



THE RECTORY,
BURTON BRADSTOCK

FROM THE CLERGY



THE RECTORY,
LITTON CHENEY

We had a friend of a friend staying who had her handbag stolen from a car. Why she had left the handbag in the car is anybody's guess, especially as it was stuffed with enough cash to keep us in food for a month - and we live well at the Rectory. The next question is why she had spent £500.00 on the bag itself. The reason given was that the same bag cost twice as much in New York, which makes the E.U. all of a sudden and surprisingly a bargain basement economy.

A few days later we were dropping stuff off at the dump when we noticed suitcases that someone had thrown out and that had been put by. The people there can make the odd bit by recycling things economically, as it were. We are always looking for storage, and so asked how much was wanted for them. "You can have them if you want; they'll only go to be shredded else." We drove off with three all but new suitcases, one of which had, in the process of waiting with the others gestated another inside itself.

So here in the space of a few days was a handbag which cost far too much, and which has by now no doubt been dumped by the thieves as not worth the risk of keeping, and four suitcases, the cost of which would keep ten families for a year in many parts of the world, being thrown out as waste. None of these things is of intrinsic value. They are things that are used to carry other things in; that and nothing more. That they can be worth a big dent in a credit card one moment, and the next be a waste of space is testimony to their innate worthlessness

And that we all spend money, not quite as crazily as in these examples but to some considerable degree like it, only goes to demonstrate the folly of the way we live. And that I, at least, only notice it occasionally, like when I am hit by a suitcase, goes to show that I am caught up in the folly, and so may be counted as a fool. But I cannot either pretend that all this is just money madness.

There is something seriously wicked going on in such wanton behaviour - something which in another language is called a sin which separates us from God. Matthew Chapter 6 verse 24. And 25 if it comes to that - and 26 is pretty good - so is 27. Just keep going, really.

By the way, does anyone want to buy a suitcase - only been used once - lovely condition - do you a deal.

Bob.

From the Registers

Baptism

Hollie Ann Bird was baptised on 16th July at Holy Trinity Church, Swyre, during the Morning service, making for a very full and rumbustuous occasion. Hollie herself was a model of dignity and calm decorum. She and her parents live in Bridport, but have long family associations with the Parish.

Wedding

On Saturday 9th September **Neil James Hayball** and **Rachel Anita Batchelor** were married in St Mary's, Litton Cheney. It was a balmy early autumn day for a lovely country wedding. In a relaxed and happy atmosphere children danced to the hymns and ran about exploring the Church while the bride and groom exchanged their vows. The bells rang for them (Rachel is a former member of the Litton tower) as they walked out into the sunshine after the service to be congratulated by friends and family.

Wedding Blessing

Ray and Maureen Lake celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary in St. Mary's Church, Puncknowle on 13th August with a special Service of Blessing and Renewal of Vows.

Funerals

On Monday 3rd July the ashes of **Evelyn Mary Elizabeth Stoddart** were interred in the Churchyard of Holy Trinity Swyre. Mrs Stoddart is the mother of Yvonne Buckland, who is Churchwarden at Swyre Church.

Jean Leach, a most faithful and hard-working member of the Church, died on 16th August. Her Cremation (at Weymouth) and Thanksgiving Service (at St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock) took place on 25th August.

Valley Notes

Tiny Tots / Pram Service

Friday 13th October 11-00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock.

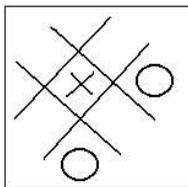
A service for 0-5 years, but all are welcome.

Yvette Smith. 898219



The Bride Valley Thursday Housegroup.

We meet every Thursday for either prayer and praise or alternately bible study and discussion. Please phone Paul on 01308-482346 for information on dates and venues.



Quizzes more details as promised

To strengthen our inter-community links, encourage the churches, increase Bible knowledge, and have fun together, from September 2007 inter-church/community quizzes will be taking place throughout the Bride Valley. The clergy and Team Council have given their permission and approval for this.

Hopefully all 8 churches/communities will provide a team of 3 children (up to 11yrs) and a team of 3 young people (11-18 inclusive) - even if they have to 'borrow' in one or two cases to make up the teams!

