Bride Valley News

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FROM THE RECTORY

THE REVD. BOB THORN A.K.C THE RECTORY,

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indeed to all those who have helped with the many fetes and events that are held in the Valley throughout the Summer. Much of the proceeds of our fetes go towards the upkeep of our lovely Churches, and in support of their life and work. Those who give so much of their time and effort to make these the success they are, are owed a great debt of gratitude. Those who give of what they have, and those who come to the events and support them likewise are owed many thanks for their help in keeping our Churches as the lovely places we value so much.

It was not an easy year to start with. Swyre fete had to run indoors because of the wet, where they made the best of it by having a good time crowding together. These things can either go well or badly depending on the willingness of people to have a good time. The atmosphere at Swyre was full of fun despite the adversity.

As it was at Litton Cheney fete, which suffered the same cold, wet and windy weather as affected the Burton Bradstock Village Hall fete. Both did very well despite the trying conditions, and again, the atmosphere was such that people had a very good time. As a result, the sums raised were much better than they might have been.

I make so bold as to mention the open gardens at Long Bredy, which took place on a lovely sunny weekend in June. Bold because there are others that hold open garden weekends very successfully during the year. I mention Long Bredy because it was a special event in aid of repairs to the Church bells, and what a special event it proved to be. Lovely gardens of all shapes and sizes to visit, lunches and teas to be enjoyed at the Church hall, and over £3,000 made in a memorable afternoon.

Long Bredy fete on 13th July also basked in the sun, and deservedly so after having had to be called off last year in the face of rain, and one of the worst forecasts possible. Many thanks, as always to the Carter family for allowing the use of Lower Kingston Russell house which provides such a lovely setting to the afternoon. Majorettes from Lyme Regis gave a dazzle to the day. I have yet to hear if I won the wellie whanging competition. I said, I have yet to hear.....

The day before, in the same burst of fine weather, Shipton Gorge held its fete. Again this year there was a dog show which brought in a good number of people to browse over the stalls, have a go at the competitions and enjoy the splendid teas. Many congratulations to all involved in what

was a record year. I recall having said this more than once in past years about Shipton Gorge fete, which is plainly going from strength to strength.

Puncknowle fete, held in the Manor grounds by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Wild, basked in the sunshine of one of the hottest afternoons of the year. There was a fine bustle of visitors to the fete doing the rounds of the stalls before settling down to an excellent and well earned tea, either on the terrace or beneath the welcome shade of the trees. A glorious day in lovely surroundings, a traditional Punch and Judy show for the children of all ages crowned a very successful day. Not only was it a most enjoyable occasion, it also raised in the region of £4,800.

The last big fete of the season in the Valley was the Burton Bradstock Church fete. Anxious eyes were cast at the skies in anticipation of the foul weather that was forecast, but on the day the sun blazed beautifully. The Rectory gardens were decked out in tents and gazebos in anticipation of rain, and the effect was very jolly in the sun. The theme was the land, and rural crafts were on display; introduced by two very large yellow chickens (large for chickens I hastily add). The crowds were big, the afternoon was hot and excellent teas in the Village Hall were more than welcome. The Church was decked in flowers of astonishing colour and design that were admired by all, and the Church itself was the venue for attractions throughout the afternoon. By the early evening the hard worked counters and tellers announced a record breaking total of over £6,000.

Many thanks again to all helpers and supporters. Bob Thorn.

THE BISHOPS

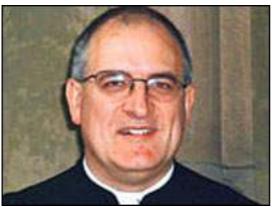
The Bishop of Salisbury, Bishop
David, has not been well of late. He was in
hospital undergoing tests when he suffered
a stroke. Now reports are good that he is
on the mend, but those surrounding him
are doubling the guard to make sure that
he does not rush back to work too quickly –
he is already declaring himself to be bored.
The advice is that when he is restored to
full health he should still take three months
at least before deciding about returning to
work. Please pray for him and his family,

The burden of Bishop of the Diocese therefore falls upon Bishop Tim, the Bishop of Sherborne, as being the more experienced, but only for a short while. Just as the news of Bishop David's illness was



being circulated, we were in the middle of wishing Bishop every blessing in his new appointment as Bishop of Truro. So he is leaving the Diocese in the early autumn.

If such things as this were to be planned, they could not have been



arranged worse. As they have happened in an accidental way, we could not be more fortunate than to have the charge of the Diocese passing to Bishop Stephen, the Bishop of Ramsbury, after Bishop Tim's departure. Already his diary is being cleared in preparation for the weight of commitments that will fall upon him, and, with the help and prayers of many, he will cope very well.

In the meanwhile, Bishop Tim's place is likely to be filled. Consultation papers are in circulation. Because it is a process of consultation (around the Church in the Diocese, among the community and those representing local government, industry, local charities and so forth, with ecumenical partners, with national government and anyone else that wants to be heard) it will take some time before a new person is appointed – a sort of interregnum. The best guess of the earliest date is going to be well into next year.

FAREWELL TO BISHOP TIM

There are two main services of farewell and God speed. The first is for the Sherborne area, and the second for the Diocese as a whole.

The first: A Eucharist at 2.00pm on Saturday 6 September in Sherborne Abbey. A Celebration of Bishop Tim's Ministry in Dorset. All welcome.

The second: An opportunity for the Episcopal Area to give thanks for all that Bishop Tim has brought to the life and mission of the church in this part of the diocese. Everyone is welcome to attend the diocesan service on 12th October in Salisbury Cathedral at 3pm.



THE REVD RYDER ROGERS.

Ryder is going to be ordained twice this year. Once as a Deacon and once as a Priest. Normally these two ordinations are kept at least a year apart, but an exception has been made in his case. First of all because he has long been serving as a Baptist minister, in this country and in Albania. Secondly because, with the Bishop's commission he has been serving as a Deacon in all but name for over two years in the Bride Valley. We pushed these points at the powers that be, who saw the sense of not delaying for the sake of it.

And so Ryder will be ordained Deacon at Michaelmass, along with nearly thirty others, at a huge service at Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday the 27th of September. The service begins at 11.00 am. Following this we will have a service of welcome at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock on the evening of Sunday the 28th September, at 6.30 pm. This will be an opportunity for those who cannot get to Salisbury to praise God for the gifts he gives us, and to welcome Ryder in his new role.

Forward to Sunday November 30th, and Ryder is going to be ordained priest. In recognition of the work we have all been doing in encouraging lay and volunteer ministry in the Bride Valley it was decided that this ordination service should be in the Bride Valley. Because of the news of the troubles and changes of our Bishops this service has had to be re-organised twice, but now we can say definitely that it will be on Sunday evening, the 30th of November, 6.30 pm at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock. There will be more news of this in due course, but for the moment this is a date for diaries, and for prayers.

CHRIS BENT.

Chris is a student in training for the Ministry, and is at the moment studying at Ridley Hall in Cambridge. As part of his training he is asked to go on a placement to a Parish of his choice for a month. Chris knows our part of the world of old, and asked to come here; not just because he knows it, but because rural ministry is not a thing widely understood, let alone taught. We are developing ministry in the Bride Valley in ways that are quite new to many single beneficed Churches. Those Parishes that have one Church and one or more Ministers are not pushed to try the things that we have done to make sure that there are services in our Churches, and ministry in our Parishes. He is coming to see what rural ministry is about; to look, learn and maybe to give us an outside insight into how we may do things better. I trust he will also be looking to have a very jolly time of it – after all there is not much point in being in such a lovely part of the world if you don't set yourself to enjoy it. I am sure we will all be giving him a very warm welcome.

LITTON CHENEY, AND THE QUESTION OF ACCESS TO THE CHURCH

There follows the text of a notice that has been put up in the village of Litton Cheney following much public debate about the P.C.C. trying to establish access to the Church. I hope it helps to explain how matters are going. Bob Thorn.

