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WE WISH ALL OUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS &

VERY BEST WISHES FOR 2013



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WEEKDAY SERVICES, DECEMBER 2012

Mon	3 rd	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	5 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	6 th	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	7 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	10 th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	12 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	13 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	14 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	17 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	19 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	20 th	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	21 st	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Mon	24 th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Mon	31 st	9.00am	Long Bredy

Christmas Services in the Bride Valley

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

BURTON BRADFSTOCK.	5.30 CRIB SERVICE	8.00 COMMUNION
	23.30	11.00
	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
SHIPTON GORGE		11.00 FAMILY COMMUNION
SWYRE	21.30	
	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION	
PUNCKNOWLE		11.00 FAMILY COMMUNION
LITTON CHENEY	16.00 CRIB SERVICE	
	23.30	
	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION	
LONG BREDY		9.30 HOLY COMMUNION
LITTLEBREDY		11.00 HOLY COMMUNION

THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

ST MARY THE VIRGIN: Burton Bradstock ST MARY: Litton Cheney

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy CHILCOMBE (*Dedication unknown*)

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge HOLY TRINITY: Swyre

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FROM THE RECTORY

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THIS YEAR

at Christmas, I have decided I am going to be walking with Jesus. But since Christmas is when we celebrate him as newborn, walking with him means that I am going to have to carry him, swaddled as he is, rocking him over the crook of my arm or patting him on my shoulder. If I am going to do this for very long it will be to carry him on the road South, to Egypt, which is hot, rocky and rough; just when I was hoping that walking with Jesus was going to be about green meadows and still waters.

My next plan is to crawl with Jesus, having first watched him learn to sit up and then to roll over. Then I am going on to toddle with Jesus, unsteadily at first and then to his first jump and skip.

At some time we will go walking to see the desert together, I think that would be nice, before visiting lots of other places and meeting people in one another's company. It sounds lovely, but I am afraid that not all of the walking will be easy. In fact towards the end it might not be very pleasant at all. Still; at least we will be together, I hope.

And at some point, perhaps even now before the beginning, I might set myself to wonder who is walking with whom. I had thought this year that I was going to the grown up, playing at Christmas being for children. Now it may be that I am the infant and the baby is holding me and getting ready to teach me to toddle. It may even be that he is looking forward to the days when we can go off walking together, way into the years ahead, hand in hand beyond the valley of the shadow of death.

A very merry goo goo to one and all.

Bob Thorn.

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS



On the morning of Saturday 27th October, the ashes of **MARGARET JEAN CROFT** and **GEOFFREY KING CROFT** were interred in the graveyard of St Mary's, Litton Cheney. Their children and partners and other members of the family gathered to remember thankfully the happy times in the village they had loved so well.



In the afternoon of the same day, the ashes of **EDNA MAY MURRELL** were interred in the graveyard of St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. Children, grandchildren and other family members made memory of her as we commended her soul to God's care and keeping.

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE

The Ride and Stride event in September and the Tea Party in October together raised the grand total of £407 40p for the Trust, half of which will benefit St. Martin's church. We would like to thank our generous sponsors and everyone who came to the party in the Village Hall, not forgetting those who helped to run this enjoyable event.

Janet Lane & Vicky Thomas

PET SERVICE

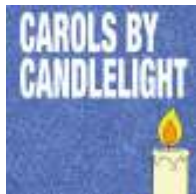
This lively service was held in St. Martin's church at the end of October, being attended by many enthusiastic pets and their well behaved owners. Black labradors were the favoured breed, and we were delighted to welcome some bantam chicks that sang discreetly through the whole service. All our pets gave their full attention to Revd Bob Thorn and especially enjoyed their treats afterwards.

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

We shall meet on Tuesday 18th December at 6.30pm by the telephone kiosk to sing carols round the village, ending up in



the New Inn, hopefully by 8pm. Everyone is welcome to join our merry band, but please wrap up well and bring a torch. Carol sheets will be provided as usual.



AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

This lovely service will take place on Sunday 23rd December at 6.30pm, and everyone is invited to come and sing favourite carols by candlelight, with mince pies and punch served afterwards in the Village Hall.

Phyl Webster and Janet Lane - churchwardens

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY (SGVS)

Our current Events in December are:

XMAS BINGO ON WED 5TH DECEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

We are uncertain about the arrangements for the Xmas Bingo at this point in time. More positive information should be available nearer to the proposed date and will be displayed both on notice boards around the village and hopefully, by a 'flyer' in this issue of the BVN.

COACH XMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO EXETER

This will start from The New Inn car park at 9.00am on Thursday 6th December and leaving Exeter at 4.00pm for the journey home. Tickets are £10 available from Sally Parker (01308897168).



SGVS CHRISTMAS TREE.

This will be placed outside The New Inn as in previous years and hopefully, should be 'up and lit' by the first week in December.

Terry Diver

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

£20	No 25	Jenny Burt
£10	No 60	Peter Bates
£ 5	No 51	Sheila Stanton

If you aren't going to say something directly to someone's face, than don't use online as an opportunity to say it. It is this sense of bravery that people get when they are anonymous that gives the blogosphere a bad reputation.

Mena Trott, Times Online, 12-06-06

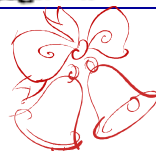
LITTON CHENEY

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FROM THE LITTON CHENEY CORRESPONDENT.

John and Sandra would like to wish all Bride Valley News readers a very Merry Christmas 2012 and a peaceful and prosperous New Year 2013.



ST MARY'S CHURCH

All are very welcome to our Christmas services – *CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT* on Sunday 16th December at 6.00pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine. There will also be a *CHILDRENS' CRIB SERVICE* at 4.00pm and *MIDNIGHT COMMUNION* at 11.30pm, on Christmas Eve.

So that the Church may look its best for Christmas, this month's work party, on Thursday 6th December at 9.30am, will be all hands on deck please for a good old clean of the Church. Anyone is very welcome to lend a hand for an hour or two and refreshments will be provided.

Please make a note now in your 2013 diary that the Fete reverts this year to the usual late May Bank Holiday date – Monday 27th May. Planning is under way and as usual new ideas and volunteers are most welcome – please contact the Churchwardens or Secretary.

THE LITTON CHENEY RELIEF IN NEED TRUST

The Trustees invite applications from individual residents of Litton Cheney who in the main have to rely on State Retirement Pension or Benefits. If you think you qualify, or know of someone who may, please apply in confidence before 14th December 2012 – application forms can be obtained from Freddie Spicer, 1 Litton Hill or Brian Prentice, Steddings, Chalk Pit Lane.