Everyone will have the same 3 or 4 chapters of the Bible to study, with a trainer, using the same Bible version, so that there will be a level 'playing field' for all. Training will start in January 2007.

The quizzes will be simple context questions (nothing theologically complex) as a noughts and crosses game with 9 categories of questions to choose from: eg 'Who?', 'Where?', 'True or False?', 'Numbers', etc., etc.

It will not be essential for all those who compete to be regular church

attenders. The 'Quiz Masters/Mistresses' will be from different places from the competing teams on any given occasion.

A league table will be drawn up and each team will play the other 7 teams. These matches will take place from September 2007 to January 2008. Then in the Spring of 2008 the best 4 teams will play in semi finals and a final. Trophies will be presented to the winning team and a memento to the players.

We still need some more trainers and quiz masters to volunteer their services. We also need a nice big board (but small enough to be transported by car).

Junior and Senior Contests will probably take place on the same occasion with a refreshment break in between, giving a chance for people to socialize. We hope that church folk and parents will be happy to provide light refreshments when the teams are competing in their church or church hall.

I plan to visit each community soon to discuss further details with all those who are interested.

Any questions, please contact Heather Rogers 01308 897780

Mothers' Union

The Bride Valley Mother's Union meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 2.30pm.

For further details and venue please contact any of the following:-

Yvette Smith 01308 898219

Ann Read 01308 897445

Elizabeth Slater 01308 897751

Lavender Trust Breast Cancer Care

There will be a Coffee Morning with gifts, cakes, tombola, etc at the Burton Cliff Hotel, Burton Bradstock on Saturday 7th October from 10.30a.m. - 12 noon. All welcome.

Mary Rawles

The Royal British Legion

On Monday 23rd October, the Bride Valley Branch of The Royal British Legion is holding a Social Evening at The Ship Inn, Shipton Gorge, 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

First Steps Toddler Group

We meet on a Wednesday, every week in term time, at Long Bredy Village Hall, 10a.m. - 12 noon. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents with preschool children and let the little ones enjoy the wide range of toys and play equipment. For further details call Sam (482315) or Debbie (898506).

The Health Visitor joins us on the first Wednesday of each month to weigh babies and give advice as required.

Nine of us enjoyed a night out at Hive Beach Cafe in September. Further evening social events coming up! Hope to see you there!

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP



In September, we saw six of our leavers start school - which was great. Callum still wanted to come to Fledglings as well, so it was a lovely surprise to see him on the first Monday as well as at Lunch Club and Afternoon sessions. Some of the others have also joined us after school for lunch and to play afterwards. We welcomed Olivia Daubeney from Litton Cheney who officially started this term, and look forward to a few more children coming along soon.

Our Social / AGM took place on 11th September where nibbles and drinks were brought along to share for a change - more about the new committee next time.

Michelle (and baby Abigail) have come back to help with lunch times and **Nestlings** sessions - which have started - **activities for toddlers on Thursday afternoons from 1.45 - 3.15pm at £3 per session.**

Our Theme this term is "Children's Songs" starting with "5 Little Speckled Frogs" and "Miss Polly had a Dolly", with playgroup activities based around these and taking into consideration our children's interests. It's all good fun! The Reception Class at school follow on from some of our ideas - extending the activities for the older children. So we do liaise!

Our changed Sessions are as follows:-

Monday	9.15 - 12.00 noon	Lunch Club 12.00-1.00	1.00 - 3.30pm
Tuesday	9.15 - 12.00 noon	Lunch Club 12.00-1.00	1.00 - 3.30pm
Thursday	9.15 - 12.00 noon	Lunch Club 12.00-1.00	1.00 - 3.30pm

Carol Bennett (Playleader)
01308 897771 or 01308 482410

Burton Bradstock CE VC School

Our 1st floor extension is now completed and we are in the process of re-organising resources and furniture to make the best use of the new room. Although the building work was initially slow due to unforeseen complications, we are delighted with the result and the slight delay has been well worth the wait. The children were extremely patient with the temporarily reduced playground area and with everyone's co-operation a potentially difficult time passed off very peacefully.