ACCESS TO ST MARY'S CHURCH

Members of St Mary's P.C.C. have met the planners, and discussed plans for access to the Church with many people in the village and beyond.

We have asked our architect, Mr Howarth, to begin the process of submitting a plan for the removal of the Church hall. Neither English Heritage nor the planners representing the conservation area status of the Village consider the hall important enough to warrant preservation. In place of the hall it is proposed that there be the provision of a parking and turning area. This will be a small provision; the site is not very big. This area will also be a means of getting the mower in and out of the Churchyard when necessary, and of providing access for the grave-digging machine. This plan, our architect suggests, may not be subject to objections from the planning officers.

We were advised that if the P.C.C. wished to make a vehicular access across the Churchyard, as was outlined in former plans, we would be well advised to make a separate application so as not to tie it to the first. This application would not be likely to be recommended by the planning officers. They are worried about the precedent that might be made for other listed buildings if St Mary's was allowed such access. The P.C.C. will not be submitting this second plan.

The vehicular access to the front of the Church was mostly about wheelchair access. We are very sorry that we are not going to be able to make the provision we wished to offer to those whose mobility is restricted, and who would like to visit our Church and worship with us. We cannot help but feel that we have failed you more than anyone.

Planning advice is part of what the P.C.C. has had to consider. We also took note of the many objections that were raised to our former proposal, the majority of which were concerned with the proposed access up through the Churchyard. In not submitting a proposal for such an access, and in limiting the proposal we intend to make to the Church hall area alone, we hope that it may be recognised that we have listened to objections that have been made. We have changed our plans accordingly.

The plan we are now proposing has to be drawn up by Mr Howarth, and agreed by the P.C.C. before it goes to the planning department. We are starting on the process because we have to start somewhere. In the meanwhile, if you wish to discuss this matter further, do please contact me The Revd Bob Thorn.

ALPHA.

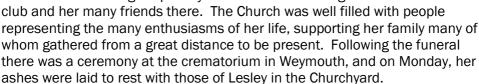
The poster says that over one and a half million people in this country did an Alpha course in 2007. Those who followed the course in the Bride Valley during the Autumn of last year are among that number; a very small proportion of the whole, but a very important number in the life of the Valley Churches. This year invitations have been going out to another group of people to join the 2008 sessions which will be beginning from Thursday the 11th of September and running until November 22nd.

Before any groups begin to meet there is a great deal of work of preparation, and this has been proceeding for some months past. There are practical matters to consider about food and comfort, and then there is the preparation of those who will be leading the sessions – how to get the best out of working in small groups; how to make sure people are properly cared for when they are being faced with decisions about their life.

There will be all sorts of notices drawing attention to Alpha. This one is to ask, please, for prayers to be said for those who are making the plans and preparations, especially for Hugh and Carol Lindsay who will be hosting the course again this year. Prayer support is as much a part of getting ready for the course as is arranging for music books to be on hand for worship, or for cutlery and crockery to be set in place. Yours prayers will strengthen and sustain the good work. Thank you. Bob.

FROM THE REGISTERS

The funeral of Marjorie Banks was held on the afternoon of Friday, the 25th of July at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. Marjorie, who was born in Wakefield, moved to Burton Bradstock with her husband Leslie, at first in Shipton Lane, and, after his death, to Norburton. She was a golfer, a Bridge player and loved rambling in the countryside. But her most cherished activity was bowling, at which she represented the county for a number of years. When her sight began to fail, she moved from the village expressly to be near the bowling



Rest eternal grant unto her O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

THE ALPHA COURSE

"If you never ask the questions, you'll never get the answers..."

Alpha courses were started by an Anglican church in London about 25 years ago. Over 2 million people in the UK and 10 million worldwide have attended an Alpha course, which are running in tens of thousands of churches of all denominations across the world.

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the meaning of life and the relevance of the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over ten thought provoking weekly sessions.

"If you want a no-holds-barred, open and honest discussion, you can bring all the questions and things that annoy you about anything to do with Christianity or religion to Alpha. You ask your questions, listen to what is said and then make a decision. If you never ask the questions you'll never get any answers, and if you never give it a go you'll never know whether it was right or wrong, good or bad" Scott, Dorset

"I was quite cynical... but it was brilliant to be able to question openly in a supportive atmosphere."

Jan, Liverpool

How Alpha works

People come on Alpha courses for a wide variety of reasons – some want to investigate whether God exists, others may have attended church occasionally but feel they have never really understood the basics of the Christian faith. The

> course is based around small groups of up to 12 people and each evening begins with a good supper.

Each week, everyone watches a DVD on a different aspect of Christianity followed by a discussion in the groups, at which everyone is encouraged to ask their awkward questions and (within reason!) to argue their case.

There is no charge for attending Alpha, but donations are accepted.

"What Alpha offers, and what is attracting thousands of people, is permission, rare in secular culture, to discuss the big questions – life and death and their meaning."

The Guardian

"What distinguishes Alpha from other initiatives is the easy-going, relaxed feel of the proceedings – that, and its astonishing success."

The Times

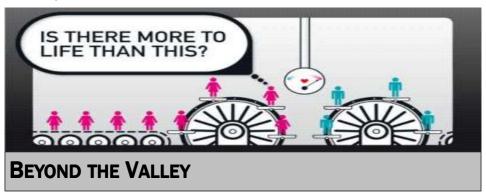
"Many claim Alpha has changed their lives and appear genuinely happier for the experience." Time Magazine

"Alpha is an unqualified triumph" The Daily Telegraph

"Alpha makes Christianity relevant to modern life."
The Daily Express

"The Bride Valley churches ran an Alpha Course in September 2007 and are planning another starting on Thursday September 11th at The Old Rectory, Litton Cheney; anyone living in or near the Bride Valley is welcome.

For further details, look at alpha.org or phone Hugh Lindsay (482383) to book a place on the Bride Valley Alpha Course



B3157 CHICKERELL TO BRIDPORT ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

As an initiative within the scheme the Road Safety Team are arranging both practical and theory driving courses for the communities along the route and regular commuters.

We will be arranging courses in the Bridport/Chickerell area in the autumn. These courses are free for those in the community as part of the scheme. Drivers can take part in either or both of the courses.

COMMUNITY SAFETY DRIVES are based around the need to read the road, positioning and awareness of other road users, as well as providing ecodriving tips. It is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour one-to-one driving session on the route, in your



car, with a specially trained driving instructor. It aims to improve defensive driving techniques, raise hazard awareness and increase knowledge of the road.

REFRESH YOUR DRIVING SKILLS is a theory course presented to a group of drivers at a local venue by a road safety professional, usually a driving instructor. It aims to give drivers of

all ages and experience, an opportunity to update and improve their skills and knowledge.

Courses already planned are taking place at::

Portesham Village Hall, Wednesday, Sept 3rd, 9.30am to 12.30pm Burton Bradstock Village Hall, Monday Sept 8th, 2pm to 5pm

To book your place contact the: Road Safety Team, Dorset County Council, County Hall, Dorchester DT1 1XJ Tel: 01305 224558 or email roadsafety@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Further courses are being arranged in September and from November onwards (avoiding October when major resurfacing works are taking place along the route).

To register your interest in taking part speak to the presenter at the theory course or contactthe Road Safety Team.

If you're not able to attend either of the courses detailed above these courses, register your contact details with the Road Safety Team and they will notify you when the next courses are taking place.

Sue Virgin, Senior Road Safety Officer Dorset County Council, County Hall, Dorchester DT1 1XJ Tel: 01305 224267 or email s.virgin@dorsetcc.gov.uk

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH)

Our quarterly Branch Committee Meeting on 17th July was a very busy one!

