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FROM THE RECTORY

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PLEASE excuse me on June 1st. I am going to be a comedy character. In the morning I am booked into the dentist to have a tooth out. It broke on me last year when it and I were on holiday tucking into a bit of baguette. O Dear, I thought in a foolish kind of way, because these things are always a rather silly surprise. A gloomy dentist gouged into the mess with a glue pot whilst wagging his head and saying that the repair might last a year but would probably be only good for six months. I asked him to stop wagging his head and he said it would not make any difference, and anyway, he had a reputation for gloominess to maintain. He was right; he had, and six months it was.

Beware of bread products, I warn you. It was on a piece of toast, early in the new year, that the repair gave way and took with it a fair sized chunk of my failing fang. It doesn't hurt, but it has to go. And so there I will be in a few weeks time frozen from the injection, the side of my face swollen, and if I have any sense of the comic proprieties of the occasion, my face tied about with a tea towel knotted on the top of my head.

I know how this works because it has happened to me before. And one of the surprising sub-plots of the whole sketch is how much I miss my tooth. All of a sudden and far too late, I recall that we have been a part of one another from my early youth, albeit of late in a pretty patched and unlovely condition.

Together we have chewed food on many of the most memorable occasions of my life. Now we are going to be wrenched apart. My tooth is going to be broken out of its socket (that creaking noise that you can hear through the inside of your head) jiggled out of my mouth and thrown away as if it were a mouldy piece of bread.

The days will pass, and after all, a tooth is just a tooth. It would have been better if I had brushed it more diligently in times gone by, and if I had been much more cautious about crunching crusts (those malignant tooth terrorists). But I will survive without my broken and condemned stump, and for a little while will brush my remaining teeth that little bit better. After that I will sigh, and realise that no amount of brushing will turn my teeth back into the little pearls they once were.

So it is a very good job, I reassure myself that I am not so neglectful of my soul. Now, losing that would not be funny at all.

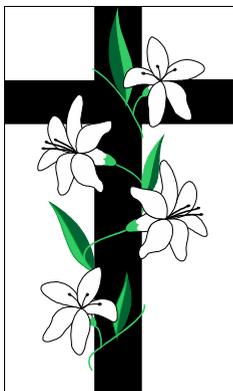


FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

Rory Michael Peter Champion was baptised on 27th of April at St Michael and all Angels, Littlebredy. Rory was supported by his brother, Aidan, who had bravely shown the way in February of last year.

Following that good example, Rory was a model of dignity and spiritual calm, only uttering the smallest of complaints in the face of many photographs after the ceremony. The whole family, in good voice, sung hymns during the service. Rory's aunt and uncle, Paul and Claire, two of his new Godparents, sang *Amazing Grace* in honour of the occasion.



FUNERALS

The funeral of **Michael John Cooper**, late of the Parish of Littlebredy, was held at Weymouth Crematorium on Friday, April 11th. The Mourning was led by his wife, Pat, and their sons, Paul and Gary. Many friends and family remembered Michael's indomitable humour and good will in the face of a life with more than its share of difficulties. He and Pat were one another's strength and reliance. In her time of loss she is surrounded and helped by her close family and many good friends.

At the service the hymns, *Morning has broken*, and *God is working His purpose out*, were sung in thankful remembrance, and afterwards the mourners gathered at Littlebredy hall.

John Crook Huxtable lived in Shipton Gorge and then in Burton Bradstock until moving to Bishopsteignton. His funeral service was held in Torbay Crematorium before his ashes were interred in the Churchyard of St Mary's, Burton Bradstock, where the remains of his late wife are laid to rest. St George's day, April 23rd was an appropriate day to remember a brave soldier who had fought at El Alamein. Tom, his close friend of many years, gave a tribute describing his life and the service he gave to the communities in which he lived. The mourning was led by Liz, his daughter, Alan his son in law, and Chris, his daughter in law. Three generations of family joined friends from the area in prayers for the repose of his soul.

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

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE

7TH AUGUST 2008

The theme for this year's Fete "Farming and the Countryside" is being well developed, but any further ideas would still be welcome, and the planning of the "Celebration of Flowers" is moving forward apace.

All the usual stalls and games plus some new ones will be in the Rectory Garden and in the Churchyard, and plenty of volunteers are needed to help. If you can do so please let me or Susan Paul (01308 897381) know.

In next month's BVN there will be a full list of the main stallholders and their needs. In the meantime please collect together your bric-a-brac, books and bottles and start making cakes and preserves in readiness for the 7th of August.

Thank you. *Peter Broomhead, Fete Co-ordinator (01308 897408)*

TEA ON THE RECTORY LAWN.

Bob and Jean invite residents of the Bride Valley, visitors and guests to tea on the Rectory lawn on the following dates, in aid of charity:

Sunday, 13 th July,	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Sunday, 20 th July,	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Sunday, 3 rd August,	3.00pm - 5.00pm

Cream teas will be served at the bargain price of £5.00 per cream tea, drink as much tea as you like.



Do come and wander around the garden, meet our dogs and enjoy a relaxed Sunday afternoon. In the event of rain, sadly, we will postpone.

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

M. Southgate stood down as Chairman of Burton Bradstock Parish Council at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May 2008. He had been a member of the Council for nine years, the last six as Chairman.

Mike had been involved in numerous village projects such as the purchase and running of the Post Office, the refurbishment of the play area, road safety campaigns, work with the National Trust regarding the Hive

Beach car park and very recently with the potential purchase of the Village Library.

A. Mackie the new Chairman marked his departure by presenting him with a golf club and vouchers to the value of £300, as a grateful show of thanks from the village and its wider community. Anne Southgate was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

FROM THE EX-PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN.

As I stepped down from being a Councillor and Chairman of the Parish Council, I received many appreciative words of thanks. At my last council meeting I was presented with some wonderful gifts, and Anne too received a gorgeous bouquet, for which many of you had very generously contributed.

I felt it was an honour to receive these and would like to thank you for your generosity and kindness. It was a rewarding and enjoyable experience to serve on our council.

Mike Southgate

BURTON BRADSTOCK YOUTH CLUB

Burton Bradstock Youth Club is closed at the moment due to lack of adult volunteers to help with its operation. Without a commitment from adults in the village it will not re-open.

The Club normally operates fortnightly on a Friday evening from 7pm till 8.30pm.

If you are interested and would like to help, please contact Fel Moore, Parish Clerk on 01308 459001



HOME WATCH –

NO UNINVITED DOORSTEP TRADERS SCHEME

Thank you to all who attended the meeting on 2nd May in the Village Hall on the ‘Cold Calling Control Zone’. Here we heard that as many as almost half the village had voted via the Trading Standards questionnaires, and that of all those who voted no less than 92% said they backed forming a CCCZ in Burton.

It is good news that Burton has subsequently been confirmed, along with one area in East Dorset, to be the first pilot areas to run this scheme in Dorset, which has brought a very significant reduction in crime in and around the home, and in the fear of crime, elsewhere in the UK.

By now you will have received – or it will be with you very shortly - your home’s pack letting you know what the new scheme means for you, together with advice on how to benefit from it.

Please display the new 'No Uninvited Doorstep Traders' cards right away – they are cards as some stickers last time wrinkled, so it's back to good old-fashioned, and cheaper, cards. (Please remove the old red 'No Doorstep Traders stickers' and dispose of them.)

In reading your pack from the Trading Standards Office you will gather much useful information. But if you want to boil the advice down to one main thing – and this is what has made areas safer elsewhere in UK, both against rogue traders and against those occasional traders who are not actually traders, but just people who want to learn more about your home and who and what of interest is in it - it is to say 'NO' to uninvited doorstep traders...you do NOT have to talk with them about doing their business with you.

If we all are clear on this and no-one gives in, we should see a withering of such uninvited callers and will not be disturbed at our homes.