Meanwhile, we are back into routines, enjoying learning and determined not to think about Christmas! At last broadband is up and running and we wonder how we ever did without it. Clubs have resumed and, as always, we are grateful to parents who give up their time to assist with these.

This month sees our respective Governor and P.T.A. AGMs which are on Wednesday 18th October and we are busy 'ploughing our furrow' of developments for the year ahead. As a school we have become very selective with the 'government initiatives' we embark on. It is all too easy to embark on a scheme that fizzles out, proves impractical, or worse, has no lasting benefit for the children. Someone once said, "The trouble with our age is that it is all signpost and no destination." I tend to agree.

Mark Stratta

Thorner's CE VA Primary School

Writing this I am looking outside across the valley, peaceful and quiet with the sun lighting it all up, no children around - they've all gone home. I am also aware that by the time you read this the nights will be getting longer and days getting shorter and colder.

We have all settled back into our routines taking lots of things for granted, like the environment in which we live. How lucky we are not to have to fight our way through traffic, inhale the fumes etc; but that is why so many of us have moved to the valley to obtain that peace and healthy lifestyle. In school we are continuing to encourage our pupils to think about the choices they have in their lives, especially what they eat, and to take more exercise. A year ago we introduced regular daily sessions of exercises where the whole school take part, in addition to the PE lessons, and I am sure that many of the children have increased their fitness and understanding of the benefits gained. Look out for even fitter children in the valley.

Getting into a routine of exercise at an early age will hopefully set them up for the rest of their lives, giving them an interest in sport and playing team games. This half-term we have all had the benefit of playing football during curriculum time and the children have all thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity - well the first session at least! School is not all about pushing your child to be the best or to be the first. Children mature and develop at different rates, so allow them to enjoy their childhood. The best way to learn is through play and fun activities in a wide range of areas, so do please help your child by listening and talking to them, encouraging them to try new things and allowing them to take risks.

Alison Johnstone

Bride Valley Supper Club at New Inn, Shipton Gorge



The New Inn has been re-launched in style (after having been shut down for about a year) – including receiving BBC TV support - the official opening date was 27th August.

Based on the very strong level of registrations so far to join the Supper Club, we'll need at least 4 different sittings of the Club for different groups from the start:

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October, and Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November.

If you would like to know more/join in please send your name to John Grantham, September Cottage, 32 Middle Street, Burton Bradstock, Dorset, DT6 4QR. We can always add more dates in early November. (Objectives are enjoyment + to meet other people from within the Bride Valley + to support the opening of the New Inn. No fee to join.)

All those who have registered already will have received confirmation from me for one of these 4 or more dates by the time you read this. And (please) the date on your ticket is the only one that counts. We're off!

John Grantham

We've emigrated!

Hello! I have to report that the West Dorset Research Centre has successfully landed at Manor Farm after an eventful and arduous voyage all the way from Marsh Barn, helped by generous grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Chalk and Cheese. Thankfully the natives are exceptionally friendly so we can hold on to our stock of coloured beads and other gewgaws!

So who are we?.....WDRC are a group of enthusiasts whose business is family and local history with a fascination for migration from Dorset and how it relates to economic, political and social change. For example, it is believed that in the 19th Century as many as 100,000 people moved away from Dorset. Discovering why - now that's the challenge!

We're offering you help across the spectrum for family and local history research including the use of computers - information at the click of a mouse. We offer a one-to-one service designed to help you find the answers you need; finding information for you; helping and training you so that you too become a history detective. Alternatively, we can do it all for you...free from jargon.

We're building the Migration from Dorset database and publishing Parish Pack tasters for very local history and sources of local information. Your parish starter for ten! Allington and Netherbury are now available. We're promoting our enthusiasms with a Road Show around Dorset and we give talks to interested groups. And you can get involved. Why not become a member? Help us help others build and use our records, our equipment and our facilities. It's fun, satisfying and rewarding

We're open 10 till 4 Monday to Thursday, 10 till 7 on Fridays and 10 till 1pm on Saturday. Ring us on 01308 898008; look us up www.dorsetmigration.org.uk; email info@dorsetmigration.org.uk or call in at Manor Garden . WDRC is a registered charity number 1111356. Drop in for a chat and a coffee.