Firstly there was the pleasure to be had from endorsing applications for membership from eight people. This brings our branch membership up to 84 (and there are others in the pipeline!). We wish to welcome the following to our ranks and hope they will have many happy social hours with us as well as helping to further our aims - Jean Baker, Patricia Foot and Gladys Wilkins (Dorchester), Terry Bown (Axminster), Dianne Tucker (Portesham), Geoffrey Carter and Irene Donnelly (Abbotsbury) and Jennifer Ashworth (Bolton).

Secondly the Officers and Members of the Committee had clubbed together to present an engraved decanter to David Bliss who for ten years has been the Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator for the Branch. David was warmly thanked for all his hard work and dedication to the cause, not least remembering the period (when health allowed him) to run the weekly whist drives. During his years in office he was able to send (collected from various sources) almost £20,000 to Poppy H.Q.

Thirdly, the meeting voted to contribute a sum of £400 from Branch funds directly to the Poppy Appeal at this time.

The new Poppy Appeal Organiser is Major Peter Hoare, of 2, Back Street, Abbotsbury, tel no. 01305 871328. Peter has one or two vacancies

for collectors in certain areas - if you can help please contact him.

Our forthcoming meetings: Thursday, 25th September, 2008, will be a talk by Stephen HOGG on "Submarines under the North Pole," and on Thursday, 16th October, 2008, the speaker will be Captain PARR M.B.E. concerning "The Dorset Yeomanry".

(Both the above meetings are at 7.30 pm at Portesham Methodist Hall).

The Branch Shopping Trip & Annual Holiday are this year combined for a 4- day tour of Belgium and France starting on 28th November, by coach via Channel Tunnel, using an Ypres 3* Hotel, also visiting Menin Gate ceremony, Ostend, Lille and an all-day excursion to "Village de Noel" Leige.

The writer is also preparing an 8 -Day Tour of "Rome and its Environs", by air, using a 4* hotel in Rome and incorporating visits to Vatican City, Tivoli Gardens, Anzio and Monte Cassino. Full itinerary for either holiday is available from 01305 267617.

Des Baker, Branch Vice Chairman

GOOD BOOKS St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL

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YOUR local Christian bookshop and resource centre with a wide range of greetings cards. Call in and see us when you're in Bridport for a cuppa and a browse. We also welcome new volunteers and are looking for book agents in local churches and villages – could this be you?

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 9am-1.00pm, Saturday 10am-12.00. We may be able to open for groups at other times by special arrangement.

CHAI & CHAT (THE WEST DORSET/AFRICA NETWORK)...

...at Good Books in September focuses on Rwanda, when Teresa Upton joins us to share family experiences of Rwanda and her recent visit there. The date is Monday 15 September, 2.30-4.30pm.

Ten of us shared a very interesting afternoon on Zimbabwe in July, led by Kate & Jo Enright from Lyme Regis.

The *Book of Hours* creative arts project also meets again in September, on Tuesday 9^{th} at 10.30am. We'd welcome more contributors, writers and illustrators, working particularly on material for the Book of Days. Do call us for more information.

New in stock - "What am I doing here?" is described as "A beginner's guide to church". Written by Hilary Brand with entertaining cartoons by Dave Walker, this pocket-sized book guides readers through each of the key parts of the Anglican communion service, demystifying what happens and why – at only £4.99, an ideal resource to offer people new to the church.

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "Dick Taters."

EVENTS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR BURMA

As part of the Bridport Burma Appeal, we are planning the following events to raise awareness and funds for the people of Burma following the catastrophic cyclone. We are supporting Save the Children (Burma) and Children on the Edge (Thai/Burmese border). Details from Lyn 01308-425684.

Saturday September 13th

A stall in Bucky Doo Square. Bridport to highlight our events and to raise funds.

Monday September 15th at 8pm

Burma's Secret War' - a film followed by a discussion and possible talk at the Electric Palace Cinema, South Street, Bridport.

Thursday September 18th at 7.30pm

'A Coming Together For Burma' - an evening of Prayer and Meditation for Peace at the United Reform Church Hall, East Street, Bridport. Please bring a symbol of Peace.

Friday September 19th at 7.45pm

A concert at Bridport Arts Centre 'For The People Of Burma' featuring David Ferrard, Red Dirt, and the BJ Band.

Tickets £9/£7 (Concessions) – available from Bridport Arts Centre and Bridport Music, both in South Street, Bridport.

Louise Ramsden, Bridport Burma Appeal



BRIDPORT CAMERA CLUB



2008-2009 Season Programme of Events

September:

Wednesday 17th September 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay, SOCIAL EVENING & ANDY WHITE, JOHN NEAL AND TONY FAGAN PRESENTATION.

October:

Wednesday 1st October 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay, 5-ASIDE WITH DORCHESTER CAMERA CLUB

Wednesday 15th October 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay, COMPETITION NO. 1: OPEN - Judge: Sheila Haycox

Wednesday 29th October 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay, WCPF TRAVELLING PRINT PORTFOLIO

November:

Wednesday 3rd November 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Dorchester Corn Exchange, WESSEX BATTLE - Annual Inter-Club Competition Wednesday 12th November 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay, COMPETITION NO.2 LANDSCAPE - Judge: John Tilsley

Wednesday 26th November 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Masonic Hall, East Street, Bridport, *LANDSCAPE AND NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY* talk by Guy Edwardes

December:

Wednesday 10th December 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay, AN EVENING WITH Spike & Penny Piddock

For more information about any of these events, please call 01308 459443 or check www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEYMOUTH

25 MILE SPONSORED WALK

SATURDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER 2008

WALKERS NEEDED, CAN YOU HELP?

MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO: DORSET AND SOMERSET AIR

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FOR INFORMATION/ENTRY FORM

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GREAT SAMARITANS RUNNING RACE & WALKING MORNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH.

This event will take place at Weymouth College in just a few days time. There will be 7 and 3 mile races for adults, two races for children and a Fancy Dress Fun Run for the Under 7's, starting from 10am. If *you* want to be chased by a Policeman running in uniform this is your chance!

A late addition to the schedule, is a 3 mile walk through Lodmoor Park Nature Reserve.

If you would like to be involved ask John Grantham for an entry form or for more information on 01308-897935.

PS Just to clear up a point from last month's article on this subject, I mentioned that anyone undergoing stress who would like to talk to the Samaritans could call them on 01305-771777. So people could feel at ease that they would not get *me* if they knew me. I mentioned that I personally no longer work on the phones at Samaritans, but rather on Publicity and Recruitment. (My training for being a Listener on the phones is no longer up-to-date.) However if anyone would like to ask in principle about what Samaritans do and who and how they can help people, I would of course be more than ready to chat.

John Grantham 01308-897935.



ROTARY HERITAGE WALK 28 SEPTEMBER 2008



Enjoy a Walk or Run along The South West Coastal Path The Jurassic Coast is a World Heritage Site

Raise money for your own charity by sponsorship or donate to Rotary Charities Entry £10 min donation per team/family.

START 10.00am THE SALTHOUSE, WEST BAY

ENTRY FORMS, FURTHER INFORMATION AND SPONSORSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM Suzie.Cockburn@tiscali.co.uk, & Mrs S. Cockburn, 10 Buttercup Way, Bridport DT6 4SL Tel 01308 420270

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Try as hard as we may for perfection, the net result of our labours is an amazing variety of imperfectness. We are surprised at our own versatility in being able to fail in so many different ways.