Yes, it may be sad that the old-fashioned 'open door' policy to everyone can no longer operate with safety these days, but the Police, the Trading Standards Authority, Home Watch in Burton, and, by your overwhelming vote, YOU – all clearly think that these days we must act safely to ensure security of property and of mind. (You will be asked by further questionnaire in 6 months whether the new scheme *has* helped in this regard.)

John Grantham, 01308-897935

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

We all went fishing on 11th April when Bonny Sartin gave us a talk about the Dorset link with fishing off the Banks of Newfoundland.

Bonny Sartin is a member of the Yetties folk group and during his talk he entertained us with many folk songs that the fishermen and their ilk sang. So overall a very interesting evening with some music thrown in!

Please be reminded that the Flower and Produce show will take place on 5th July this year when we are once again running a competition for the best kept allotment. As we only had six entries last year, we are looking for many more this year. Entries must be in by 28th June and entry forms are available either at the Post Office or from Sandy Adderley at 103, Southover.

Peter Dutton

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

Burton Bradstock Players will be holding their AGM at 8pm on Thursday 12th June in the Village Hall. All are welcome (although only members can vote). If you're interested in Players' activities please come along and join us.

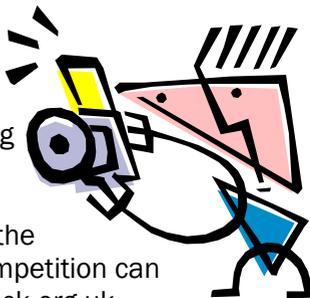
Karen Venn



DO YOU HAVE A DIGITAL CAMERA?

Then why not use it to photograph wildlife in Burton Bradstock and submit your photo in their web site competition. You have a chance of winning one of the prizes of £100, £50 or £25 for adults or £50, £25 or £15 for the under 17 year olds.

Entries close on 16th September, so dust off the camera and start photographing. Details of the competition can be found on the village website www.burtonbradstock.org.uk.



BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL *The Village Hall Trust is a trust registered with the local authority, the West Dorset District Council. Lotteries Licence No. SL0080*
For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

200 CLUB – MAY 2008 DRAW

Congratulations to:

1st Prize:	No. 628	Mrs Margaret Strawford	£39.20
2nd Prize:	No. 513	Mrs Yvonne Peter	£19.60
3rd Prize:	No. 641	Mr Vincent Hewlett	£ 9.80

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the June-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £7 – one pound for each of the remaining 7 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

Alan Clarke - Promoter for 200 Club - 01308 897051

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The meeting in May took the form of the Resolutions Meeting and two resolutions which will go through to the Annual Conference in London were heard. One presented by Sheila Spencer Smith was "This meeting asks HM Government to urge the EU to ban bottom trawling which causes catastrophic loss of marine life". The next resolution was presented by Norma Millard " This meeting urges our Government to provide more places in Secure Psychiatric Hospitals for people with a Severe mental illness, rather than inappropriately imprisoning them". Both motions were carried forward.

The new President, Valerie Nicholls, presided over the business and after refreshments a Beetle Drive was played - hilarity from those of us who have not played this since childhood!

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th June, when the speaker will



be Mrs. Lucy Jones on the subject of "Weeds as Medicines". Lets hope all those weeds in our gardens are useful!

Please check the notice board for the dates and times of all the many groups we have throughout the month - something for everyone!!

BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL 2008



The Spring Concert on 9th May was a great success with David Juritz and Caroline Dowdle playing a most enjoyable programme of music by Mozart, Schubert, Bach and Saint-Saëns.

The brochure, with programme details for all the concerts at the main festival, ticket prices and an order form, is now available. The week in August promises to be a splendid opportunity to hear and enjoy a wide range of music ranging from tangos to baroque and from jazz to the classics with as well an evening of prose and verse intermingled with song.

Ticket sales started at the Spring Concert and are going well, so don't delay in ordering your seats. If you need a brochure they are available at the Post Office or contact me, Mike Southgate, on 897487.

LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: MRS ELINOR FROST
BRIDELANDS, LONG BREDY



UNITED VALLEY SERVICE

Long Bredy hosts the fifth Sunday United Valley Service 29th June 11:00am. It will be a family service followed by a picnic in the churchyard. So, come and join in the celebrations and follow on to the Gardens Open afternoon 12 noon – 6.00pm.

THE GARDENS OPEN AFTERNOON

In the centre of the village at The Old Garden, from 12 noon to 6.00pm, Marcus and Kirsty Wills are having a plant stall (all part of the Gardens Open Day), they would be very grateful for any plants, seedlings etc to fill the stall.

VILLAGE FETE

SUNDAY 13TH JULY

The fete will be held in the grounds of Kingston Russell House with the kind permission of Mr and Mrs Harold Carter. Please start to collect items for the stalls: plants, bric-a-brac, bottle tombola, books, CDs, tapes

and gifts. Also prizes for the Draw. The Draw books will be distributed towards the end of June.

Lots of help will be needed on the day to set up and pack away afterwards.

A list of stallholders will be in next month's magazine.

LITTON CHENEY

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OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 14TH & 15TH JUNE.

A number of magnificent gardens in Litton Cheney will be open to all over the weekend in aid of LATCH. For the equivalent price of a gallon of petrol (£5) and offering considerably better value, you can visit all that the village gardeners have to offer.

The gardens will be open from 2.00pm to 5.30pm on both days and refreshments will be available for the parched and weary, and the well being of all. Do come.

WINE TASTING EVENING WITH STEVEN SPURRIER

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

A very special wine tasting evening will be held at Thorner's School on Saturday 20th September when wines selected by legendary wine expert/guru Steven Spurrier will be available for tasting and appreciation by the discerning few. This is a must attend for all wine aficionados, a rare opportunity to taste wines normally out of reach other than by taking out a second mortgage. There are 32 places available at £30 per person (in aid of LATCH). To book your place in history call John Firrell (482313), Freddie Spicer (482617) or Ron Davidson (482661) very soon!



LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL LATCH

IT'S HAPPENING!

A contractor has been appointed, a timetable has been agreed and additional fundraising efforts planned. If all goes to plan, in the early part of 2009, the Litton and Thorner's Community Hall will be finished and ready to host its first event. Between now and then our fundraising efforts will continue apace but we believe we

have the necessary funding to get the physical part, the building of the actual hall, underway. No more talk (well, just a little), no more posturing, no more “if only”, and plenty of up with the hall!

To play your part you can make a donation, attend one of the many fundraising events over the coming months and generally show your support in voice and deed.

For more information please contact John Firrell (482313) or Ron Davidson (482661) or see other events in this issue of BVN, including an Open Gardens Weekend (14/15th June) and an exclusive Wine Tasting Evening with Steven Spurrier on Saturday 20th September.

It is also hoped to arrange a concert with the Dorset Youth Jazz Orchestra on Saturday 19th July – more news later.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE BARBEQUE

The village barbeque and disco is on Saturday July 5th. This year it will be held at The Orchard, Charity Farm, 6.30 for 7pm. The disco is the same as last year, back by popular request. Tickets will be on sale from members of the social committee, Adults £7.50, under 14s free. Remember to bring your own cutlery. Good weather will make for a great night out. Hope to see you there.



BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Litton Cheney has entered the Best Kept Village competition and judging could happen any day between now and July. Please do your bit to help by removing litter and keeping the roadside verges clean and tidy.

Many thanks.



VILLAGE WALK

There is no village walk in June.

The next village walk will be on Saturday July 12th. Meet at the bus shelter at 10.00 am weather permitting.

Sheila Davison Secretary LCSC 482262

**Whenever I see a newspaper, I think of the poor trees.
As trees they provide beauty, shade and shelter. But as
papers, all they provide is rubbish.**

Yehudi Menuhin

**The best victory is when the opponent surrenders of its own
accord before there are any actual hostilities. It is best to win
without fighting.** Sun-tzu (~400 BC), *The Art of War. Planning a Siege*

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

CHURCH FETE

The annual Church Fete will be held on Saturday 12th July at 2.00pm in and around the Village Hall.

