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Please note that the BVN-deadline for the January 2007 edition has to be brought forward to Sunday **10th December**, which means your village correspondent will need to receive your copy by Friday **8th November** at the latest. *Many thanks.*



THE RECTORY,
BURTON BRADSTOCK

FROM THE CLERGY



THE RECTORY,
LITTON CHENEY

Welcome to November! Welcome to clocks back and looking back: to servants of the Church named and un-named, to those we love but see no longer, to the memory of a disaster that never happened, to those who died in war in the service of our country, to summer holidays, and in my case to three years as local Rural Dean.

When people are first ordained into the Church of England, their friends are most ambitious for them. "Looking forward to being a Bishop or Archdeacon then" they say, when for most clergy, personal ambition is very low in their list of priorities. Certainly this was so for me, and I can remember deciding very early on that I could never be a Bishop (too old and not bright enough), and would never want to be an Archdeacon or Rural Dean (both more officials than servants of people, it seemed to me). So it was then when John Atkinson retired, the Bishop asked me to be acting Rural Dean, with this quite soon leading to the real thing. Tending to do what I'm asked (!), I accepted, but now my notice from that job has expired (31st October), and I have submitted my notice from Team Vicar in the Bride Valley and Priest-in-charge of Symondsburry (leaving in January).

Somebody has asked me what it was like being Rural Dean, and what I had learnt from this work. Just a few comments then:

- that God calls all sorts to be clergy,
- that no clergy has all the gifts that people expect, but none has none of the gifts,
- that despite her efforts to be democratic, the Church remains governed by bishops,
- that to grow, a Church must be welcoming and joyful,

- that, going with the previous thought, bad or non-existent publicity (secret knowledge) about the local Church and its life, leads to decline,
- that whether it's modern or traditional language used in worship, it makes little difference to the effectiveness of the Church in the local community. It is the attitude and sincerity of its people, which really count,
- that the Church must keep up with the times or at the very least be aware of change.
Inadequately resourced buildings or worship are a turn-off; the Church is dragging her feet both over environmental issues and effective management of her clergy,
- that there is a wonderful nucleus of people throughout the Deanery who are sacrificially loyal and faithful to the Church, who are indeed the saints of today.

So, on the subject of saints I'll leave it there. I could go on and on, even into a book, but that's it for the present. May God bless you all.

Anthony Ashwell

By the time you read this the clocks will have changed. For the small compensation of having an extra hour in bed, the benefit of which is all but gone by Monday, we are faced with the long darkening afternoons, the ever-colder nights and the strong instinct to curl up and hibernate the winter away.

It is the time of year when I envy fly fishermen – not that they are fishing, of course. But they do tie flies out of season, huddled over their tiny vice, with their threads and feathers and scraps of cloth. It always strikes me as being a very calm and meditative activity, full of patience and contemplation, which are the very best qualities for the passing of a long winter evening. And there is a great hopefulness about it, to be preparing a fly for the streams of May in the darkening days of November. It requires such an imagination as to see the river, to taste the air and to smell the warmth of the day to come, while the present one howls frozen outside the door.

So if I envy fly fishermen so much, why do I not become one? I am afraid I have patience for some things and not others. I do not have patience in my feet to stand on a bank fishing, and I do not have patience in my fingers for fiddling with small things I can barely see. I find myself needing the fingers of three hands while growing nothing but thumbs on the two I have.

But I have learned to be patient in other ways, because Christians have to. They are always looking forward to something, imagining things quietly and hopefully, and that makes them odd people in this day and age of impatience for things now. I find myself meditating in a slow and happy kind of a way, like a fisherman lost in the reverie of the one that will not get away this time. There is Christmas and Easter and Pentecost. The promise of the Kingdom and the hope of heaven, where the clocks will never change again, the days will never darken, and time will be no more.

Bob

From the Registers

Baptism

On 24th September Harriet Hansford was baptised in St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. She stood the test bravely, supported by Kelly and Matthew, her parents, and her Godparents Stuart Lindsay, Elizabeth Courtice, Louise Tattershall and Rachael Kershaw.

Weddings

On Saturday 16th September Gail Collier and Ian Samways were married in St. Mary's Church, Puncknowle. It was a lovely early autumn afternoon. The Church was rich in flowers of pink and cream. The guests set down to enjoy themselves and succeeded handsomely. The bride and groom looked radiant in the midst of a wonderful occasion.

St Mary's, Puncknowle celebrated a wedding again on 7th October, this time of James Long and Gemma Cullis. The village was stirred first by the arrival of the bride in an Aston Martin, and secondly with the evident joy and enormous happiness of the newly wed couple.

Funerals

On Friday 22nd September the funeral took place in St. Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge, of Elizabeth Anne Howlett, who had died peacefully after a short and sudden illness. The Church was filled with family and friends and people from the village and the valley, to remember one who was dearly loved and who will be sorrowfully missed. This service was followed on the Monday by a thanksgiving service, remembering Elizabeth's life, which was held at Milton Abbey. Both services were filled with the fond remembrance of one who was both deeply loved and admired. Elizabeth's husband, Geoffrey, spoke of her at both of the services, and at the second, was joined in his tribute by readings from their children and other remembrances from their grandchildren. We join them in prayers for the repose of her soul.

On Monday 2nd October in the cemetery at Burton Bradstock, the ashes were scattered of the late Alfreda Moore, along with those of her husband George. Freda nee White grew up in the Bakery in the village with her parents, who continued to live there until the 1970s. Freda herself left the village in her early twenties, some 60 years ago or more. She retained a great love of the place of her youth, and in her latter years expressed a wish that her ashes should be scattered near the graves of her parents. May she rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Valley Notes

Tiny Tots / Pram Service

Friday 10th November 11.00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church,
Burton Bradstock.

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

Yvette Smith 898219

First Steps Toddler Group

We meet on a Wednesday, every week in term time, at Long Bredy Village Hall, 10am - 12 noon. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents with preschool children. Let the little ones enjoy the wide range of toys and play equipment while you meet or make friends. 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. Hope to see you there!

The Bride Valley (Thursday) Fellowship Group

The Thursday Fellowship Group meets every Thursday for prayer and praise, or study and discussion.

Please phone Paul on 482346 for details of the venue. All most welcome.

