

Bride Valley **News**



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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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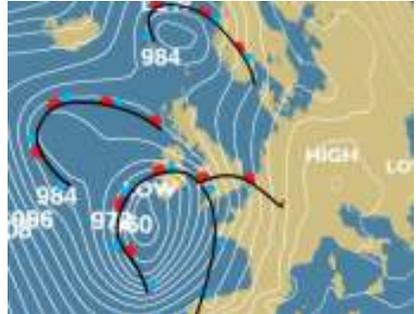
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WEEKDAY SERVICES, MARCH 2014

Mon	3	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	5	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	6	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	7	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	10	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	12	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	13	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	14	9.00am	Shipton
Mon	17	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	19	9.30am	Burton Bradstock Holy
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	20	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	21	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	24	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	26	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	27	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	28	9.00am	Shipton
Mon	31	9.00am	Littlebredy



Last month I wrote about Valentine's day in a romantic and sentimental muse. Today, on St Valentine's day itself, after weeks of South Westerly gales that have turned into a month of storms we are told of an approaching system that wants to call itself a hurricane. A new one on me is the promise of an Arctic vortex shortly to come in off the Atlantic. Transport is hampered and in places broken: fields, farms and villages flooded.



Last year it was the cold that went on for weeks carried on North Easterly winds, when the price of food and heating went up and farms were desperately short of fodder and bedding for animals. The fields were sodden and nothing was growing on them right up into the Spring.

Now I am shortly to be off, I am very aware that had I left last year the cold would have been long and miserable – perhaps even dangerous. Had I left last month, I could not have because I would simply not have been able to start. Now, I ask, will the weather give me a break in time? Not on my account, I assure you. God will not give me good weather when to someone else it will be bad. I do not deserve the merit; because I am truly certain I deserve no favour and because no one does.

So when I say, please pray for me, I have to say that I would love sunny skies and warm, helping breezes, but they are not for you to ask. They will be as they are. But I do ask your prayers, please, for the fortitude of God being with me, to be strong and of a good courage.

Thank you.
Bob.

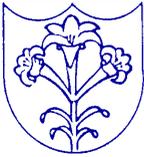
FROM THE REGISTERS



On Tuesday 11th February at Weymouth Crematorium, the funeral was held of the late **Philip Guest**. Philip and his family moved to Burton Bradstock in 1965 and he became Chief Planning Officer for Dorset County Council. We extend our condolences to his wife Margaret, his family and friends.

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CHESIL COURT COFFEE GROUP

A reminder to those who attend that we meet during March for coffee/tea and biscuits between **10.30** and **12 noon** on **Thursday 13th March** at Chesil Court, South Annings. If you would like to know more about the group or would like a copy of the 2014 programme then please contact **Lesley** on **897695**.

PIANO RECITAL BY MADALINA RUSU AND DUNCAN HONEYBOURNE

This will take place at Norburton Hall, Burton Bradstock, **Saturday 8th March** at **7.30**. Works by Schubert, Brahms, Liszt, Schumann, Bartok and Faure. Contact **Mike Read** for tickets - £10 - **01308 897445** or E-mail michaelread3@aol.com.



Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308897648)

200 Club February 2014 draw

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£42.00	No 133:	Mr Steve Tolputt
2nd	£22.00	No 34:	Mrs Elaine Tame
3rd	£11.00	No 168:	Mrs Judy Clarke



Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the March-December draws should telephone **Alan Clarke** on **01308 897051** and let him have £10 – one pound for each of the remaining 10 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

Upcoming Hall Events.

The ever popular **Spring Quiz** with fish & chip supper included is on **Sat 29th March**. The quiz is light hearted and meant to be fun. As well as the fish & chip supper (or vegetarian alternative), which is included in the ticket price of **£7.50** per person, there are prizes for winning, second and last teams, a raffle and a sensibly priced bar.



Teams of up to 8 are welcome, as are individuals or smaller groups who can join a team on the night or contact the organizer before the event for a team place.

Tickets go on sale in the Post Office on **Sat 8th March**. To book a team table, request a vegetarian option or seek a team place please contact the organizer, **Richard Ferré** on **01308 897648**. The Christmas Quiz was over-subscribed and some people were unable to get tickets, so please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Committee Vacancy.

The Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust (BBVHT) has a vacancy for a **Secretary**. The main responsibilities of the role are administration of the Annual General Meeting and overseeing the annual submission to the Charity Commission (routine minutes of meetings are handled by someone else on the committee). Neither task is onerous or requiring any particular skills.

By running and maintaining the hall, the BBVHT plays an important role in Village life, as most organised events involve the Hall in some way. The committee normally meets 6 times a year at the Village hall, meetings take between 1 & 2 hours. It is an excellent way of both contributing to the good of the Village and getting to know people and Village activities.

Anyone who is interested please call the Chairman, Richard Ferré, on 01308897648.

Burton Bradstock Films.

Burton Bradstock Films will be showing Jane Austen's ever popular story of **Pride and Prejudice** on **Friday 21st March** in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. This polished 2005 film adaptation tells a story of the game of love among the British upper classes and focuses on the five Bennet daughters whose parents are looking for suitable husbands for their girls. With drama, romance and comedy this is a film which should appeal to a wide audience and stars **Matthew MacFadyen** as Darcy, **Brenda Blethyn** and **Donald Sutherland** as Mr and Mrs Bennet. Also in the star studded line up are **Judi Dench**, **Keira Knightly**, **Simon Woods** and **Tom Hollander**.

Doors open at 7 pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. The **£5** entry includes a glass of wine or fruit juice. Tickets are on sale at **Burton Bradstock Post Office** or, if available, at the door on the night.



Burton Bradstock Community Library

23rd January marked the successful first anniversary of our Library as a community venture. Thanks to the dedication of the volunteers, the persistence of the Trustees in their battle with red tape, the hard work of the building maintenance team, the patience of the Friends and visitors to the Library, and the continued support from the other village organisations and businesses it is truly a community venture.