Samuel McChord Crothers

LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: CAROLINE MORRISH-BANHAM

TEL: 482757

EMAIL: mark_banham@btinternet.com

Harvest Festival is on Sunday 21st September at 11:00am. This will be a very family-friendly service with refreshments afterwards. The gifts brought to the service will go to Chancery House in Bridport. The Church will be decorated and any help with the flowers, fruit and vegetables will be much appreciated.





are so fortunate to have such a lovely church in our village that it would be nice if we could enhance it further with a few more flowers now and then. There are several spaces on the flower rota and any more help would be very much appreciated; it doesn't have to be an elaborate arrangement, a vase of flowers still looks attractive. If you would prefer to polish some brass, that would be helpful, too.



a beautiful sunny day for the fete. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Carter for hosting the day. A great result: £2,100. Thank you to our sponsors, stallholders and all the many people who worked so hard to make it such a success.



To Elinor Frost, who has has done a sterling job as Long Bredy's village correspondent. The new correspondent will be Caroline Morrish-Banham to whom all items for inclusion in future issues should be sent.

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually providing the promised help.

They are called "Hezza Taters."

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

Email: pwbridehead@btinternet.com Tel: 482232



THE WEDDING

of MICHELLE PINCOMBE and LEE QUINCEY will take place in Church on 20th

September. It will be a real "village wedding", as 2, Punchbowl Cottages, Pitcombe and the Longlands Cottages have been home to either or both of them at different stages. For them both, and their families and guests, we wish a fantastic day and all happiness thereafter.

ALTHOUGH

there is little sign of readiness for harvest as this is written, the

village **Harvest Thanksgiving** will be the following Saturday 27th September. The Harvest Festival service will be in Church at

6.00pm, followed by a Harvest Supper in the Village Hall from about 7.00pm onwards. All are welcome to either or both parts of the celebration, but it would be helpful if rough numbers for the supper could be notified to Bridehead (482232) in advance, please. No doubt the flower rota will have been mobilised in advance to make the usual splendid harvest decorations.

PRELIMINARY

fliers for the **Social Club's "IDENTIFY THE PHOTOGRAPH" EVENING** have already been

circulated, so that Club members can submit childhood/bad haircut, etc., photos in advance to Ed McFadden at Church Walk for enlarging if necessary, and the deadline for that is just about when this magazine arrives. All the same, it is not too late to get pictures to him if you act straight away when you read this! The Photograph Evening is in the Village Hall from 7.30pm onwards on Friday 5th September.

who have met Emma Donnelly of Humberts in the course of her responsibilities in the village before her recent maternity leave will be pleased to know that she gave birth to her second son safely at the end of July. There is also news of her predecessor Nick Burt, who was married to Isabel Bomford in Worcestershire in May. All best wishes to all concerned.

Cogito cogito ergo cogito sum.

(I think that I think, therefore I think that I am.)
Ambrose Bierce (1842 - 1914)

LITTON CHENEY

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LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL

It's been just over two years since we started fundraising in earnest for the new community hall. Many villagers will remember over past decades all the frustration, forgotten plans and dispelled dreams that were the order of the day for so long. Well, no more.



Come April/May 2009, we will have a community hall to be truly proud of. LATCH would like to thank everybody who has donated in whatever form they have been able. Many have donated time, equipment, advice and services. The words "No charge", have been a welcome sound but we do appreciate it nevertheless as without these people's help the hall would never be built. We are also very appreciative of those who have given financially either directly or supported fundraising events. Frankly, everyone has been a "brick", which seems rather appropriate in the circumstances.

We do still need more funds if we are to kit out the hall so that we can maximize its use in all areas.

Coming up we have a very special **Wine Tasting event on Saturday 20 September** at Thorner's School which is being administered by Stephen Spurrier, an internationally renowned wine expert who, luck would have it, happens to live in Litton Cheney. At the time of writing, numbers were getting close to the limit but there is no harm in checking if there are still spaces (Freddie Spicer – 482617 or John Firrell – 482313).



We also have a most delightful **2009 Desktop Calendar** available to purchase at £3.50, 2 for £6. There are two versions available (Bride Valley Colours and Bride Valley Skies), both extremely attractive, so much so you will want to buy both. We are indebted to Claire Gross for producing such a splendid calendar. Call Ron Davidson (482661), David Taylor (482532) or the people mentioned above, for calendars or to make a personal donation.

John Firrell - 482313

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

HISTORIC WALK

Many thanks to Eddie Fry for his **Historic Walk,** taking us on a journey back in time to learn about the history of the village. An interesting an enjoyable evening was had by all.

VILLAGE WALK

The next Village Walk will be on Sept 13^{th} -weather permitting!! Meet at the bus shelter at 10am.



THEATRE TRIP

For all those booked on the Theatre trip on Tuesday Sept 30th to see Daphne Du Maurier's "Don't Look Now" at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole please be at the bus shelter in Litton Cheney at 5:45 pm. For late availability of tickets and for more information contact Lois Edwards (482605).

BARN DANCE

The Barn Dance will be on Sat Oct 4^{th} at Thorner's School at 7pm. Come along and enjoy a buffet supper and an evening dancing or listening to the CASTERBRIDGE BAND. Tickets are available from members of the Social Committee at £7.50 per adult and £2.50 for children under 18.

Sheila Davison Secretary LCSC 482262

LADYBIRDS OPEN MEETING

AT THORNER'S SCHOOL, WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

MY LIFE AT THE BBC - TAKE 2

more entertaining anecdotes from David Taylor

DOORS OPEN 7.30 FOR 8.00 P.M. START
£ 2.50 (MEMBERS £2)

REFRESHMENTS

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

We shall be decorating the church in preparation for Harvest Festival from 10 am on Saturday 27th September. If you do not usually help but would like to do an arrangement, or can provide flowers or greenery, will you please contact Christine Green 01308 898334.

The Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday 28th September at 11 am, and will be

conducted by Mike Read. All offerings of fruit and vegetables will be greatly appreciated.

HARVEST SUPPER - 1st October

The Harvest Supper will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday $1^{\rm st}$ October. Tickets at £5 each will be available from the middle of September. Please contact James Webster 898657, Vicky Thomas 898648, Elizabeth Langran 897207, Gillian Maxfield 897346 to obtain your tickets. Please let us know if you are a vegetarian.

CHURCH FETE

After a week of dismal weather the sun finally came out and we had an extremely enjoyable Fete and Dog Show. A wonderful total of £1053 was raised.

The P.C.C. would like to thank everyone who took part, in whatever capacity, for all their hard work and endeavours. Gillian Maxfield - Churchwarden

Dog Show

Long legs, short legs, smooth legs, bandy legs, hairy legs and very hairy legs – they were all in abundance at the Fun Dog Show run as part of Shipton's Church Fete on 12th July. What's more it wasn't only dog legs on show as one of the most popular classes was the "Best six legs" class where both the dog's and the owner's legs were judged – and what a sight some of them were; but good sense prevailed and the well deserved winner was Dawn Symes with Crystal. The ever popular "Dog most like its owner" class kept everyone guessing for a while and the similarity between dog and owner was only too clear in many of the entries, but the eventual winner of the class was Robert Langran with Poppy, and rumour has it that it was Robert's mop of white hair that clinched the first place rosette. Colin Chambers with Bertie won the "Most handsome dog" class, and by the smile on Colin's face we're sure that he thought he was being judged too, but maybe it just goes to prove that good looking dogs like to please their

to prove that good looking dogs like to please their owners. Perhaps Colin could grow a beard for next year and make Bertie proud. John Kent with Peggy teamed up with Jo Warren and Miles to win the "Best pair" class, and John was delighted when he and Peggy went on to take the prize as the Overall Winner of the Show. The judge was Jean Wicks from Loscombe who had kindly stepped in to judge at the last minute, and thanks to her for doing such a good job. As well as a great variety of dogs, most of which live in the village, a crowd of people gathered to

watch and it was wonderful to hear the waves of laughter throughout the afternoon. All the dogs received a Bonio for their fortitude and effort so a great time was had by all.

Mary Boughton

THE AQUABOX IS READY FOR FILLING!

