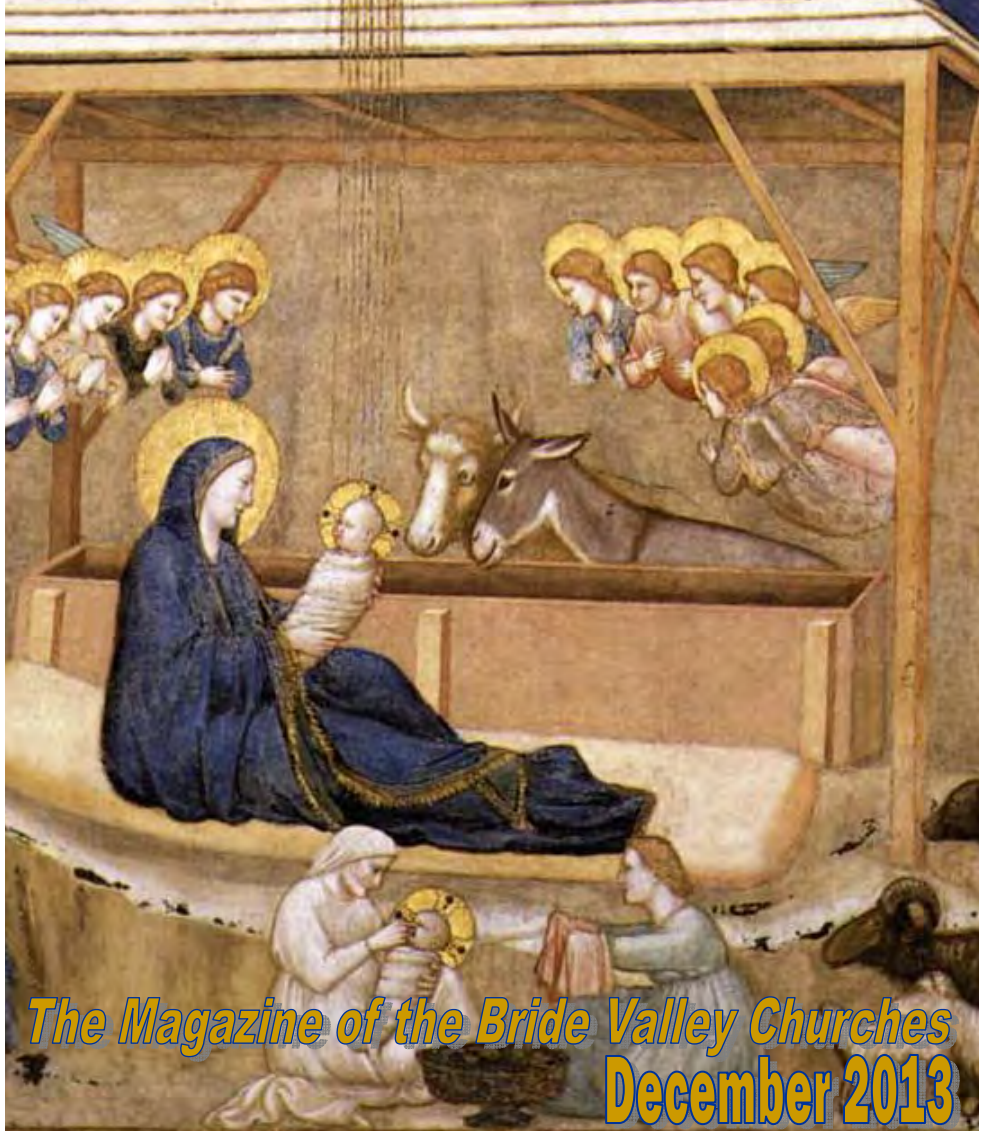


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**HAPPY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS
& OUR VERY BEST WISHES FOR 2014**

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Christmas Services 2013

	<u>Christmas Eve</u>	<u>Christmas Day</u>
Burton Bradstock	5.30 pm Crib Service 11.30 pm Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Christmas Service
Shipton Gorge		11.00 Holy Communion
Swyre	9.30 pm Holy Communion	
Puncknowle		11.00 Family Communion
Litton Cheney	4.00 pm Crib Service 11.30 pm Holy Communion	
Long Bredy		9.30 Holy Communion
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion

FROM THE EDITOR



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www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk

www.littlebredy.com

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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy
ST PETER: Long Bredy **Chilcombe (*dedication unknown*)**
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WEEKDAY SERVICES, DECEMBER 2013

Monday	2 nd	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	4 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	5 th	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	6 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	9 th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wednesday	11 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	12 th	9.00am	Punchknowle
Friday	13 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday	16 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	18 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	19 th	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	20 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
		6.00pm	Litton Cheney Candlelit Carols
Monday	23 rd	9.00am	Littlebredy
Monday	30 th	9am	Long Bredy



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS ONE AND ALL! By boxing day I expect that we will be pretty much merry Christmassed out, and will be quite relieved to be able to stop saying it until the same time next year. I dare say some will be feeling quite flummoxed with the bustle of it all: the food, the visiting and good cheer, the giving and opening of presents. These are what we want to do of course, and then after a time are best when they have been done.

But this letter is not one of those Eeyore, *“I know better than you what an effort it all is and why do we really bother when it only makes for more washing up”* sort of a complaint. On the contrary, it is to say, please very much do bother, and be prepared to be caught up in it all; do decide that a mince pie really is a treat that has no effect upon the weighing scales; do make sure that pretending to be surprised by a present is as convincing as it should be, and that family is good, that children are innocent, and that with a determined absence of effort we too can be that child.

Hurray for the jellies and ice cream. Hussah for party games and silly clothes, Hosanna for singing of glory, tears for being tired and fractious grumps at the end of what was until that moment an eternal day. Christmas is wonderful, and worth all of the effort, just as it was when we were small and will be again this year and next when we put aside our grown up years to remember how it was and can be again.

For unto us a child is born

Bob Thorn

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

The funeral of the late **Betty Clynes** was held on Friday, 18th October. A simple ceremony was held at Weymouth crematorium at which tributes were read from members of the family going back, and from friends and neighbours who knew and loved Betty in her days in Burton Bradstock. All spoke of her warmth and her ability to listen with love and sympathy. She loved her sunlit garden and expeditions to the Hive Café. She was delightedly involved in the life of the village for many years. The congregation gathered back at her cottage after the service where tales were fondly told.



On 25th of October the funeral of **Linda Samways** was held at St Mary's



Church. Puncknowle. This was a large service for one as large as life itself. Linda was born a Laver and so of an extensive local family herself. When she married Victor she was always going to be at the centre of village life. A tribute of her life from her daughter Sarah was read by the Revd Bob Thorn, before Mike Hannam spoke of family times. Her cake making was recalled along with many scrapes and adventures of younger days. For some time Linda had run the local shop at the hub of village life. She died all too young after a long illness bravely borne, but was nevertheless a Mother to 4 children, a grandmother to 10 and a great grandmother to 2. She will be greatly and sadly missed.