Dates for November:

2nd Study; • 9th Prayer; • 16th Study; • 23rd Prayer; • 30th Study

Burton Bradstock CE VC School

Last month Class 3 enjoyed a memorable visit to the Tutankhamun Exhibition in Dorchester. The trip consolidated and enriched topic work begun in class and a great time was had by all.

Whilst the annual meeting/report to parents and governors is no longer a legal requirement, we nevertheless continued to meet together, albeit more informally than previously. Thus governors and staff shared something of past achievements and aspirations for the future. The P.T.A. similarly reported back and new members were welcomed.

This month sees the Cluster Cross Country event held at Symonsbury and also a five-a-side football tournament organised by Team Theme. Key Stage 1 children have the opportunity to begin an after school gymnastics club which will last for five weeks in total.

The school is also hosting the open meeting of the village website committee at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 21st November.

I often struggle to put pen to paper. What do BVN readers find interesting? What do they want to read about? There are always lots of things happening and amusing stories to tell but it is not always printable! However, especially amusing is the huge pile of correspondence that arrives each and every day and even during holidays when there is no one here. This takes the form of email, junk mail, information bulletins, catalogues, requests, questionnaires and newsletters etc. These come from all manner of places such as the DfES, County Council, charities, traders and generally anyone who doesn't know where else to send their 'stuff'. All in all these documents are excellent fodder for insomniacs. But why is it so amusing? Actually it isn't, but then if I didn't laugh I would cry.

Mark Stratta

Thorner's CE VA Primary School

At this time of the year school is quite quiet, we have a few sporting events such as football matches to take part in and fund raising events will soon be happening as we get closer to Christmas, which is a very busy time of year. We are busy collecting and filling shoeboxes to send to children less fortunate than ourselves at Christmas time, we are hoping to beat our record and reach 50 this year ... if you would like to help, do please either fill a shoebox or add to one in school.

Later this month the whole school will be travelling to Weymouth to watch a production of Joseph and his Technicolour Coat, we hope this gives our pupils the inspiration to put a huge effort into their performances in our Christmas production. The children will soon start rehearsing for the Christmas Production, preparing costumes, speeches, songs and working together until that final performance. Each member of school will have their part to play, however small or big, and each member of school is important to ensure that the whole audience enjoy themselves. We hope to make use of each individual's strengths and give the opportunity for many to show their talents. I hope that you are able to join us for this performance towards the end of term.

Don't forget to purchase your **LATCH calendar**, available from the school office from the middle of the month it contains a unique picture of the whole pupil population.

Alison Johnston, Headteacher

100 club winners for September:	£15	Tess Mulhall
	£10	Sara Hannam
100 club winners for October:	£15	Mrs E Frost
	£10	Monica Peto



BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS NEWS

In September, we held our A.G.M./Social in Fledglings Room at school - it was a convivial evening with lots of food and drinks to smooth the meeting along. Our new Committee of parents was voted in and those who agreed to take on running the playgroup are as follows:

Rachel Maltby:	Chair - with Kirsty Wills as Vice Chair
Paul Steele:	Treasurer
Kate Smith:	Secretary
Maria Maltby:	Fund Raising

Many thanks to them for taking it on - and for already injecting new ideas!! Look out for Posters about our

**CHRISTMAS MARKET on Saturday 25th November
starting at 4.30 p.m. at Thorner's School
plus details of our all new shopping WEBSITE**

Welcome to new boy Jacob Maltby, who has been extra keen to start coming along to play. What have we been up to so far this term - well we visited a local garden (thanks again to Paul Kingston) - and went for a village walk to the Mill House. On a lovely autumn day, we visited Littlebredy Lake to feed fish and ducks and had another good walk back up the hill to cars. Thanks to all parents who helped by coming along and providing transport - it was very enjoyable. By the time you read this, we will have had a visit from the Donkey Sanctuary, complete with real donkeys - getting the whole school involved as well as playgroup children. More about this next time!

Our numbers are slowly beginning to creep up but we **do** have spaces now available for more children **at all sessions**, morning and afternoon.

We are open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - please do call to arrange a visit - or drop in to see us in action.

We have started our own Webshop to help raise funds for the playgroup. At no extra cost to yourself, if you do your **Online shopping** through

www.buy.at/bridevalleyfledglings

we can earn commission on your purchases. There over **100** retailers available including M & S, John Lewis, and Littlewoods; Early Learning Centre, Adams and Mothercare. Just by taking a few minutes to complete the online consumer products survey will earn us 90p!! One supporter switched Electricity supplier from Southern to Scottish Power through our Webshop and saved themselves £55 a year, earning £17.50 for playgroup in the process!!

Please take a few moments to have a look and do a little community service along the way!!

Carol Bennett (Playleader) 482410 or 897771

Bride Valley Christmas Market
Saturday 25th November
4.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Thorner's School, Litton Cheney

Live Nativity	Father Christmas	Carols
Mulled wine	Grand Draw	Mincepies
Body Shop	Formative Fun	Usborne Books
Glitter Princess	Lavender Blue florist	Phoenix
Family Photos	Homemade goodies	

Plus more yet to be confirmed
In support of Bride Valley Fledglings Playgroup

Bride Valley Gardening Club



The first meeting of the month was on 9th October with the much awaited, superb speaker Anna Pavord on "Flowers for all Seasons". What a wonderful start to the new Gardening Club year. Anna has vast experience of gardening and gardening in the valley; she lived for many years in Puncknowle. Her wonderful style of delivery and excellent quality slides, held the 60 strong audience spell bound – let's hope we remember the names of the bulbs, flowers and shrubs she suggested and showed us. She kindly donated her fee to Macmillan Nursing.

The next meeting will be on Monday 13th November at 7.30 p.m. as usual at Thorner's School when David Ennals will be giving a broad talk on "Cacti".

We need suggestions for Speakers for next year 2007/8, which we have to plan now, so if you have some ideas, or would like a previous Speaker to return please contact any of the Committee. normamillard@aol.com

Norma Millard (covering for the Secretary's holiday) - 897774

The Lavender Trust Breast Cancer Care Coffee Morning

A vote of thanks to all who supported our coffee morning on Saturday 7th October. We have been able to send the Trust a cheque for £730.61.

Thank you all.

Mary Rawles

Mothers' Union

The Bride Valley Mothers' Union meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 2.30 p.m.