We're looking forward to a happy future in Burton whilst helping you to look backwards - not exactly what Revd. Anthony Ashwell was propounding in the September BVN, but I hope he will forgive us!

David Burks Trustee WDRC

BURTON BRADSTOCK

Village Correspondent: Still Vacant



Village Correspondent for Burton Bradstock

This is the fourth edition of the BVN with no Village Correspondent. Come on, Burton Bradstock, there must be somebody there who would be willing to take on the job, after all you do have half the population of the Bride Valley! We just need somebody with typing skills and access to a computer who could amalgamate your items into one document to make sure that nothing gets missed out.

*John Grantham has very nobly offered to take this on as a **temporary measure**, but he is very keen for someone else to volunteer, so he will be pestering you all at every opportunity! **Please** do think about whether **you** could be the person we are looking for.*

The BVN Editors

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

200 Club – September 2006 Draw – Congratulations to:

1st Prize:	No.121	Mrs Mavis Herbert	£36.20
2nd Prize:	No. 20	Mrs Wendy Froy	£18.10
3rd Prize:	No.102	Mr Peter Lee	£ 9.05

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the October-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £3 – one pound for each of the remaining 3 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

*The Village Hall Trust is registered with WDDC Lotteries
Licence No LA005*

Forthcoming Events

Artsreach – Sid Kipper – Friday 13th October

By the time you get to read this, tickets for Sid Kipper's literary entertainment- "Kipperfield to Kipperling" to be held in the Village Hall on Friday 13th October at 7.30 pm will have become available and can be obtained either from me (Tel: 01308 897214) or from the Post Office. Tickets are: Adults £7 and Children (under18) £5 with Family tickets available at £22 (family of four, maximum two adults).

Norman Saunders-White - Promoter for Artsreach - 01308 897214



Moviola – Saturday 11th November 2006

‘Memoirs of a Geisha’ will be shown at 7.30 pm on Saturday 11th November in Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

Tickets will be £4.50 each and will be on sale from the middle of October at Burton Bradstock Post Office or from Susan Moores (01308 897673). There will be a Cash Bar and Raffle and posters around the village will give further details.

The film (12A) is the story of a girl from a fisherman’s family who becomes Japan’s leading Geisha. The film won 3 Oscars and 3 BAFTAs for photography, costume and music and is a superb and unusual film.

This is our first ‘Moviola’ event and it has been arranged following many requests from villagers to hold such an evening. It would be good to have a large turnout on the night. You may wish bring a cushion to sit on.

*Susan Moores – Secretary, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee
01308 897673*

Artsreach – Appalachian Roots – Saturday 18th November

Ira Bernstein and Riley Baugus, leading U.S. performers, will bring you a dynamic mix of traditional dance, song and instrumental music from the Southern Appalachian region of the United States. Old time fiddle and banjo tunes, percussive flatfooting, rhythm and tap dancing will entertain you and keep your foot tapping all the evening! This promises to be a great evening for all the family. More information will follow.

Norman Saunders-White 01308 897214

‘A Christmas Quiz’ – Saturday 16th December

Put this date in your diaries. Following on from last year’s successful Christmas event, the Village Hall Committee is putting on a seasonal quiz with supper in the Village Hall from 7.30 pm. More details will follow.

Susan Moores 01308 897673

Sales in Aid of Charities

The final amount raised by the Thursday morning sales in the Reading Room during the holiday season was £796.66. Warmest thanks go to all who in any way contributed to achieve this excellent total which is being divided equally between the Pilsdon Community (offering refuge to people in crisis), the Leprosy Mission (curing those with this disease) and the Salisbury Diocese/Sudan Link (alleviating suffering through the Medical Link)



The Mission Sub-Committee of Burton Bradstock PCC

Indoor Short Mat Bowls

Commences Monday 2nd October in The Village Hall, Burton Bradstock from 7.45pm - 10pm and every Monday.

All welcome – no joining fee – you pay £1.50 per session.

Want to have a try? - Newcomers have their first two sessions **FREE**.

For more information telephone Peter Colbert 897922

Burton Bradstock Bridge Group

Meets on Tuesdays in the Village Hall at 2pm.
New members welcome (a little experience necessary).