The ashes of **Janet Patricia Perry** were interred in the churchyard of St Mary's, Burton Bradstock in the morning of 4th November. Janet spent some of her childhood and early years in Burton Bradstock. Mrs Helen Hobbs, her daughter led the mourners who laid the remains to rest near those of Janet's parents, Mr and Mrs Hobbs.



That same day the funeral of **Mary Ward** was held in St Mary's, Burton Bradstock. Mary was one of four sisters whose childhood found its delight in Burton and down by the beach. She was an aircraft plotter during the war, stationed in Belfast where she met John, soon to be her husband. After the war they had a spell in West Africa, before returning home to run pubs and developed a horticultural business. At last they came home to their beloved Burton Bradstock as the children grew up and away and left home. Still Mary was the delighted heart of the family, as she was a great friend to people in the village. Her life knew a terrible sorrow when her son, Patrick died out of time. His ashes were laid to rest in the cemetery with his Mother in the grave they now share with John.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them.

On Friday 1st of November (All Saint's Day) our friend **Leonard John Green** was buried at the age of 86yrs with his wife in the Burton Church Burial Grounds. Len's family gathered together, in between the showers, with a group of friends from Burton Bradstock for a short service of committal - the main service having been held the day before at St Marys' Kidlington, Oxford, where Len had been in a care home.



Len & Wendy came to Burton Bradstock a number of years ago and became very involved in the village and church. Both were Bell ringers, Len was a regular participant in the village plays and pantos - his last part being the lion in the Wizard of Oz. Children loved Len who always gave sweets to them at the Church Fete whether they had 'splatted' the rat or not.

Len was an example of a faith, loyally attending the church services, even coming to Sunday service a few days after Wendy died, and was always ready to participate in the Family Services.

Our prayers are with Len's children Debbie, Jonathan, and Lorraine and their families.

For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name of Jesus be for ever blest. Allelujah.



Vera Hirst went to join her beloved husband George as she was buried in the churchyard of Holy Trinity Church, Swyre on 6th November, following a service in the Church. Her children, Andrew and Gina led the mourning in a church filled with family, friends from the village and beyond, the churches, the M.U., the W.I., and her nursing colleagues. All came to remember before God a true Christian woman whose life was filled with faith, hope and love. Vera was a Dorset woman through and through and she had served Swyre Church faithfully as churchwarden for more than 20 years. Now she has gone to her dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem.

WEDDINGS

On 12th October the wedding of **Paul Andrew Goater** and **Kate Emily Sinfield** was celebrated in St Mary's, Burton Bradstock.



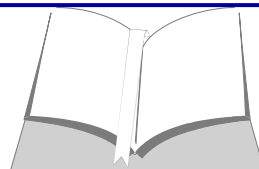
BAPTISMS—a correction— Lily May Parr in last month's report should have read **Lilly Mae Parr**—apologies to all.

GOOD BOOKS

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Home of: Bridport Book of Hours, Threads of Hope, Pathways to Care, Bridport & District Good Neighbours & Hopeful Hampers.

LITTON CHENEY

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FROM THE LITTON CHENEY CORRESPONDENT

Once again it is that time of the year. **John** and **Sandra** would like to wish everyone in Litton Cheney and all readers of the *Bride Valley News* in the other villages in the valley, a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Best wishes to all.

John and Sandra Yates

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Thanks and congratulations to **Will Newell** and **Elizabeth Kingston** for their sterling efforts in fundraising for the **Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride** – Will cycled to no less than 46 churches and raised £500 and Elizabeth donned her boots and strode to 10 from Bridport to Littlebredy and raised £80. In total £604 went to the Trust who has returned half to St Mary's. Many thanks to all who so generously sponsored the event.

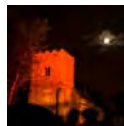
CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please note the candle lit **Carol Service** this year moves to a Friday and will take place at the Church at **6.00 pm on Friday 20th December** followed by the usual refreshments. The **Crib Service** is at **4.00 pm on Christmas Eve** followed later by **Midnight Communion at 11.30 pm**.



CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

Would you like to remember someone or celebrate an anniversary over Christmas and the New Year (or indeed at any other time during the year)? If so, or you would like to participate anyway, you are invited to pay £5 to have the church floodlit for the evening on your chosen date. Please contact Freddie Spicer (482617).



EVENTS AT LATCH IN DECEMBER 2013

Zumba - Mondays & Thursdays 18.00 - 19.00

Short Mat Bowls - Tuesdays at 3.45 (Tues 17th at 4.15)

Table Tennis - Wednesdays at 3.45 (4th and 11th only)

Yoga - Fridays 10.00 - 11.30



Film Night: "Arbitrage"; Wednesday 4th 20.00. Doors open 19.30
Christmas Village Café Saturday 7th in aid of The Weldmar Hospice
Open 10.30 - 12.30
Fledglings Christmas Fayre Sunday 15th p.m.

VILLAGE CAFÉ CHRISTMAS

This year's Christmas Café will be held on Saturday 7th December from 10.30 a.m. to 12. 30 pm in aid of The **Weldmar Hospice Trust**. In addition to the chat, bacon butties and general bonhomie of our monthly Village Cafes, there will be Christmassy things in abundance, the chance to purchase last minute Christmas cards and the odd mince pie or six. I am also instructed to convey that the mince pies are not that odd – in fact highly calorific but doubly delicious. Do come.



LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The October village walk enticed 13 optimistic walkers out of dry warm homes and they were rewarded by a rain free walk along the hills above Minterne Magna. Although the autumn colour was not really apparent, and still isn't, the scenic Dorset countryside exerted its usual spell and we all thoroughly enjoyed the views, especially over the Blackmore Vale. The rain held off until we were all ensconced in The Royal Oak enjoying the very welcome lunch and, of course, the ales.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for walks for next year please let Steve or me know as we are keen to build on this year's programme and explore other areas within 30 minutes or so drive of Litton.

START 2014 the way you mean/would like to/must go on and join us on the **NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK**. We will meet at 10.00 at the bus shelter.

The **CAROL SINGING** around the village will be on **Wednesday 18th** and **Thursday 19th**. We plan to carouse around the east end of village on Wednesday evening and the west end on Thursday ending up at The White Horse. We look forward to seeing and hearing many of you at the bus shelter at **6.30**.



Thank you all for your support throughout the year - your ideas for 2014 are very welcome.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY 2014 TO ONE AND ALL.

Ron Davidson 482661 LCSC

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council would like to wish everyone a joyful and happy Christmas, and the hope that 2014 will be good for all. The council's next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th January 2014 at LATCH.



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

Please note there will be no Family Communion Service on Sunday 8 December.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 5PM

Do please come and join us for carols by candlelight on **Sunday 8 December at 5pm** at which we will hear the Christmas Story, sing carols and assemble the crib. Afterwards please stay and enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies. All are most welcome.