Volunteers are urgently wanted to man the stalls and help generally. There will be our usual stalls, cake, bottle, plant, produce, bric-a-brac, books, 'Spirit' etc and lots of games, plus of course cream teas in the hall. Any donations will be gratefully received. Please contact Gillian 897346, Elizabeth 897205 or Vicky 898648.

A CHURCH MYSTERY

Two wooden collecting boxes. Of the old fashioned type (with long wooden handles), have appeared in the Church porch. No-one seems to know where they have come from, who brought them to the church porch or what they are intended for. So there they sit all forlorn, one in each porch window. They have nothing to do with the Parish Plan, we have checked. So, after due reflection I have taken them into custody. If anybody can shed light on this mystery the PCC would be very obliged. If you have any information please contact Gillian.



Gillian Maxfield – Church Warden

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

At its Annual Meeting on 14th May, the Parish Council co-opted Heather Cowland to act as a Parish Councillor in succession to Derek Vowles who resigned from office in February. Details of the full membership of the Council and positions of responsibility are as follows.

Cllr David Smith – Chairman of the Parish Council, Bridport Local Area Partnership representative.

Cllr Charles Errington – Vice-chairman of the Parish Council, member of the Planning Committee, member of the Shipton Gorge Parish Plan Steering Committee.

Cllr Mrs Jean Ayers – Member of the Planning Committee, member of the Playing Field Committee, Village Hall representative, Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils Area Committee representative.

Cllr Mrs Heather Cowland – Member of the Planning Committee, member of the Playing Field Committee.

Cllr Richard Cunningham – Chair of the Planning Committee, member of the Shipton Gorge Parish Plan Steering Committee.

Cllr Colin Green – Vice-chair of the Planning Committee, Highways Officer.

Cllr Robert Langran – Rights of Way Officer, member of the Planning Committee.

Cllr Mrs Amy Steele – Chair of the Playing Field Committee, member of the Planning Committee.

Cllr Robert White – Vice-chair of the Playing Field Committee, member of the Planning Committee.

Positions of responsibility held by non-members of the Parish Council are as follows.

Chair of the Shipton Gorge Parish Plan Steering Committee: Simon Cleveland.

Members of the Shipton Gorge Parish Plan Steering Committee: Peter Gates and Franklin Ward.

Lay members of the Planning Committee: Graham Cowland and Stephen Marriott.

Lay member of the Playing Field Committee: Grayham Rosamond.

Internal auditor: Simon Cleveland.

Ernie Thomas has web site responsibility (tel: 01308 898648, e-mail: clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk).

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 9th July commencing at 7.30pm.

Ernie Thomas – Parish Clerk

PLAYING FIELD

During the maintenance day last September we noticed that the round-about needed considerable work, and close inspection revealed that most of it had rotted or corroded. The only part which was still in good order was the central spindle. The cost of a new round-about is huge, and modern ones are perhaps not as robust as earlier models. Grayham and Gerrard took the equipment apart and undertook to get new parts manufactured. This they have done, and all are now being painted ready for reassembly.

They have saved us a considerable sum compared to a replacement. We are most grateful to both Grayham and Gerrard who have given much time and effort to this project, to Joyce for her help with painting and to Keith and Den for providing a weather-proof painting area. It is hoped that

the “new” round-about will be unveiled this month.

Parish Council Playing Field Committee

SHIPTON GORGE LTD

We were very pleased with the result from our Bring & Buy sale on 19th April which added £316, after expenses, to our funds. Odds and ends left over from the sale were taken to a Boot Fair by Christine Hewlett, and raised a further £80. Our thanks to her for that.

Barbara Chambers

OPEN GARDEN WITH CHEESE AND WINE AT CAIRNHILL

We will be holding an “Open Garden” with refreshments on Thursday 12th June from 6pm until 8pm. Home made bread and preserves will be for sale. Free entrance, but donations would be appreciated. All proceeds will be given to St Martin’s Church.

Bob & Anne White

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB MAY DRAW

£10	No 71	Table Tennis Club
£20	No 82	Betty Shepherd

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

"PICNIC IN THE PARK"



Sunday July 6th, 3.00-6.00pm

Come and enjoy a pleasant afternoon with friends and family in our beautifully maintained Recreation Ground.

There will be a live ceilheidh band for entertainment, by arrangement with Richard Hewlett.

Bring a picnic and something to sit on.

Tea, coffee and strawberries and cream will be on sale.

The Village Society is pleased to sponsor this event.

THERE IS NO CHARGE.

All we want is your company!

The trouble with having an open mind, of course, is that people will insist on coming along and trying to put things in it. Terry Pratchett

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE

SATURDAY 26TH JULY

Is there anyone willing to knit small items for children? I have plenty of wool and patterns? – Ann Roberts 897716.

Now is the time to pot any spare plants for the plant stall, make marmalade, jam and chutney and look out any item for the toy stall. It would be wonderful if everyone could fill a screw top jar to the value of at least 50p for children, sweets, pencils, rubbers, small toys etc. A list of all stall holders will be in the July BVN. Any offers of help would be gratefully received. If you can help in any way please contact either of the following Ruth Brierly 898283, Elizabeth Slater 897751, Ann Roberts.

ART CLUB

It was very relaxing to sit in The Crown painting and drawing still life objects brought along for us by Jennifer. Our following meeting was a little more energetic. We enjoyed the morning looking at the Fra Newbery exhibition in the Allsop Gallery at Briport Arts Centre. It was very well presented and informative – well worth the visit.



On the 6th of June we invade the studio of Liz Somerville. On the 20th we are back at The Crown.

Christine Molony 897716.

GRATEFUL THANKS

I would like to thank all those kind people who have sent me cards and good wishes during my recent stay in hospital. Your warm good wishes will help speed my recovery. Thank you all.
Doreen Newton



PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

There are still plenty of vacancies if you would like to join in. A share costs £18 per year. No limit on the number of shares you can have. Cheques only please made payable to Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall and sent to Sid Marshall, Owl Bank, 3 Green Barton, Swyre, Dorchester, DT2 9DN. Prizes are drawn monthly at the Quiz Evening.

The first monthly draw has now been held and the two winners were highly delighted.

Further information from Sid Marshall 01308 897318 or Rob Reeks 01308 897663.

LUNCH CLUB

Will members who were not at the meal on May 20th and wish to order a meal for June 17th please ring for this meal only David Buckland on 898492.



PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY IN APRIL

This was a great social evening. Many thanks to our guest speakers: Malcolm Davenport and Laura Thompson from Bridport Police on the Homewatch scheme, Sarah Jackman from POPPS and Simon Thompson from Dorset Community Action on the value of parish plans.

More discussion is taking place in the Parish Council on whether and how we take forward parish planning this year.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd June at the Village Hall in Puncknowle. The Agenda for the meeting and draft minutes of the previous meeting are published on the Parish Council notice boards in Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington at least one week before the meeting.

If you have any issues you wish to be considered, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Carolyn Buckland on 897726 or e-mail puncknowle@dorsetparishes.gov.uk

NAPPER CHARITY TRUST

The Parish Council, as Trustees, invite residents of Puncknowle to apply for a beneficial grant under the terms of this Charity (which have recently been changed to make them more relevant to today's needs.)

The Charity is now aimed at relieving financial hardship and social disadvantage for those in the community of Puncknowle with difficulties meeting particular financial or social needs. Grants may be made to individuals or to a group providing social benefits.

If you would like to be considered for such a grant or know of others in Puncknowle who might benefit from one, please ring or e-mail Carolyn as above.

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE

2008 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Puncknowle Village has made an entry in this competition - and judging takes place over the next few months. Let's have a big effort to make our village look at its best - please pick up and dispose of any litter.