If you have any ideas on how we can further improve the Library service please drop an email to info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

A friendly place to visit, if you are new to the village, or haven't been to the Library in a while, please come and see what we have to offer.

- The book stock, supplied by Dorset County Libraries, is regularly refreshed with new books and circulation of stock between the Libraries.
- Books, DVD's and other media may be ordered on line for pick up here. EBooks' may be downloaded from the catalogue as part of your membership.
- The PCs in the Library are free to use for the first half hour. They are connected to the internet and have full Microsoft® Office installed for your use.
- The Jigsaw Lending Catalogue has proved a popular addition. Donations of Jigsaws in good order are welcome.
- The Copying/Printer has provided a much needed facility in the village.
- A WiFi connection using your own device is of particular interest to visitors and has brought new people into the Library.

The Library Building is available to hire outside of Library hours. Details are available on request.

Please support the Friends of Burton Bradstock Community Library and help to keep this facility as part of our community.

Burton Bradstock Village Society

On **Friday 17th January** our Speaker had to cancel at the last minute but **John Grantham** using all his expertise came up trumps and secured the services of **Mike Crankshaw** who gave us a very entertaining evening on his experiences as a chef on the Royal Yacht Britannia from June 1987 until it was decommissioned in 1998.

Our speaker for **Friday 14th March** will be **Brian Jackman** with a talk entitled ' **Lions at First Light**' **Brian Jackman** and his wife **Annabelle**

live in Powerstock. Brian worked and travelled extensively for the Sunday Times. In 1974 he saw his first lion in the wild, in Africa, and from then on his interest grew and grew. Today the Jackmans continue to visit the Masai Mara two or three times a year and probably know it more intimately than West Dorset. They will share striking images and experiences of the wildlife of Africa with us.



Do come along and join us— everyone welcome.

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

The agenda will be available at least 3 clear days before the meeting, on the Parish Council notice boards (outside the Reading Room and the Library), and on the website. www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.com

There are vacancies on the Parish Council so if you are interested in being a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk or speak to a Councillor about the role.

The Parish Plan consultation draft is now available to view on the website (www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.com)

The Parish Council is forming a working group to develop and implement **conservation, improvement and leisure projects** on **Corncrake**. Councillor **Dave Dixon** will be leading the group. The Council is also forming a working group to examine how **pedestrian safety** might be improved in the village. If you are interested in joining either of these groups please contact the Clerk in the first instance to register your interest.

The Parish Council has updated the Terms & Conditions for hiring the Reading Room. Please contact the Clerk for a copy and booking form or download them from the website. The Reading Room is great value at only **£6** to hire per session.

The Parish Council still has **plots available** on the **new allotment site** and will be rotovating these as soon as the weather permits. Please contact the Clerk to put your name on the list.



Tenders are being invited for the grass cutting in the parish. If you are interested in tendering please contact the Clerk for a specification of the works.

The next meeting of the **Parish Council** is to be held on **Wednesday 5th March 2014**. This will be held in the Reading Room at 7.30pm. All are welcome and you may raise any issues you want to discuss under the “Parishioners’ Points” items on the Agenda.

You can contact the Council through the Parish Clerk, **Mrs Michele Harding**, by email on burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com

*Mrs Michele Harding
Clerk to the Council*



West Dorset branch

There will be a practice night at St. Mary's Church Tower on Saturday, 15th March beginning at 7.00 p.m.

Burton Bradstock W.I.



Steve Green from Swyre very kindly came to Burton WI at short notice, when the advertised speaker was ill, and gave a presentation on photography. He showed slides of the local area as well as portraits, and members picked up expert tips on composition and on adding interest to their photos.

“**Lewd wenches and loose living fellows**” were the subject of **Bruce Upton’s** talk last month, based on 17th Century magistrates’ records of cases at the local Quarter sessions. With the help of informers and of constables, the magistrates dealt with Petty felonies, problems with drinking, unmarried mothers all came before the magistrates who used fines, whipping, the stocks and the House of Correction to try to make people behave, and to make sure everyone paid their dues.

March sees a return to evening meetings, with **Mark Ching** speaking on “**Wicked Winters**” at 7.30 pm on 11th. The following day, there will be a coach trip to see “**Sister Act**” (the musical) at The Octagon.

Plans are in hand for the AGM, the Spring Lunch and a members’ coffee morning.

Bad weather always looks worse through a window.

Tom Lehrer

LITTLEBREDY

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We have a plethora of **Toms** arriving in the village. Last month we welcomed **Tom** and **Kelly Foot** and their family to Foxholes Farmhouse. Since then, **Tom Stevenson** has moved into the adjoining farm cottage there, and we hope he and **Charlotte Appleby** will rapidly become part of the community.

In addition, having said farewell to **John** and **Sarah Reynolds**, who have bought a house in North Dorset, we welcome in their stead to Orchard Cottage **Tom** and **Rosie de la Mare**, with **Ludo** (5), **Orson** (3) and **Clover** (1). They may not be here all the time, but it represents a further reduction in the average age of the village, and we hope they will be very happy as they create a home among us.



Tom Foot's business partner at Longlands Farm is **Neil Grigg**, whose wife **Sally** has recently given birth to young **Richard** near Exeter, where they live. Congratulations and long life and happiness to them all.

The Social Club's last winter event will be a **Film Night** in the **Village Hall** on **Friday 21st March**. Two films with a Littlebredy interest will be shown, with an interval for a ploughman's supper in between. The Hall (and bar) will be open from about 7.00 p.m., and the first film will begin around 7.30. Fliers giving more information will be distributed round the village nearer the time (or with this!).

LITTON CHENEY

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St Mary's Church

On **Saturday 22nd March** a group of visiting bell ringers will be ringing a full peal at St. Mary's, that will last for about 4 hours, starting at 9.30 am. The ringing will be of a high standard and lovely to listen to, though possibly a little long for some people!



Our monthly churchyard working parties continue, with the next one being on **Thursday 6th March**. There will be plenty of clearing up to do after all the stormy weather so do please come along from **9.30 am**. Refreshments provided.