On **Christmas Day** there will be a Family Communion Service at 11am. Please come and join us.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Come along with the Family on **Sunday 8th December** from **3pm** to sample Mulled Wine and Mince Pies, visit stalls including Chocolate Tombola, Christmas Crafts, Cakes, Polish Gifts, Puncknowle Produce, Games and more – we will ask SANTA to make an early stop in his Grotto with presents for the children – all to be followed by **Carol Service** in the Church at **5.00pm**

PUNCKNOWLE ART CLUB



Many thanks to Maureen who gave us so much help with our encaustic wax morning. She also brought an array of her lovely work. We are looking forward to our Xmas lunch on **Dec.13th**. It will be at a member's house.

Christine Molony

I owe it all to little chocolate donuts. John Belushi

BOOK CLUB

In October our book was “**Silver Linings Playbook**” a first novel by Matthew Quick, which was made into a successful film, which you may have seen. It was a very different kind of story narrated by the main character who has mental health problems and how he deals with his world after treatment, how he re-integrates and copes and finally finds new love – however strange!



HOLY TRINITY, SWYRE VERA HIRST

Vera’s funeral on the 6th November took place in Holy Trinity, the Church was packed with her children and extended family, many friends and her Church family.

Vera was our loved and respected Church Warden for at least 20 years and guided us in the day to day tasks of church life. She gave advice, comforted us in our troubles and her clear sweet voice kept us in tune as we did our best to sing hymns. Vera quietly kept us on our toes, made tea, cakes, harvest bread and Simnel cake, and her mince pies and “jam sandwiches” and chutneys were much sought after at coffee mornings. She was so much a part of the community of Holy Trinity that we find ourselves sadly looking into a gaping void. We are the poorer for her passing.

Vera’s steadfast faith was an inspiration to us all, she did truly shine as a light in the world.

She was laid to rest with her dear George in the churchyard that she loved.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Bingo night at the **Bull** in Swyre 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm on December 3rd to raise much needed funds for the upkeep of Holy Trinity Church. We are grateful to Sue at the Bull for organising the event. Hope to see everyone there.

*PCC Holy Trinity Church
Madeline Marshall*

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The December 2013 (Christmas) lunch will be on Tuesday 17th 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 Ken Martin on 897622 before Friday 13th December.



Ken Martin

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2013 AT THE BULL INN 'SWYRE'



Sue and Ann would like to say a big thank you to those friends and visitors who supported so generously and donated to our coffee morning and raised a stunning total of £230.

Special thanks to Gareth from 'The Chocolatier Cafe', Bridport for showing us how to make those delicious chocolates which we all sampled and enjoyed.

Finally congratulations to the following raffle prize winners, Mrs Edwards, Gorselands. Roger Moore, Gorselands. Sue (The Bull) returned for redraw Sandy Marshall. Penny Pither. Sue Talbot, Ashley Chase. Macia Foster-Jeffries, Chippenham. Alan Blazier, Barton-Le-Clay. Stanley Hancock, Green Barton.

Hope to see you all at next year's event.

Ann Dillon

HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE



Our two cyclists this year **Steve Griffith** and **Tony Taylor** raised £215 for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust. They completed the course with Cyclists visiting all the Bride Valley churches and covering over 25miles. Holy Trinity Swyre will receive half the amount raised.

Tony Taylor

PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB

	August	September	October
£15	David Robbins	Mary Fitzpatrick	Tony Taylor
£10	Mike Brown	Ann Dillon	Sue Taylor

LONG BREDY

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100 CLUB WINNERS—OCTOBER 2013

£25	No. 23	David Peretz
£15	No. 54	Robert Maltby
£5	No. 123	Harriet Sykes

FROM YOUR CORRESPONDENT The Long Bredy news section relies on the village residents sharing news, please do forward any items you would like included to the address above, thank you.

Caroline Banham

LITTLEBREDY

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Many congratulations indeed to **Judi James** of 1, Riverside Cottage, who won the prestigious “Worker of the Year” competition at a Finals evening in Reading during October. Despite its somewhat Soviet-sounding title, the competition was to identify and reward those who were contributing most to their employment – in Judi’s case her commitment to



John Barker’s farming and the Longhorn herd on the Valley of Stones - and also showing initiative on their own, such as her outdoor veal holding elsewhere in the valley. Judi was the only woman and the only agriculturalist among the eight Finalists, and will shortly receive a car from Suzuki, the competition’s sponsors, among other prizes. She is now planning an unusual charitable

fundraising event for 2014 – watch this space. A great and deserved triumph, Judi, and very well done.

We welcome **Alex Merridan**, who is the new herd manager for Prospect Farming at Longlands Farm, to 2, River View Cottages. We hope both his work and his home life among us will be happy and fulfilling.

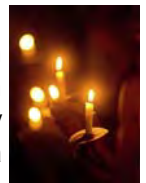


FIREWORKS EVENING

The phrase “damp squib” might have been designed for the village’s rainy and misty fireworks evening on the 1st November – until the first firework was belatedly lit during a break in the weather. Thereafter it was the usual spectacular show, and also a very convivial evening in the Village Hall. Thanks and congratulations to all who made it such a success.

CAROL SERVICE - SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 5.00PM

It is our turn this year to host the shared Carol Service with **Longbredy**, which will take place in Church at 5.00 p.m. on Sunday 22nd December. The plan is for the service to be entirely candle-lit (with candles and holders provided for all). Bring a torch if you like, but – apart from the organ – it should be an electricity-free zone. The service will be followed by mince pies and mulled



wine (also provided by volunteers) in the Village Hall, and we hope for a good congregation from both villages.

On **Christmas Day**, there will be a service of **Holy Communion in Church at 11.00 a.m.** Again, all will be welcome on this great Festival Day..... which leads naturally to

Best wishes to all villagers past and present, and all others associated with Littlebredy, for a very happy Christmas season and 2014.

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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Thank you to those who have returned their home boxes which are now due.

Our **Christingle service** this year will be led by Rev. Sue Linford and is on **Friday 13th December at 3.30 pm** in **St. Mary's Church**. Children will be taking part in various ways and we welcome you all, particularly our supporters, to come and celebrate as we light our candles to show that Christ came to be the light of the world. The service will be followed by tea in the Village Hall and a party for the children.

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Carol singing around the village will take place on **Monday 16th December**. Please come and join us and support the valuable work of The Children's Society. Bring a torch, dress warmly and meet at **6 pm** outside the Church.

Pauline Woodford (898327)

A WARM WINTER WELCOME AT OTHONA

We are blessed at Othona by an ever-changing sea and sky. One day it is wild and roaring, the sound of the waves pounding the shingle loud in the night. The next it is (almost) a dead calm, reflecting the sunbeams and blue sky.



In our communal house a warm welcome awaits you from our community team, with good home-cooked food, a cosy wood fire, and our lovely chapel with its wooden floor and underfloor heating.

We have 3 offerings in the run up to Christmas that are particularly suitable for our local friends.