For further information telephone Chris Clarke on 01308 898117

Burton Bradstock ONLINE AGM

A brief AGM will be held in the Reading Room at 2:00pm on Tuesday, 3rd October. Anyone interested in joining or supporting this group is invited to attend.

Open Meeting and Awards Ceremony

Burton Bradstock ONLINE will be holding an Open Evening at the school on Tuesday 21st November at 7:30pm.

This is open to anyone and there will be free wine and nibbles!

There are some interesting new developments, particularly in training, and we will be **announcing the winners of the digital photo competition**. More details next month.

Ken Pett 897550

Burton Bradstock Home Watch

What's in a ladder?

Usually great usage and value. But let's not run the risk of extending its use to others.....

(Many years ago and in a previous location our family's ladder was used to break into 9 homes one night, but luckily the miscreant was caught on the 10th attempt....)

I therefore *know* that leaving a ladder visible, or not locked up, or even both, can be an invitation to a stranger almost as generous as handing them the key to one's front door. Let's each eliminate the chance of this possible method of entry in Burton by acting right now to hide and secure our ladder please!

John Grantham



Would you like Your Christmas Greetings in the BVN for 2006?

I know it's only October, but I believe Harrods already have their Christmas Displays up, and so maybe it's time to think about Christmas Greetings/Cards etc?

Once again, we are asking if you would like to take the opportunity of sending local Christmas greetings by way of the BVN. As last year, we plan to split the donations equally between the BVN and the Joseph Weld Hospice.

As many of you now know, the idea is that instead of buying, writing out and posting (or delivering) Christmas cards to all your local friends and neighbours, you can use this alternative scheme (or, of course, you can do both!). It works this way - you send us a donation, in return for which, your name(s) will be included in a list of all contributors on a dedicated page in the BVN. The list of names will be below a *collective* Christmas greeting message to friends and neighbours (sadly, we are not able to include individual messages).

If you would like to participate, please give me your name(s), *as you would like it/them to appear in the BVN list* with, of course, your donation.

Cheques should be made payable to St. Mary's P.C.C.

I need this information, *plus the donation, no later than 11th November*, in order to catch the deadline for the December issue.

*Ken Pett, Mill Gate House, Annings Lane, Burton Bradstock,
Bridport, Dorset, DT6 4QN. Tel: 01308 897550*



Burton Bradstock Library –Threat of Closure

Dorset County Council has decided to delay any decision on the closure of the thirteen small libraries for one year to allow further investigation into cost saving measures. However the possibility of closure remains and there is a need for the village to consider how best to oppose this threat. If the County Library authorities do decide to shut it down, what is the best course of action, if there is enough support for such a service, to maintain some form of library in the village? Should the old Wesleyan Chapel, which is now used for the library, be retained for community use rather than be sold off as was recommended in the efficiency report issued earlier this year?

A small working group is needed to address these and other associated issues and to prepare an action plan for recommendation to the Parish Council. If you wish to help and are willing to work as a member of this group over the next ten months, and possibly beyond that period, please call me, Mike Southgate, on 897487 or Fel Moore , the Parish Clerk, on 459001 **by 15th October**. I will then call a meeting of those who respond.

Mike Southgate, Chairman Burton Bradstock Parish Council, 897487

Burton Bradstock W.I.

The first autumn meeting was attended by 33 members who were entertained by a hilarious talk by Mr Colin Dean on A Male Speaker's View of the WI. He quoted an instance of a WI meeting some years ago when one member became cross when he insinuated that WIs were posh. The member replied "Oh no, we're not at all snobbish. We educated ladies have to educate the peasants."

He thought that times had changed since then. After recounting amusing faux pas from reports of meetings he suggested a good ending to this one would be: "We couldn't have had a better speaker . . . though we tried!" The business after that was long and varied, with news of exciting events including a shopping trip and theatre visit to Southampton. Plans are now going ahead for the Christmas Coffee Morning in November and for the Christmas lunch in December.

Mary Bailey

W.I.Coffee Morning

This will be held on **Thursday 19th October** at 10.30 am in the Village Hall. Entrance 60p.

Cake Stall, Bring & Buy, Raffle.

Please come and support this good cause.