Shipton Gorge Village Society has sponsored the village's third Aquabox. This is a box of emergency equipment which is sent out to areas that have been devastated by natural or man-made disasters. The box contains much that is needed to aid survival after a disaster, from a cooking pot to hammer and nails. If you would like to donate or buy an item for the box I have the list of things that



are needed. Our last two aquaboxes were dispatched to disaster areas almost as soon as they were filled, and sadly there continues to be a need for more boxes.

Chris Hewlett, Greenways. 01308 897278

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING



Come along to the Village Hall on Friday 26th
September between 10am and 12 noon for a cup of coffee and delicious homemade biscuits. We will entertain you with live music and there will be a Champagne Draw and stalls to browse. Let's create a huge stir for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Janet Lane

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB AUGUST DRAW

£10 No 7 Tony Boughton £20 No 62 Elizabeth Fulford

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th September commencing at 7.30pm.

Ernie Thomas Parish Clerk

Three boys were playing and were bragging about their fathers. The first boy said: "My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper and calls it a poem. He gets £50 for it."

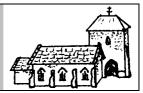
Second boy said, "That's nothing! My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song and he gets £100 for it."

The third boy then said to the first two: "I got you both beat. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a sermon and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: ELIZABETH SLATER

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HARVEST FESTIVAL:

Sunday 28th September

The Harvest Family Service will take place on Sunday 28 September at 11.00am and will be followed by a harvest lunch in the hall from noon onwards. Everyone, especially children, from Puncknowle, Swyre, West Bexington and the Bride Valley is most welcome. Drinks will be provided. A plate of food or donation would be welcome. A



notice will be put up in the Church porch nearer the time for people to indicate what they will be bringing. This is an invitation to all in the Bride Valley, whether you go to church or not, to celebrate our harvest. So please make a note in your Diary and join us. For further information please contact Sue Brown on 897953 or Liz Slater 897751.

PUNCKNOWLE FETE - 26th July 2008

A big thank you to all who helped to make our 2008 Fete a huge success, whether you helped organise, served on a stall, donated goods or produce, washed up or just came along and spent your money. A special thank you to Sarah and Jim Wild for the use of their beautiful newly landscaped garden.

The fete raised over £4,800, which will help towards the £8,500 needed to replace the lead on the church roof.

Many thanks from the organisers.

David Jenkins, Ann Roberts, Jan Dixon, Ruth Brierly.

ART CLUB

We were lucky to have a lovely sunny morning for our painting trip to Burton Bradstock each followed by coffee and cake at the cafe. Our last meeting of the season was a talk by Pam and Valerie on Russian art collections. Pam went to the London exhibition and Valerie went all the way to Russia to The Heritage Museum in St Petersburg.

There were no meetings in August but we reconvene at The Crown on 5^{th} September *Christine Molony*

THE DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

Saturday 13 September 2008 12 noon

Children taking part meet at St Mary's Church at midday. We cycle to Swyre Church, on to Litton Cheney where we have a picnic lunch, then back to Puncknowle. The sponsorship money raised is divided equally between your local church and The Trust. Please be generous in your sponsorship this year as we are hoping that the Historic Churches Trust will give us a grant towards the £8,500 needed to repair the church roof. Sponsor forms may be obtained from Ann Roberts, Burwell Cottage, Puncknowle. Tel: 987716

All are welcome so do please come and join us.

Ann Roberts

PUNCKNOWLE HISTORY SOCIETY

The next two meetings of the Puncknowle History Society will be in Puncknowle Village Hall on Thursday 18 September at 7.30pm where we will talk about how to get our Local History project off the ground. Our next meeting will be on Thursday November 20 at 7.30pm - topic to be confirmed. For more information call Debbie Legge 898506.

Debbie Legge



COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF THE CRISIS IN ZIMBABWE

Thank you to all who came on a very wet morning to show your support and concern for the people of Zimbabwe. The happy atmosphere, the good will, the obvious desire

to express your sympathy contributed to the success of the occasion.

Thank you to those who volunteered to help in any way and special thanks to Sue and Mike Brown for opening their home.

Thanks to your generosity the sum of £315.12 has been sent directly to St Margaret's Church in Bulawayo to be distributed to those whose need is great.

Pam Coventry

PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd September at the Village Hall in Puncknowle. 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.

Anthony Edwards 897435

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON VILLAGE HALL

REFURBISHMENT

People wandering past the hall during the last few weeks and who have listened to the (mostly printable) chatter and seen the growing mound of rubbish, may well have been wondering what has been going on.



For bookings, contact the Secretary, telephone 01308 897953

Firstly, a suspended ceiling has been inserted, together with new lighting and power circuits. Yes I'm afraid the beams have disappeared, but the improvement in both accoustics and draught exclusion are manifest.

During the process we had the chance to inspect the floor of the kitchen and were disappointed to find it in quite poor condition. Most of the floor boards, and some of the joists have rotted and are in dire need of replacement. This is now being taken care of.

As a result, the next planned job, replacing the kitchen floor covering, has been delayed, as has the installation of new kitchen units and surfaces. These will be done over the next few weeks, and should be completed by mid September.

A number of people have been involved in getting the work done, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank Rob Reeks, David Robbins, Ron Gregory, and Malcolm Bush for all the time and effort they have put into what has been achieved (with apologies to anyone I have missed). Special thanks go to John Holker, who planned, designed (and did at least his share of the work on) the suspended ceiling.

At the same time, a telephone line has been installed allowing us to provide a broadband connection for the use of the public, and for any potential hirers who might need it - so if anyone wants to start a homework club, or just to do their Tesco shopping on line, start getting organised now.

We should also thank "Awards for All", "Dorset Area Project Board", "Dorset Community Action" and a generous, anonymous donor who made all this possible.

The whole point being to provide the villages of West Bexington, Swyre and Puncknowle with a well appointed community hall that can be used by or for the benefit of clubs, organisations and individuals in the three communities. It will all be there very soon. All you have to do is use it.

Mike Brown, Chair, Management Committee

100 CLUB

June Winners

Chris Gregory £10 Pam Massev £ 5

July Winners

Pam Massey £10 R Glyn Jones £ 5

In future the monthly 100 Club Draw will take place at the Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Luncheon Club. The August and September draw will take place at the September Lunch on Tuesday 16th.

Anyone interested in joining the 100 Club should contact Rob Reeks on 01308 897663 or Sid Marshall on 01308 897318. Annual cost is £18 per share (by cheque please).

QUIZ NIGHT

We will be restarting the Quiz Nights on the last Friday in each month commencing 26th September at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Look out for local notices.

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON LUNCHEON CLUB.

The club will be starting a new year of lunches with a lunch on Tuesday 16th September at 12.30 in the Village Hall, Puncknowle. This will be an exciting occasion as it will be the first opportunity to use the newly refurbished kitchen and the hall with its new ceiling and lighting.

The menu will be :-

Fruit Juices.

Chicken or Vegetable Casserole with seasonal vegetables, Bread and Butter Pudding or Ice Cream with Fruit sauce,

Cheese and Biscuits,

Tea or Coffee.

If any member was not at the July meal and wishes to order a lunch, they should ring me on 897622. The meal will still cost only £4 but as this is a new year it will be necessary for everyone to pay £1 to re-join the club. New members are welcome and should also ring 897622.

Ken Martin

It was the Law of the Sea, they said. Civilization ends at the waterline. Beyond that, we all enter the food chain, and not always right at the top. *Hunter S. Thompson (1939 - 2005)*

Tomorrow never comes, but the morning after certainly does. Anon

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE/WALK

This years Dorset Historic Churches Trust annual sponsored cycle ride or walk will be on Saturday 13th September. Last year we had 4 walkers from Swyre who visited 4 Churches and a pub for sustenance to continue our epic journey. We also had 2 cyclists who did even more churches and we are grateful to all those who took part.