On **29th November – 1st December**, experienced textile and papercraft artists Elizabeth Sayers and Ali Tebbs are leading a weekend

creating solutions for your Christmas gift and wrapping needs. You are welcome to join us residentially or non-residentially for this event.

On **Tuesday 10th December**, Burton Bradstock resident Sue Howse will be leading one of her popular Stress Reduction through Mindfulness days, something that we could all do with in the run up to Christmas perhaps?

On **15th December**, you have an opportunity to experience the Lord's Prayer, with gentle dance prayer movements, sung in Aramaic, Jesus' native language. Whether you have experience of this kind of thing or not, all are welcome to share in this beautiful cycle that can allow new insights into the prayer. We are led by Philip O'Donohoe, a master of spiritual dance and meditation.

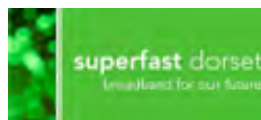
Our monthly Othona Biodanza class doesn't meet in December, instead we welcome you in the New Year on the evening of **27th January** - remember free for first timers.

For more details of these events please look on our website or ring Juliet on 01308 897130.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

UPDATE ON SUPERFAST BROADBAND FOR THE VILLAGE

As you may know, we had well over 200 registrations (DCC can't tell us how many exactly!). So we did extremely well. In July, DCC signed a contract with BT to provide Superfast Broadband to as much of rural Dorset as they can. DCC says that the aim is to reach 97 per cent of Dorset premises by the end of 2016. (The Contract actually says 95.6% of premises will have access to ≥ 24 Mb/sec, 97% will have access to Fibre to Cabinet > 2 Mb/sec, 100% access to ≤ 2 Mb/sec by Sept 2016).



So far, it seems as though they are still planning/surveying. Although they have not announced who will and who will not get it, they have published a map on their web site

<http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/superfast/availability/map>.

As you may also know, the fibre cable will only go as far as the "green cabinets" in the various roads (where they exist). This means that you potentially get faster speeds, but:

- a) You need a new contract with an ISP (Internet Service Provider) for them to transfer your connection to fibre and
- b) for those premises exploiting fibre-to-the-cabinet (FTTC), once you sign a contract with an ISP for the SFBB high speed connection, the connection between the existing roadside cabinet (to which your phone

line is already connected) and the new cabinet (into which the fibre comes) is activated. As far as we are aware, you do not need to involve a contractor - it is all done by BT on behalf of the ISP as part of the activation process provided by the ISP when you sign up to SFBB.

Of course, if you want to pay for fibre to the premises, when it is not provided as part of this contract, then we would expect you to have to pay - although even then it might well be included in the ISP's activation charge when you sign up with them for this.

We will continue to press Dorset County Council for further information.

More information on <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast>

Ken Pett, Tim Linford, Ian Hackworthy, Chris Sundt

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

*For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré
(01308897648)*



RECENT AND CURRENT HALL ACTIVITIES.

The hall held the first of what is hoped to be regular film nights on Friday 1st November with the showing of “Les Miserables”. The event was well attended and gave the new video and sound system a chance to show its excellent capabilities. The next film night will be on Friday 10th Jan 2014, look out for posters showing film details nearer the time.

Now the nights are drawing in the regular autumn/winter hall program is well underway. Weekly activities include Arts Classes, Short Mat Bowls, Badminton, Brownies/Rainbows, Bridge and Yoga. If you want to know who to contact about any of these activities, call the bookings officer, Val Ferré, on 01308897648 for a name and tel number.

COMING EVENTS

Christmas Market Saturday 7th December.

This popular annual event hosts small stalls selling Christmas related goods. The market runs from 10:00 to 13:00, entry £2 which includes a hot drink and festive cake.

At time of going to press there is one stall available. To discuss or book please contact Val or Richard Ferré on 01308897648.



Christmas Quiz, Saturday 14th December, 7:30 pm.

All are invited to this ever popular, light hearted quiz evening with a light supper, bar, prizes and raffle included with all proceeds going to the Village

Hall. Teams can be up to 8 people (not 4 as mentioned in last month's BVN). All are welcome in any numbers, if you are not part of a team but want to join in buy a ticket and we will help you join a table on the night. Entry is by ticket only, which are on sale now at the Post Office and cost £6:50 (includes supper) per person. To reserve a team table or request a place in a team please call Richard Ferré on 01308897648.

Village Hall Trust AGM.

The ninth Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th January 2014 at 20:00. This is a public meeting open to all Villagers, so please come along and hear all about the Village Hall Trust activities of the last year and plans for future and then enjoy a free glass of wine and nibbles afterwards.

Committee Members.

Do you want to make a contribution to Burton Bradstock Village?. The Village Hall needs a new treasurer. Not an onerous job, but an important one. Please call Richard Ferré on 01308897648 if you think you could help.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club" WDDC Licence no: SL0080

November 2013 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£42.40	No 28:	Mr John Grantham
2nd	£21.20	No 78:	Mrs Jill Harper
3rd	£10.60	No 166:	Mrs C. Osborne

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 of the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

Burton Bradstock Duplicate Bridge Group

We meet every Tuesday in the Village Hall from 1-45pm to 4-45pm. For further information please telephone 898117.



Ride and Stride 2013: September 14th



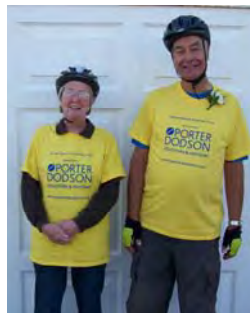
Fortunately the day turned out sunny and not too warm for this year's sponsored event. Julian Piper sought to reach a total of 40 churches (having only managed 39 last year). His route started at Evershot (the

highest village in Dorset), followed the Frome Valley to Dorchester, and thence via Martinstown and Winterbourne Abbas to Littlebredy and the Valley, finishing off via Uploders and Bridport churches to West Bay.

Liz Orza aimed to visit all the 11 churches within a reasonable radius of Bridport starting at Shipton Gorge, heading up to Bradpole, into Bridport itself and out to the West steeply up to Eype. Both thoroughly enjoyed the day, seeing the churches, meeting folk en route and being treated to a variety of drinks, biscuits and sometimes cakes.

Howard Bongers, the local organiser, wishes to thank all those who helped in any way – by receiving visitors to the Church or by sponsoring the riders - and is delighted with the total of **£592.50** raised for the Dorset Historic Churches trust (of which half has already been returned to the Church) as a result of the event.

Howard Bongers



FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

Christmas Cards are for sale in the Library. They are printed from a painting of the library at a snow bound Christmas time. The original water colour by a local artist will be sold by Silent Auction. All proceeds will go towards the support and maintenance of the Library.

Place your Bid at Burton Bradstock Community Library.

The Closing Date for bids is **14th December 2013 at 11.45am**

We are looking for a few more volunteers for the New Year so if you think you can help please contact **Gillian Perkins** on **898707**. It would be an asset if you had some knowledge of computers.