EVENTS AT LATCH

ZUMBA continues on Thursdays at 5.30pm (until 20th)

YOGA continues on Fridays at 9.45am (until 21st)

FILM NIGHT "Midnight in Paris": Thursday 6th starts 8.00pm.

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE CAFÉ: Saturday 8th: in aid of Weldmar Hospice, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

"MIDNIGHT IS A PLACE : Artsreach production - 7.30pm January 18th.
(See under Valley Notes.)



LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council wishes everyone in the Bride Valley a very Happy Christmas and a great New Year!

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

CAROL SINGING around the village will be on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th. We will meet at 6.30pm at the Bus Shelter and plan to serenade the East side of village on Thursday evening, with Chalk Pit Lane, Main Street and School Lane, ending up at the White Horse, on Friday evening. Come along and join in the Festive spirit.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A GOOD NEW YEAR

Ron Davidson LCSC 482661

LITTLEBREDY

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The village's **HARVEST THANKSGIVING** service took place amidst the most splendid Church decorations as usual – a real credit to the team who worked so hard and so artistically to produce the finished effect. The unusual summer weather meant that there were fewer vegetables than usual on display, but the floral arrangements were magnificent – congratulations and thanks to all.

Immediately afterwards, about half the village enjoyed the now customary **BRING & SHARE HARVEST SUPPER IN THE HALL**. There was an excellent variety of food and drink to share, and it was a thoroughly convivial occasion. Again, thanks to everyone who contributed.

One person there was **LES MITCHEM**, of The Old School House, who shortly afterwards left on the “holiday of a lifetime”, namely a cruise down the eastern seaboard of America from Montreal to Florida. This meant that he was somewhere between the two when Hurricane Sandy struck the eastern USA, and we look forward to hearing of his experiences when he returns.

The village **FIREWORKS EVENING** on 2nd November was exceptionally well attended by visitors as well as residents, all of whom enjoyed the show and the big bonfire. The hot dog stall and the bar alike struggled to keep up with demand, so thanks to everyone who worked hard to make it such a worthwhile and enjoyable evening.

The **SOcial CLUB** has now shot its bolt for 2012 (apart from the AGM which will have happened before this edition appears) and will now take a winter break until organising a February event around St. Valentine's Day. So this is the opportunity for your contributor to wish everybody in Littlebredy (or with connections of any sort with the village)

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS PERIOD AND EVERY BEST WISH FOR 2013.

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VILLAGE SOCIETY TALKS:

Friday 7th December, 7.30pm

EPIC MOTORCYCLE TRIP BY TWO UPWEY WOMEN.

Sheonagh Ravensdale and Pat Thomson take us on their trip to Central America and Asia, notching up over 22,000 miles through 15 countries in 16 months. They've an average age of 60, they say, so we'll learn all about youthful spirits and energy.

Come and hear this entertaining talk and enjoy seasonal refreshments.

AND A LOOK-BACK TO SEPTEMBER'S TALK...

I should have said that Phil Wilkinson was looking at the statue of Marshal Zhukov (not Lenin) when he fell into conversation with the other man at the statue who turned out to be the sculptor. It is the sculptor's story that Phil will cover when he returns to speak late in 2013.

John Grantham



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to all holders of home boxes for returning them.

This year's **CHRISTINGLE** will be held on Friday, December 14th at 3.30pm in St Mary's Church. This is an invitation for everyone, whatever your age, so please put it in your diary and join us on this day. Children will once again be taking part in this special candlelit service where we remember that Christ came to be the light of the world and give thanks for the work of The Children's Society. Afterwards there will be tea in the Village Hall and a party for the children.

CAROL SINGING

Please help to swell our numbers for some traditional carol singing around the village to raise funds for the Society. We meet, with a torch, at 6.00pm outside the Church on Monday, December 17th.



Pauline Woodford (898327)



BETTY STARKEY

will be 100 on 7th January

She would like to see her friends celebrate her 100th Birthday, so please join her for a tea party, 2.30 - 4.30pm on Saturday 5th January in Burton Bradstock Village Hall

(Please, no presents, but she'd love you to bring something you've written to go into her Birthday Book – perhaps a shared memory? or your good wishes)

PARISH COUNCIL

The Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Reading Room at 7-30pm

CORNCRAKE

Burton Bradstock Parish Council is delighted to announce its recent purchase of the plot of land known locally as 'Corncrake' following a successful bid during an auction earlier this month. The 7 acre plot of land is adjacent to the Parish Council's playing field and recreation ground in Burton Bradstock and is bordered on one side by the River Bride.

Dr Graham Moody, Chair of the Parish Council, said "The recent auction presented us with an ideal and probably unique opportunity to obtain a key plot of land within the village. Having this land in the ownership of the Parish Council secures its future for community use.

Our wish to purchase the land was discussed at recent Parish Council meetings and has widespread support among parishioners". As well as being used for pasture, the land is already used for recreation purposes. It is a favourite spot for walkers, giving access as it does to a popular route between the village and beach, and provides village school children and others a traffic-free means of access to the playing field from the school. It is also the site of the village's annual duck race.

There are lots of suggestions already about how the land could be used further. Ideas include a riverside walk, picnic area, community orchard, full size football pitch and recreation area for older children. However, no

decisions will be made until parishioners have had a chance to voice their opinions.

Dr Moody said "We will soon be consulting with parishioners on the draft Parish Plan for the next 5 years and the future management and use of Corncrake will be a key part of this plan. We will also be looking at fund raising".

The land is unlikely to ever be used for residential development due to its location in the flood plain and the fact that it sits outside the Defined Development Boundary.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST AGM

Wednesday 16th January 2013

The eighth BBVHT Annual General Meeting will be held in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Wednesday 16th January at 8.00pm. This is a public meeting, so please come along to hear all about the Village Hall Trust's past year, plans for the future and enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles. Susan Moores – *Chairman - Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust*

VILLAGE SOCIETY MYSTERY BIG CATS OF BRITAIN

Friday 12th October

Merrily Harpur, the leading UK authority on Mystery Big Cats, gave an interesting, well-illustrated talk on the 1,200 reported sightings per year of 'big cats' described as being like pumas or panthers.



It was 'well-illustrated' to the extent that it appeared to show clearly the signs that big cats had been present, that credible witnesses had seen them and that there were long-range shots that definitely suggested big cats. But against all the welter of circumstantial evidence there was actually no direct, conclusive evidence of a big cat, no pick-up of one from the CTV operations to try to capture their images, and surprisingly no photograph from the hundreds of millions of mobile phones that people carry these days.