FRUGAL LUNCH



Hope & Homes for Children

A Frugal Lunch in aid of Hope & Homes for Children will be held at the Spicers, 8 Garden Close on Wednesday 19th March from 12.30pm. All welcome

ELECTORAL ROLL

Anyone wishing to add their name to the Church Electoral Roll please contact Helen Jones 482602



Looking ahead - some dates for your diary:

The Annual Meeting will be on **Wednesday 2nd April** at **7.00 pm**. in church.
 On **Good Friday, 18th April** between 1 and 3pm. there will be a performance of **Haydn`s The Last Seven Words of Christ from the Cross**, with music from **Janet Lane** and friends, with **Vicky Thomas** narrating.
 And....**the Fête....Monday 26th May** is the date, from **2.00 pm**. at **LATCH**.

Events at LATCH for March

Tuesdays 4.00 p.m.	Short Mat Bowls -
Wednesdays 4.00 p.m.	Table Tennis
Thursdays 1.30 p.m.	Art classes (Not 27th)
Thursdays 6.00 p.m.	Zumba
Fridays 10.00 a.m.	Yoga
Wednesday 5th starts 8.00 p.m.	Film Club "Captain Phillips" Film
Tuesday 11th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 22nd	Yoga Day with Sarah Waterfield. (Contact Sue O'Sullivan 01308 456940)
Saturday 29th	Theatre Evening in aid of NCI (See posters for details)



Litton Cheney Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th March at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room of LATCH. All local residents are welcome and indeed actively encouraged to attend.

Mobile Phone Survey

In Valley Notes you will find a communication regarding mobile phone coverage. You are asked to complete a survey so that a comprehensive response can be passed to the local authority and service providers concerning the coverage, or in many areas, the lack of coverage for mobile phones. Please contribute. Greater response = Greater Possibilities.



Litton Cheney Social Committee - Forthcoming Events

Village Walks - Walks have been planned for May to sight the bluebells on Lewesdon Hill. Dates will be on the website and the Village notice boards.

Sunday April 20th – Easter Sunday – The Duck Race

Tuesday May 6th – AGM Combined with LATCH & Web Group

Thursday May 29th – Bride Valley Navigational Challenge

Sunday July 20th – Village BBQ

The White Horse - Appreciating What We Have - Pop in Tuesday Pilot



At the time of going to press there are plans to hold a pilot event at The White Horse on **Tuesday 4th March** in the hope that it will become a regular weekly event.

Our local innkeepers, Val & Kelvan, are offering Litton Cheneyans (those attending who cannot claim village residency will receive honorary status for the evening) the opportunity to meet up with fellow residents and partake of the "**Village Special for a £Fiver**". Gastronomic delights such as Spag Bol, Sausage N' Mash, Lasagne, - you know the type of thing - will be made available as a single choice (along with a vegetarian option) in addition to the pub's normal menu if you prefer something more adventurous. You can then chat, imbibe and enjoy the conviviality of your local which in turn will support a precious resource (The White Horse) and won't break the bank. Timings? Nibbles will be on the bar from 5pm and the Special will be available between 6.30 and 7.30pm. Check with the village website, noticeboards and pub for final details.

Come along - you will be amongst friends!

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS at Litton Cheney Village Hall.

Apologies to those of you that didn't pick up our notices about the change of day for Love Is All You Need. (Tiles blew off the hall roof that morning). Hopefully you were able to see the film on the new date.



Wed. 5 March CAPTAIN PHILLIPS 'a tense masterpiece'. Cert. 12 2.25hrs.

Not just for the gentlemen – the ladies that have seen this film have been surprised to have been hooked too!



Based on the real life hijacking of a US cargo ship by Somali pirates, Tom Hanks gives an unbeatable performance as Captain Richard Phillips. Held hostage by the pirates under the command of Muse (Barkhad Abdi), Phillips attempts to protect both his crew and ship to the best of his ability. However, as the drama plays out and Phillips spends more time in the company of his Somali captors, he gradually comes to realise that they have a story, too. With the stakes high, the crisis intensifies and someone will have to pay the price...

Nominated for Oscars for Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Supporting Actor.

Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m.

TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine) available in advance from: Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door if available. (All nos. 01308)

NEXT FILM DATE FOR YOUR DIARY :

TUESDAY 1 April ABOUT TIME

Provisional Dates: Wed 7 May – Philomena, Wed 5 June – Saving Mr Banks. Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.



LONG BREDY

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Frugal lunch

The frugal lunch at Langbride is on Thursday 13th March, 12.45pm. This year the Charity is Homestart. Delicious soups, cheeses, fruits etc. and good company. Do come and

support this local charity.



Home-Start West Dorset

Annual Village Spring Clean and Coffee Morning



This year the parish council has arranged the annual village spring clean and a coffee morning to be held on **Saturday, 8th March** in the Village Hall, Long Bredy from **10.30am**. Everyone is very welcome to come along to the coffee morning even if you are unable to litter pick. You can meet up with friends and have a chat over coffee and homemade treats. If you would like to join in the litter pick, bags and refreshments will be provided.

Parish Council Vacancies for Long Bredy Parish

Two vacancies have arisen on the Long Bredy & Kingston Russell Group Parish Council to represent Long Bredy. The main criteria is for a candidate to be 18 years or over, live or work in Long Bredy parish or reside within 3 miles of the parish and be on the electoral roll. If you have an interest in the future of Long Bredy parish this is for you. If anyone would like further details or would like to apply please contact **Gwen Kinghorn**, Parish Clerk, 7 Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy, Dorchester DT2 9HW Tel: 01308 482270.

Annual Parish Meeting

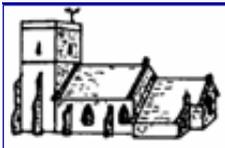
A note for your diary that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Monday evening, 19th May**. This meeting is to hear about the work of the parish council, the police and local organisations. It also gives you an opportunity to let the parish council know of any burning issues you may have, partake of excellent refreshments and listen to an interesting speaker. Following the talk last year on the geology of the Bride Valley the parish council have invited **Peter Northover** to talk about Long Bredy and its archaeology. His enthusiasm and knowledge of his subject should make for a very fascinating evening.