We are also in need of a couple more cleaners. This involves one hour's work once every 6-8 weeks. If you are able to help please contact **Sandy Adderley** on **898358**.

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library would like to wish a very Happy Christmas to everybody and a big thank you for supporting us throughout the year.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

A Talk on Lev Kerbel by Air Commodore Phil Wilkinson

The October presentation by Air Commodore Phil Wilkinson resulted from a chance meeting in Moscow between the Speaker and Lev Kerbel, arguably Russia's best sculptor of modern times. The meeting turned into a lasting friendship which allowed the speaker to give insights which drifted

away from the official Russian record of the sculptor's life.

Born at the time of the Russian revolution Lev Kerbel's works ranged from patriotic busts of war heroes of all nationalities from his wartime experiences in Murmansk, to titanic memorials to Stalin, Lenin and subsequent Russian leaders that dominate many Russian sites today.

What could have been a dry and technical presentation actually produced a fascinating, informative and witty insight into both sculptor and Russian life. The length of the applause at the end of the presentation was testimony to the level of audience interest, a very rewarding evening.

The December talk at the village Hall on Friday 6th December is entitled **Entertainment with Musical Instruments.**

This is a light hearted look by Andrew Dickson at his life in Music, using musical instruments he has collected from around the world. A winner of the European Composer of the Year for the film 'High Hopes', Andrew also composed the music for the celebrated film 'Secrets and Lies' not to mention the Burton Bradstock Community Play 'Shh' in 1982.

As always for our December meeting there will be mulled wine and mince pies possibly some Stollen as well!

Hope to see you all there to start the Christmas season .

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR MILOS MILIVOJEVIC.

Saturday 7th December 2013 in Burton Bradstock Village Hall at 7 pm. Sadly Milos still hasn't got his Visa, after waiting over a year! So he needs our support more than ever to help him get a new accordion.



There is a wonderful line-up of musicians who are coming to play. This will be a gala evening of mesmerising Gypsy, Klezmer and jazz improvisations by Kosmos and Vivaldi 's Guitar concerto with Craig Ogden, Piazzolla's Tango Sensations and lots more with **Harriet Mackenzie** and **David Juritz** ,violins, **Meg Hamilton**, viola, and **Adrian Bradbury**, cello - and of course Milos on accordion.

Tickets are £20 and available from the Post Office or Gill Redford 01308 897203.

Please come and support Milos who has given us so much pleasure in the last 6 years.

Soon silence will have passed into legend. Man has turned his back on silence. Day after day he invents machines and devices that increase noise and distract humanity from the essence of life, contemplation, meditation.

Jean Arp

SHIPTON GORGE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: BARBARA CHAMBERS
WEST COURT, BROOK STREET, SHIPTON GORGE
bc74@btinternet.com TEL: 01308 897482



ST MARTIN'S CHURCH REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Our Service of Quiet Contemplation and Reflection was led by Janet Lane and Vicky Thomas. The Act of Remembrance was led by Colonel Hilary Cunningham and Richard Cunningham, who also conducted a small ceremony in the churchyard when members of the congregation planted poppy crosses in memory of loved ones at the Commonwealth War Grave of Pte John William Gale of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry who died in the First World War.

ADVENT COMMUNION

11am, Sunday 1st December - familiar, favourite Advent hymns to begin our lead up to Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 22nd December - Carols by candle light (bring a torch!), followed by mulled wine and mince pies

COFFEE AND MINCE PIES

We will be hosting a coffee and mince pie morning at **10.30, Friday 6th December** in Shipton Gorge Village Hall. Please come and join us.

ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHTS

have been sponsored in December by:

- Colin & Barbara Chambers for their Wedding Anniversary
- Harry & Lily Myers for Beverley
- Graham Cowland in memory of Nell Cross
- Richard Cunningham for Hilary's birthday



Thank you all for lighting up your church

For just £5, you too can light up St Martin's, please contact Phyl Webster on 01308 898657

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE LTD

Shipton Gorge Heritage will be holding its AGM on **Friday 6th December** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is most welcome to attend and seasonal refreshment will be available afterwards.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our last Event for 2013 will be a **Race Night** as previously advertised in last month's BVN by way of a 'Flyer'. Just to remind you that It will take place on **Saturday 7th December** in the **Village Hall** starting at **7.00pm**. Book your place for the evening with Sally Parker (01308897168) and feel free to bring your own nibbles/refreshments as usual. Entrance will only cost £3.00 which will buy you a full colour programme of the Runners with their odds and form etc.. Hope to see you there !!

SGVS 2013 DONATIONS

On behalf of the Committee, I am very pleased to inform you that we have made donations of £200.00 to each of the Shipton Gorge PCC ; SG Heritage Ltd; NISL and the SG Village Hall - £800.00 in total !

These donations have been made possible by your support at our Events this year along with our other activities. A very big thank you to our Marquee '**Mob**' who have performed magnificently well over the year under the control of 'Sheriff' John Kent. You all know who you are and a big thank you to all of you from the SGVS Committee.

On a final note for 2013, the SGVS Committee wishes everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Terry Diver (SGVS Chairman)

THANK YOU

The Chairs of New Inn Support Ltd, Village Hall Committee, Shipton Gorge Heritage Ltd, and the Parochial Church Council would like to publicly thank Shipton Gorge Village Society for the generous donation of £200 to each of their organisations.

We recognise the hard work done by Terry Diver and his Committee in supporting the various interests in the Village and wider community. They are to be congratulated and applauded.

John Kent (NISL) HilaryCunningham (Shipton Gorge Heritage Ltd) Richard Hewlett (Village Hall) Vicky Thomas (for Parochial Church Council)

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

We are meeting on Wednesday 18th December at 6pm, by the telephone kiosk in Brook street. Come and join us if you can - bring your dog, warm clothes and a torch. Carol sheets will be provided.



Janet Lane

SGVH 100 CLUB OCTOBER

£20 (30) Doris Benselin; £10 (46) Simon Cleveland: £5 (25) Jenny Burt



ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters From 'Uncle Eustace':
On how to make the most of carol singing*

*The Rectory
St James the Least of All*

My dear Nephew Darren

Carol singing is not what it used to be. My fond memories of a group of choristers, muffled in scarves and overcoats, carrying lanterns and walking from door to door in the snow, as they sang 'While shepherds watched ...' had to be suddenly revised when I saw your own music group, in T-shirts inscribed with 'Jesus loves You', singing 'Little donkey', in your shopping centre. I suspect any money you raised would just about have paid for the electricity used to power your banks of electronic equipment. Singing in the main square of the Centre next to the fountain may have looked good, but it seemed to mean that the choir men were obliged to make constant trips to the lavatory.

Here at St. James the Least of All, carol singing is regarded as a staff perk for the choir; the year when the Boys' Brigade tried to break their monopoly was suppressed with a ruthlessness that would have impressed Genghis Khan.