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

Yvette Smith 01308 898219

Ann Read 01308 897445

Elizabeth Slater 01308 897751

The Royal British Legion Bride Valley Branch

Poppy Appeal

Every year the people of the Bride Valley give generously to the Appeal and this year we ask you to be as generous as ever – if not more, so that the Legion can continue to support the ex-servicemen and women and their families who are in need. For the past 85 years, the Legion has helped the families of those men who died in the two world wars as well as the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in the conflicts that have followed. We think and pray especially for those who have lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan, and their families.

Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning will be held in the Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Thursday 9th November at 10.30 a.m. in aid of the Appeal. There will be a raffle and various stalls.

Remembrance Day Service

This year the Legion will be holding its Remembrance Day Service at St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock on **12th November at 10.45 a.m.**

Bride Valley Eastern End Christmas Party

The Christmas Party for all those children who live in the Eastern End of the Bride Valley will take place on Sunday 10th December 2006. If you are aged 0 – 11 years you are invited to Thorner's School between 3 and 5.00 p.m. Tickets are £1. All pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult and all children must bring a contact number with them. Tickets need to be purchased in advance preferably by Friday 1st December and should be available from Thorner's School and from individuals in each of the villages.

This Party has taken place for around 50 years. If the tradition is to continue we welcome the help, interest and support of any individual, group or organisation, to assist in any way.

Katharine Jones 482589 Elizabeth Kingston 482384

Bride Valley New Inn Lunch & Supper Clubs – November 2006

November Plan:

Thursday 2nd November – Supper Club – sold out

Monday 13th November – Lunch Club - beef dish as ‘special’ but alternatives available. To join in simply telephone me (John Grantham) asap, (01308-897935) but in any event by end Friday 10th November, (to check availability of places, and so I can give Garry the numbers).

Once your place is confirmed with me please arrive at The New Inn around 12.30 p.m. on Monday 13th November for lunch at 1.00 p.m., and pay on the day.

Wednesday 29th November – Supper Club – booking forms being sent to members by 3rd November latest (by email/post/hand).

Thursday 30th November – Supper Club – details being sent by 3rd November.

December Plan:

Details/booking forms will be sent at same time as end November booking forms (above).

We now have members from Burton, Pucknowle, Litton, Pymore, Bridport and Shipton – if you wish to join (membership free) please phone me on 01308-897935 for a membership form. There is a brief opportunity during the evening for members to mention any imminent interesting event(s) in their locality.

Garry and Sandra thank you for the sell-outs!

John Grantham

‘Litton Cheney in the Bride Valley’

I printed 1,000 copies of this book in 1993 and have none left. However, there is still a demand for it. I would be happy to buy unwanted copies in good condition for up to £10 per copy (original price £4.95) for resale. Please call 01308 482383

Hugh Lindsay

Just for a change we are beginning our 'journey through the Valley' in the East this month. Happy travelling!

The Editors

LITTLEBREDY



Thanks and congratulations are due to many people who contributed towards a memorable **Harvest Thanksgiving** on 8th October. The Church was decorated to an exceptional standard and a traditional Evensong service, punctuated by the familiar Harvest hymns, was a fitting prelude to the splendid Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, to which everyone there had brought something delicious. Visitors commented on how good an occasion it was, and that is certainly true.

Thanks to the magazine Editors' strong-arm tactics (fully justified!), these notes are having to be written and e-mailed off one day before we discover whether the locals have been able to repel boarders as far as success in the Social Club's Quiz Night in the Hall on the 13th October is concerned. Fingers crossed for a "home win" for once...

November's Social Club event reverts to the first Friday in the month, for obvious reasons, as Guy Fawkes Night will be celebrated with a **bonfire and fireworks on the village green on Friday 3rd November**, with the fire lit at about 6.30 p.m. and the first firework going off at 7.00 p.m.

Everyone attending is asked to contribute a decent firework, and ideally these will have been bought earlier and handed to Daniel Barrett, Simon Baxter or Glenn Wilkinson in advance.

There will be supper in the Village Hall afterwards, for which Guest Membership of the Club will be available. Weather permitting, it should be a great evening for as many as can come and share in it.

Bride Valley Eastern End Christmas Party

All children aged 0 – 11 years are invited to the Bride Valley Eastern End Christmas Party on Sunday 10th December, 3 – 5 pm at Thorner's School. All pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult and all children must bring a contact number.

Tickets £1 available in advance from Mandy 482525

LONG BREDY



Village Correspondent: Mrs Elinor Frost
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Long Bredy Parish News November

Welcome to Mark and Caroline Banham, who have come to live at 2 Long Bredy from where Jonathan and Claire Cook have moved along the lane to Long Bredy House. We hope they will all be very happy in their new homes.

The Village Hall Committee is planning to have another Christmas Party in December.

More details in the December issue of the Bride Valley News.

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LITTON CHENEY



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Congratulations!!

Best Small Community Village in Dorset

When we entered the competition, run by Dorset Community Action and sponsored by Calor, we never thought we could possibly win, but at the Awards Ceremony on Friday 6th October, Elizabeth and Paul Kingston were presented with a certificate, a plaque and a cheque for £200.

In 2004 Elizabeth set up a committee to compile and distribute the Vital Villages Survey, the results of which formed the basis of the Parish Plan, published in 2005. From the Parish Plan evolved new initiatives in the village such as the Producers' Markets, Adopt-a-Footpath, lunches at the Pub, the newsletter, and of course LATCH. These, in addition to our Church, School, Pub, Social Committee, Youth Club and Car Service were all highlighted in our winning competition entry. The prize money will go to LATCH, to help provide a long-lasting benefit to the whole village and locality.

Congratulations and thanks go to everyone who contributes to the organisation and running of our village amenities and to those who support our community here in Litton Cheney.

From St. Mary's PCC

The service at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 5th November, to be taken by the Rev Jean Thorn, will appeal especially to children – grown-ups are welcome too! Coffee, squash and biscuits as you leave.

The **Harvest Festival** offerings, from Thorner's School and the congregation, were delivered to the Pilsdon Community's "moving on" House in Dorchester where they were gratefully received.

Litton Cheney Social Committee

Harvest Supper was enjoyed by about 90 people, there was much dancing to the Bride Valley Band, therefore a big thank you to them and to the extras, who played with them.