The Annual General Meeting of the Long Bredy & Kingston Russell Group Parish Council will be held on **Monday, 12th May, 7pm**, Village Hall, Long Bredy and this will be followed by a parish council meeting.

100 Club Winners



£25	No. 53	Caddy Wilmot-Sitwell
£15	No. 103	Roy & June Clewlow
£5	No. 8	Helen Horsley



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE Ash Wednesday

This year Ash Wednesday is on **March 5th** and at **6.30pm** there will be a special service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes in St Mary's Church.

EASTER WORKSHOP APRIL 18th

There will be a **Children's Easter Workshop** on **Good Friday, April 18th** from **2 - 4. pm** in the Village Hall, **Puncknowle**, run by **St Mary's Church**. Activities including art & craft and woodwork will be based round the Easter Story. Children Under 7 should be accompanied by an adult. Please contact **Liz Slater** liz@ruddle.org.uk to register or for more details on 897751.

This will be followed at 4pm by an **Easter Egg Hunt** in the **Puncknowle Playing Field** organised by the Village Hall Social Committee Please contact Debbie Legge if necessary on 898506.

Tea will be held back in the hall at 4.30 pm organised by the Church. All children and their parents are welcome



PUNCKNOWLE ART CLUB

Many thanks to Jennifer for hosting our AGM. Philippa took over from Rosie as co-chair with Wendy. Thank you to Rosie for her hard work over the last four years. Helen and Norma volunteered to help the treasurer and secretary.



Our workshop on opaque paint produced a wealth of paintings. On **March 7th** we will be in the hall working hard towards our Spring exhibition. The **21st** will be a visit to Lyme Regis.

Christine Molony

BOOK CLUB



In December we read an excellent book called “**Stone’s Fall**” by **Iain Pears** – which we could all recommend as an intriguing and well written mystery story. In January our choice was “**Life Class**” by **Pat Barker**, the first half set in London at the Slade School of Art and the second set in Belgium at the start of the First World War – very apt as this is now being remembered in books, radio and TV programmes for it’s centenary. Two very different books, the first had much more depth and detail than the second – which did have some interesting detail about ambulance drivers in the first battles taking place in Belgium, with artists doing that work and what they saw. Also quite horrifying.

SPRING FISH & CHIP SUPPER – ALL WELCOME

This social event will be held on **Saturday 22nd March** in Puncknowle & Swyre **Village Hall** at **6.30pm**. There will be a very reasonable **BAR** and also a **Raffle** – possibly even a Table Quiz. Please give your orders to **Jill Neill** by **14th March** - phone 897479 or by email to jill.neill@live.co.uk



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The March 2014 lunch will be on **Tuesday 18th** 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 14th March**.

Ken Martin

PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL ‘100’ CLUB

January Carol Bennett £15
Peter Upjohn £10



SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Mothering Sunday Service

There will be a United Valley Service at St Martin's at **11am**,
Sunday 30th March

Good Friday Litany 10am, Friday 18th April

Easter Day Holy Communion 9.30am, Sunday 20th April

ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHTS have been sponsored in March:

•for Marilyn Hewitt on her birthday

Thank you 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 PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12th March** at **7.30pm** in the village hall.

The annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9th April**.

Can we remind residents that if you are planning to cut down or carry out work on a tree on your property, you are required to give West Dorset District Council six weeks prior notice beforehand. Although this is mandatory for work on any size tree in properties within the conservation area, it is also necessary for many other trees, so it is always wise to check before doing any tree work to avoid substantial penalties that may otherwise be applied .



Better Journey
Card



Safe Journey
Card



For those who travel on buses and may need help or assistance, First Bus have produced some very useful cards that can be carried in a purse or wallet and used to request help

from the bus driver. They cover a range of situations where assistance may be needed and can be obtained by phoning **First Bus** on 0870 010 6022 or by contacting the Parish Clerk on 898189.

Mary Boughton

BRIDE VALLEY NEWS DISTRIBUTION - PLEASE CAN YOU HELP

A volunteer is needed from the Shipton Gorge area to join a team who collect the copies of the BVN from Creeds the printer and deliver to Village distributors. The commitment would be for just twice a year. Please contact **Linda Buck 898278** or **Irene Piper 898603** if you think you can help.



CALLING ALL WILDLIFE ENTHUSIASTS!



Discover the myth, mystery and magic of moths in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th March at 2.30pm. There will be a light-hearted talk by a keen amateur enthusiast, illustrated with beautiful slides. Afterwards tea and cakes will be served. Entrance is free, but a donation towards Save the Children fund will be much appreciated.

Janet Lane - 897241

Shipton Gorge Village Society (SGVS)

SGVS RACE NIGHT Saturday 29th March @ 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Our only Event in March is the **RACE NIGHT** on the above date. We have changed the format having learnt lessons from our first venture into this Field (ha ha ha !) last year.



We will still be showing some 10 Races, with the betting being by individual 'tote numbered tickets' for each Race and Horse. This hopefully, will make things easier and speedier in processing bets and winnings.

Book your place with **Sally Parker** on 01308 897168 at a cost of £4 each person. A full programme of Runners and Odds (for information/guidance purposes only) will be available.

T Diver - Chairman

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

£20	68	Graham Rosamond
£10	62	Liz Fulford
£5	16	Ivy Platt



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LENT

Lent, before Easter, is like Advent before Christmas, a time of preparation. Lent is when we remember that Jesus prepared himself for starting his ministry by going away by himself for 40 days of fasting and prayer. You can read about it in your Bible: Matthew, chapter 4, verses 1-11; Mark, chapter 1, verses 12-13 and Luke, chapter 4, verses 1-13.

Jesus went into the wilderness – a quiet lonely place away from people – where he could think things out. He knew that his work would be hard, that many people would not listen to him, or if they listened, they would not believe him. During these 40 days Jesus made his choice: to work in God's way however hard that might be.