Our annual carol-singing route involves months of meticulous planning. We find that a transparent collection box is vital, so that donors can see what earlier patrons have given. This means that those who are bound to put in notes must be visited first - 'pour encourager les autres'. It also needs a detachable base, so that if coppers are given, they can be removed from sight before the next call.

Those homes that contain several children are visited just after bed-time, so that parents will give generously simply to get the choir to go somewhere else. Veiled threats to stay and sing more carols (unless they give generously) are usually very

effective. Getting whoever looks the most innocent and photogenic to ring the bell and ask for money is a far more subtle way of ensuring a donation than planting any number of mafia lookalikes (such as our church treasurer) on the doorstep.

The choir always finishes its evening at the local pub – but again, the timing has to be carefully managed. Too early and there will only be the landlord, his wife and their Labrador to listen; too late and people will be so full of Christmas cheer that any carols will be hi-jacked and become the equivalent of back-of-the bus rugby songs.

I am never entirely sure what charity our choristers collect for, but the fact that all the men return to the pub once the boys are taken home does rather give one pause for thought.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



Tea and Chat

All are welcome

Tuesday 10th December 3-5pm

Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney

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Tuesday 14th January 3-5pm

Elinor Frost,

Bridelands, Long Bredy



St NICHOLAS

Feast Day 6 December

St Nicholas was the bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, in the fourth century. Lots of stories are told of his kindness and generosity. He is the patron saint of Russia, children, scholars, merchants and sailors.

One legend tells of his secret gifts to three daughters from a poor family. It is said that he threw 3 purses of gold down the chimney where they landed in the girls' stockings which they had hung up to dry in front of the fire. This is supposed to be the origin of hanging up Christmas stockings.



Over time the name of St Nicholas changed to Sinterklass and thus to Santa Claus in the Christmas celebrations.

STOCKING DECORATIONS

You will need some Christmas-coloured felt, a needle and thread, fabric glue, ribbon and sequins or buttons for decoration.

Fold the felt in half and cut out two simple stocking shapes. Sew these together with a simple running stitch, leaving the top edge open. Sew a loop of ribbon to the top of the stocking.

Now you can decorate the stocking with scraps of felt, lace, buttons or sequins. Glue them on carefully and leave to dry. You could even try writing a name in glue and sprinkling on glitter to cover it.

This would be nice to give as a present with a little present or sweet inside or to hang on the Christmas tree as a decoration. You can make them any size you like.



How many presents can Santa fit into an empty stocking?

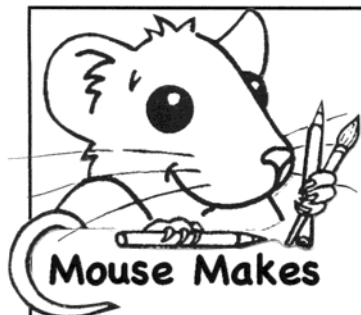
Only one, after that it is not empty any more.

Why is a foot a good Christmas present?

Because it's a stocking filler.



Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, Eternal Father,
Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6



A SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN!

"Good news! - **wonderful, joyous** news for **all** people.
A Saviour has been born.
He is **Christ the Lord.**"



"**Glory** to God in the heavenly heights,
Peace to all men and women on earth who please him."

• Make this crib box to hang from the Christmas tree.



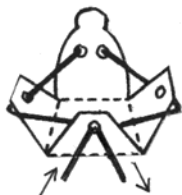
• Glue onto thin card then carefully cut around the outside. Fold back the sides along the dotted lines.



Read about the birth of Jesus in Luke chapters 1 and 2

Dec13 @deboahmobile @parishpump.co.uk

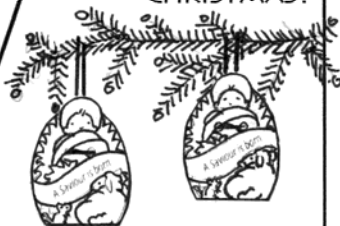
• Punch out the ⊗ holes then cut 30cm of thin ribbon and thread through the holes.



• Pull together and knot to form a box. Hide small sweets inside.

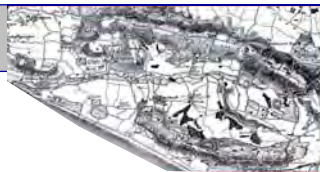


HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



• Photocopy this page onto card to make lots of crib boxes.

VALLEY NOTES



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



The last meeting of the Gardening Club for 2013 took place in October. We enjoyed a quiz, competing against each other in teams of six - although the winners were only a team of four! Our gardening knowledge was tested through questions, pictures and plants; all of which was provided by Brian King the assistant manager of Castle Gardens Centre, Sherborne on behalf of the Gold Club. It was a well-balanced quiz with questions that we could all answer mixed in with those that identified the real experts among us. Everyone entered into the spirit of the evening and enjoyed the fun. We closed our meeting with wine, mulled apple juice, cheese and biscuits. Details of the new Gardening Club calendar of events, starting on March 17th 2014, will be published in the BVN in the New Year

JOBS TO DO DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY

This is the time of year to ensure everything is prepared for next spring; continue winter digging, clean pots and trays with mild disinfectant, clean tools and oil them to prevent them going rusty, have mechanical tools serviced. Keep 'a look out' for weed seedlings as you wander round the garden and clear them as they appear. Clear leaves from the crowns of herbaceous perennials and alpinas as they are vulnerable to rot in prolonged damp conditions. 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. Keep feeding the birds and ensure they have access to clean water, especially in frozen conditions

We would like to wish all our members and the readers of the Bride Valley News a very happy Christmas and a bountiful 2014

Ed Atyeo (Chairman) 898323 and Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH.

A special thanks to the St Swithun's Band and all the people who supported the Annual Band Concert held on the 25th October and the Coffee morning held on the 7th November in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. I am pleased to report that we made over £900.00 towards the poppy Appeal.



The overall result of the Poppy Appeal will not be known until after this addition of the BVN goes to press but the result will be in the January edition.

Advance Notices of Social evenings held on a Monday evening in The Three Horseshoes Burton Bradstock (***NB There is no Social Evening in December***)

2014

January 20th note the date this is the 3rd Monday

February Annual dinner see below

March 31st

April 28th

May 19th note the date this is the 3rd Monday

June 30th

Please let Malcolm Lawrence (898616) or Basil Dent (897125) know if you are attending.

Other events:-

The Annual Dinner will take place at the Golf Club on **Monday 17th February 2014**

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 myself or Basil Dent on the above telephone number for more details.

Malcolm Lawrence Secretary (898616)

DECEMBER SKY AT NIGHT—ISON APPROACHES

December could be the best month to see a comet this century. Comet C/2012 S1 ISON has already travelled for many years on its one stop journey. The question is will it survive the gravitation of the sun when it reaches perihelion (closest to the sun) on 28th November? And will it reach its peak brightness then too?