Thank you to David and Ursula who provided the lovely meat and to Modbury Farm for the cream and to all who helped in any way.

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

Children in Need Evening – 10th November 7.00 p.m. in the Church. Entrance fee £1.00. (This is earlier than usual to avoid a clash with the official evening.) A very full programme has been put together including musical performers, singers, a quiz, our very own version of 'Room 101' using some volunteers (?) from Litton, a raffle and lots, lots more. There will be food and drink available for a donation. Let's see if we can top last year's figure and pass the £1000, there is not far to go. For more details contact David Taylor on 482532.

Saturday 11th November – **Village Walk**, meet at the Bus Shelter at 10.00 a.m. for a walk of about five miles.

For your diaries – **Carol singing** around the village, 14th and 15th December

Kathy Kourik - Secretary LCSC 482552

Bill and Veronica Kingston would like to thank everyone who sent cards, presents and donations for the Portesham surgery fund on the occasion of their **Golden Wedding Anniversary**. They would also like to thank family and friends, who made the evening such a success.

Christmas Producers' Market – Saturday 18th November

Our last Producers' Market of 2006 ends on a high note with a truly seasonal theme established at our first Christmas market last year.

Those who attended last year will know that there is a great deal to get excited about. Delicious things to eat and drink, things to order for Christmas (delivered to your door), things to give as presents, a glass of something seasonal and a chance to catch up with the latest gossip, plus meet with friends (not necessarily in that order!).

The market starts at 9.30 a.m. and goes through until 12.30 p.m., giving you ample time to shop. Because November's weather cannot be trusted we also decamp to Thorner's School, where we can stay dry and warm.

We very much hope to see you there.



**THE PRODUCERS'
CHRISTMAS MARKET**

in aid of
**The Joseph Weld & Trimar Hospice and
CancerCare Dorset Trust**

**THORNER'S SCHOOL LITTON CHENEY
SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER
9.30 AM - 12.30 PM**

**PLACE YOUR ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS
OR FIND JUST THE RIGHT GIFT
SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS - RAFFLE
FREE PARKING**

Once again the charity benefiting from the market proceeds will be **Dorset CancerCare**, which incorporates the Joseph Weld and Trimar Hospice. This is very much a local charity that deals with cancer, a disease that sadly affects us all either directly or indirectly. There are many worthy charities around, both locally and nationally, but we hope you feel this one is very much worth supporting.

Finally, our thanks to everyone who has supported the markets this year. Also grateful thanks are due to Cassie and John at The White Horse who have provided the venue and facilities throughout the year, plus some pretty tasty bacon butties. You cannot have a Producers' Market without producers, and we do appreciate their perseverance and support. We hope to see them and you in 2007 of which more news in December's BVN.

Litton and Thorner's Community Hall (LATCH) News Update



At the time of writing local fundraising and donations have reached £18,000, 36% of our target of £50,000. Thank you! Do please keep the donations coming. Our application for a major grant from the Big Lottery Fund has been despatched so it's fingers crossed until April 2007 when we would hope to be told that our stage one application has been approved and we can move on to stage two.

Meanwhile our fundraising programme continues. A good response to the **Photographic Competition** in September culminated in a Photographic Exhibition at Thorner's School on 29th /30th September. Congratulations to Simon Nobes, who won first prize, with Sally Dyke and Wendy Taylor coming a close 2nd and 3rd. Our thanks to Colin Varndell for judging the entries and John and Cassie at The White Horse, who provided a meal for two as one of the prizes. In the children's section, congratulations are also due to prize-winners, Megan and Tarran. See below for details of the 2007 Calendar using photographs from the competition.

LATCH will be taking a stall at the **Christmas Producers' Market** on **Saturday 18th November** when the recipe book "**Litton Cheney Cooks**" will be launched and will be available for purchase at a very attractive price. If you are looking for presents, look no further. The book has over a 100 pages of tried and trusted recipes, many with a local connection, contributed by the people of Litton Cheney and the Bride Valley. Also available will be the **2007 Litton Cheney and Bride Valley Calendar** compiled from the winning entries in the Photographic Competition. Watch 2007 go by with beautiful images of this particular part of Dorset in which many of us are lucky to live and work.

The Copper Trail is already well under way, and to those who have already off loaded their copper at the school – many thanks. The school children plan to create an enormous copper ammonite from the collected coins and need your help to complete it in time for the Christmas Producers' Market on 18th November. So, if you can't move in your house because of all the copper coins you have saved, salvation is at hand. **Please take it to the school office at Thorner's on or before Saturday 18th November.** Many thanks.

More information on LATCH and the community hall can be found on the Litton Cheney website (www.littoncheney.org.uk) or from Ron Davidson (482661) or John Firrell (482313)

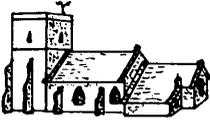
Lite Litton Ladies

Mondays at 6.00 pm to 7.30 p.m. at Litton Cheney Church Hall. For more details contact Alison Davidson on 482661. Please note there will be no class on Monday 13th November.

November Dates: 6th, 20th and 27th only

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PUNCKNOWLE SWYRE WEST BEXINGTON

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Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall in Puncknowle on Tuesday 7th November

Madeline Marshall, Chair Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council

The Napper Charity – Puncknowle

The Napper charity is for the “relief of the poor of Puncknowle”. We have a small fund available for distribution at Christmas. Any person who considers themselves eligible may make an application for a share of these funds. People on Income Support or Guaranteed Pension Credit will be given priority but other applications are likely to be considered.

Anyone wishing to apply for Relief should apply “in confidence” to the Clerk of Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council (Mrs C Buckland, West Mill Farm, Puncknowle, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 9BU. Telephone 01308 897726) by Friday 10th November 2006.

Puncknowle Art Group

Our visit to the exhibition of pottery and paintings at Eype Church was both pleasant and inspiring. The following meeting was spent working on various ways of using pen and wash.

Dates for November: 3rd -- new media, 17th -- colour distribution.

1st December -- Bronwen Coe.

Advent Trail Sunday 3rd December

Advent Trail around Puncknowle with clue sheet £1 bought at Lych Gate Café.

Free mince pies and coffee. Starting 10.30 a.m. (after 9.30 Advent Service). Anyone willing to make or house a figure/tableau please phone Ann Roberts 897716 or Sue Brown 897953.

Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall

This is the first of monthly updates on the refurbishment of your hall in Puncknowle. As many of you have seen, the doors and windows have been painted in a brighter colour and the skips outside the hall have given a clue that building work has started..

The new toilet block is progressing well and will be ready for use by the time you read this. A new floor has been laid in the entrance lobby improving the access for wheelchairs.

The hall is available for letting so all of you with thoughts of starting a new venture please get in touch. We hope to be able to offer concessionary terms for clubs and societies wishing to hire on a regular basis. Ideas are also welcome as to what you would like to see happening. Your hall needs to be used for the benefit of all residents of Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington.

David Buckland On behalf of the Village Hall committee.

Debbie Legge

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you all for the wonderful watery gifts and donations for my 40th birthday party. We raised over £500 for Water Aid, which will provide a water supply for over 1000 people.

A great result, so thank you all for helping me celebrate.

Debbie Legge

Homewatch Traffic Light Warning System

You may be aware that we have started to roll out the Traffic Light Warning System at various locations in Puncknowle and West Bexington.

How the traffic light warning system works

Living in a rural community it is sometimes very difficult to communicate. Homewatch updates quickly to everyone. The warning system is designed to help each local Homewatch representative to inform neighbours of crime in the quickest possible way. The signs are placed where most people can see them often at the representative's discretion. The idea is not to blitz the villages of signs but at the same time make sure that all can see them.

There are three types of warning signs.

Status Green: No crime reported although this does give information on crime communication

Status Amber: Warning of crime that has occurred in the West Dorset area, which could affect our community, or Crime Prevention initiatives.

Status Red: Reported crime in our immediate community or in the Bride Valley Area.

How the signs are updated

Under normal circumstances the signs will remain green.

The Homewatch officer and deputies will receive detailed information from Ringmaster or the Police directly. They will then decide which status it comes under. They then print a report, which can be attached to either the red or amber signs. These are then given to each local representative to attach to a sign. Notices should be shown as follows:

one week for red and three weeks for amber. The signs will always change from red to amber after one week in order for all to be informed.

After Christmas a survey will be sent out to all residents to ensure that the system is working and to answer any queries people may have.

Attempted Break-In to Car

The signs went to red on 8th September when a car parked in a lay-by in Swyre Road had a door forced opened between 12.45 and 14.45. Nothing appeared to be stolen; there was a similar incident near Ashley Chase.

If you did see anything suspicious around that time please let Dorset police know on 01305 222222 or alternatively contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Incidents like this are reminders that although we live in safe community we must always be vigilant.

Homewatch Meeting held on 7th September

Thank you to all those who attended the meeting at Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall. Those who were unable to attend please contact Andy Marshall for minutes of the meeting.

Andy Marshall - 897732

Bride Valley Eastern End Christmas Party

All children aged 0 – 11 years are invited to the Bride Valley Eastern End Christmas Party on Sunday 10th December, 3 – 5 pm at Thorner's School. All pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult and all children must bring a contact number. Tickets £1 available in advance from 897068 (Sally)



“Follow the Yellow Brick Road”

to the Crown Inn, Puncknowle
on 9th December at 4.00 p.m.
and see what you could find!



Stalls ■ Santa's visit ■ Music ■ Mulled Wine ■ Seasonal Food
All proceeds go to Julia's House Dorset Children's Hospice

We are arranging another visit by Father Christmas on the 9th December and are looking for donations of cakes, small toys, Christmas gifts, etc. We are also looking for helpers to run stalls and games. Please contact Sid Marshall - 897318

SWYRE



Village Correspondent: Sid Marshall
3 Green Barton, Swyre - (01308) 897318
s.marshall@which.net

Holy Trinity Church

Once again we had a most enjoyable Harvest weekend. Much pleasurable chat, creativity and hard work were happily shared on Saturday morning, as we gathered to decorate the Church in celebration of our **Harvest Festival**. The Sunday service was most fitting for Harvest Thanksgiving, with full use made of our visiting organist, David Woodforde from Burton, in a sung Evensong service. Finally more convivial conversation was shared over the Cheese and Wine that followed, making an excellent end to the celebrations. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed in any way to the weekend, and to those who shared the Sunday evening with us.

Saturday 11th November, from 10.00 a.m., **Churchyard Working Party**. For those of you without other commitments on this morning, and weather permitting, this will be our last effort for this year. If you could possibly give just a little of your time during the morning it would be a great help in tidying up before the winter. Hope to see some of you there!

Thursday 23rd November, 2.30 p.m., **PCC** meeting at Hollybush.

Saturday 2nd December, from 10.30 a.m., **Advent Coffee Morning and Sale**.

This vital and well established fundraising event will be held in Swyre Church. There will be refreshments to enjoy, a raffle, cakes, preserves and many other goodies to buy, much with a Christmas touch. Please do your best to come along and support your village Church. Contributions towards the sale will be very much appreciated.

Yvonne Buckland and Vera Hirst, Church Wardens

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SHIPTON GORGE

Village Correspondent: Mrs Barbara Chambers
Stoneacre, Shipton Gorge – (01308) 897482
barcol@bchambers.wanadoo.co.uk

Parish Council Matters

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th November 2006 commencing at 7.30 p.m. Subsequent meetings will be held on 10th January, 14th March and 9th May 2007.

Remembrance Sunday

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

Dorset Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride

This year ten people took part in this event on Saturday 9th September, and we were blessed with a perfect day for cycling and walking. We would like to say a very big THANK YOU to our generous sponsors who support our efforts every year. The total raised was £239, half of which will benefit St. Martin’s Church – so congratulations everyone!

Janet Lane

Land behind Peas Hill, Shipton Gorge

Magna Housing Association met with the Shipton Gorge Parish Council on Thursday 28th September to discuss the latest plans for the development of the site behind Peas Hill. Both Magna and the Parish Council wish to see a development of affordable housing, which is suitable both in terms of scale and the local environment.

Magna indicated that, unless grant funding becomes available, the development would need to be self-financing. They also said that the development did not need to make a profit to support any other projects. Following the rejection of their recent planning application, Magna have started discussions with the local planners to find out what would be acceptable to them in terms of scale and style. They will then return to the existing residents and the Parish Council to discuss how the site can be developed to meet local needs for affordable housing in a way that is also more acceptable to the local community.