Anthony Edwards, Chairman

LITTLEBREDY

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Pat Cooper has asked that the magazine should carry this note of her great gratitude for all the support she has received from her family, friends and neighbours since the passing of Mike in late March. Whether concern for her has taken the form of cards, flowers, visits or attendance at the crematorium and the wake, she has been touched by it all, and sends her heartfelt thanks, especially, at the risk of being invidious, to Fred and Sheila Prideaux for all their exceptional help on the day of the day of the funeral.

One absentee that day, but for the best of reasons, was **Ann Bate**, who was at Sandhurst Military Academy, enjoying **Rory's** Passing Out Parade. Having joined the Army in the ranks, he has now qualified as an Officer, and many congratulations to him. Another spectator was younger brother **Rohan**, who has transferred from the Royal Navy to the Army, and is now a Sandhurst cadet in his turn.

Andy and Su Foot, of 1 Stonehills Cottage, are now proud grandparents. Little **William James** (to be known as Billy) was born to Anna and Michael Davenport on the 9th May. Best wishes to all three generations of the family.

The Social Club's "Sixties Evening" at the end of April was a thoroughly enjoyable (and certainly embarrassing for some) occasion. With contemporary posters on the wall and LP music of the period provided by Peter and Eileen Murton, the Hall rekindled a psychedelic yesteryear of 40 years ago. Phil and Annette Hallett deservedly won a prize for the best costumes, and photographs of them (and the McFaddens) will have a great value as time goes on. Thanks to Ed and Christine for all their hard work in organising it.



There is no news of a Social Club event for June as this is written, but very possibly there will be a "flier" inside the magazine when copies come to be delivered.

SWYRE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: SID MARSHALL



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY - Saturday 14th June from 10am.

Thanks to the faithful few who come to the working parties or at other times and help keep the churchyard tidy. Your help is very much appreciated. If you haven't been able to help in the past, please consider whether you could manage an hour or two occasionally. You don't have to be a gardener to help. It is mostly weeding, cutting back and general tidying. Come with a pair of gardening gloves and maybe some secateurs or shears and a trowel or weeding tool. Our churchyard is a beautiful place to be and to enjoy nature - let's keep it that way.

REPORT OF APCM HELD ON 6TH APRIL.

We were pleased to welcome four new members, whilst expressing thanks to one member who has retired from our PCC, at the Annual Church Meeting. David Buckland has joined us and been elected as churchwarden, as I have found it necessary to stand down from the post.

Andrea Dennison, Fran Manning and Sue Taylor have also joined the team. We look forward to all their new ideas and enthusiasm, in taking the church forward in love. Vera Hirst has generously offered to serve as churchwarden for one more year to ensure continuity as David settles in, for which we are most grateful. I am now our representative to the Deanery Synod. We will miss having Deborah Wordsworth on our PCC, having appreciated her good humoured contribution over many years.

Yvonne Buckland and Vera Hirst, Churchwardens.

VALLEY NOTES



ALPHA COURSE

Following the successful Alpha Course run in the Bride Valley last autumn, we propose to have another similar course in September 2008. For further details contact Hugh Lindsay (482383)

MOTHERS' UNION.

MEETINGS

Thursday 12th: Deanery Garden Party-2.00pm at Mosterton. Bring and Buy plus raffle.

Tuesday 17th: M.U. Roadshow-1.30pm-4.30pm at The



Matford Centre, Exeter.

Thursday 26th: M.U. meeting. 2.30pm at 7 Norburton, Burton
Bradstock: Speaker - Revd. Andrew Staley. *Yvette Smith. 898219.*

A MUSICAL EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED!

'Anatoly', is a highly-talented Romanian vocal group composed of three young people with a passion for music. This trio are competing in the Eisteddfod on 10th and 11th July, following which they will visit the Bride Valley.

They have a varied programme of religious and secular music and are members of a choir from Brasov, who you may recall visited Bridport United Church in 2005.

They will be in the Bride Valley on 15th and 16th July - details to be announced later - so watch this space!
Mike Read



I would like to thank all my friends in the Bride Valley for their prayers, cards, flowers, 'phone calls, emails and visits whilst waiting for my new hip to heal. Your kindness has been so much appreciated and certainly cheered me up, (also a special thank you to

James for his extreme patience!)

Phyl Webster - Shipton Gorge

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The meeting held in March was a fascinating talk by the de Greefs who grow and sell their own organic produce in Bothenhampton. It was well attended and very well received with plenty of question. A box of their produce was kindly donated as one of the raffle prizes. The June talk will take place again in the Puncknowle Village Hall on June 18th and will be on growing flowers for cutting. The following week on Saturday 28th the Club will be having a fun mini flower show at Puncknowle Village Hall from 2.00pm. Members and non-members will be welcome to view the entries and make their own choice of the winning entry in each class. Do come.



JOBS TO DO

Apply mulch round soft fruit bushes to retain moisture at the roots, and place collars round strawberry plants to prevent soil splash and hopefully as a deterrent to some of the slugs. Sow fast-growing annuals such as Calendula, Clarkia and Godetia. Tie in climbers and cut back dead bulb foliage.

Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary

e-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net, Tel: 01308 482240

PRODUCERS' MARKET – LITTON CHENEY

One down and the rest of the year to look forward to!
Our June market will be held on Saturday 21st June, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at Thorner's School, Litton Cheney.

Having moved to the school (in readiness for the ultimate move to the new community hall!) we really can ring the changes dependent upon the prevailing weather, i.e. outside in the sun or inside when it's raining. As ever, the market is the place to meet old and new friends, catch up, see and buy local produce and then perhaps dine rather royally over the rest of the weekend.

If you would like to know more about the markets please phone Wendy Taylor on 482532 or Sallie Firrell on 482313.

The weekend prior to the market is the Open Gardens Weekend in Litton Cheney when a host of golden daffodils, sorry, a host of blooming gardens will be open for all to see on Saturday and Sunday (14th/15th) from 2.00 to 5.30pm.

Why not come to both events?

BRIDPORT SCHOOLS TUNE UP FOR CHORAL FESTIVAL

Over 200 pupils from local schools have been preparing for their Choral Festival to be staged at the Electric Palace Cinema in June. Children from years 4/5 at St. Mary's, Loders, Symondsbury, Burton Bradstock, Thorners (Litton Cheney), St.Catherine's, Bridport Primary and Powerstock schools, together with pupils from Mountjoy School and year 7 from the Sir John Colfox School, have attended one of the three singing workshops held in April and another one held in May under the direction of local professional composer and musician, Andrew Dickson.

Mr Dickson, well known for his film music, has composed "Song Re-cycle" specially for this event. A sequence of songs based on the idea that music uses a limited number of notes which are re-cycled, he encourages the pupils to think about re-cycling and caring for our local environment, particularly the coastline. He gives the performers opportunities to sing in different styles, using harmonies and appropriate accompaniments.

The Choral Festival will culminate in a full day singing workshop. There will be two performances - one will take place on Tuesday 10th June at 5-30pm, and the second on Wednesday 11th June at 1.30pm, both at the Electric Palace Cinema, Bridport.

Tickets, at £3 for adults and £1 for children, are available in advance from Bridport Music in South Street and from the schools, or can be purchased at the door before the performance. For more information

telephone 01308 456297.

This event is supported by West Dorset District Council, Bridport Lions Club, Rotary Club of Bridport (in memory of Mike Roberts), the Inner Wheel of Bridport, the Walbridge Trust, the John Spencer Appeal Fund, Steptoes, Amsafe, Boilerman, Riverside Restaurant of West Bay, Hive Café, Denhay Farms, as well as the schools and other organisations.

Please come along and enjoy this community project.