Parents on the school run, gamekeepers, policemen, Ofsted inspectors and farmers were among those convinced of clear sightings.

"It would have been so much easier to discount their reports if they weren't such very straightforward, ordinary people," said Merrily.

With the more obvious explanations discounted - including escapes from zoos and deliberate releases following the Dangerous Wild animals Act 2006 - Merrily was stretching for clues in the cultures of other times and places and touched on otherworldly explanations. At this point the Burton

audience seemed to grow more sceptical and took refuge in a reassuring interval cup of tea. The audience remained roughly evenly split on whether Big Cats exist. By the end of the evening only three people had changed their minds as a result of the talk. No further sightings at the time of going to press.

John Grantham

BURTON BRADSTOCK

DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

Now that all the events associated with the Diamond Jubilee are paid for and finalised, the Diamond Jubilee Committee has been wound up.

A new Independent Working Party has been set up to commission a Jubilee Commemorative Plaque which will be placed on the Village Hall Wall. In addition a small plaque will be placed on the Village Green to commemorate the Big Lunch (probably on the bench next to other commemorative plaques). It is hoped that the residual funds from the Diamond Jubilee Events Fund will pay for this. The Working Party has on it representatives from the main donors to the Jubilee Fund, but if you feel you have anything to contribute to the discussions, please contact Ian Ibbotson on 01308 898484.

The Diamond Jubilee Committee thanks the Village for all the support given in so many ways to the celebrations. It is evident how much fun was had over the five day period by looking at the many photographs of the occasion on the television in the Library.

Susan Moores – Chairman - Burton Bradstock Diamond Jubilee Committee

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings with 2012 dates

please contact Mr. David Edwards (01308 897673)

For Bookings with 2013 dates

please contact Mrs. Val Ferré (01308 897648)



“200 CLUB” WDDC Licence no: SL0080

November 2012 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£41.60.	No 179:	Mr Chris Sundt
2 nd	£20.80.	No 101:	Mrs Pam Record
3 rd	£10.40.	No 19:	Ms Jenny Malyon

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the December draw should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £1 – one pound for the remaining draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, 8th December

The Village Hall's Christmas Market will be held again on Saturday, 8th December from 10.30am to 1.00pm. Come to the Hall for freshly brewed coffee and French pastries and browse around festive stalls. The adult entrance fee, payable at the door, is £2.00 which includes the first cup of coffee and a pastry; children 50p to include juice and a pastry. Additional coffee and pastries will be on sale.

VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Saturday 15th December

The Village Hall's Seasonal Quiz will be taking place again this year on Saturday, 15th December: doors will open at 7.00pm for a prompt start to the quiz at 7.30pm.

In order to achieve comfortable seating arrangements, bring along a team of 8 or join a team on the night. Enjoy not only a fun quiz but also nibbles and a light supper. There will be prizes for quiz winners, a Raffle and a Bar and, if previous years' Christmas events are anything to go by, a great evening will be had by all. Tickets are on sale at Burton Bradstock Post Office, priced £6.00 each. **Note:** you can reserve a table in advance but only if you have a team of 8, all of whom have already bought tickets at the time of reservation. To reserve a table, please contact Susan Moores on 01308 897673.



Coming soon

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

next production:

ROBIN HOOD

20th – 23rd February 2013

Put the dates in your diary now!

Nor is it always in the most distinguished achievements that men's virtues or vices may be best discovered: but very often an action of small note, a short saying, or a jest, shall distinguish a person's real character more than the greatest sieges, or the most important battle.

Plutarch (46 AD - 120 AD)

LONG BREDY

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ST PETER'S CHURCH

CAROL SERVICE

The joint Carol Service with Littlebredy will be at St Peters, Long Bredy on the 23rd December at 11.00am.

All are very welcome to join in this wonderful village get together (the last time we were hosts there was thick snow on the ground!). Come and sing carols with your neighbours and enjoy hot punch and Christmas goodies to eat afterwards. A wonderful start to Christmas.

100 CLUB

October results

£25	no. 45	Bruce & Rachel Maltby
£15	no. 30	Barbara Bastable
£ 5	no. 119	Guy Schwinge

JUBILEE EVENING IN OCTOBER

A lovely evening was spent viewing pictures of the jubilee and wedding festival, accompanied by wine and nibbles!

The village mural is now hanging on the wall, looking splendid.

It being such a successful event we will be repeating it in the new year during the day so those who missed it (especially the children) can see the mural that they painted.

FARMHOUSE BREAKFAST

A date for your Diary - Saturday 19th January - at the Village Cafe at LATCH. Just the thing for a cold winters morning!

More details in the January magazine.



TEA & CHAT



Baglake Farm
Litton Cheney

3 till 5 pm



Tuesday

11th December
8th January



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON



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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE.



CHRISTMAS 2012

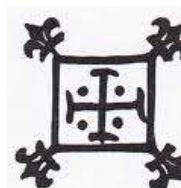
We shall be holding our Christmas Worship on Monday, Christmas Eve at 9.30pm. This will be early Midnight Communion in our candle lit church. Everyone is welcome to join us for this very special service and for refreshments afterwards.

The Church will be decorated on Saturday morning 22nd December if you would like to join us to do decorating or just for a chat and get together you will be most welcome.

A note for the diary, Epiphany Songs of Praise will be held in early January 2013. There will be more information in the January edition of the Bride Valley News.

David and Yvonne

ST MARY'S CHURCH, PUNCKNOWLE



There will be no Family Communion Service on the morning of Sunday 9th December in the morning as the **CAROL SERVICE** will take place that evening at 5.00pm. This will follow on from the **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** being held from 3.00– 5.00pm in the Hall.

CAROLS ROUND THE VILLAGE will take place on 17/18th December as necessary. See notice boards for details in due course.

VILLAGE HALL



Results for the October draw:-

Christine Reeks £15

Rita Steel £10

If you are interested in joining the 100 Club please contact me on 897318 or at 3 Green Barton, Swyre. Cost is £18 per year (by cheque please).

Sid Marshall

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

In PSWB Village Hall on Sunday 9th December from 3.00 – 5.00pm with **SANTA's GROTTO**, stalls, games, and refreshments (including Mulled Wine). To be followed by the Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Puncknowle.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The special Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 18th December in the Village Hall, Puncknowle, 12.30pm for 1.00pm. Any member who has not already ordered their meal or wishes to cancel a meal should telephone 897622 before Friday 14th December. *Ken Martin*

AFTERNOON TEA

Tuesday 4th December 3.00pm to 4.15pm



Come and enjoy tea and cakes galore, good conversation and a friendly atmosphere in the Village Hall, Puncknowle. There will be a savoury option available for those who don't have a sweet tooth or who may be dieting.