Ernie Thomas - Parish Clerk

New Inn Support Limited

The official opening of the New Inn took place on Friday 29th September and was a very successful, happy occasion.

Both the Right Hon. Oliver Letwin and the Reverend Bob Thorn gave superb speeches, which Bob followed with a blessing. The pub was filled with well-wishers together with representatives from CAMRA and 'Pub is the Hub'.

We should like to thank the village for its support in this venture, for the commemorative plaque for the pub and for the flowers and tankards that have been presented to us.

We wish Gary and Sandra every success for the future at the New Inn.

David Smith, Eddy Buck, Ann Hunt, Sally Parker

Shipton Gorge Village Society

Coffee Mornings at the New Inn (from 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.) started on Friday 13th October. Coffee, hot chocolate or tea with a choice of toasted teacake, toast or Danish pastry, £2.50.

Senior Citizens Lunches at the New Inn started on Monday 30th October at 12.30 p.m. A choice of menu from: Fish, Chips and Peas; Beef & Vegetable Casserole with Potatoes and Vegetables; Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Vegetables. All priced at £4.50.

Come along, have a chat and make new friends! Contact Sally on 897168 for more information.

Artsreach: Dangerous Curves

Wednesday 15th November at 7.30 p.m in the Village Hall

This is a sparkling show of fun, humour and harmony from Dorset 's own all female a capella group. These three hilarious, outrageous ladies lampoon anything and anyone, but especially themselves. Then with a turn of a song and razor sharp harmonies they hold you spellbound!

This show will be conducted in 'cabaret style' with the audience seated at tables, so please feel free to bring your own refreshments to help the evening go with a swing! Glasses and nibbles will be provided.

Tickets are available from Doris Benselin – 01308 897562 – or from the New Inn, Shipton Gorge priced at £6 in advance or £7 on the door (if still available).

Shipton Gorge Ramblers

This month we meet on Friday 17th November at the usual place – the telephone kiosk in Brook Street at 10.30 a.m. We walk for about 2 hours, not too far from our village, and I hope we can all enjoy lunch at the New Inn afterwards – I have booked us in already!

Looking ahead to December, several members have requested a slightly shorter walk followed by Christmas lunch at the pub, so I have booked us in for Friday 15th December at 12.30 p.m. Please let either Vicky or myself know as soon as possible if you can come to the lunch.

Vicky Thomas & Janet Lane

Shipton Gorge Pre-Christmas Get Together

Come and join in the Village “Pre Christmas Get Together” on Sunday 3rd December, 12.00 – 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Please bring a bottle or two and some eats for the table.

This is a good opportunity to meet up with friends old and new, and especially for all newcomers to the Village to meet everyone and make new friends.

If you need any further information please contact:

Christine or Robert Cornish on 897833.

Shipton Gorge Village Hall 100 Club - October Draw Winners

£20 No 39 Brian & Brenda Lavell

£10 No 61 Eddy Buck

BURTON BRADSTOCK



Village Correspondent: Volunteers please

Our thanks to John Grantham for all his work this month *The Editors*

Burton Bradstock Village Society

We were all given a very personal insight into the country life of a farmer’s wife and writer, when Lucy Pinney gave us a talk entitled ‘Town and Country’, on 29th September

Lucy began writing through letters, local journals and glimpses of peoples’ lives. After marrying a farmer and becoming a country wife she began to write articles about country life for the Observer, Cosmopolitan and She magazines, and the National Trust. She then did a weekly diary for the Saturday Times magazine.

She became an established writer for the Times when, very sadly her husband left her and her family. Stoically, she eventually overcame this trauma and used the change of direction and lifestyle to enhance her writing and six years later wrote her first book.

So altogether a very personal and intimate portrait of her life was greatly appreciated by all.

Next Talk: Friday 17th November, 7.30 p.m.: “Communications between the Crimean War and World War One” by Cliff Walters, Head of Royal Signals Museum.

Addendums:

* Ken Short’s work in producing a fine lectern for the Society was warmly applauded. The lectern was gratefully used by Lucy Pinney. (No longer is our solution a table, with a briefcase on its side, and then a cardboard box on top of this, to enable speakers to have their notes at reading level! We also plan to fit a light to the lectern shortly to enable notes to be readable by the speaker during slide shows when all other lights are off.)

*The Society is looking for a member to sit on the Hive Beach Management Committee to represent the views of the Society. If interested, please contact me or Peter Colbert, chairman.

Peter Dutton

Christingle Service

A Christingle Service will be held in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock on Sunday 3rd December.

The service begins at 4 p.m. and there will be a tea afterwards in the Village Hall for all who attend.

All most welcome to join us.

Proceeds to the Children’s Society



Parish Plan Adopted

The Burton Bradstock Parish Plan was adopted by the Parish Council at the October meeting. The final version of the Parish Plan can be downloaded from Burton Bradstock Online. Full printed versions and a summary will be available in the New Year.

A big thanks is extended to everyone who contributed ideas and thoughts to the plan. Darren Batten will be responsible for ensuring the action plan is implemented and that the Parish Plan makes a difference to life in Burton Bradstock

Dave Dixon - 898620

Children's Society

Will anyone who has not yet handed in their boxes please leave them at Burton Bradstock Post Office, Bridge Cottage Stores or contact Greta Heal, 9 Barr Lane, Tel: 897539, or Basil Dent, 2 Norburton as soon as possible please. Many thanks

Greta Heal

St. Mary's Church and the Leprosy Mission

On Sunday 5th November the Reverend Dr. Ray Burnish, who is the regional representative of the Leprosy Mission, will be visiting Burton Bradstock to talk about the Mission. He has kindly undertaken to attend three services in St. Mary's on that Sunday, at 9.30 and 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

His presentation will be illustrated and is sure to be interesting and instructive. The Leprosy Mission is a most worthwhile cause and deserves all the support we can give it, so do please come if you can and hear what he has to say. *The Mission Sub-Committee of Burton Bradstock PCC*

RBL Remembrance Service

This year the Royal British Legion Remembrance Service will take place in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock on Sunday 12th November beginning at 10.45 a.m.



Macmillan thanks

Many thanks to all those villagers and visitors who supported St. Mary's Coffee Morning on Saturday 23rd September, there was an excellent number of people who joined us for coffee and homemade biscuits. A total of £242.20 has been sent to Macmillan Cancer Support.