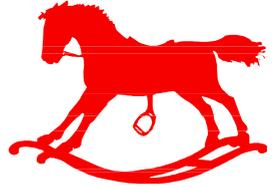
FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

Wide range of equipment & resources: meet friends: social evenings.

Wednesday mornings during term-time in Long Bredy Village Hall,; 9.30am till 11.45am.

0–4 yrs: No need to book; £1.50/session

All welcome, telephone 01308 482126 for more information.



BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

With the warm, sunny weather our children have been making good use of our new outdoor play area - on the log walk, slides, climbing frame, seesaws and trampoline. There is also the sand tray and water tray and lots of toys to use with these. We now have a water butt (installed by Rachel) from which we can draw water for our plants when they grow.

Our new theme is “Growing” so activities have included filling two tyres with compost (donated by Julie from Bride Valley Nurseries- thank you) - then sewing seeds in them - vegetables and herbs plus flower seed in troughs, sunflowers and beans in pots. First the children decorated the pots after cutting out flower pictures to stick on them, We also made up a mixture of lard and birdseed, filled yogurt pots with it and took home to our own gardens to feed the birds. Lots of sticky hands - very popular! We have also studied mini- beasts, especially snails and made a wormery. Some spring cleaning has also taken place such as washing dolls, clothes, toys, trikes etc. with lots of bubbles outside.

Planning has begun for our 21st birthday celebration to be held on Saturday 21st June between 4 - 6pm at Fledglings Playgroup, Thorner’s School, with invitations going out to as many people as possible who have been involved with playgroup from the start - all those years ago. Hope it will be an interesting day for all who come along - to meet up again - and to see where playgroup is now.

Sorry to say that our Playleader Sonya has had to have an operation

and is now convalescing at home, so thanks to all who have stepped in to help provide cover, especially Sue Brown, Sally Jevons and Mrs Williams. Also thanks again to Rachel for organising cover, and liaising with Dorset Staff Bank again.

For information re Playgroup or Nestlings, please ring us at school on 482410, Rachel Maltby on 482246, or Carol Bennett on 897771.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A 21ST BIRTHDAY PARTY ! ON SATURDAY 21ST JUNE



If you were ever a pupil, parent, staff member or helper in any capacity at Bride Valley Fledglings Playgroup (formerly at Puncknowle Village Hall) you are invited to join us at :

Thorner's School, Litton Cheney from 4 - 6 pm

Swimming Pool open

Bouncy Castle

BBQ

Chocolate Tombola

plus other activities

Come and share your memories, meet old friends
and see our new outdoor play area officially opened !

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP

What glorious weather, a big thank you to Bob and Jean for allowing the children to make use of the beautiful Rectory garden. The children have had a chance to use our outdoor equipment and have enjoyed playing on the climbing frame. The sand and water are always popular. The painting easels have been placed under the shade of the trees and the children have produced lovely pieces of work. Some of the time has just been spent chasing each other which is always great fun!!!



Charity Commission No. 1042713



A warm welcome to Abbie, Esmee, Saffy and Tygar who have joined our playgroup, they have all settled in very quickly. Our lunch club continues to run on a Wednesday and has been a great success. Thanks to everyone for their help and support.

Thanks to Becky for inviting us into her home for our Playgroup meeting, it was lovely to have a meeting in such a welcoming and relaxing environment. It gave us a great opportunity to look positively and creatively at the future of our playgroup.

Thanks again to the Anchor for their continued support; we hope to use some of their money to buy gifts for the children who will be leaving us to begin primary school in September.

The children have been very busy again and enjoyed a fantastic cooking morning with Anna baking delicious scones. We are looking forward to visits from various community groups such as the dental team and the police.

The children visited the church for their 'Tiny Tots' service on Friday May 9th and had a wonderful time joining in with Jean and her Godly play about creation. The children are learning about caring for their environment and how they can help with 'recycling' in their homes.

The Mother's Union will be having a garden party for the children on July 2nd in the Rectory garden and Heather will be hosting one of her 'pop in' days on July 9th so please join us – more details will be provided nearer the time.

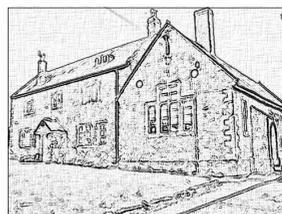
We have some places available and new children are always welcome. If you would like to visit us we are open on Monday and Friday mornings from 9.30am – 12 noon and Wednesdays from 9.30am – 1pm.

Our playgroup leader Ann-Marie can be contacted on 07853 150467 or Audrey on 01308 89722.

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term appeared to be a long one but already we are saying how quickly it is going, this is possibly due to all the activities we have already undertaken

Early in the term the Cluster High 5 Netball tournament took place and we shared the honours with Loders. After all the matches were played the



two schools had exactly the same scores so decided to share the trophy.

Eggardon visited the Dorset Record Centre where they studied the census, birth, marriage, death and Tithe records around Puncknowle can anyone explain why there were 5 Royal Navy men living in Puncknowle during the late 1800s?.. I could

understand fishermen but Navy, where did they sail from? Do you know the answer, we would love to know. One of the children was interested to find out who the landlord of The Crown was...I am a little concerned here. We are gradually building up a picture of families, how and where they lived, finding out what there was where our homes are now and researching what life was like generally for the occupants of the valley during the Victorian period. We are off to Bridport museum to discover more soon and Jethro Truscott will be telling us all about Victorian railways.

Bredy visited Ourganics to witness first hand how plants are cultivated which I am sure will help as we take care of our plants in the pyramid gardening competition. A huge thanks to Pat Foxwell for making us so welcome, as all the children were very excited and enthusiastic when they came back.

All the Key stage 2 children enjoyed listening to Hilary Bosworth talking and demonstrating what life in India is really like for the ordinary people so thank you for visiting us.

Elizabeth Orza gave a talk to the whole school about Fairtrade and we were all able to buy some products and taste them firsthand. Having gained a greater understanding I wonder how many parents will be asked to buy some of these products ... there is a catalogue in our foyer for anyone who wants to see it.

Pupils in KS2 have had the opportunity to undertake cycling proficiency lessons here at school, I think this is most important as we live in a different environment to Bridport town and hence need appropriate training for the narrow roads. I'm not sure if it is because of the cycling proficiency or the good weather but a large number of pupils, great, are regularly riding to school - and some parents are doing the journey twice so getting really fit! So many more are riding that we are having to purchase further cycle racks.

Many more trips and visits are arranged for next half-term.

MAY 100 CLUB WINNERS:

£15 Mrs E Frost (Grandparent)

£10 Mrs Sheila Barnes

Anyone who would like to join, please get in touch, or ask at the school office for a form. February renewals have been sent out and anyone who has not sent them back we hope will still join and support their school. Your continued support is much appreciated. Thank you to everyone.

Any queries, please feel free to speak to Caroline Cox or contact the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

The Big Dorset Quiz, On sale in July at the usual places

Fashion Show, September
Christmas Bingo and Grand Draw, Friday 21st November, Thorner's
School Litton Cheney

WACKY RACES

Thorner's School, Litton Cheney, 28th June, First Race 3.00pm

[weather permitting]

Races open to all: Classes 2 - 102 £2.00 per driver per class

Trophies for winners!

All carts may only be push or pedal power, no motors.

Refreshments, Swimming pool open, Cake and Produce stalls, Wellie
throwing and more.

Grand Draw with many good prizes. Bar-b-que to follow races

contact Rosemary Dewhurst on 482622 for more details

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

Too late to go to press for the May edition of the BVN was the outcome of our long-awaited Ofsted Inspection. We all agree that the present system is a big improvement on the past one – just a few days notice. The big day came on 23rd April, St George's Day, and I am delighted to report that we came through with flying colours. Congratulations go to the children, staff, governors and parents, all of whom had a role to play at some stage during the day. We are now officially 'Outstanding' and I feel very privileged to be part of such a great team. However, whilst we are 'savouring the moment' we are certainly not resting on our laurels.