W.I. Quiz Night Friday 3rd November

7 for 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Tickets from the Post Office £4 each, including nibbles.

Bring your own wine etc.



SHIPTON GORGE

Village Correspondent: Mrs Barbara Chambers
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Harvest Supper

There are a few tickets left for this event so don't miss out on a good evening – Wednesday 4th October is the day, and the meal begins at 7.30. Tickets price £5 can be obtained from Doris or the churchwardens.

Remembrance Sunday – Advance Notice

There will be a short service of remembrance and reflection in St. Martin's Church on Sunday 12th November at 9.30am, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

Shipton Gorge Ramblers

This month we meet on Friday 20th October by the telephone kiosk in Brook Street at 10.30am . Our ramble will take place locally, followed by lunch at the New Inn.

MacMillan Cancer Relief Coffee Morning

This takes place on Saturday 28th October in the Village Hall from 10am to 11.30am, so come and enjoy our delicious coffee and homemade biscuits. There will be a raffle, cakes and produce for sale, and a White Elephant stall with Christmas gifts. Any contributions will be very welcome – please contact me on 897241 if you can help.

Janet Lane

Village Society

A Bingo evening will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th October starting at 7.30pm . There are good prizes to be won, and all are welcome.

Sally Parker

Thank you and Hello from The New Inn

Well, September is here, the nights are drawing in and Sandra and I have finally managed to open the doors at the New Inn, Shipton Gorge.

Everyone has been so welcoming and friendly that we feel part of the village already (20 years too soon, I hear you say!) Anyway, a big thank you to all of you for your support and your patience whilst we sort out how best we can serve you.

In general terms we are intending to “home-cook” our food and produce a varied menu with specials available daily. Very shortly meals will be available at lunchtime and in the evening with special party menus to follow. A children’s menu, party menus and ideas for celebrations will be on request and our Christmas menu will shortly be put together.

If you have any special requirements and are planning to visit us, do not hesitate to contact us in advance on 01308 897302 so that we can help you.

Thank you all once again, and we look forward to meeting you soon.

Gary and Sandra

Shipton Gorge Village Hall 100 Club August Draw Winners

£20	No. 91	Robert Langran
£10	No. 3	Pam Bates

SWYRE



Village Correspondent: Sid Marshall
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s.marshall@which.net

Holy Trinity Church, Swyre

In case you receive your BVN in time, a last minute reminder of **Harvest Festival service at 6.30pm on Sunday 1st October, followed by "Cheese and Wine"**. Everyone will be most welcome at this event.

Saturday 14th October - Churchyard Working Party. from 10a.m.

We really could do with some more volunteers to help keep the churchyard tidy. There is always a variety of work to be done so you can pick your task to suit your inclination and ability!

Congratulations to Avril Yeates who gained a First Class degree and is now teaching at a Junior School in Surrey. We wish her well in her future career. Well done Avril!

Songs of Praise continued as it had started with very happy and special evenings. Of particular note were 20th August when Ben Griffiths chose the hymns and read his own poem about his recent experience of illness, and the final week when Anthony Ashwell led and chose the hymns, being the last time that he would be involved with the event as our Team Vicar. A fitting end to a good summer.

Yvonne Buckland and Vera Hirst, Church Wardens



PUNCKNOWLE SWYRE WEST BEXINGTON

Village Correspondent: Elizabeth Slater

1, Lytton Close, Puncknowle, Dorchester DT2 9BH

Telephone: (01308) 897751

Advent Trail Sunday 3rd December

Advent Trail around Puncknowle with clue sheet £1 bought at Lych Gate Café. Free mince pies and coffee. Starting 10.30am after 9.30 Service. Anyone willing to make or house a figure/tableau please phone Ann Roberts 897716 or Sue Brown 897953.

Vandalism on Our Playing Field

Sadly a sustained period of vandalism on the playing field over the last six months has included the following:

1. Pegs taken from the football net.
2. The net itself badly damaged.
3. A small Rowan tree pushed over.
4. A tree stripped of all its bark resulting in its death.
5. The catch removed from two gates at the main entrance.
6. Rubbish bins filled with rocks.
7. Boards ripped out of the play lodge.
8. The rubbish pile of hedge trimmings etc scattered
over the whole area.