During the winter months we will be meeting earlier to avoid a dark walk home.

The first tea in the New Year will be on Wednesday 23rd January 2013

PUNCKNOWLE ART CLUB

We met in the hall to try seascapes with acrylic and knives. Once again, thank you to Maureen for the lovely cake. Our morning making and designing Xmas cards at Patria was very enjoyable as we sat in the lovely winter sunshine. Our only meeting in Dec. will be on the 14th at Jennifer's for our Xmas party and Quiz.



Christine Molony



BOOK CLUB

Victoria Hislop's novel "The Return" was about a family who ran a cafe in Granada, who were all caught up in the awful events of the Spanish Civil War. Their story was told to a young English woman by an old man who still went to the same café, when she went to Spain escape an unhappy marriage with her girl friend. They both loved the Spanish dancing – flamenco – which also played it's part in the story. It taught a lot about what happened during the Civil War, which made it educational as well as telling the central story.

Our next book is called "White Mughals" – set in another time and country - in 18th century India, a tale of love across forbidden boundaries.

ZUMBA



This continues every Monday evening in the Hall at Puncknowle from 7.30 to 8.30pm - a combination of dance, music, keep fit and fun. If you are new to the area and would like to find out more about it, please contact Jane Hutchins on 01308 897756.

UPARO PROJECT COFFEE MORNING

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who came to the Coffee Morning in the Village to raise awareness of, and funds for, the Uparo Project. We are so grateful for your support and generosity.

Your donations raised £77.00 towards building and equipping the Clinic in Uparo, on the border between Kenya and Tanzania.

Heather Goffee, Pam Coventry, Veronica Ziegler

WINTER ROAD TREATMENT

In the event of icy roads this winter the WDDC has committed itself to keeping various roads fit for driving. As main routes it will keep the A35 and the B 3157 clear. In order to give Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington drivers access to the B3157 the road though Swyre and Puncknowle up to the junction with Looke Lane, by the village hall, will be treated.

For those wishing to take a more direct route to the A35 the WDDC will also cover a single 'artery route:'

Rectory Lane to the T junction with Litton Lane

Turn right along Litton Lane to Litton Cheney

Through Litton Cheney to Long Bredy

Left at Long Bredy to Littlebredy

At the V junction bear left (Longlands Lane) to A35.

This still leaves areas of Puncknowle with roads not covered by the WDDC plan which will need to be driven along in order to reach the cleared routes. In an attempt to cover this the Parish Council has called forward and stored sufficient salt for the needs of Puncknowle and West Bexington. (Swyre is covered by the WDDC Plan but we have salt in reserve to be used as necessary.)

Just having salt is not sufficient. People to spread it are required. Accordingly, the likely trouble spots in our villages have been identified and volunteers living by each of these trouble spots have taken charge of a sufficient quantity of salt to cover these areas. There are ten such locations in Puncknowle and six in West Bexington. Re-supply of salt, as needed, can be achieved within two hours.

If you have any questions please contact Derek Heaver, 898466.



Bridport Choral Society
present

A Concert of Christmas Music and Carols

United Church, Bridport
7.30pm, Saturday 11th December

Director – David Knight
Accompanist – David Illingworth
With Anna-Maria Geare, Soprano

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BRIDPORT & DISTRICT THE BRIDPORT NATIVITY

Churches Together in Bridport & District are delighted to announce that once again The Bridport Nativity will take place amongst the Saturday morning market, this time a bit closer to Christmas on 22nd December at 11.00am. Bridport will become Bethlehem for the morning and we invite everyone to come and see a live outdoor nativity, bringing the true message of Christmas to the streets of Bridport!



Watch Mary and Joseph coming from the west with their donkey, the Magi coming from the east, and the shepherds from the south – and, of course, angels!! Tableaux, drama, and songs will take place in Bucky Doo Square and we usually have a real, live baby! There will be signing for the hard of hearing.

Do come and watch, sing and feel the real Christmas begin!

Dear Lord, I've been asked, nay commanded, to thank Thee for the Christmas turkey before us... a turkey which was no doubt a lively, intelligent bird... a social being... Capable of actual affection... nuzzling its young with almost human- like compassion. Anyway, it's dead and we're gonna eat it. Please give our respects to its family...

Berke Breathed, Bloom County Babylon

Cantamus

Advent
concerts
2012



'Lo He Comes' – carols through the ages

Saturday 24
November
at 7.30pm
*St Candida &
Holy Cross,
Whitchurch
Canonicorum*
Tickets £8 on
the door

Wednesday 28
November
at 7.30pm
*The Chapel, Forde
Abbey, Chard*
Tickets £10 on
the door
www.cantamus-dorset.org

Sunday 9
December
at 6pm
*Bridport United
Church*
Tickets will be free, but audience
members will be encouraged to
make a donation to NCH Action
for Children – Dorset Nightstop
(suggested amount £5 – Gift Aid
envelopes will be available)



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

Eggardon took part in the '**Big Field Project**', funded by the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The project allowed the children to explore their ideas about the local farmland and also the natural environment within which they live. The children discussed and planned their ideal farm and then prepared questions to ask local farmers to see whether their ideas were practical in the real world of commercial farming. They then created, staged and performed, at Gorwell Farm, a short play based on issues surrounding farming today.

Eggardon will visit **Carey Camp** this term as part of their orienteering and outdoor education.

The new **Litton** children have settled in very well and are busy learning a range of skills.

The children are learning about global issues through special assemblies. David Bell shared his experiences of an **Orphanage in Kenya** and the children were made aware of the importance of water and the overseas work of **Water Aid**.

To celebrate our fantastic resource, the **Discovery Area**, we have a special assembly there this term. Our choir and orchestra provide live music!

We also have our **class celebration assemblies** this half term in which the children display and celebrate their work.

The School Council decided to raise funds for **Children in Need** by selling cakes and biscuits. They will bring in these goodies and also the Money with which to buy them!

The School Council has also decided to have a stall selling **healthy snacks** every Friday during morning break.

Our clubs and sports are going strong. **Team Theme** run a six week football session for children from Years 1 to 6 this half term. We also have lunchtime basketball, football and running clubs. Our **Eco Action Team** is working towards silver and our **Gardening Club** is growing well. We will have a **Drama Club** again in the Spring term, working on a production of Cinderella. So, although the daylight hours are shorter, the children are very busy in school!



Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher



FLEDGLINGS NEWS

News from the AGM held in October – Officers on the Committee are continuing for another year, Chair Vanessa Vicary, Vice Chair Jane Gravelle, Secretary Alison Citroen-Symes and Treasurer Jill Neill.

As well as new committee, members/parents and others are staying on to provide continuity for Fledglings. There has been a good level of enquiries for places via the new website and the number of new children starting this term is higher than ever before!

Topics for after half term have included healthy eating, and our bodies & how to look after them.

Our Clothes Swap sale held in October raised £100. Thanks to all who came along.

Newsletters are now going out by email to the majority of parents. An Ofsted inspection is expected in the near future.

Fledglings is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time, and children can stay for lunch. For further information about Fledglings Pre-school please contact Fiona Evans, Manager, on 01038 482410.

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

The children continue to work hard both in school and on extra-curricular activities. At the end of the Summer Term all the children in the school planted a pumpkin seed which they were encouraged to nurture at home during the summer holiday. Children had varying degrees of success with some growing spectacularly while others did not survive! Those that were successful were taken to Groves Nurseries before half term as part of the Pumpkin competition and we were delighted to hear that all the children's hard work had paid off and we were judged as the best school overall. We are looking



forward to spending our gift voucher on items for our school allotment!

On the fundraising front the Friends of the School held a very successful early Christmas Shopping Evening at the end of October that raised £272 for the school. We are hoping to develop our back playground this year which is an extremely costly project and therefore the Friends



are busy raising money to contribute towards this. The big event this term is our Christmas Fayre, which took place at the end of November and some of the proceeds from the Fayre will go towards our Playground appeal, but we are also donating some of the money raised to our link school in Thailand.

We hope that you will be able to join us at some of our Christmas services this year which include the **Christingle Service** at St Mary's Church on Friday 14th December at 3.30pm, our **Nativity Service** in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 18th December and finally our **Carols Around the Tree** on the last day, Friday 21st December, at 9.15am.

The staff and children of the school wish you a very peaceful festive season.

Claire Staple, Headteacher



BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

1400 WI members from the whole of Dorset, including nine from Burton, filled the Lighthouse in Poole last month for the Autumn Council Meeting. Neil Lucas from Knoll Gardens gave hints for success at Chelsea; Adam Henson, of "Countryfile" fame, gave us his life story and then spoke passionately about current issues in farming.

There was also WI business on the agenda; Dorset WIs are in good heart. They engage in everything from appliqué to zumba, for after all, WI is what the members make it.

November events, including the 95th birthday celebration, are still to come at the time of writing. December brings a whirl of activity, starting with the **Bride Valley Group Carol Service** at Portesham on 7th December. The traditional **Christmas Lunch** at Bridport and West Dorset Golf Club, always a popular event, follows on 10th December. The regular meeting on 11th will take the form of a **Christmas Party** with entertainment by members – a play is being written for the occasion. The **County Carol Service** in Sherborne Abbey is the final event on 12th December.

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The last meeting of the Gardening Club for 2012 took place in October. Our speaker, Chris Smith from Pennard Plants in Somerset, gave us an excellent and amusing insight into the history and benefits of the Victorian walled garden.

Based on his experience of renovating a walled garden, which is now the home of Pennard Plants, he described how the garden provided vegetables, fruit and flowers for the whole estate throughout the year. He brought with him some interesting objects and explained their uses and how they were developed to meet the needs of the gardener.

We closed our meeting with wine, mulled apple juice, cheese and



biscuits.

Details of the new Gardening Club calendar of events, starting in March, will be published in the BVN in the New Year

JOBS TO DO DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Keep cropping potted herbs through the winter. Place in a well-lit position under cover, only watering occasionally to prevent the compost drying out. Feed festive poinsettias with a slow release fertiliser capsule to keep them in top condition. Sow pelargonium seeds under cover for next year's plants. Plant shallots; earth up tall Brussels sprout stems to support them; keep checking stored fruit and vegetables. Clean pots and trays with mild disinfectant, clean tools and oil them to prevent them going rusty, have mechanical tools serviced. Keep bird baths topped up with clean water

We would like to wish all gardeners (whether of an acre or a window box), and all who just appreciate other people's gardens, a very happy Christmas and a bountiful 2013

Ed Atyeo (Acting Chairman) and Cilla Jones (Acting Secretary)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH.



A special thank you to the St Swithun's Band and all the people who supported the annual Band Concert held on 26th October in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Thanks to your support we raised just under £600.00 the proceeds which are donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal.

The **AGM** be held on Monday December 3rd at The Three Horseshoes at 7.00 pm. Please let Jim Reeves or Basil Dent know if you are attending. (897091 or 897125) Members are urged to please make a special effort to attend.

ADVANCE NOTICES:

Following the change of Landlord at the Three Horseshoes the following dates for the **SOCIAL EVENINGS** in 2013 have been agreed with the stand in Landlords: January 28th, March 25th, let Jim Reeves or Basil Dent know if you are attending. (897091 or 897125). Dates for future meetings have yet to be agreed with the Permanent Landlord

The **ANNUAL DINNER** of the Branch will be held at Bridport Golf Club on Monday 18th February 2013: 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Please put this in your diary so that we get a full turn out.

Membership of The Legion is not restricted to ex-Servicemen and women it is open to all and you are welcomed to join us. Please contact Jim Reeves, or Basil Dent on the above telephone numbers for more details.

Malcolm Lawrence Secretary (898616)

ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH



The **Branch AGM** in November was informed that the following donations had been made: RBL Home Bishops Lydeard £200, Dorset RBL County Welfare Fund £50. 635 welfare cases were dealt with in Dorset last year: nationally the Legion now spends £1.4million a week on welfare.

PAO Pat Crockett reported that donations from all sources to the Poppy Appeal for our area amounted to £4457.15. (£185 was received in memory of the late Ray Cuthbert).

Application for membership received from Hugh Scource (Lanehouse) was approved.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

An Evening of Gentle Jazz starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm in Portesham Village Hall on Saturday 8th December: music will be provided by Mill Street Band. You can either sit and listen or dance as the mood takes you! Bring your own alcoholic drinks. Tickets, to include refreshments can be pre-booked with Malcolm Pugh (Abbotsbury - 01305 871001) John Perry (Portesham - 01305 871346) or Des Baker (Dorchester - 01305 267617), priced at £10 (seating will be limited so advance booking is recommended) or on the door. (In aid of the RBL Poppy Appeal).

The quarterly Branch **Committee Meeting** will be at 7.30 pm 10th January, Portesham Hall.

County Conference delegate for 13th January at Ferndown will be Des Baker.