Lesley Dove

Albania Evening – 15th September 2006

A rare treat, including a traditional Albanian snack with music, was enjoyed by over 50 people in Burton Bradstock, who heard from Heather and Ryder Rogers about the ten years, which they spent as Missionaries in this special country.

In a most informative and entertaining way we heard about the key position which Albania occupies a short distance across the Adriatic Sea from Italy and of its often troubled history which has resulted in very poor conditions for the majority of the population following the communist regime. It is from this situation that the country is slowly emerging. It is a beautiful land but one of great contrasts in every sense. It is a place where sanitation is very basic and the services erratic but over half the population have mobile phones.

It has very traditional customs including blood sacrifices and elaborate wedding and funeral rituals. There is a great sense of community and close family life although the position of women is still very inferior. Male children are welcomed and spoiled but females are almost treated as slaves within their husband's household. A culture of violence and vengeance still prevails and the use of automatic machine guns and the practice of bribery are rife. In spite of all this the Albanians have a great sense of humour and love British slapstick comedy and are passionate about football and positive about the future.

The work carried out by Ryder and Heather spreading the Christian message and helping to produce and market craft items and similar activities in no small part added to the wellbeing of the people where they lived.

This story was told and ably acted out by Heather and Ryder in a myriad of different characters assisted by James and Charlie Rowen and Claire Viney. Part of it was seen through the eyes of their dog in a most moving way and a fascinating quiz helped to improve our knowledge of the country.

Understanding the language was a challenge but we were all helped by a hilarious performance of “Call My Bluff” ably chaired by Steve Dove and performed by Audrey Smith, Susan Moores and Philip Howse.

In short, a good time was had by all and we had a most uplifting experience. The event raised over £146 from the sale of Albanian crafts and donations of £255 for the Charities being supported by the Church this year.

Enormous thanks are due to Heather and Ryder for sharing the details of this difficult and dangerous but greatly rewarding part of their lives in such a wonderful way.

Peter Broomhead

Home Watch - November

What value a dog? “Massive”, dog lovers say.

A major side benefit is of course the extra security they give: the Police rate a dog as one of the very best deterrents to crime you can have.

It is suggested that if you *have* a dog of any sort, you should announce this via a sign on your gate or door: people should ‘Beware of Dog’. A sign of course can also go on working for you if you have taken the dog out for a walk or are away for a few days. The sign that makes *me* think twice about delivering mail past a garden gate is ‘Beware of dog – enter at your own risk’.

Dog signs cost £2.49 in Bridport - not a bad insurance action for dog owners...

John Grantham

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.

Start: 7.30 p.m. Tickets cost £8.00 and are available from Burton Post Office or from myself.

Norman Saunders-White 01308 897214

WI Christmas Coffee Morning

in the Village Hall

Saturday 25th November 10.30 till 12 noon



Stalls raffle and more

All welcome

Moviola – Saturday 11th November 2006



‘Memoirs of a Geisha’ will be shown at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 11th November in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Tickets will be £4.50 each and will be on sale 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*

‘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 and musical entertainment with supper in the Village Hall from 7.30 p.m. More details will follow in December’s BVN and local notices

Susan Moores 01308 897673

Burton Bradstock Bridge Group

Meet on **Tuesdays** (excl. 14th Nov & 12th Dec)
in the Village Hall at 2.00 p.m.

New members welcome (a little experience necessary).

Further information available from Chris Clarke on 01308-898117.



Digital Photo Competition

Thanks to everyone who entered this competition (which is now closed). We received 269 submissions on a very wide range of topics and now await advice from the judges as to who is on their short list.



These finalists’ entries will be displayed on the village web site (www.burtonbradstock.org.uk) at the end of October, and the winners will be announced during the programme at the Burton Bradstock ONLINE Open Evening at the school on 21st November (see separate notice below).

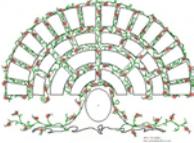
All those short-listed will be specifically invited, but anyone else who is interested is also very welcome to attend. *Ken Pett – 01308 897 550*

Barn Dance – Saturday 27th January 2007

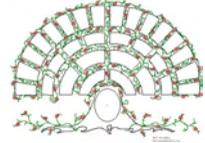
David Powell & The Bride Valley Band will be returning to the Village Hall on Saturday 27th January 2007. Come along and enjoy what has become a fun experience at the Village Hall and see your friends attempt to keep up with David’s calling! Tickets will be available from Burton Bradstock Post Office in early January. Keep looking at the Notice Boards around the village for more details.

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

BURTON BRADSTOCK ONLINE



invites you to an
OPEN EVENING
Burton Bradstock School



Tuesday 21st November 2006 - 7.30 p.m.

You are invited to an evening where you will have the opportunity to:

- ❖ Hear about new facilities in the village including how to trace your family tree
- ❖ Learn about the 'Dorset Migration Index'
- ❖ Hear about the latest web site developments & how to find information about your village
- ❖ Find out about new potential computer courses.
Tell us what you would like to learn e.g. Basic Computing, Tracing Family Trees, Using the Internet, Internet Shopping, E-mails, Digital Photography and more...
- ❖ Try out a computer to research your family history, visit the village website or browse the Internet - we will help you
- ❖ See the school and hear about the latest facilities.
Slide show of entries for digital photography competition

Digital photo competition winners will be announced

▶ **Wine & Nibbles** ◀

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**HURRY! LAST CHANCE!  
ONLY 9 DAYS LEFT  
IF YOU WANT TO HAVE YOUR  
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN THE  
BVN THIS DECEMBER!**

As a reminder, 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). Donations will be split between the BVN & the Joseph Weld Hospice.

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

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

I need this information, along with the donation, **no later than 9th November**, in order to catch the deadline for the December issue, so there's no time to lose!

*Ken Pett, Mill Gate House, Annings Lane, Burton Bradstock, Bridport,  
Dorset DT6 4QN. Tel: 01308 897 550*

## **Burton Bradstock W.I.**

The October meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month heard Christopher Asbury from Frome talking on "The Humorous Side of Teaching". He is a much experienced teacher of French and German and it came over how much he loved his job. He came into teaching by varied route, working first for Unigate until he needed more! With a language degree, he decided to do a teaching course at Exeter, as a mature student - this was the beginning.