It has also been reported that the language of many of the youngsters was totally unacceptable.

The Playing Field belongs to the Village, and is maintained by the Parish Council for us all. Please would everyone help to ensure that our Playing Field is a safe and welcoming area for all, especially our youngsters, to enjoy.

Anyone who notices any vandalism taking place would they please report the matter to the Parish Council. We hope that this bad behaviour will stop and no further action need be taken.

Parish Council Tel: 897318

Puncknowle Art Group

For our first meeting of the new season we sat in sunshine in The Crown gardens. We talked about our holiday paintings and voted for our favourite picture. The winner of the trophy this year was Valerie. A new programme for the next few months was agreed.

Dates for Oct. -- Friday 6th, pen and wash -- Friday 20th new media

Christine Molony

LITTON CHENEY



Village Correspondent: Josie Belasco

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From St. Mary's PCC

Our **Harvest Festival Service** will be held on **Sunday 8th October** at 9.30 a.m. If you could help to decorate the Church for this event, please ring Jennie Prentice (482535).

Our grateful thanks to Sallie Firrell for repairing the St. George's flag, which flies from the Church flagstaff on special days during the year. The flag had become ragged and torn having withstood gales and rain over the years, but it is now restored to pristine condition ready to give many more years service.

Producers' Market Saturday 21st October

October's Producers' Market falls on Trafalgar Day, Saturday 21st, 9.30am to 12.30 pm and we hope you will come out in your droves and partake of some of the best English food and goodies to be found in this fair county. . See you there!

October will be the last **outside** market of the year. In November (18th) we decamp to Thorner's School for our Christmas Producers' Market, which once again will be a charitable event, and your chance to get the Christmas shopping well and truly underway.

More details in November's BVN.

For more information about buying and selling at our markets please contact Wendy Taylor on 482532 or John Firrell on 482313.

Litton Cheney Social Committee

It was great to see the Church Hall packed with people aged from 4 to 80 who came along to the Beetle Drive. Judging from the feed back received and the requests for a repeat, everyone really enjoyed the event. Thank you for your support and to those who helped out. Congratulations to Alice and Kieran who won the children's prizes, and to Alison and Frank, the adult winners, for scoring the highest points. Strangely the Chairman and Secretary had the next highest points and won a free ticket each to the Harvest Supper, much to everyone's amusement. So Ron and I look forward to you all joining us at the **Harvest Supper on Saturday 7th October.**

This will be held at Thorner's School, where you will be able to enjoy a cold meat and salad supper followed by apple pie and cream, cheese and biscuits, and your first drink free! The Bride Valley Band will be back again by popular request and are hoping you will all dance along to their music. Tickets are £6.00 per adult and £3.00 for children under 14. **Please bring your own cutlery.** We will be calling on you to sell tickets but please ring me, or Ron 482661 or Mary 482326 if we miss you.

Litter Pick, Saturday 14th October: meet at the bus shelter at 10.00 am, weather permitting. Please wear gloves, bags provided.

There is no walk this month.

Bonfire Party, Saturday 4th November: meet at 6.30pm in the field at the end of Barges Close. All children must be supervised by their parents/carers and please do NOT bring your own fireworks, for safety reasons. Refreshments will be available.

For your Diary -

Children in Need Evening 10th November.

This is earlier than usual so that it does not clash with the official evening the following week. If you have any ideas or would like to perform on the evening please contact Ron 482661 or David Taylor 482532.



LATCH Fundraising News

Time goes by so quickly and it only seems like yesterday that we were receiving a flurry of fundraising ideas at our open meeting in May. Since then, fundraising for the community hall has gathered pace and at the same time we have prepared our application for Lottery funding.

At the time of going to press local fundraising within the village has reached over £16,000, well on our way to a set target of £50,000. With £100,000 funding already confirmed from the Salisbury Diocese we have good reason to believe that our fundraising efforts will bear the ultimate fruit - a community hall. A great big thank you to all who have given so generously either by deed or in kind.

If you have not yet donated to the appeal, do please read the brochure delivered to every household and consider doing so (if you want to spread your payment, just ask for a Standing Order form.)