This year Lent starts on 5th March and goes through half of April - have you thought about how YOU are going to prepare yourself to follow Jesus this Lent?



SPRING COLOURS

There are colours which are mentioned with these things in the Bible. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Pastures, herbs and olives are all?
2. A sea, tents and wine are?
3. Hangings in the Temple, pomegranates and doors of tents were all?
4. A horse, robes and teeth were all?
5. Kings' raiment (clothing), Jesus' robe and the dye that Lydia sold were all?
6. One of the gifts to the baby Jesus, candlesticks and spoons were?
7. A raven, clouds and chariot horses were?
8. Lips, a thread tied to a window and robes are?



What's blue, V-shaped and flies?

The Red Arrows in disguise.



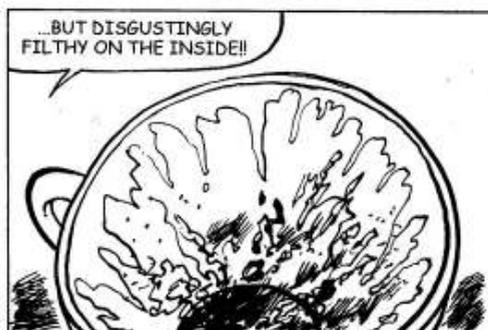
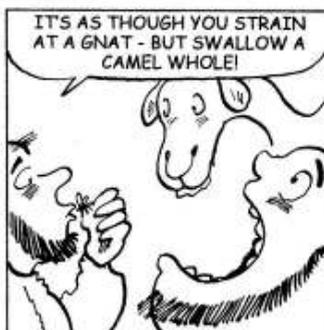
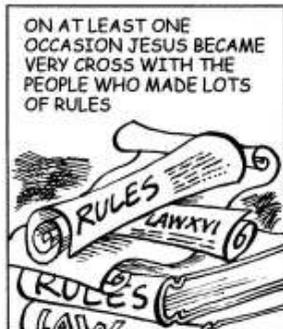
What do you do with a green monster?

Wait till he's ripe.



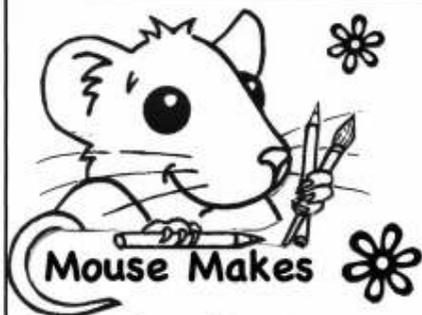
Answers: 1.green 2.red 3.blue 4.white
5.purple 6.gold 7.black 8.scarlet

Some tough Talking



JESUS DID NOT LIKE PEOPLE WHO MADE IT HARD TO FOLLOW GOD.

See Matthew 23.23-27



The 4th Sunday in Lent is celebrated as **Mothering Sunday**. Originally families would get together for a special service at the 'mother' church, often at the local cathedral.

Today Mothering Sunday is celebrated as a family day, a time to say '**thank you**' to our mothers and to all who look after us.

There are many wonderful Mothers in the Bible, look up the Bible verses and find out who they are....

Matt 1:16 M _ _ _
Num 26:59 _ O _ _ _ _ _
Luke 1:57-60 _ _ _ _ _ T _
1 Sam 1:20 _ _ _ _ _ H
Genesis 4:1 _ _ E
Gen 25:21-26 R _ _ _ _ _
Gen 21:1-2 S _ _ _ _ _



Thank you Mum
for all you do,

For all your
love and care,

For helping me
as I grow up,

For all your
loving prayers.

For teaching me
about Jesus,

Of how he loves
me too.

Thank you Mum
for loving me,

I LOVE YOU!

A bookmark gift for Mother's Day. Cut out the bookmark above, glue onto card and colour in.



ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

On why pews SHOULD be uncomfortable

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren
Visits from your parishioners are always welcome. But I did not expect them to return to you complaining because our pews are uncomfortable.

Pews are *meant* to be uncomfortable. The unshakeable belief of our congregation is that the more uncomfortable the pew, the holier the worship must be. By the same token, an 8am Service is more fervent than one at 11am, since it is much more socially inconvenient. If you add on enduring sub-zero temperatures and damp, then sainthood clearly beckons. Your people may be used to lolling in upholstered chairs in tropical temperatures, but I am sure such comfort places their souls in grave peril.

Our pews were built five hundred years ago when people were several inches shorter and many pounds lighter and so could accommodate themselves on them perfectly adequately. The fact that a twenty-first century body is in constant danger of sliding off the seat and requires knees to be folded somewhere near ears at least helps to keep minds focussed - apart for Colonel Wainwright, who still manages to sleep peacefully throughout Matins every Sunday.

I could point out that your chairs make kneeling almost impossible - although I suspect that posture is not encouraged in your church, as people would then be unable to read the words on your overhead projector or

wave their arms about quite as easily during the hymns. While the majority of our congregation find the Anglican crouch perfectly adequate, you can see those who flop to their knees on hearing "let us pray" from the clouds of dust sent up from suddenly compressed hassocks, which were purchased to commemorate Queen Victoria's Accession.

I may also point out that our box pews are very useful for modern times. Once a family is seated, with the door firmly shut, then any toddler is penned in and unable to use the aisles as a racing circuit. Medieval carpenters were clearly forward thinking people. Admittedly, box pew doors do tend to stick and few manage to look dignified while they wait for step ladders to be brought before they can climb out.

If only you would remove your chairs and substitute benches without backs, turn off all heating and replace carpets with slate slabs, I am sure your congregation's religious zeal would soar.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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VALLEY NOTES



Burton Bradstock CE VC School

This Spring term the children have been fully engrossed in their learning. The younger children in Sails class

have been working on the theme of 'Journeys' and have had lots of fun 'travelling' all around the world. In Key Stage 1 the children have been exploring 'Transport' and have enjoyed learning about the life of George Stephenson. In Class 3 the topic in History has been World War II and they have been thinking particularly about what life was like for children during this time. Finally in Class 4 the children have been investigating 'Rivers' and have had lots of first-hand experiences of flooding with the recent weather we have been experiencing!

