some lovely swagged curtains. But what caught my eye was the vignette captured in one of the snaps: in a corner, on the grey chenille "mille feuille" sofa, was the lady-in-waiting, seemingly engrossed in conversation with what must have been the grandson: stiff bright blue track suit (with white stripes, just out of the wrapper); crew cut; bored expression, leaning forward, elbows on knees. The conversation must have been interesting:

"Your Grandmama has a beautiful house, do you live here?"

"Course I do."

"And do you have an I Pod?"

"Nah, I've got an MP3 though."

"Oh, well, if it's any consolation that's more than I've got!"

"Don't let it worry you; you might get one in your Christmas stocking."

"Oh, I don't know about that" (and to herself, "Possibly in the New Year"). "And do you have a Game Boy?"

"Course not!"

"Oh. Er, we're not getting on too well, are we? What is your favourite video?"

"I quite like Rameau's *Les Indes Galantes*."

"Oh, Rambo, how nice. My grandson has some Rambo videos. You two must get together."

"*Rameau*: 1683 – 1764; the Rimboud you're presumably talkin' about (1854 -1891) was a poet; you must've read his, *Les Entrennes des Orphelines*?"

“Er, well, not exactly.”

“Well, he can be very hermetic, radical and sometimes a bit complex. You should try Baudelaire to start yourself off on.”

Then, later, in the limo: “Well, Audrey, how did you get on with your little boy blue?”

“Oh, a charming boy, ma’am (rhyming with Sam), we chatted about his video collection. It’s amazing; I hadn’t realised that Rambo was

something of a poet, too. And, you’ll never believe it: the child says he’s got an M.B.E.!”

“No, no Audrey, I think I overheard him say an ‘MP3’: an acronym for MPEG 2Audio Layer 3: M – P – 3, Geddit?”

“Er, yes, ma’am.”

Perry Scope



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ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

On how to survive a weekend away with the young people

The Rectory
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I think your idea for both our Confirmation groups getting together for a weekend away was excellent and our meeting last week drew most of the plans together. We didn't take any minutes, so let me record the decisions I believe we made.

Since all of us will have to share one dormitory, I know my snoring will inconvenience you all, so I am prepared to spend the nights at a local hotel. By chance, I have found that there is a four star one only a few miles away, so I have booked myself in.

As the dining area in the youth centre is very cramped, I am also willing to have dinner each evening at the hotel, thereby creating more space for the rest of you. This will, admittedly, mean that I will not be available for the rota for preparing meals, but that is a small loss for giving you all so much more freedom of movement. An additional sadness is that, since breakfast at the hotel is not served until 8am, I will not be able to join you either for your pre-breakfast dip in the nearby stream. It would be grossly unfair to expect you to pack lunch for me, so I will arrange for the hotel to provide me with a picnic hamper for one which I can have while you all enjoy your fish paste sandwiches.

I think it will be an excellent learning experience if you prepare all the teaching sessions yourself, but be assured that I will always be on hand to give the advice of experience. That large armchair near the fire in the common room seems to be the best place for me to sit, so I can keep an eye on proceedings, while I take on the responsibilities for stoking the fire. This reminds me; do make sure that the young people are encouraged to saw enough logs each morning for me to fulfil my obligations.

Naturally, my arthritis will prevent me being able to accompany you on your afternoon hikes, but I will cheerfully park my car wherever you leave the minibus, to provide a

second vehicle in case of emergencies. I do not mind in the least waiting all those long hours until you get back; I have already chosen the cassettes and books to help me get through them. Perhaps you could modify your proposed route in the mountains to something round the lake, since I notice there is a rather attractive tea shop in the village that I may also be able to visit while waiting for your return.

I am fully aware that not sleeping or dining at the centre, not being responsible for preparing the teaching, nor being involved on the walks will mean that my contributions will be ever so slightly limited, but these are sacrifices I gladly make in order to give you further experience in your ministerial career.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



Mouse Makes

Colour this harvest picture then write a prayer of praise and thanks to God.

"Oh God, it is right to praise you in Zion and keep our promises to you, because you answer our prayers...."

You show your care for the land by sending rain;

you make it rich and fertile. You fill the streams with water, you provide the earth with crops....

What a rich harvest your goodness provides! Wherever you go there is plenty...

The fields are covered with sheep; the valleys are full of wheat.

Everything shouts and sings for joy."

from Psalm 65



Thank you LORD for the Harvest

Sep10

Bible Sketchbook

David was like you and me. Ordinary. But he had great faith and trusted God with the gifts he had been given. So when a huge problem came along he didn't run away or wish he was someone else – he faced up to it and used the talents he had. God blessed him and gave him victory! So however big the "goliath" you face, trust God and he will bless you too!