Just over a week later on Ascension Day, Year 6 climbed to the top of the church tower where they continued our tradition of singing a hymn to the rest of the school in the churchyard below. We were blessed with fine weather and superb views. Although a challenge to those of us suffering from vertigo, there was nevertheless a great sense of achievement.

At the beginning of May the choir performed their first ever concert to an appreciative audience of parents and friends/supporters of the school. The children sang a range of songs that they had chosen from a repertoire built up over recent months. The audience joined in enthusiastically when invited to and a lovely time was had by us all. We were also very grateful to Sandra Carruthers and Judy Kanellaki who organised refreshments. The choir are now looking forward to performing as part of the charity concert in the village hall on Friday, 27th June.

This month there are a number of events happening, such as the Cluster Swimming Gala, Pyramid Music Festival and our own annual Music

Concert. Weather permitting we will be using the vicarage garden for our concert. Later in the month Year 2 children have the opportunity to take part in a residential visit to Hooke Court. The end of June is also the time when Year 6 children visit their new secondary schools. So all things considered, there is never a dull moment!

Mark Stratta

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CONCERT

There will be an informal concert on Friday 27th June at 7pm in the Burton Bradstock Village Hall in aid of the Children's Society. Taking part will be the choir from the school, accompanied by Mark Stratta, and other musicians will be providing items on violin, piano and tenor solos, all in a variety of musical styles.



Admission to this concert will be free but donations will be appreciated towards the vital work of the Children's Society amongst children in the UK, and there will be a display stand explaining the work and aims of the Society in 2008. We are also asking for any foreign coins that you might have (any type including both current and obsolete currency) as well as mobile phones that are no longer used. Please hunt them out and bring them along to the concert and they will be passed to the Society to exchange for their funds.

For further details of this concert or the work of the Society please telephone Pauline Woodford, 01308 898327

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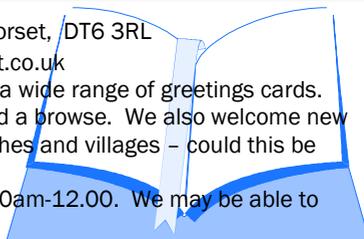
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CHAI & CHAT AT GOOD BOOKS

Do you have Africa links? A West Dorset/Africa network meets at Good Books on the third Monday of the month 2.30 – 4.30pm for informal chai (Swahili for tea), cake and chat. On Monday 16 June, Veronica Ziegler will share something of her background in East Africa and her recent visit to South Africa. On July 21, the focus will be Zimbabwe. Join us and share your connections, enthusiasm and support for Africa.

To complement Chai & Chat we have several Africa-based books, including the new biography of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, *Rabble-rouser for Peace* at £8.99 and *House of Stone* by Christina Lamb, bestselling true story of a family divided by war in Zimbabwe, also at £8.99.

THREADS OF HOPE

Join us to make aprons, play bags and other items for Julia's House. We meet on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month 2.30-4.30pm at Friends Meeting House, South Street, Bridport. That's 3rd and 17th June, and 1st July. Bring along sewing materials & resources, anything to help. For more details and basic sewing guidelines, call 01308 427851 (coordinated by Churches Together in Bridport & District).



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH & WOMEN'S SECTION)

We regret to have to announce that it has just become necessary to cancel most of the Branch Birthday Celebrations to be held on 21st June.

The event will now be marked by a church service and buffet lunch. Apologies for any inconvenience that may be caused by this change of plans



Des Baker



MIDSUMMER DAY

24th June

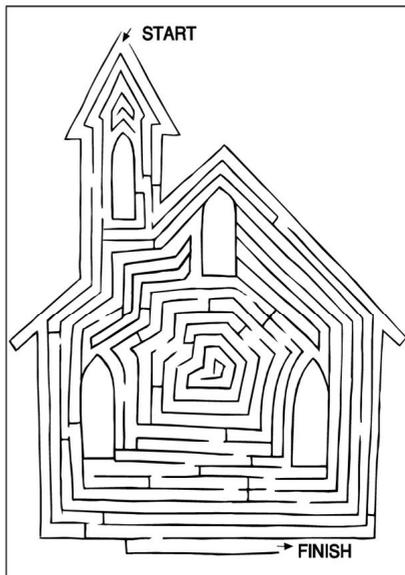
The idea of celebrating at mid-summer goes back a long time. In the early days of the Christian Church many of the old pagan festivals were Christianised – so that the mid-winter festival was used to celebrate the birth of Jesus and became Christmas. According to the Bible, John the Baptist (so called because he baptised Jesus) was 6 months older than Jesus so it was decided that the 24th June should be the festival of John the Baptist. This is very unusual because he is the only saint whose birth is celebrated; usually we remember the day that saints die.

John's parents were Zachariah and Elizabeth (who was related to Mary, the mother of Jesus). Perhaps we remember John's birth because of the special way that it happened. You can read about it in St Luke's Gospel, chapter 1.



FROM THE TOP

Starting at the top of the steeple, can you find your way out?



Who rides a camel and carries a lamp?

Florence of Arabia.



QUICK BIT

If you would like to have your initials on a growing plant or tree, without damaging it at all, just cut your initials out of black paper and stick them on a flat leaf of a growing plant. In the autumn, remove the paper (you may have to soak it first) and the letters will appear where the leaf was masked from the sun!

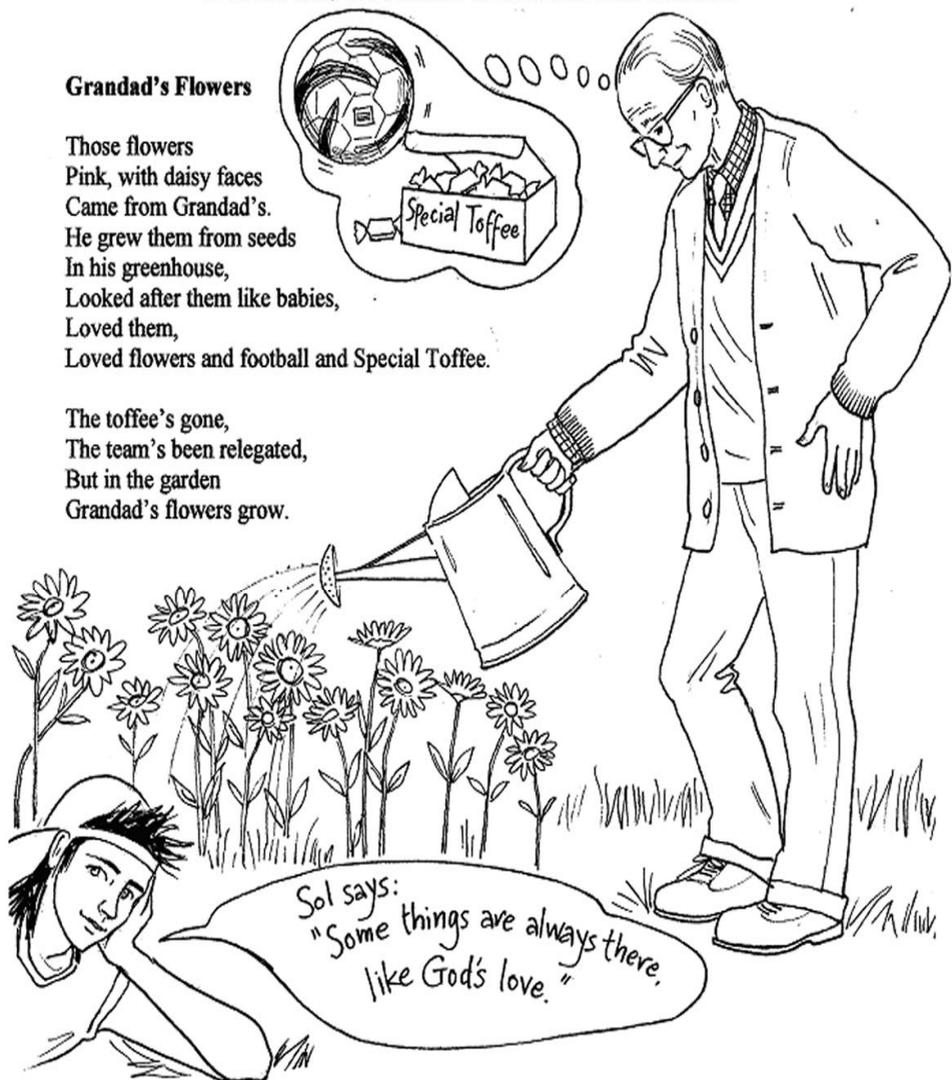
Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

Grandad's Flowers

Those flowers
Pink, with daisy faces
Came from Grandad's.
He grew them from seeds
In his greenhouse,
Looked after them like babies,
Loved them,
Loved flowers and football and Special Toffee.