Through almost all of December it will be visible with the naked eye so make sure you get outside, it could be the only comet you'll ever see. This month is the perfect opportunity to capture the comet with a camera of any level. You can also capture the comet through a telescope or binoculars. You'll find it on December 22nd in between Hercules and Corona Borealis/the crown. It is quite hard to find these constellations but on a clear night past 10pm, there should be a little group of stars that are the shape of a semi-circle below Ursa Major.

Thai Chant



BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON & THORNERS COMMUNITY HALL.

Now on **WEDNESDAYS**



Wed 4 Dec. **ARBITRAGE** 'gripping from start to finish'.
Cert. TBA 1.5hrs.

A tremendous performance from Richard Gere as New York hedge-fund magnate Robert Miller who appears the very portrait of success in American business and family life. However, behind the gilded walls of his mansion, Miller is in over his head, desperately trying to



conceal an affair with artist Julie Cote (Laetitia Casta) whilst racing to complete the sale of his empire before his fraudulent dealings can be revealed. When a tragic accident complicates things further, attracting the unwanted attention of tenacious NYPD detective Michael Bryer (Tim Roth), Miller finds himself battling not just for his reputation but also his life. As the net tightens around him, Miller realises that the suspicions of not just the police but also his loyal wife (Susan Sarandon) and heir-apparent (Brit Marling) have been aroused. With time running out, can Miller find a way out without destroying his own life and those around him?

Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m. **TICKETS: £5.00** (to include a glass of wine)

Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door if available. (All nos. 01308)

NEXT FILM DATE FOR YOUR DIARY (all Wednesdays):

Jan. TBA

Look out for more film details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.

FLEDGLINGS NEWS



In October at the AGM, a new Committee was elected – the new officers are Sandra Tewson Chair, Claire Gauden Vice-Chair, Jane Hutchins Secretary, with Jill Neill continuing as Treasurer. Other members Gaye Smith, Angharad Faith, and Caroline Pike, will be organising fund-raising while Kim Pearce will be the Continuity Parent. School Governors on the Committee are Jyotsna Chaffey and Jacquie Rendell, and other parents are also on the Committee. Many thanks to Kim Pearce and Alison Citroen-Symes for all their extra hard work during their time as Chair and Secretary and to the previous Committee.

The next Fund-raiser will be the **Christmas Bazaar** on **Sunday 15th December** with stalls for you to purchase gifts and get in the Christmas spirit to support Fledglings – look out for further details in December.

Next year, “**A Bit of a Do**” will also be held again at LATCH on **Sunday 11th May 2014** – a date for your new diary.

In September this year, Emma our Manager instigated new ideas for the learning environment – rights respecting, class helpers, new library, maths tables, and phonics packs to go home. Children’s activities this half term have included looking at fireworks and Fire safety with Florence the Firefly. They also made the rocket balloons and learned about the seasons via autumn leaves and songs, snowy pictures – learning about the North Pole and animals that live there. They go to the Discovery area on Wednesday mornings if the weather is fine. Christmas crafts and activities will take place leading up to the Christmas Party on 17th December. Children and staff have been having their individual photos taken in school too. Term ends on Thursday 19th December.

Fledglings Pre-school is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time, and children can stay for a hot lunch, or bring a packed lunch. For further information about Fledglings Pre-school please contact staff on 01308 482410 or check out the website

www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk

FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

We would like to invite any parents, grandparents or carers of children from babies until 4 years old along to our lovely toddler group. We have a good selection of toys and soft play equipment. We provide snacks and tea or coffee for the bargain price of £2! Please come along and support the group as we only have a small number at the moment. We meet every Wednesday (term time) 9.45am until 11.15am in LATCH (Litton Cheney Hall).



Contact Claire Gauden for more info: 01308 898728

email: claire.gauden@yahoo.co.uk

THANK YOU

On Sunday 20th October I was delighted to share my birthday celebrations in Litton Cheney with friends who donated £670.00 in support of the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance. My thanks to all of you but especially to those in Long Bredy who were so generous in their help and the wonderful birthday tea they provided. I couldn't have done it without you.

Valerie Shepherd

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BRIDPORT & DISTRICT THE BRIDPORT NATIVITY

The Bridport Nativity has become a well-loved annual event in Bridport. Bridport becomes Bethlehem for the morning as the true message of Christmas is brought to the community amongst the Saturday morning market stalls. Adults and children dress up as magi, shepherds and angels, walk along East and South Street and arrive at Bucky Doo square for a tableau. Mary, Joseph and a real donkey along West Street, knock on the door of an inn, and are sent away to the stable in Bucky Doo Square. Crowds gather in the square and watch the tableau as it unfolds, with narration, and sing carols with a band accompanying. There has always been a real young baby playing Jesus.



A script is followed that introduces some modern elements to help the flow of the drama and make it suitable for all ages in the community.

The event has signing for the hard of hearing.

This year the Nativity will be held in **Bucky Doo Square** and the streets of Bridport from **11 am on Saturday 21st December** and is free of charge. In the event of adverse weather conditions, the performance will take place in St Mary's Church, South Street at 11.15 am. (Enquiries Tel: 01308 897415) Everyone is always welcome!

TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE

An informal friendly service for all tots, babies and bumps and their parents/carers is held at **St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock** on the second Friday of each month (except August) at **2.15 pm**. It includes singing, activities, storytime, refreshments and playtime. You're all welcome to the services held on **Friday 13th December, Friday 10th January and Friday 8th February 2014**. For any questions please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.



CHRISTMAS RECYCLING & RUBBISH COLLECTION

NORMAL COLLECTION DAY	Rearranged collection day
Wednesday 25 December 2013	Friday 27 December 2013
Thursday 26 December 2013	Saturday 28 December 2013
Friday 27 December 2013	Monday 30 December 2013
Monday 30 December 2013	Tuesday 31 December 2013
Tuesday 31 December 2013	Thursday 2 January 2014
Wednesday 1 January 2014	Friday 3 January 2014
Thursday 2 January 2014	Saturday 4 January 2014
Friday 3 January 2014	Monday 6 January 2014
Monday 6 January 2014	Tuesday 7 January 2014
Tuesday 7 January 2014	Wednesday 8 January 2014
Wednesday 8 January 2014	Thursday 9 January 2014
Thursday 9 January 2014	Friday 10 January 2014
Friday 10 January 2014	Saturday 11 January 2014

Real Christmas tree recycling

Real Christmas trees can be:

- Taken to your local Household Recycling Centre and placed in the garden waste container for composting free of charge
- Booked for collection with your normal kerbside recycling between Monday 6 January and Friday 31 January 2014. Trees must be less than 6 feet long or cut into pieces less than 6 feet long. Please remove decorations and remember that fake or plastic trees cannot be collected for recycling. Please call 01305 251010 to book a collection or book online up to 48 hours before your scheduled kerbside recycling collection.

THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

BIG GREEN APPLE DAY:



We did so very well and made about £1000! A great big thank you to all our supporting parents, helpers and governors who made this huge success possible, by helping on the day, giving their time and coming to the event on what was a really wet day!