I hope that some of you will be able to join us again this year whether walking or cycling. Sponsor forms are with me so let me know if you would like one.

If you are unable to join us you can always sponsor those taking part. We are hoping to apply to the Trust for financial assistance with the various repairs needed to the Church.

David Buckland 898492

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Our next working party will be on 13th September to help tidy the churchyard in any way that you can. Tea/coffee will be provided with biscuits if I am reminded.

PCC MEETING

This is to be held on 4th September at 7.30pm at Chantry House.

HARVEST

Decoration of the Church will be on Friday 3rd October from 10 am. All are welcome to join us to make our Church even more beautiful than it is already.

The Harvest Festival service will be on Sunday 5th October at 6.30 pm. *Churchwardens*

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work.

They are called "Speck Taters."

BURTON BRADSTOCK

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS: CATHY & JOHN LAY-FLURRIE

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ST. MARY'S HARVEST SUPPER

with Barn Dancing & Musical Entertainment, Saturday 4th October 6.30 – 9.45pm, Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Tickets (£5.00 to include first drink) will be available from Susan Paul (Old Walls) or any member of the PCC from the 1st
September

As in the past we are asking you to bring either a sweet or savoury dish; your ticket will be marked according to your choice. We are delighted that David Powell, with some friends, will be leading the entertainment; we are most grateful to him. This is an occasion for all the family and everyone in the village is very welcome to join us.

Harvest Thanksgiving is in church the following day.

St. Mary's P.C.C.

TEAS IN THE RECTORY GARDEN.

A big thank you to all those who supported the teas. It was sad that this did not include the weather! However, we are British! We said we were having teas and have teas we did. A sincere thank you to those who valiantly served, and who valiantly made scones and who valiantly came and ate cream tea. We made £204.50 which has been divided between The Sailor's Society, ROPE, Julia's House Hospice and The Well.

We hope to do it again in the sunshine.

Jean Thorn.

ATTENTION EVERYONE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 6 AND 106

Would you like to be a trainer, quiz master, scorer or contestant for next season's round of the Bride Valley Bible Quiz, which starts in January?

Last year Burton Bradstock won both the Junior and Senior Shields and Thorners won the School Cup. Can you challenge them? Who will win next year?

There will be some minor changes to make the quizzes more enjoyable for all. This year's study will focus on some of the adventures in the life of Moses, as found in the earlier chapters of Exodus. So why not brush up on the Old Testament and have fun at the same time.

Interested? Then please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you on 897780.

Heather Rogers

ST MARY'S BURTON BRADSTOCK

Church Fete, 7th August 2008

This year we were blessed with fine weather which ensured a good attendance and everyone clearly enjoyed themselves and they were most generous.

The erection of a tent and a large number of gazebos were good insurance and looked most colourful in the Rectory Garden helping to impart a festive air.

The Farming and Countryside theme was covered by information stands about food and its production in West Dorset and about the importance of caring for our beautiful surroundings. Livestock was represented by two lambs named Tristan and Isolde and two, not quite so real, chickens named Chuck and Hen (Alan and Judy Clarke) and brains were tested by identification of old farm tools.

All the familiar stalls did a roaring trade and most generous donations in cash and in kind ensured a successful Grand Draw and Auction. The games were all very popular none more so than the Wet Sponges where our very game Rector subjected himself to a thorough soaking much to the enjoyment of all the onlookers and the small (and sometimes not so small) people who scored direct hits. Teas and Ice Creams were in great demand and much appreciated by those lucky enough to enjoy them.

More activities took place in the Church and a splendid array of flowers, the displays of which were linked to the farming and countryside theme, attracted many visitors some of whom climbed the tower whilst others enjoyed listening to hand bell ringing.

The whole event culminated with an Organ Recital by Jac Peeters on the following day and the total amount raised from the fete activities plus the donations in recognition of the flower displays and the music in the church was in the order of $\pounds 6400$.

This was an absolutely splendid result and very great thanks are due to the volunteers (over 150 people) who gave so freely of their time, to our generous sponsors and donors, to Bob and Jean for the use of their house and garden and to those who spent their money to ensure that the village church can continue to function and be well maintained.

Peter Broomhead Fete Co-ordinator

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS.

As it is now the fastest growing time for plants and trees, I thought it might be helpful to remind our countryside colleagues of their responsibility to keep clear and open the footpath and bridleways that cross their land. In particular the entrances which do seem to get very overgrown.

Also can I remind users of the footpaths not to drop litter, and indeed to pick up any litter that they might find.

Fel Moore, Clerk to the Council



BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings - Telephone 01308 898222

200 CLUB August 2008 Draw Congratulations to:

1st Prize:No.525Mr Lewis Frost£42.402nd Prize:No.582Mrs Maureen Cork£21.203rd Prize:No.533Mrs Joan Naylor£10.60

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the September-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have $\pounds 4$ – one pound for each of the remaining 4 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. SL0080

Alan Clarke - Promoter for 200 Club - 01308 897051



It is amazing how time flies. As summer passes toward autumn and another season of Artsreach Events approaches, I have managed to book a variety of shows for the Village Hall, which I'm sure will be enjoyed by most, if not all. Some are musical, some dramatic, some comedic.

Friday 12th September at 7.30 p.m. - "The Buffalo Gals"

The first of our autumn shows will be "The Buffalo Gals" - an old time country string band. Those of you who enjoyed the Appalachian sounds and amazing footwork of Ira Bernstein and Riley Baugus in 2006 will be sure to enjoy the Buffalo Gals. A feast of fiddle and banjo led Appalachian with Bluegrass, Blues and Cajun music, accompanied by soaring harmonies and dazzling displays of percussion step-dancing!

Saturday 18th October - "Adolf" written and performed by Pip Utton

Now for something completely different! I have managed to book Pip Utton's famous one man show "Adolf", which is a really remarkable piece of Theatre - a tour de force. Pip dramatises the final moments of the world's most hated dictator, and delivers an acute anatomy of fascism and its poisoned Utopia. Just as we appear to be helplessly drawn into Hitler's warped logic - Pip provides a sting in the tale. This is very powerful and challenging and we suggest that audiences should not think of leaving before the ending, which is surprising and thought provoking. His performance has been described as "powerful, educational, utterly provocative and totally necessary - everyone should experience it". Theatre with a message!

Further shows are under negotiation at the time of writing AND for next year I think we may have "The New Rope String Band"!! More news later.

May I take this opportunity to thank in advance those volunteers who help me organise these first class professional performances through

Artsreach Norman Saunders-White - Promoter for Artsreach - 01308 897214

BURTON'S GOT TALENT - 29 November 2008

This year will see the start of what will hopefully become an annual event - 'Burton's Got Talent'. The event is being run to raise funds for the Village Hall and will be open to all ages. We are looking to attract a range of different types of acts providing an entertaining day for all. It is hoped that there will be enough acts to fill two shows, one to be held during the day and one in the evening. So, if you can sing, dance, juggle, tell a story or have some other talent why not apply? Full details will be given to every applicant. The event is being organised by Pam Middlemast (The Three Horseshoes) and Karen Venn (Norburton Hall). Look for posters around the Village.

Closing date for applications is Monday 22nd September.

Pam Middlemast - Village Hall Committee - 01308 897259

DIGITAL PHOTO COMPETITION WILDLIFE IN BURTON BRADSTOCK in 2008

Organized by Burton Bradstock online

Photos must be taken in Burton Bradstock. The competition is open to everyone- Visitors as well as locals.



The parish is particularly rich in wildlife and we welcome pictures of all species ideally shown in their local context. For example; birds such as buzzards, woodpeckers, deer, badgers, foxes, glowworms, sea pinks, Frogs, Toads, butterflies, spiders etc., can be readily be seen in season as well as many rarer species such as kingfishers, owls, Hummingbird Hawk moths.