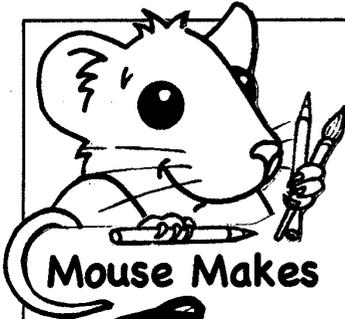
The toffee's gone,
The team's been relegated,
But in the garden
Grandad's flowers grow.



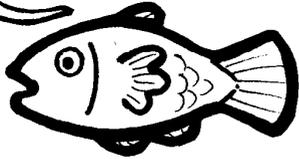
Sol says:
"Some things are always there,
like God's love."

The unfailing love of the Lord never ends.
Lam 3:22(NLT)

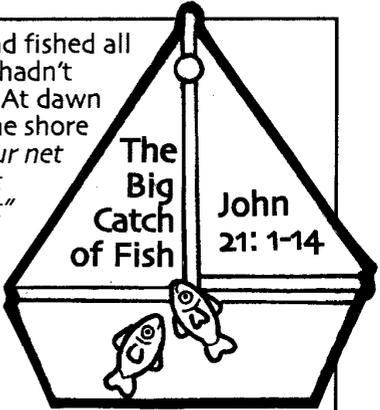
Poem by Daphne Kitching, Picture by Elaine Hill, Coloured by



Mouse Makes



The disciples had fished all night, but they hadn't caught a thing. At dawn a stranger on the shore said "Throw your net out on the right side of the boat" They threw the net but could not pull it back in because it was so full of fish!



Who was the stranger on the shore?
See: John 21:1-14

1. Colour the fish then cut around the spiral along the thick black line



2. Cut out the boat and stick on the centre tab. Tie the big fish on the end of the spiral.

3. Hang up

CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible

ACROSS

1 ..who has died a _____ death (Num 19.16) (7)

5 Bent the body, like Moses in Exodus ch. 34 (5)

8 Father of James and John in Mathew ch. 4 (7)

9 Drink made from apples (5)

10 In Genesis ch. 7 it fell for forty days (4)

11 King of Israel renowned for his wisdom (7)

14 Weight equal to 60 minas (6)

16 1 Peter ch. 3 describes a wife as such a partner (6)

18 What the fishermen were doing to their nets in Luke ch. 5 (7)

19 Of which Og's bed was made in Deuteronomy ch. 3 (4)

23 Burnt remains eaten as food in Psalm 102 (5)

24 King Xerxes imposed _____ (Esth 10.1) (7)

25 Had the necessary courage (5)

26 eg Christmas or Easter (7)

DOWN

1 Jesus' home town (8)

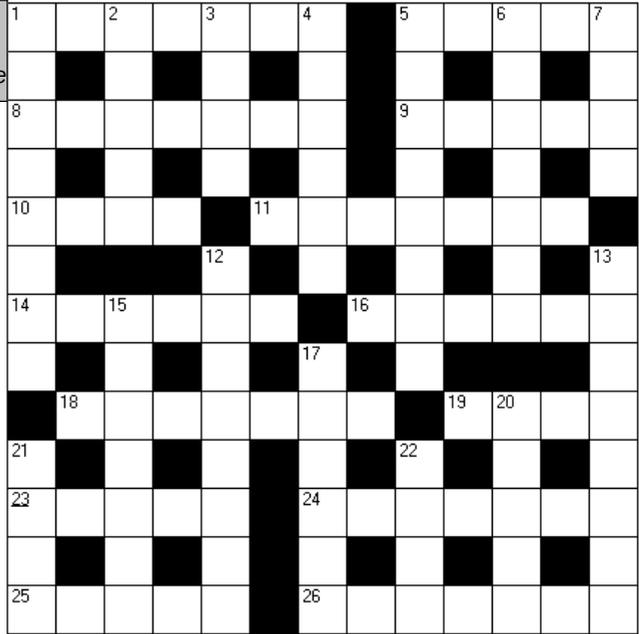
2 Son of Ginath in 1 Kings ch. 16 (5)

3 ..no galley with oars will ____ them (Isa 33.21) (4)

4 Remain in hiding (3,3)

5 Made a summoning gesture (8)

6 Matrimony (7)



7 Like the clouds in Psalm 18 (4)

12 Showed great excitement (8)

13 Like the mansions in Psalm 49 (8)

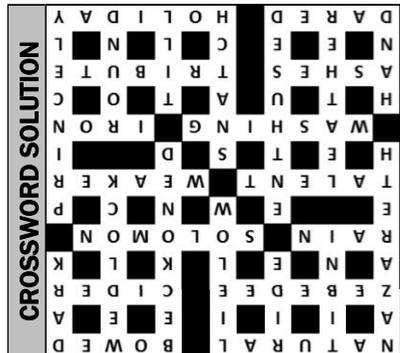
15 John the Baptist's belt was made of this (7)

17 As heat and drought _____ awat the mented snow (Job 24.19) (6)

20 Circular, like the loaf of barley bread in Judges ch. 7 (5)

21 A disembodied one wrote on the wall in Daniel ch. 5 (4)

22 Cultivate the soil (4)



St James the Least of All

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace:'
The tribulations that await a curate in his first parish...*

*The Rectory
St. James the Least*

On church tourists and outrageous lies

My dear Nephew Darren

I was sorry to hear of the dawn call by the police because your church had been broken into, although the theft of tambourines, overhead projector acetates of choruses and banners proclaiming "Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam" are likely to have a limited market. But you are fortunate that those are the only unexpected call-outs you receive.

Those of us with ancient churches are resigned to receiving telephone calls from people living in remote corners of the globe who happen to be on holiday in England and want to trace long-lost relatives who were married or buried in our parishes. They invariably seem amazed when they find you are not personally familiar with someone who died 400 years ago, what family still exists, where they live and what interesting anecdotes you know about their ancestors - preferably something criminal. Any attempts to put them off will be deflected by being told that they fly home tomorrow and since they are booked at a show in London that evening, could they come round early afternoon?

Once inside the church, they will expect a conducted tour. I have a competition with myself to see how outrageous I can make our history, yet still be believed. One family now thinks that the conical tomb in the churchyard is the last visible tip of the spire of the famous cathedral which once stood on this spot but sank into the ground when cursed by a bride who was jilted at its altar.

A second couple now knows that a locked safe contains a set of pagan gods which were worshipped by an obscure sect in the parish during the time of the Tudor monarchs. They were removed by the incumbent of the day and locked away. Only the Rector is allowed a key and is only permitted to look

inside at the contents on the day he leaves office, as the sight is too terrible.

Yet another couple is convinced that several dozen mediaeval gold chalices are buried in the rectory garden, where they were hidden from Cromwell's soldiers, and their exact location has been forgotten (I told that story when I was looking for volunteers to dig over the rose beds).