January 14th at 7.00pm the Branch v. Women's Section **Skittles Match**, Swan Inn, Abbotsbury. Light refreshments available at £4 a head. Book with the writer if possible.

February 7th "**One night in Vienna**" at Bournemouth Pavilion, bookings have closed.

March 14th Branch **Annual Lunch**, Eype - bookings now being taken by the writer.

May 19th - a **6-Day coach tour of Lancashire**

September 17th an **8-Day tour of Tuscany & Umbria** by air. Itineraries of both tours now available from Des Baker who will privately run both tours. Any profits will be shared between RBL Poppy Appeal and 'Dors to India'

Des Baker Entertainemts Chairman (01305 267617) or aveswood@sky.com.

What we should be asking is not whether we need a big government or small government, but how we can create a smarter and better government.

Barack Obama (1961 -), University of Michigan Commencement, 2010

REFUSE & KERBSIDE

RECYCLING COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2012/13



NORMAL DAY

Tuesday 25th December
Wednesday 26th December
Thursday 27th December
Friday 28th December
Monday 31st December
Tuesday 1st January
Wednesday 2nd January
Thursday 3rd January
Friday 4th January
Monday 7th January
Tuesday 8th January
Wednesday 9th January
Thursday 10th January
Friday 11th January

REARRANGED DAY

Thursday 27th December
Friday 28th December
Saturday 29th December
Monday 31st December
Wednesday 2nd January
Thursday 3rd January
Friday 4th January
Saturday 5th January
Monday 7th January
Tuesday 8th January
Wednesday 9th January
Thursday 10th January
Friday 11th January
Saturday 12th January

Normal collections resume on Monday 14th January 2013

STAYING SAFE THIS WINTER

Winter and the festive season can be full of dangers. Dorset Fire and Rescue Service is committed to keeping people safe at home. Please follow the advice below to ensure you reduce the dangers of fire or accident in your home or on the roads this year



If there is a fire

- Make sure you have at least one **working** smoke alarm on each level of your house – test it once a week and replace the battery when necessary.
- Discuss with your family, house mates and guests what you would do in the event of a fire. Plan an escape route and keep it clear.
- Keep doors shut at night and know where all your door and window keys are.
- Have a bedtime routine, always making sure heaters and other electrics are turned off, cigarettes and candles are out.
- If there is a fire in your home -

GET OUT, STAY OUT AND CALL THE FIRE BRIGADE OUT (999)

Chimneys and Open Fires

- If you have an open fire your chimney should be regularly cleaned by

professional, registered sweeps. Even if your chimney is lined it needs sweeping at the beginning and end of the season (as a minimum).

- Using dry and seasoned wood is important, as green wood or inappropriate fuel will accelerate build up of soot and combustible materials inside the chimney.
- Stoves and fireplaces should not be overfilled if the flames are extending above the flue opening; your fire is too large.

Electric blankets

- If you have an electric blanket, please ensure that it has been rolled and not folded when stored.
- Make sure any electric blanket is tested each year before use, and replace it if there are any frayed edges or wiring.
- Most modern electric blankets have thermostats in them so will switch off when they reach the set temperature. But always make sure you turn an electric blanket off at the wall before going to sleep.

Gas fires and electric heaters

- Do not place clothes or other flammable materials over heaters.
- Ensure that flammable materials are kept at least three feet away from these heaters and open fires.
- Always turn them off before falling asleep.

Candles and Decorations

- Never place candles near your Christmas tree or furnishings and do not leave them burning unattended.
- Always remember to keep matches, lighters and candles out of the reach of children.
- Keep decorations and greeting cards away from heaters, lights, the fireplace and candles.
- Check that all your Christmas lights conform to the British Standard and never overload electrical sockets – turn them off at the socket before going to bed.

Using the roads in winter

- Make sure your vehicle is in good condition for winter driving:
- Check the tyre depths (minimum tread is 1.60mm) and tyre pressure.
- Check you have anti freeze in your radiator
- Carry de-icer and a ice scraper in your vehicle.
- Keep a warm coat in your vehicle in the event of a breakdown and if possible, carry a charged mobile phone.
- Try not to make unnecessary journeys in bad weather conditions.
- Be aware of the conditions as you drive, avoid unnecessary braking in icy conditions and give other drivers room.

- If you are walking or cycling, make sure you can be seen - wear bright clothing.
- Make sure you have working lights on your bike and use them!!
- Do not take unnecessary risks –remember drivers may not be able to see you as clearly.

If you want more information or for a FREE home safety check call 01305 252600 or log on to www.dorsetfire.gov.uk

Artsreach

presents

“MIDNIGHT IS A PLACE”

Friday 18th January 2013 at LATCH.

We are delighted to welcome back to Litton Cheney the Forest Forge Theatre Company with their fourth successive winter production - a classic tale by Joan Aiken, one of Britain’s best-loved children’s authors. The story tells of a shadowy but uplifting family adventure, featuring original live music and all the features of a Forest Forge winter show.

The Box Office (see January BVN) opens Monday 7th January. Adults £8, U18 £6, Family (2+2) £24. Doors open 6.45pm, performance starts 7.30pm.

Bar (wine, beer, soft drinks) + ice creams during the interval.

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

“MIDNIGHT IN PARIS”

beautiful, playful and funny

Cert. 12 1.5hrs.

Thursday 6th December at Litton & Thorners Community Hall.

Paris is a city that lends itself to daydreaming, to walking the streets and imagining all sorts of magic, a quality that Woody Allen understands perfectly. This is about a screenwriter hero named Gil (Owen Wilson) who strolls the lanes of Paris with his head in the clouds and walks right into his own best



fantasy. Gil is there with his materialistic fiancée (**Rachel McAdams**) and her unpleasant parents, taking a break from his financially rewarding but spiritually unfulfilling Hollywood career and he can't stop thinking that all he wants to do is quit the movies, move to Paris, and write that novel he's been meaning to finish. Sure enough, a midnight encounter draws him into the jazzy world of Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, Picasso and Dali, and an intense

Ernest Hemingway, who promises to bring Gil's manuscript to Gertrude Stein for review. Gil wakes up every morning back in the real world, but returning to his enchanted Paris proves fairly easy.

Woody Allen pursues the idea that people of every generation have always romanticized a previous age as golden but he also honours Gil's need to find out certain truths for himself.

Doors Open: 7.30pm. Film starts 8.00pm: tickets, £5.00 (to include a glass of wine) in advance from Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door if available. (All nos. 01308)

MORE FILM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursdays January 10th (N.B. Change of date to avoid clash with National Theatre Live), February 21st, March 21st.

Film titles to be announced: look out for more details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.



ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

On giving the after dinner speech

*The Rectory
St. James the Least*

My dear Nephew Darren

I had been slightly surprised that in your ministry so far, you have never been asked to give an after-dinner speech. Now you have delivered your first one, I can understand why. Speeches after any dinner come at the point where stomachs are dealing with a little too much food, and brains with about the same quantity of wine. They should be short and witty; sadly, yours was neither.

An hour-long speech on the Herodians and Second Temple Judaism at the time of the birth of Christ was not quite what we had expected. Of course, I applauded your enthusiasm, but I was the only one; the rest of them were asleep. Long after you had left, the catering staff gently vacuumed the carpets around the audience and it was only when the night security guard arrived that the last diners were woken and politely sent home. I suspect you will have put many marriages under strain as husbands, returning home in the early hours of the morning,

had to explain to wives why they were so late. Their truthful answers would have been unbelievable.

When the head waiter appeared in a dressing gown and started placing chairs on tables, even you must have suspected that hints were being dropped and I have never heard of a hotel manager interrupting a speech to place his keys on the top table and asking if the last person to leave would kindly lock the main door.

I know that your clerical attire is more usually t-shirt and jeans, but borrowing the curate's dinner suit from your next-door parish was also not a good idea. He is a foot taller and several stones heavier than you. The result was quite worrying – several people wondered if you had just recovered from some dreadful disease that had made you shrink.

In the light of your qualified success, thank you for offering to come to repeat your speech after our annual Christmas dinner, but no thank you. The verger's son wants to share with us how many potholes he has counted in and around the town, and that should be most interesting.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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We live in a vastly complex society which has been able to provide us with a multitude of material things, and this is good, but people are beginning to suspect we have paid a high spiritual price for our plenty.

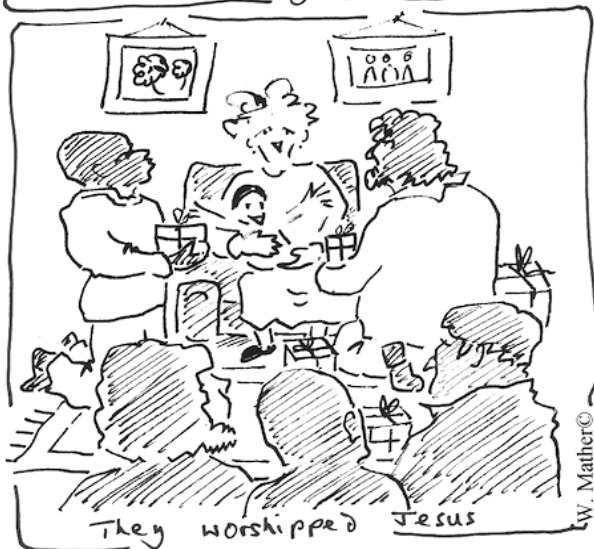
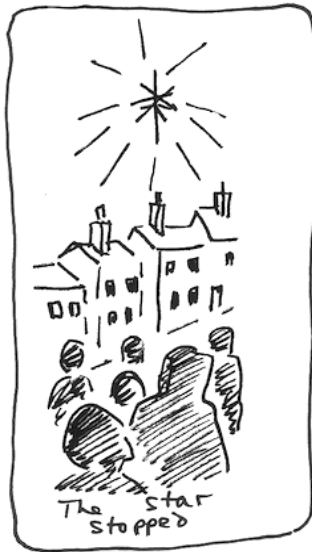
Euell Gibbons

This is it!!



When the men saw Jesus they were overjoyed. They knelt down in the little house, worshipped him and gave him priceless gifts. There were several of them and people said they were very wise. But they had had this crazy idea about a star which somehow they had to follow to find a new King. It took them hundreds of miles to Jerusalem and King Herod - who did not like the idea of a rival King! All the local teachers said Bethlehem was the place to find this new King. The star kept guiding them till it stopped over a house and in it they found Jesus - and that was it! Found the King! Mission accomplished!

Despite everything those men found Jesus! How about you? Read more in Matthew 2: 1-2



W. Mather ©



CHRISTMAS LIVE

Sometimes when people tell you a story it doesn't really mean as much as it would if you could see it for yourself. St Francis of Assisi had often preached about that very first Christmas in Bethlehem with the animals round the manger and the baby lying on a bed of straw. But he wanted the story to come alive for his congregation. In the year 1223 he had a brilliant idea and planned a very special surprise for Christmas Eve.

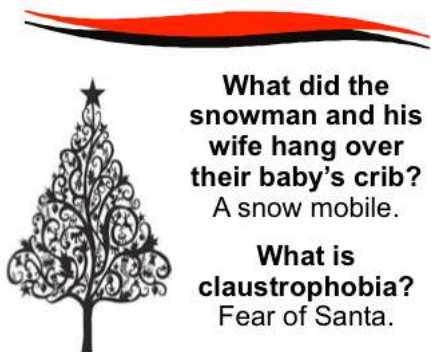
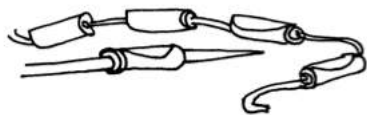
Instead of the sermon in church, Francis led the people to a cave. There, to their amazement, was a manger set out with a doll in it, and all around were real animals who watched while Francis told the old story with a new meaning because people could now see it for themselves. The idea grew each year, soon they used a real baby in the crib (an orphan with no home because someone would then willingly take in the 'Christ-baby'). And still today, churches and homes everywhere put up their cribs and wonder anew at the story of God come down to earth, a child like us.

CHRISTMAS BEADS

A nice present to make for someone you love. Cut strips of paper out of Christmas wrapping paper. Each strip 6" (15 cm) long and 3/4" (2 cm) at the widest part. Cut these strips into long triangle shapes so that the tip of the paper is narrower than the base.

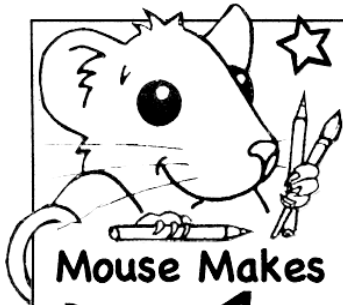
Put widest end of the paper strip onto a knitting needle or pencil and begin to wrap it round itself. When you get close to the end, add a very small dab of glue and press it down. Slide the bead off the knitting needle. Repeat. Let the beads dry. Thread the beads onto string or yarn and then tie to make a necklace. You can also make longer lengths into garlands to decorate the Christmas tree.

Use plain colours or the shiny pages of magazines to make beads for all year round.