Prizes for the 2008 competition

<u>Adults</u>: £100, £50 and £25. <u>Under 16's</u>: £50, £25 and £15

Competition rules and further details can be obtained by logging on to www.burtonbradstock.org.uk.

HURRY, Because entries close on the 16th September, 2008

HOME WATCH

Glad to say that in the month to early August we had not had a *single* instance reported of anyone 'unexpected and uninvited' trying to trade on anyone's doorsteps in BB. This time last year we *did* have such instances and we're hopeful that the institution of a 'Cold Calling Control Zone' for



Burton Bradstock in 2008 *is* having the effect of deterring such traders - particularly since among any crop of straightforward traders, there can often be the rogue trader.....

Please remember that at the first sign of an uninvited doorstep trader, call me on 01308-897935 with as much information about them as possible please – in particular the person's name and the name of their organisation and I will notify the TSO/Police who may get down here right away, and will in any event ensure the organisation agrees never to cold call here again. In response to residents who have asked if 'charities' can also be dissuaded from calling 'uninvited' at doors, the CCCZ scheme does not actually cover charities.

John Grantham

BURTON BRADSTOCK INDOOR BOWLS

2008 - 2009 Season

The new season will start on Monday 30^{th} September in the Village Hall at 7.45 pm.

The AGM will be held during the break in the session on Monday 6^{th} October. We look forward to welcoming back old members and to greeting new members who will be able to attend free of charge for the initial sessions.

For more information please contact the Chairman Bob Dubrey (897403) or the Treasurer Peter Colbert (897922)

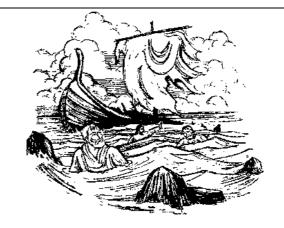
Peter Broomhead - Secretary (897408)

RNLI

At the recent house to house collection at Burton Bradstock for the RNLI £468.20 was collected. Many thanks to all who collected and to all those who contributed. The RNLI appreciate your efforts.







St Peter swore that this would be the last bargain price cruise he'd take!

VALLEY NOTES



Members had a very pleasant early evening outing to Knowle Farm, Uploders, in July. The weather was overcast but kept dry and our hosts, Alison and John Halliday, provided us with some lovely refreshments. The garden itself was charming, a place to wander around and enjoy its quiet setting - and the plantaholics were delighted to come across unusual examples. The

greenhouse was especially praised.

The speaker at our September meeting is Joy Wallis from the Dorset Wildlife Trust on gardening to encourage wildlife which should prove to be a very interesting subject. This and the October meeting on trees will probably be the last ones held by the club since nobody has come forward to take on the role of Chair. The club will perforce be wound up in November.

JOBS TO DO:

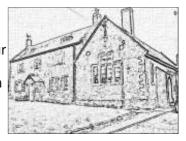
New perennials can be planted and existing clumps divided. Sow sweet peas in cold frames for an early start next year. Take cuttings of tender perennials such as Pelargonium and Osteospermum.

Plant out onion sets and spring cabbage for spring cropping.

Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary. e-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net Tel: 01308 482240

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

This month I would like to welcome all those pupils who will be joining us in Reception and in other classes, we hope that you enjoy your time here at Thorner's and take the opportunity to join us in all aspects of the school. We have a large cohort of pupils starting in Reception this month so are able to employ a dedicated Reception teacher for them each morning,



working alongside Fledglings in the well resourced Foundation Unit. We are looking forward to working with Fiona the newly appointed playgroup leader who will be starting soon, this will allow Carol to enjoy some free time (she has been trying to do this for the last few years!)

Also joining us will be a new Teaching Assistant, Miss Clark working with all the clases. We feel very fortunate that Mrs Jevons will also been joining the permanent staff teaching in Key Stage 1 and with all her skills and enthusiasm feel sure that all the pupils will enjoy having her in the school.

Many of you volunteer your services to help us in school throughout the year and we look forward to seeing your smiling faces and thank you for continuing support by listening to children read, help with cooking, caring for the pool, conservation area and being part of the Governing Body to mention a few. Without your support we could not be the friendly family school we are. So many people comment on the atmosphere as they walk around the school I feel quite proud and pleased to be part of it, so thank you.

In the coming months we will be watching closely as the Community Hall takes shape, work is due to start as you read this article so we are very excited and starting to plan how we can make the best use of the hall for all the children in the valley. If you have any ideas do please get in touch. Would you be interested in running any after school/ evening activities? Do get in touch with me via the school office tel: 01308 482410

Alison Johnstone, Headteacher

THE BIG DORSET QUIZ

is still on sale at The Crown, Puncknowle, The White Horse, Litton Cheney, The Post Office Burton Bradstock and Bridport and Dorchester Tourist Information Centre's.

So there is still time to help us raise money by buying our Quiz and having a go!

FASHION SHOW

Thursday 25th September, Doors open 7.00pm
Show starts Promptly at 7.30pm
Price only £4.50 per person [to include a glass of wine] cash/
cheques/credit cards excepted on evening for purchases.
Tickets available from the School Office, village reps or call Mandy on
482 525

CHRISTMAS BINGO

21st November Thorner's School, Litton Cheney Doors Open 7.00: Eyes down 7.30

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

Before the end of the summer term, our playgroup outing to Farmer Palmers was great fun-riding tractors, pedalling Go-Karts, climbing straw mountains, using the sandy Adventure Play Area, as well as feeding lambs and watching Muriel the cow



being milked. We also enjoyed our end-of- year Picnic in the Park at Puncknowle, with big bouncy castle as well as playing field equipment, and

after lunch held presentations to pre-school children, of certificates, scrapbooks and P.E. bags for school. The weather was kind and warm on both occasions!

Our vegetables were growing fast so we had to keep watering them - radishes, pumpkins, beans, tomatoes, herbs - and flowers in pots too. The children were proud of them. Twelve Fledglings are off to school and we shall miss them.

At the A.G.M. some volunteers agreed to become the new Committee Chair and Vice-Chair - thanks Stephen Reeves and Martin Bonome. Some parents left the committee and others stayed on for the next year - thank you all. We hope more new parents will join in the next few months when their children start at Fledglings. There was a Social evening at Kirsty's on 19th July to mark the end of Rachel's two years as Chair of Playgroup Committee, and thank her for all her extremely hard work with a special gift, and we also thanked Kirsty for her help, especially with publicity. Plates of food were contributed plus drinks and the room was soon buzzing! Rachel's last job was to advertise for another new play leader, as Sonya Morgan decided to move to Devon, and not return in September. So more staff changes on the way - more about this next time.

Autumn Term started on Tuesday 2^{nd} September - Fledglings is open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for morning and afternoon sessions, with Lunch Club from 12.00-1.00pm - we do have places available once again. Nestlings on Thursday afternoons is for younger children to drop in (with parent/carer) and play using playgroup resources - joining in planned activities on offer if they wish to. Cost is only £1.50 including snack & drink. It is also an opportunity to get information about Fledglings - see playgroup in action - meet staff etc.

For information re Playgroup or Nestlings, please ring us at school on 01308 482410, or Carol Bennett on 897771.

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAY GROUP

Burton Bradstock is thrilled to announce that as a result of a successful funding application we are able to extend our opening hours. From September 2008 the opening hours will be as follows:



Charity Commission No. 1042713

Monday and Friday 9.15am-2.15pm Wednesdays 9.15am-12.45pm

We are also in the process of setting-up a toddler group.

The Burton Bradstock Playgroup has a vacancy for a Playgroup Assistant for Mondays and Fridays, salary negotiable depending on the successful candidate's qualifications and experience.