Should they get as far as the vestry to inspect the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials, you know that the afternoon is lost. It can occasionally hasten their departure by casually telling them to ignore the mice which will be running round the floor - although hardened visitors are likely to set up their tripods to catch them on film.

The ultimate deterrent is to suggest they stay to Evensong which I am about to say. That is guaranteed to remind them that they have an urgent appointment back at their hotel.

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

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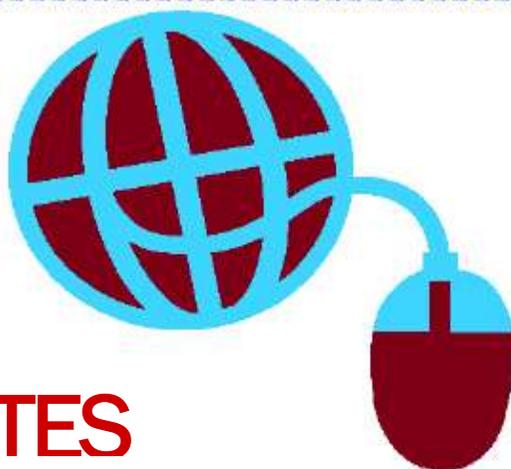
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VILLAGE WEBSITES



*giving details of events, news,
history, photographs etc.*

www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk

Tue	3	2.00pm Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
		2.30pm Threads of Hope (Julia's House)	Friends Meeting House, Bridport
		7.30pm PSWB Parish Council Meeting	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	5	3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
Fri	6	Puncknowle Art Group	Liz Somerville Studio
Mon	9	ST COLUMBA	
Tue	10	BVN Editor's Deadline	
		10.00am Locals Day	Othona Community
		2.00pm Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
		WI Meeting (Weeds & Medicines)	BB Village Hall
		5.30pm Bridport Schools Choral Festival	Electric Palace, Bridport
Wed	11	ST BARNABAS	
		1.30pm Bridport Schools Choral Festival	Electric Palace, Bridport
Thu	12	2.00pm MU Deanery Garden Party	Mosterton
		6.00pm Open Graden	Cairnhill, Shipton Gorge
		8.00pm BB Players AGM	BB Village Hall
Sat	14/15	LC Open Gardens Weekend	Litton Cheney
	14	10.00am Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		2.30pm Car Treasure Hunt	Shipton Gorge
Tue	17	12noon PSWB Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
		1.30pm MU Road Show	Matford Centre, Exeter
		2.00pm Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
		2.30pm Threads of Hope (Julia's House)	Friends Meeting House, Bridport
Wed	18	7.30pm BVGC Talk	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	19	3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
Fri	20	Puncknowle Art Group	The Crown, Puncknowle
Sat	21	9.30am Producers' Market	Thorners School, Litton Cheney
		4.00pm Fledglings 21st Birthday	Thorners School, Litton Cheney
		Abbotsbury RBL Birthday	
Sun	22	ST ALBAN	
Tue	24	BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	
		2.00pm Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
Fri	27	7.00pm Children's Society Concert	BB Village Hall
Sat	28	<i>Final date for entries to BB Village Society Flower & Produce Show</i>	
		2.00pm BVGC Mini Flower Show	PSWB Village Hall
		3.00pm Thorner's Wacky Races	Thorners School, Litton Cheney
Sun	29	Ss PETER & PAUL	

JULY

Tue	1	2.30pm Threads of Hope (Julia's House)	Friends Meeting House, Bridport
Wed	2	2.00pm MU Garden Party for Playgroup	Rectory Garden, Burton Bradstock
Thu	3	3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
Sat	5	6.30pm Barbeque	The Orchard, Charity Farm, LC
	5	BBVSocY Flower/Produce Show	BB Village Hall
Sun	6	3.00pm Picnic in the Park	Recreation Ground, Shipton Gorge
Wed	9	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	SG Village Hall
Sat	12	10.00am Village Walk	LC Bus Shelter
	12	2.00pm Church Fete	SG Village Hall
Sun	13	Long Bredy Fete	Kingston Russell House
	13	3.00pm Afternoon Tea	Rectory Garden, Burton Bradstock
Thu	17	3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
Mon	21	10.00am Locals Day	Othona Community
	21	2.30pm Good Books Drop in	St Mary's Old School, Bridport
Sat	26	Church Fete	Manor Grounds, Puncknowle
Sun	27	3.00pm Afternoon Tea	Rectory Garden, Burton Bradstock

AUGUST

Sun	3	3.00pm Afternoon Tea	Rectory Garden, Burton Bradstock
Thu	7	St Mary's Church Fete	Rectory Garden, Burton Bradstock

LC: Litton Cheney
Lb: Littlebredy

SG: Shipton Gorge
PSWB: Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington
BVGC: Bride Valley Gardening Club

BB: Burton Bradstock
West Bexington

LB: Long Bredy
BV: Bride Valley

COLUMBA OF IONA (C. 521 -97)

Columba was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, and trained as a monk. He founded the monasteries of Derry (546), Durrow (c.556) and probably Kells. But in 565 Columba left Ireland with twelve companions for Iona, an island off southwest Scotland. Iona had been given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada.



Why would a monk in his mid 40s go into such voluntary exile? Various explanations include: voluntary exile for Christ, an attempt to help overseas compatriots in their struggle for survival, or even as some sort of punishment for his part in a row over a psalter in Ireland. Whatever the reason, Columba went to Iona and spent the rest of his life in Scotland, returning to Ireland only for occasional visits.

Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a tall, striking figure of powerful build and impressive presence, who combined the skills of scholar, poet and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause. Able, ardent, and sometimes harsh, Columba seems to have mellowed with age.

As well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also converted Brude, king of the Picts. Columba had great skill as a scribe, and an example of this can be seen in the Cathach of Columba, a late 6th century psalter in the Irish Academy, which is the oldest surviving example of Irish majuscule writing. In his later years Columba spent much time transcribing books.

Columba's death was apparently foreseen by his community, and even, it seems, sensed by his favourite horse. He died in the church just before Matins, and it is a tribute to this man that his traditions were upheld by his followers for about a century, not least in the Synod of Whitby and in Irish monasteries on the continent of Europe.

THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM MINISTRY

ST MARY: Burton Bradstock ST MARY: Litton Cheney

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy CHILCOMBE (Dedication unknown)

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge Holy Trinity: Swyre

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WEEKDAY SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY: JUNE 2008

Monday 2nd	9.00	Long Bredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 4th	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 5th	9.00	Swyre	Morning Prayer
Friday 6th	9.00	Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer
Monday 9th	9.00	Littlebredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 11th	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 12th	9.00	Puncknowle	Morning Prayer
Monday 16th	9.00	Long Bredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 18th	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 19th	9.00	Swyre	Morning Prayer
Friday 20th	9.00	Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer
Monday 23rd	9.00	Littlebredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 25th	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 26th	9.00	Puncknowle	Morning Prayer
Friday 27th	9.00	Litton Cheney	Morning Prayer
Monday 30th	9.00	Long Bredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
2 nd July	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 3 rd	9.00	Swyre	Morning Prayer
Friday 4th	9.00	Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer

CHURCH SERVICES

THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

June

Church	Date 1 st Sunday 1 st June 2 nd after Trinity	2 nd Sunday 8 th June 3 rd after Trinity	3 rd Sunday 15 th June 4 th after Trinity	4 th Sunday 22 nd June 5 th after Trinity	5 th Sunday 29 th June St Peter & St Paul; Apostles.
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family service 11.00 Songs of Praise 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family service 11.00 Holy Communion (By extension)	9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer	
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer		
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Morning Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service	
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (By extension)	8.00 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship		11.00 United Valley Service
Littlebredy		11.00 Family Service (Communion by extension)		11.00 Holy Communion	