At the **Christmas Market on Saturday 18th November** at Thorne's School, LATCH will have a stall selling the 2007 edition of the Litton Cheney calendar, a stunning new local recipe book and many other goodies ideal for someone's Christmas stocking.

For more information on LATCH please contact John Firrell on 482313.

Lithe Litton Ladies

Dates for October: 2nd; 9th; 16th; 23rd; 30th.

If you would like to join this exercise class, come along on Monday evenings to the Church Hall 6 to 7.30 pm.

For more details ring Alison Davidson on 482661.

Congratulations to Luca Spiller on terrific A level results!

Love, Auntie Irene

Coffee Morning and Card Sale
in support of LATCH
Thursday October 5th

This is a great opportunity to buy beautiful, high quality giftwrap and cards for all occasions, including Christmas, from **Phoenix Trading** at very reasonable prices while raising money to support LATCH.

The coffee morning will take place in the Church Hall between 10 am and 12 noon .

LONG BREDY



Village Correspondent: Mrs Elinor Frost
Bridelands, Long Bredy (482269)

Welcome to Peter and Hilary Lacombe with James, George and Rebecca who have come to live at Rookery Cottage on Kingston Russell Drive. We hope they will be happy in the village.

Our best wishes go to Albert Pitcher who, we hope, will be making a speedy recovery after a recent illness.

Long Bredy Village Hall

Anyone needing access to the hall will now be able to borrow a key from Mrs Elinor Frost at Bridelands (482269) if Mike or Valerie Shepherd of Knowle View, (482250) are unavailable.

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Monday 16th October at 8:00

Doors open 7:30

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Sara Winter 482637, Claire & Jonathan Cook 482501

Janet Cuff 482233, Valerie Shepherd 482250

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LITTLEBREDY



Many thanks indeed to Paul Cheater for playing, and a large and appreciative audience for attending, the Organ Recital in Church at the end of August. As a result, Church funds, depleted after repairing the organ last year, have recovered a valuable £820.00. It was a memorable evening.

The second Sunday in the month is **October 8th**, but there will be no Family Service at the usual time of 11.00 a.m. that day. Instead, there will be an evening **Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 5.00 p.m.**, followed by a **communal Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, beginning at about 6.00 p.m.**, so that all ages can participate and enjoy local produce. The Supper is free of charge and open to all, whether or not they've been in Church, and it would be helpful for the volunteer caterers (who by now will know who they are!) if an estimate of numbers from individual households could please reach Bridehead (482232) a few days in advance.

The Social Club Committee has decided in principle to move its regular events from the first to the second Friday in the month, which means **Friday 13th October** this time, when there will another **Quiz Evening in the Hall**. Members' Bar opens at 7.30 p.m., with questions flying after about 8.00 p.m. (Having said which, next month's event will revert to the first Friday, 3rd November, with the customary bonfire, fireworks and supper afterwards in the Hall. Times and further details will be clarified in the next edition.)

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Poets' Corner

Autumn Storm

The west wind rages, blows up a storm
I sit in wonder at the break of dawn
The fuchsias still red, coming to an end
The threat of winter just round the bend

The rain lashes down, the leaves start to fall
The penstemon are fine, longer lasting than all
The glow of the fireside keeps me cosy and warm
While the west wind rages in the eye of the storm

The seagulls scatter above in the sky
The dahlias are finished and soon will die
And when the winds begin to ease
The leaves still fall in the autumn breeze

The cornus is turning slowly red
The green taking over the flowerbed
I should mend the roof of the shed
But there's always something to do instead

Out in the garden being blown around
A swan flies past - an incredible sound
The robin waits, the rooks they yell
Under the calm of St. Mary's bell

Picking up leaves and stacking benches
Tying back hedges and clearing trenches
Branches snapped and bushes torn
The garden withstood the westerly scorn

And so many things still left to do
The roses need pruning, the clematis askew
I settle down at the end of the day
The moon through the clouds keeps the darkness away

A purple glow in the early morn
The rage is forgotten the winds are gone
The sun is just beginning to show
Embracing us all with a warming glow



This poem came to me today - to share with you and say
Even when the skies are grey - there's always hope of a brand new day
You never know it might spark in you
Things you'd like to share with us too.

Claire