He divulged how his sticky out ears had led to him being bullied as a child, and how important it was to get to know your pupils to pick up on the inner problems - being a good listener was vital. He still enjoys the School trips, taking pupils to France etc. but most of all he enjoys his camping trips with the pupils - despite not actually getting much sleep, usually returning straying teenagers back to their own tents!

Margaret Holmes chaired the meeting and Agnes Barham took the minutes. Flower of the month was won by Carol Beeton with a beautiful pink dahlia. Well done Carol. (Dig that one up when you move!)

Thanks to all who supported the Coffee Morning on 19<sup>th</sup> October in aid of the Stroke Association. The amount finally raised will be published in the Bride Valley News next month.

The next meeting will be 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15 p.m. Please note our change to afternoon meetings for the winter months.

## **Burton Bradstock Village Hall (BBVH)**

### **200 Club – October 2006 Draw – Congratulations to:**

|            |        |                   |        |
|------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| 1st Prize: | No.174 | Mrs Audrey Smith  | £36.20 |
| 2nd Prize: | No. 23 | Mr Darren Batten  | £18.10 |
| 3rd Prize: | No.103 | Mr David Suckling | £ 9.05 |

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the November-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £2 – one pound for each of the remaining 2 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

*The Village Hall Trust is a trust registered with the local authority, the West Dorset District Council. Lotteries Licence No. LA005*



**Burton Bradstock W.I.**  
**Quiz Night**  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2006  
7 for 7.30 p.m.  
Burton Bradstock Village Hall



Tickets from the Post Office £4 each including Nibbles.  
Bring your own wine etc.

**Posada** (a Spanish word meaning 'Inn') – **Travelling Crib**

The idea of Posada originates in Mexico where people dress up as Mary and Joseph, going from house to house telling people about Jesus and asking for a room. As part of our Advent preparation we are inviting all households in our congregation to make room for the figures of Mary and Joseph from our Christmas Crib. Each of us will make room for them for one night or more and then take them on to another home, so that by Christmas Eve Mary and Joseph will have travelled around the parish, eventually being brought to the Crib Service in church by the final hosts. This will take place on Christmas Eve Family Service around the Crib at 5.00 p.m.

Each household needs to prepare a place for the figures. A small night light or candle should be lit. A few short prayers can be said, which will be provided. Simple refreshments could be offered (squash, coffee, biscuits, mince pies).

Mary and Joseph will be presented to the first home, in Church, on 29th November to begin their journey around the parish. In this way we will prepare ourselves to make room for the Lord in our hearts and homes this Christmas, not just as individuals and families but together as a Christian community.

**Please add your name to the list on the table in the south aisle of St. Mary's Church if you wish to take part** *Ann Read - 897445*

# Beyond the Valley



## **Christmas Wreath Workshop**



Come along and create your own beautiful door wreath  
**Saturday 9th December** at Portesham Village Hall, 2:00-4:00 pm

**OR**

**Sunday 10th December** at Lodders Village Hall, 2:30-4:30 pm

**Admission by ticket only** Price includes all materials needed to make and decorate a mixed foliage door wreath, mulled wine, mince pies, tea & coffee

**All for just £10 per person** - Limited places available so book early

Contact Angela on 01308 482183

## **The 'Wedding Fair' at Kingston Maurwood**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Mothers' Union Lyme Bay Deanery Chairman, Ros McLachlan, wishes to thank all those who supported this event. The 'Wedding Fair' was staged to try to make people aware that the Church does have a relevant part to play, not only in the wedding itself but also throughout life. The least we hope is that couples will think that there is a spiritual aspect as well as the commercial side to a wedding.

*Ann Read*

## Lee Abbey Weekend in Bridport

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - 7.00 – 9.00 p.m.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Day Conference: 10.00 – 12.00 noon  
and 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. Supper available. Healing Service 7.00 p.m.

St. Mary & St. Catherine's Church, Victoria Grove, Bridport

Details will be in churches throughout the valley,

*Ann Read - 01308 897445*

## Charity Concert

**Elizabeth Thornburn** and **Bridget Pearse** are offering another

### Very Unusual Classical Concert For all the family



Symondsbury Church  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 6.30 p.m.  
in aid of



The Special Baby Care Unit at Dorset County Hospital

A similar concert was very successful last April in St. Mary's, Litton Cheney, so this one is arranged to be in Symondsbury Church to extend the range, but it is likely that friends from the Bride Valley will be the main audience!

Elizabeth Thornburn: Organ, Virginals and Piano

Bridget Pearse: Violin & Viola

The classical programme is largely 17th and 18th Century composers, including Rebel, Peerson, Bloch, Correlli and Telemann.

*Josephine Pearse*



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# Lets Do It!

*A magical multi-media mix of memories and music  
celebrating*

*Noel Coward & Cole Porter*



**Come to a marvellous party**

**Eyep Centre for the Arts**

St Peter's, Eyep

Friday 3 November 7.30 pm

Tickets: £10/£8.50 concs.

Box Office: tel Liz Nelson on: 01308 427080

Eyep Centre for the Arts – Tickets: Telephone 01308 427080

All proceeds to Motor Neurone Disease Association  
West Dorset Branch



**Bridport Christian Meditation Group**

**Saturday 25th November 2006**

9.45 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

at Friends Meeting House, South Street, Bridport

Special guest: **Veronica Ziegler** - Theme: 'The Quiet Garden'

## Poets' Corner

### Need

Do we *need* to have such need  
to hoard the things we love with greed?  
To spend our money quite so much  
Buy *another* 'phone to keep in touch.

What about the ones who crave  
a bowl of soup - their child to save?

A drop of water to keep them going  
To know the seed will keep on growing

Do we need to throw away  
that coat we bought for Christmas Day?  
To squander pounds on pairs of shoes  
To buy TVs in fours not twos

Why not sit and think of those, who never get to buy new clothes.  
Next time the mirror is at hand, see the mother search the sand  
for food to feed her baby.  
You never know – you may need less – ... **just maybe.**



### Village Litter Pick

Twice a year it comes around, a treasure hunt of sorts  
A group of jolly volunteers, all of them good sports  
A little band of helpers armed with gloves and bags  
We delved into the hedges to look for cans and rags

At least we all were smiling as we searched among the litter  
And soon enough 'twas time for us to enjoy a pint of bitter



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