What did the snowman and his wife hang over their baby's crib?
A snow mobile.

What is claustrophobia?
Fear of Santa.



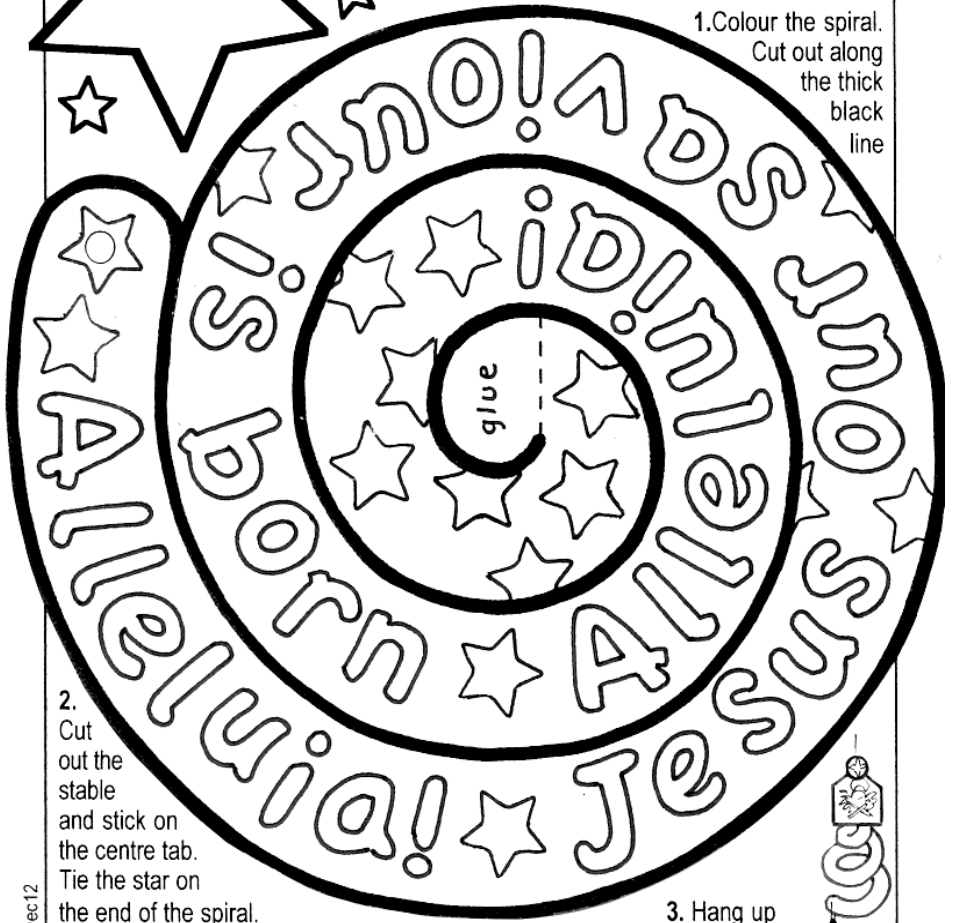
Mouse Makes

"I bring you **good news** that will cause **great joy** for *all* the people. Today in the town of David a **Saviour** has been born to you; he is the **Messiah**, the Lord"

Read:
Luke 1-20



1. Colour the spiral.
Cut out along the thick black line



2. Cut out the stable and stick on the centre tab. Tie the star on the end of the spiral.

3. Hang up



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VILLAGE WEBSITES

giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc



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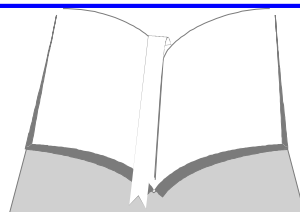
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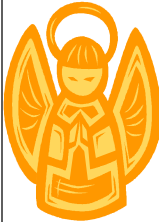
DIARY, DECEMBER 2012

Sun	2	19.00 One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon	3	13.30 Watercolour Painting with Acrylic Options 19.00 British Legion (BV) A.G.M. 19.30 Zumba	B Bradstock Village Hall Three Horseshoes B.B. Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	4	15.30 Afternoon Tea	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	4	19.30 Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	5	19.30 Book Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	6	9.30 Church Working Party 13.30 Watercolour Painting with Acrylic Options 14.30 BV Guild of Health Meditation 19.30 Bride Valley Films	St Mary's, Litton Cheney LATCH Othona Community LATCH
Fri	7	?? W.I. Group Carol Service	Portesham Church
	7	19-30 Village Society Talk - Epic Motorcycle trip	B Bradstock Village Hall
Sat	8	10.30 Village Hall Trust Christmas market 19.30 RBL (A&P) Jazz Concert	B Bradstock Village Hall Portesham Village Hall
Sun	9	15.00 Christmas Fayre 17.00 Carol Service	Village Hall, Puncknowle St Mary's Puncknowle
Mon	10	13.30 Watercolour Painting with Acrylic Options 19.30 Zumba	B Bradstock Village Hall Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	11	14.30 W.I. Christmas meeting	B Bradstock Village Hall
Thu	13	13.30 Watercolour Painting with Acrylic Options	LATCH
Fri	14	10.15 Art Club 10.15 Valley Tots Service	Jennifer's St. Mary's, B Bradstock
Sat	15	19.30 Village Hall Trust Christmas Quiz	B Bradstock Village Hall
Sun	16	15.00 Family Afternoon Service	LATCH
Mon	17	19.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	18	12.30 Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	20	14.30 BV Guild of Health Meditation 13.30 Watercolour Painting with Acrylic Options	Othona Community LATCH

I'm glad I didn't have to fight in any war. I'm glad I didn't have to pick up a gun. I'm glad I didn't get killed or kill somebody. I hope my kids enjoy the same lack of manhood.

Eating everything you want is not that much fun. When you live a life with no boundaries, there's less joy. If you can eat anything you want to, what's the fun in eating anything you want to?

Tom Hanks, *Esquire*, June 2006



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: December 2012

	1 st Sunday in Advent 2 nd December	2 nd Sunday in Advent 9 th December	3 rd Sunday in Advent 16 th December	4 th Sunday in Advent 23 rd December	1 st Sunday of Christmas 30 th December
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 <i>(By Extension)</i> 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Carol Service	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 United Service
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	<i>No Morning Worship</i> 6.00 Carols by Candlelight	
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion <i>(By Extension)</i>	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	<i>No Family Communion</i> 5.00 Carol Service	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service	
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	3.00 LATCH Service 6.00 Carol Service	9.30 Holy Communion	
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Carol Service joint with Littlebredy	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion <i>(By Extension)</i>			