The older children have also been considering the Parish Council consultation. Some pupils from Year 6 offered each pupil in Key Stage 2 '£100,000' of Burton Bradstock notes to spend on projects that were important to them ranging from developing better public transport to improving the area for wildlife. After this 'consultation' the higher level mathematicians worked with Mr Piper, our Chair of Governors, to analyse the data turning a real-life exercise into a problem solving activity that challenged the pupils' thinking and supported their learning.

The last week of the half term involved the whole school taking part in 'Explorer Week'. We had the 'Laboratory of Outstanding Stuff' set up in our hall with two professors who encouraged the children to use the resources in the laboratory to find out about their local environment. The project is being run by the 'South Dorset Ridgeway' in collaboration with DepARTure and is a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore the area in which they live by becoming explorers.



Thank you to everyone who attended the **Beetle Drive** at the Village Hall in January that was organised by The Friends of Burton Bradstock School. It is through these fundraising events that we are able to support the children in their learning and enhance the curriculum. The Friends are now busy organising their next event which is a Jumble Sale that is taking place at the Bridport United Church Hall in Bridport on **Saturday 22nd March, 10am-12noon** (please see separate advert). If you have any jumble or bric-a-brac that you can donate please bring it into school on **Friday 21st March**.



Following this the Annual Duck Race is being organised for **Sunday 20th April**. We do hope that you will be able to come along and support us.

*Claire Staple
Headteacher*

Bride Valley Mobile Phone Coverage Survey

Following a meeting with Oliver Letwin MP Litton Cheney Parish Council is carrying out a survey of mobile phone coverage in the Bride Valley. All three principal service providers maintain that coverage in the valley is reasonable to good – this is patently untrue. Mr Letwin has promised to help us petition for better coverage but we must produce the evidence of what coverage we currently receive so, to this end the parish council, in agreement with the neighbouring parishes, asks if you would kindly complete the following simple questionnaire. The more responses we receive the more accurate will be our results.

- If you use a mobile phone who is the service provider?
- Do you get reception in your house?
- Is the signal strong?
- Do you get a reception in the open air close to your house.
- If you don't have a mobile phone is this because you can't get a usable signal?
- What is your post code?
- Have you any comments to make about the phone reception in the Bride Valley?

Please send your results by email to: steve.kourik@hotmail.com

If you prefer you can give your response to the clerk or any member of your parish council. Many thanks

*Steve Kourik
Chairman, Litton Cheney Parish Council*

THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

The **Life Education Van** visited the school. This charity provides health and drug education support to schools. The specially equipped classroom helps children to understand the **wonders of the human body** and how to look after it.



- At Key Stage 1 they learned about healthy eating, being a good friend and the safe use of medicines.
- At Key Stage 2 the experienced educators helped the children to consider the effects and risks associated with the use of drugs and learned skills of friendship and how to cope with bullying and peer pressure.

This term, our **choir** are meeting to sing songs from the Bride Valley. David Powell, who was a local headteacher and continues to be very active in Bridport, is helping the children to learn songs and write their own. Bredy's **clarinet lessons** are going strong! On Wednesday 5 February, the whole school sang 'Get up and sign' in support of **SignHealth**, a charity for deaf children and adults.

Eggardon made **Christingles** for the service at St Mary's Puncknowle. We celebrated Chinese New Year with a morning of activities and a story and songs by a local storyteller.

Our **football** team won the first round of the Kenway Cup 3-0 against Salway Ash. Well done, team!

Eco Club: The children participated in RSPB's 'Birdwatch' and put up bird feeders. They also planted daffodil bulbs in the Discovery Area.

Developments in our Discovery Area: Governor Tony Taylor with two neighbours worked on the Saxon hut and finished



putting the rafters on the roof, almost a year after construction began. The next phase is to build the walls using hazel and willow hurdles (the "wattle") which we hope the children will help to "daub"!

Some of the children worked hard on the wishing tree which now looks splendid and mysterious. They also painted tyres, which parents planted up with hundreds of daffodil bulbs, and should make a great display in the

spring. We dug in the final two benches by the pond and bird-hide, got half the stage wings constructed, and the children had fun experimenting with the new pulleys in the science area, discovering that a bucket they couldn't lift by hand was easily hauled up with the pulley. One creative parent even constructed a fun-house style mirror and a fabulous anemometer from bits and pieces around the Discovery Area. And we found a very sweet nest of young harvest mice which the children carefully relocated to a quiet corner; it's good to see the area is bursting with new life even at this time of year. Action Day is on the last Saturday every month and new faces are always welcome. It is a lovely way to spend a few hours with or without your family (even in poor weather, as the older boys keep the camp fire going throughout the day, and there are always plenty of hot drinks and cake to keep us going!).

The TSA **Farmhouse Breakfast** in LATCH was a very good place to be! Breakfast was served to nearly 90 people and the morning went without a hitch, thanks to a lot of help especially from Eggardon children. A wonderful **£584** was raised! The TSA **cake sales** are going well – Eggardon's made **£23** and Bredy's **£24.15**.

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

JUMBLE
SALE

Free Entry

Refreshments
Cakes

SATURDAY 22nd MARCH
10am - 12 noon
BRIDPORT UNITED CHURCH HALL

Supporting Burton Bradstock CE Primary School - Registered Charity 1026130

LENT COURSE 2014

A lent course entitled “**Build on the Rock**” will be held at **Puncknowle Village Hall**. This follows one of the York Courses and is a 5 session ecumenical discussion course comprising a course booklet, CD and transcript. The course considers the strange and beautiful story of Christ himself, his teaching, his death, his resurrection and his continuing significance. The dates are **Wednesday 12, 19** and **26 March** then **2** and **9** April and will run from **7-9pm** with light refreshment during discussion time.