Read more in
1 Samuel 17: 1-51



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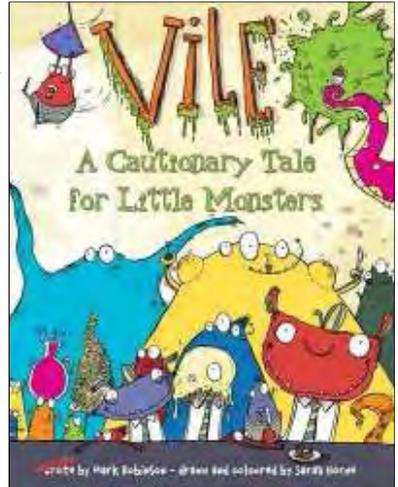


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VILE - A Cautionary Tale for Little Monsters

By Mark Robinson,
Lion Children's,
£5.99

Lessons at the University of Vile are strict! With a timetable designed to refine the skills of grabbing, snatching, pushing, shoving, surreptitious tripping and not-paying-attention, pupils must strive to hone their bad manners, poor personal hygiene and repulsive habits. Graduation depends on pupils demonstrating their monstrosity at all times.



Those who don't meet the grade are destined for things far worse - disqualification and quick enrollment at the dreaded Academy of Manners! With a revolting cast of nasties, brought to life by Sarah Horne's scratchy illustrations, this mischievous picture book demonstrates that perhaps life's not so great when spent solely in the pursuit of vileness...-

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DIARY OF EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 2010

Wed	1	2.00pm Tai Chi 3.00pm Open Broadband Session 7.30pm Book Club 7.30pm Burton Bradstock Parish Council Meeting	LATCH PSWB Village Hall PSWB Village Hall BB Reading Room
Thu	2	7.30pm Badminton	LATCH
Sat	4	10.00am Village Walk	New Inn
Sun	5	7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon	6	4.00pm Pilates 7.30pm Shipton Gorge Parish Council meeting 7.30pm St Peter's PCC meeting	LATCH Shipton Gorge Village hall Bridelands
Tue	7	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group 3.45pm Short Mat Bowls 7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club 7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	Ourganics, Litton Cheney LATCH LATCH PSWB Village Hall
Wed	8	12.30pm Bridport Community Lunch 2.00pm Tai Chi 3.30pm Table Tennis	B'port United Church Hall LATCH LATCH
Thu	9	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation 7.30pm Badminton 7.30pm Film "It's Complicated"	Othona Community LATCH LATCH
Fri	10	10.15am Puncknowle Art Club 12.00noon "Sacred Space" 9.45am Yoga	The Bull Good Books, Bridport LATCH

Sat	11	10.00am Churchyard Working Party 7.30pm Keeeeeeep Dancing	Holy Trinity, Swyre LATCH
Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride			
Sun	12	12.30pm Bring & Share Lunch 7.00am Big Bob's Tour of London	BB Village Hall New Inn
Mon	13	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	14	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Litton Cheney Parish Council meeting	LATCH LATCH
Wed	15	2.00pm Tai Chi 3.00pm Open Broadband Session 3.30pm Table Tennis 7.30pm Team Benefice Meeting	LATCH PSWB Village Hall LATCH PSWB Village Hall
Thu	16	7.30pm British Heart Foundation Meeting 7.30pm Badminton	B'port Christian F'ship Hall LATCH
Fri	17	9.45am Yoga 10.00am Good Books Open House "Hats & Healing"	LATCH Good Books, Bridport
Sat	18	Village Cafe by First Steps Toddlers Group	LATCH
Sat/Sun	18/19	10.30am Art Exhibition & Sale	BB Reading Room,
Sun	19	11.00am 70th Anniversary of Battle of Britain	St Mary's BB
Mon	20	4.00pm Pilates 7.30pm BVGC "Care & Presentation of House Plants"	LATCH PSWB Village Hall
Tue	21	12.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club 2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group 2.00pm BB Bridge Group resumes 3.45pm Short Mat Bowls 7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	PSWB Village Hall Ourganics, L. Cheney B B Village Hall LATCH LATCH
Wed	22	2.00pm Tai Chi 3.30pm Table Tennis 7.30pm PCC Meeting, Holy Trinity, Swyre	LATCH LATCH Chantry House, Swyre
Thu	23	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation 7.30pm Badminton	Othona Community LATCH
Fri	24	9.45am Yoga 10.15am Puncknowle Art Club 12.00noon "Sacred Space"	LATCH The Bull Good Books, Bridport
Sat	25	11.00am Village Plan open Day	BB Village Hall
Sun	26	11.00am Harvest Festival 12.15pm Bring & Share Harvest Lunch c.12.00noon Harvest Supper	St Michael & All Angels, Lb PSWB Village Hall Lb Village Hall
Mon	27	4.00pm Pilates 7.00pm BB Indoor Bowls Club season starts	LATCH BB Village Hall
Tue	28	2.00pm B'port U3A Talk "Whales etc in Lyme Bay" 3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	B'port Christian F'ship Hall LATCH
Wed	29	2.00pm Tai Chi 3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH LATCH

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

September 2010

	1 st Sunday 5 th Sept Trinity 14	2 nd Sunday 12 th Sept Trinity 15	3 rd Sunday 19 th Sept Trinity 16	4 th Sunday 26 th Sept Trinity 17
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 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britian	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 630 Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	11.00 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe			630 Harvest Service	
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Harvest Family Communion
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11 00 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Family Communion		6.00 Harvest Service