One of our parents very kindly came into school and demonstrated apple juicing to all the children. The children had a go at making the juice and tasted it too!

We had a special assembly and presentation about where our shoeboxes go and the children they go to. We have collected shoeboxes again this year for

children around the world not as fortunate as our own. A very kind villager knitted lots of hats for the shoeboxes.

Chesil and **Litton** children visited **Tamarisk Farm** and looked at how flour is milled, prior to the **breadmaking** for our Harvest assembly. They also



visited the vegetable garden and were impressed by the pumpkins. On the morning of our Harvest assembly, the children had great fun making



bread, thanks to Tamarisk Farm. A few parents saw the bread but a lot was eaten before it reached home!

The **Dorchester Food Bank** were very grateful for the generous contribution of our families and friends.

Another charity we supported was **Epilepsy Action** for which we had a fundraising **Tea and Cake Break**. We saw a fantastic turnout and made £111.16. Thank you to our families for their support.

The children displayed their learning to their families in their **Celebration Assemblies**. Eggardon read some moving remembrance poems and played the Last Post.

Eggardon children applied, were interviewed and have been given the job of being '**play leaders**' in school. We have found that this responsibility has a very positive impact on the older children and improves the already strong feelings of cohesion and community in the playground.

Our clubs, both at lunchtime and after school, are very popular. About 20 children are enjoying our active weekly after school '**Glee**' club and many children have been practising cross country running in an after school club. Our drama club has started rehearsing for Christmas.

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The new Bride Valley WI is gearing up for what looks like an exciting programme of events for the new year. In November we held a Christmas Crafts Night with our own members using their skills and talents in sewing, paper and floristry to create handmade Christmas decorations. Our December meeting will involve a social evening at the Crown in Puncknowle and we are very much looking forward to hearing our January speaker Rob Curtis's talk entitled "It's a Grave Business - Dead Interesting Dorset" and making lots of noise at the February Meeting with an African Drumming workshop led by Ralph Cree from Osmington.



We continue to attract more and more new members of all ages and anyone wanting to find out more is invited to come along, maybe learn something new, make friends and have some fun! You are sure of a very warm welcome.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month, usually at Puncknowle Village Hall, but check the diary page for the venue.

For more information please contact Natalie Green nataliejgreen@me.com or 01308 898202."

BIG date for your diary!

The **BIG** Farmhouse Breakfast

Saturday 18th January 2014

10.00 till 12.00 at LATCH

run by and for Thorners School Association



**Bride Valley Fledglings
Pre-School Fundraiser**

**Christmas
Bazaar**

**December 15th at 2pm - 4pm
LATCH, Village Hall, Litton Cheney**

Browse our stalls for stocking fillers and enjoy some festive fun and games with the family:

*Chocolate Tombola, KIDS Craft and KIDS 'buy-a-gift' room, Face Painting, Raffle Prizes,
Christmas Games, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Cakes and Refreshments,
and a special Thorner's School Glee Club performance and much, much more*

We Look Forward to Seeing You There!



BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

The children continue to work hard both in school and on extra-curricular activities. This term we have seen an increase in after school clubs which has been in response to Parent/Carer and Pupil requests identified in the questionnaires in the Summer term. In addition to the old ones, such as football and tag-rugby, we have some new clubs which include knitting, dance, homework, cookery and Scratch (computer programming). The children are really enthusiastic which is wonderful to see.

Alongside increasing our extra-curricular activities the key priorities for the school in 2013/14, as identified in the School Development Plan, are to improve pupil progress and attainment in Mathematics, to develop target setting in Writing and to produce a curriculum that addresses the programmes of study in the new National Curriculum and meets the needs of our pupils ready for implementation in September 2014.

On the fundraising front the Friends of the School held a Christmas Shopping Evening at the beginning of November that raised £200 for the school. We are hoping to develop our Early Years outdoor area this year and purchase extra ICT equipment both of which are extremely costly projects and



therefore the Friends are busy raising money to contribute towards these.

The big event this term is our Christmas Fayre, which will take place on **Saturday 7th December**, 2-4pm at the school.

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 13th December** at 3.30pm, our **Christmas Performance** at the school on **Monday 16th** and **Tuesday 17th December** and finally our **Carols Around the Tree** on the last day, **Friday 20th December**, at 9.15am.

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

Claire Staple Headteacher

Burton Bradstock School



Christmas Fayre



Saturday 7th December 2-4pm

at the school

Christmas games

Jolly Jars



Refreshments

Raffle

Festive Stalls

and much more...

Friends of Burton Bradstock School

DIARY, DECEMBER 2013

Tue	3	15.15	Afternoon Tea	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	3	19.00	Christmas Bingo Night	The Bull, Swyre
Wed	4	19.30	Burton Bradstock PC Meeting	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Wed	4	20.00	Bride Valley Films "Arbitrage"	LATCH
Thu	5	14.30	BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	6	19.30	Shipton Gorge Heritage Ltd AGM	Village Hall, Shipton Gorge
Sat	7	10.00	Christmas Market	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	7	19.00	Race Night	Village Hall, Shipton Gorge
Sat	7	19.00	Benefit Concert for Milos	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	7	10.30	Litton Christmas Village Café	LATCH
Sun	8	15.00	Christmas Fayre	Puncknowle Hall
Sun	8	15.00	Puncknowle Christmas Fayre	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sun	8	17.00	Carols by Candlelight	Puncknowle
Tue	10	15.00	Tea & Chat	Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney
Wed	11	19.30	Book Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	13		Art Club Christmas Lunch	Puncknowle
Fri	13	14.15	Tots Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Fri	13	15.30	Christingle	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Sat	14	19.30	Christmas Quiz	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sun	15	14.00	Fledglings Christmas Fayre	LATCH
Mon	16	18.00	Carol Singing	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Tue	17	12.30	PWSB Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	18	15.15	Afternoon Tea	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	18	18.00	Litton Carol Singing	Bus Shelter, Litton
Wed	18	18.00	Carol Singing	Kiosk, Brook St, Shipton Gorge
Thu	18	19.30	Bride Valley WI	The Crown, Puncknowle
Thu	19	18.00	Litton Carol Singing	Bus Shelter, Litton
Sat	21	11.00	Bridport Nativity	Buckydoo Square, Bridport
Sat	22	10.30	Coffee & Mince Pies	Village Hall, Shipton Gorge
Wed	1	10.00	Litton New Year Village Walk	Bus Shelter, Litton



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: DECEMBER 2013

	1 st Sunday 1 December Advent 1	2 nd Sunday 8 December Advent 2	3 rd Sunday 15 December Advent 3	4 th Sunday 22 December Advent 4	5 th Sunday 29 December 1st Sunday of Christmas
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Communion 6.30 Carol Service	8.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Communion	6.00 Carol Service	
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion by	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Carol Service	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service	11am United Service
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		11.00 Communion By Extension		5pm Carol Service joint with Long Bredy	