Crisis in Syria

This month (March) sees the third anniversary of the start of the crisis in Syria. The recent international peace conference in Geneva marked the first direct talks between both sides in the conflict. UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, had said it would be "unforgivable not to seize this opportunity" to end a conflict that has left more than 100,000 people dead and driven 9.5 million from their homes.

Christian Aid urges: ‘A broader engagement that goes beyond the main political actors to include local people committed to non-violence including women, faith leaders, and representatives of refugees and internally displaced populations will be an essential part of creating a lasting peace. Our experience of working in conflict situations informs our view that peace building is a process that includes critical steps, including building trust between communities, providing protection for minorities, establishing transitional justice mechanisms and rule of law as well as disarming paramilitary groups.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 7TH March 2014



**This year's inspirational service, prepared by
Christian women from Egypt, will take place
at 10.30am**

**St Mary's Church, South Street,
Bridport**



**The first service of the day takes place on the Island of Samoa as dawn
breaks. The world is then circled in prayer for 24 hours.**

The service is celebrated in over 170 countries

Everyone is most welcome to come and share in this wave of prayer

Followed by refreshments

Did you know...

West Dorset District Council could provide affordable finance to repair, adapt or improve your home?
 (Subject to eligibility, Typical 4.2% APR)

- Homeowner on a low income?
- Damp problem?
- Electrical or plumbing faults?
- No heating or broken boiler?
- Leaky roof or structural problems?
- Kitchen or bathroom unsafe?
- Rotten windows?

Call the Council!
01305 251010

Partnership with **Wessex**
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IMPORTANT: YOUR HOME MAY BE REPOSSESSED IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR ANY OTHER DEBT SECURED LEND

West Dorset District Council, in partnership with not-for-profit organisation **Wessex Resolutions CIC**, may be able to provide homeowners, park home owners and landlords with subsidised finance to carry out essential repair work to their homes.

If you own your home, park home or are a landlord, you may be able to receive a subsidised loan for essential works assessed as essential to ensure homes are warm, safe and suitable for the occupant's needs.

For more information please call West Dorset District Council on 01305 251010 or visit www.wrcic.org.uk

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 16th May 2014

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16th May 2014 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk



FLEDGLINGS NEWS

Welcome to **James** who is new to Fledglings - also goodbye and thankyou to **Gaye Smith**, who has been helping out during the last year. Thank you too to **Jane Hutchins** who has been Committee Secretary but who has stepped down due to other work commitments.



Activities – well children have been visiting the Discovery area whenever the weather permits, just enjoying the wilder environment but also mixing up lovely mud in pans and making mud pictures! They also took photos of things and each other with an amazing child-friendly camera. They all contributed to a display of Jack and the Beanstalk, and made playdoh monsters with feathers, sticks for legs and eyes. To cover other topics like science, they were looking at the effects on their bodies of eating and exercising, also an experiment on DNA. For History they were looking at cavemen and dinosaurs and how we live now. For Chinese New Year, they cooked noodles, played with chop sticks and looked at the Dragon Dance. They also looked at how New Year was celebrated in other countries.

A date for your diary - “ **A Bit of a Do**” will also be held again at LATCH on **Sunday 11th May 2014 from 2-4pm** – here’s hoping the weather will be nicer this year.

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



We would like to say a very big **thank you** for the kind donation from Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council. This money makes a huge difference to our little group especially when recent numbers have been low.



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 14th March, Friday 11th April 2014 and Friday 9th May**. For any questions please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.



BRIDE VALLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our new WI is gaining new members every month, with some new people from outside the valley too! In March we'll be doing a **Spring Crafts Night**, a very active session with mini workshops to choose from, which proved a fun and very social meeting last time we did it. Plus lots of exciting plans for later on, including a **Learn to Make Cocktails Night** at the sumptuous **Venner Bar** in Bridport and a **Living on the Land Night** at **Ourganics** in Litton Cheney. We are aiming to offer a varied programme with 'something for everyone'.



We meet on the **third Thursday** of each month, usually at Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall, Church Street, Puncknowle. New members are sure of a very warm welcome. For more information please contact **Natalie Green** on nataliejgreen@me.com or 01308 898202

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Representing all the valley villages the Bride Valley Gardening Club starts its 2014 season on **Monday March 17th** at **7.30p.m** in the Village Hall at **Puncknowle** with a talk on **Propagation**. We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month between March and October (except in April, when it is the 2nd Monday and August, when there is no meeting)



Dates to note: The **AGM** will be held at **7.00p.m** on **April 14th** followed by our regular meeting at 7.30p.m when the subject will be the '**Bee Friendly Garden**'

The Flower and Produce Show will be at LATCH on **Saturday July 26th**.

Annual subscription for members is £5 and visitors are very welcome at any of our meetings for a cost of £2.

Jobs to Do in March... weather permitting!

Writing this in the first week of February it's difficult to imagine the ground is going to be anything but waterlogged but, being an ever-optimistic gardener, I hope that at least some of the following may be possible. Sow sweet peas outside or plant out young plants raised under cover, having pinched out the growing tips to encourage side-shoots. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials. Prune bush and shrub roses. Plant summer flowering bulbs. In the vegetable and herb gardens sow short rows of seeds; harden off young plants to put outside; plant onion sets, shallots, early potatoes and asparagus

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

Royal British Legion Bride Valley Branch.



**Monday Social evenings in The Three Horseshoes Burton
Bradstock:-**

March 31st, April 28th, May 19th (NB this is the 3rd Monday), June 30th

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

Other events:

Friday October 24th Annual Band Concert in Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Thursday November 6th Coffee morning in Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Saturday November 8th Wreath laying in the Bride Valley

Sunday November 9th Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church
Burton Bradstock

Membership of The Legion is not restricted to ex-Servicemen and women it is open to all and you are welcome to join us

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

Malcolm Lawrence Secretary (898616)

CALLING ALL WILDLIFE ENTHUSIASTS!

Discover the myth, mystery and magic of moths in the Shipton Gorge Village Hall on **Wednesday 19th March at 2.30pm**. There will be a light-hearted talk by a keen amateur enthusiast, illustrated with beautiful slides. Afterwards tea and cakes will be served. Entrance is free, but a donation towards Save the Children fund will be much appreciated.

Janet Lane - 01308 897241



National Coastwatch

EYES ALONG THE COAST



The 'Valentine's Day Storm' a fortnight ago destroyed our NCI Lyme Bay Coastwatch Lookout at Burton Bradstock, (shown before the storm left). The two photos below show the aftermath; the first after Vice-Chairman Clive Edwards arrived on site the morning after, after being woken by a call from Portland Coastguard at 03.00 hours, and the second one with Billy Bragg (on who's garden the

Lookout roof landed!) on the left holding our sign after we'd salvaged what we could and "flat-packed" the rest ready for a skip! Now we need to raise money to replace it.....

With the closure of the Portland Coastguard Maritime Rescue Co-Ordination centre and the loss of the Portland Coastguard Helicopter this year the role of the Dorset Coastwatch stations as the 'local eyes and ears' for Maritime Search & Rescue services is likely to be even more crucial, especially along the treacherous Jurassic coast and cliffs.

VC Clive Edwards, commodore of the Merchant Navy Association Boat Club, has recently been involved in establishing a new national 'Watchkeepers Afloat' service to be operated by members of the MNA Boat Club" to provide 'eyes and ears on the water' in addition to the NCI's watchkeepers eyes and ears on shore.

William Knapman
Station Manager
01308 897808



Royal British Legion Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch

Our **Annual Lunch** will be held at Highlands End Leisure Centre, Eype starting at 12 for 12.30 p.m. on Thursday **27th March**. Places must be booked and the menu choice is available from the writer. An invitation is extended to non-members to join us.

7th April sees 41 Members and friends heading off to **Suffolk** for a six day break based on Ipswich. Led by Des Baker as a private venture in aid of the Poppy Appeal and the Royal Hospital, Chelsea (home of the Chelsea Pensioners) the group will visit the Suffolk Punch Horse Breeding Stud Farm, Bury St. Edmunds, Lavenham Village and take a trip on the River Orwell by privately chartered vessel. Sounds like a lot of fun. Telephone Des (01305 267617) to join the waiting list for any vacancies

Our May meeting will be to hear a talk by Ian Brooke about the charity "**Shelterbox**" on 15th at Portesham Village Hall.

On **5 June** we go to Hampshire to visit Rev. Gilbert White's House at Selborne where also we shall learn about three great explorers of the natural world; in addition we will enjoy a return ride on the Alton-Aylesford "Watercress Line" behind a preserved steam locomotive. Bookings are now coming in and the event is again open to non members.

A fully detailed itinerary is now available for our 6-day tour of **Stockholm, Sweden** from **10 - 15 September**. Again privately organised, but in aid of the RBL Poppy Fund, this is a visit to the "Venice of the North" as it is known. Visits will include a tour of the archipelago of islands around the city, Uppsala university town, Sigtuna and Mariefred with its castle and miniature steam railway.(01305 267617 for info.)

Des Baker, Social Secretary, aveswood@sky.com

GOOD BOOKS

Bridport's Christian Bookshop



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

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VILLAGE WEBSITES

giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc



www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk

www.littlebredy.com

DIARY, FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	2	12.30	Bring & Share Lunch	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Mon	3	10.00	Julian Group	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Wed	5	9.45	First Steps Toddler Group	LATCH
Wed	5	19.30	Burton Bradstock Parish Council Meeting	Reading Room, Burton Bradstock
Tue	5	19.30	Parish Council	Reading Room, Burton Bradstock
Wed	5	20.00	Bride Valley Films "Captain Phillips"	LATCH
Fri	7	10.15	Art Club	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sat	8	10.30	Annual Spring Clean & Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Long Bredy
Sat	8	19.30	Piano recital Madalina Rusu+Duncan Honeybourne	Norburton Hall, Burton Bradstock
Tue	11	19.30	Litton Cheney Parish Council Meeting	LATCH
Tue	11	19.30	Burton W.I. - "Wicked Winters"	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Wed	12	9.45	First Steps Toddler Group	LATCH
Thur	13	10.30	Chesil Court Coffee morning	Chesil Court, Burton Bradstock
Fri	14	14.15	Tots Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Fri	14	19.30	Village Soc. - B Jackman "Lions at First Light"	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	15	19.00	WD Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Mon	17	19.30	Bride Valley Gardening Club - Propagation	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	18	13.00	PSWB Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	19	9.45	First Steps Toddler Group	LATCH
Wed	19	14.30	"Myths, mystery and magic of moths"	Village Hall, Shipton Gorge
Thu	20	19.30	Bride Valley WI - Spring Crafts Night	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	21	10.15	Art Club	Lyme Regis
Fri	21	19.00	Littlebredy Film Night	Village Hall, Littlebredy
Fri	21	19.30	Burton Films - "Pride & Prejudice"	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	22	10.00	Jumble Sale	Bridport United Church Hall
Sat	22	18.30	Fish & Chip Supper	PSWB Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	26	9.45	First Steps Toddler Group	LATCH
Sat	29	19.30	Spring Quiz with Fish and Chip Supper	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	29	19.30	SGVS Race Night	Village Hall, Shipton Gorge
Mon	31	19.30	Bride Valley British Legion - Social	Three Horseshoes, Burton





SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: March 2014

	1st Sunday 2 March Sunday Before Lent	5 March Ash Wednesday	2nd Sunday 9 March Lent 1	3rd Sunday 16 March Lent 2	4th Sunday 23 March Lent 3	CLOCKS CHANGE 5th Sunday 30 March Mothering Sunday
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	10.00 Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion by Extension 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship 3.30 Evening Prayer	11am United Service
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer		11.00 Holy Communion by Extension	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	5.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 All Age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service	
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship		9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion by Extension	
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		.	9.30 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy			9.30 Holy Communion by Extension		11.00 Holy Communion	