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

We are pleased to announce that next year's February production will be "The Pied Piper". This will be a panto-style family show and anyone interested is invited to attend the Reading on Tuesday 23rd September and/or the Auditions on Thursday 25th



September 2008 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall. If you cannot make these dates but are interested in this production, please telephone Vicky Thomas on 898648 for more information.

And don't forget to buy your tickets soon for "Lord Arthur Savile's Crime" to be performed in the Hall 3rd - 6th September at 7.30 pm!

Daphne Ekins, Hon. Secretary

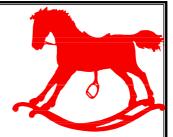
MOTHERS' UNION.

- . A MEMBERS afternoon on Thursday September 25th at 2.30pm., at WESTFIELD, Shipton Lane, Burton Bradstock.
- . If you wish bring knitting or a prayer or a reading etc. that you would like to share. Have you someting that you would like to discuss?. If not just come and chill out and enjoy the fellowship.

Yvette Smith. 898219

FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP LONG BREDY VILLAGE HALL,

Wednesdays 10am-12noon in Termtime



SUITABLE FOR 0-4 YEARS

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Small & friendly group All welcome



For more information contact 01308 482126

Wide range of equipment & resources

Meet friends

Health Visitor 1st Wednesday each month

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENT IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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A Comedy by Constance Cox Based on a short story by Oscar Wilde

LORD ARTHUR SAVILE'S CRIME

DIRECTED BY Mike Read

WED 3^{RD} , THURS 4^{TH} , FRI 5^{TH} & SAT 6^{TH} SEPTEMBER. NIGHTLY AT 7.30PM

TICKETS: ADULTS £6.00 CHILDREN (UNDER 16) £4.00 AVAILABLE FROM MON 4TH AUGUST 2008 AT BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (DURING OPENING HOURS)

ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH FETE ON THURSDAY 7^{TH} AUGUST

OR BY TELEPHONE BOOKING (01308) 897879

St James the Least of All

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace:' On how to make the most of that diocesan 'residential course'

The Rectory St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your enthusiasm for attending training courses has, until now, baffled me. Why should you want to become a better preacher, when congregations only use the sermon for catching up on lost sleep? What more do you need to learn about time management than being able to recognise those fixed points of 12.30 for the pre-luncheon sherry and 6pm for a stiff gin? And what is the point of learning about how to lead Bible study groups when all you will end up discussing is who failed to provide flowers for the altar last Sunday?

But after this last week, dear boy, I take it all back. The bishop sent me on a week's pre-retirement course. Of course, he was dropping hints, but until I reach my century, I have little intention of relinquishing a vocation to annoying parishioners and frustrating the plans of bishops. What else, after all, is parish ministry about?

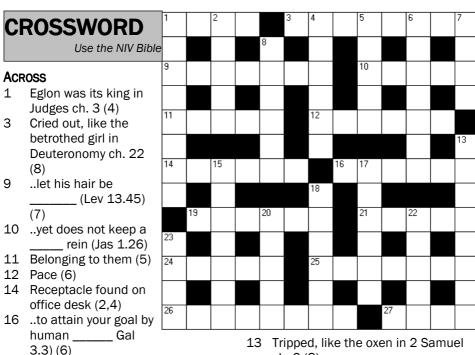
The first move is to arrive early, receive your room allocation and then discard it. Tour the whole establishment, find the best room and then unpack and make sure your dog is nicely settled in the centre of the bed, just in time for the arrival of the intended occupant. I naturally apologise effusively for my innocent mistake, begin to remove possessions and dog while hoping that he will excuse all the hairs on his bed. This ensures that he magnanimously offers to take your original room.

At the first session, you need to establish the ground rules - and with a course leader, who in my opinion, should still have been wearing short trousers, it was all too easy. You make it clear that you are extremely deaf and so all the lectures will, sadly, be wasted on you, you also add that you will need some time alone to prepare for a surfeit of funerals which inexplicably all came in the day before you left and that you also will need time out to exercise your dog.

By the end of that first session, you will have accounted for your absence for the rest of the week. In my case, it passed delightfully with gentle strolls in the grounds, visits to the local second-hand bookshops and much silent meditation in one's room. I attended the final session in order to congratulate the leader for his magnificent course, was effusive in my comments on those wretched evaluation forms and on my return wrote a letter of thanks to the bishop for having thought I was worthy of receiving pre-retirement training - while also noting that I was sure it would be of use when I begin to make plans for that happy event in a few decades time.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

A second year student explaining to a first year student how to write essays: "When you take stuff from one writer, it's plagiarism, but when you take it from many writers, it's called research."



- 19 Nazirites must abstain from these fruits, says Numbers ch. 6 (6)
- 21 Muslim faith (5)
- 24 Play (5)
- 25 Son of Nethaniah in Jeremiah ch. 41 (7)
- 26 Job ch. 41 compares the sea to a pot of this (8)
- 27 Second hand (4)

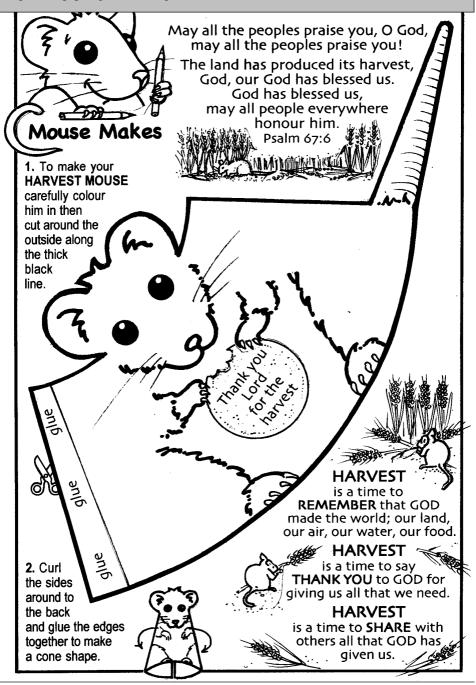
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- 1 eg Horeb in Exodus ch. 3 (8)
- 2 The finery in Isaiah ch. 3 includes chains for this body part (5)
- 4 Most pleasingly pretty (6)
- 5 Go in (5)
- 6 Ahaziah died here in 2 Kings ch. 9
- 7 One of the fruits of which a cake was made in 1 Chronicles ch. 16 (4)
- Part of Revelation ch. 2 is addressed 8 to the Church here (6)

- 13 Tripped, like the oxen in 2 Samuel ch. 6 (8)
- 15 The surface features of an area of land (7)
- 17 Series of stairs by which the portico was reached in Ezekiel ch. 40 (6)
- 18 .. him a place with the unbelievers (Luke 12.46) (6)
- 20 Sacred song (5)
- 22 Jumps, like Elihu's heart in Job ch. 37 (5)
- 23 Zechariah wss his descendant



FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE





COME ON DOWN!

Sounds like a quiz show on the TV doesn't it 'Zacchaeus, come on down...' But Zacchaeus wasn't sitting in a TV studio. He was not very tall and had climbed into a tree in Jericho to see the new teacher that they were all talking about.

Jericho had lots of trees (it was known as the city of trees) and Zacchaeus thought that he could hide in the leaves to see over the heads of the crowds and hear what Jesus had to say and that no one would notice him. But Jesus noticed, he looked straight up at Zacchaeus (who was so used to being looked down on) and said 'Come on down. Zacchaeus. because I'm coming to your house!' That was amazing because Zacchaeus was a tax collector and not a verv popular person. Jericho people of muttered under their breath about Jesus going to be the guest of such a dreadful character (Luke chapter 10, verses 1-10). But Jesus changed Zacchaeus' life when he called him that day.

TREE-MENDOUS

All the answers to this quiz begin with the letters TRE. Can you say which TRE is...

- 1. What pirates bury?
- 2. A small earthquake?
- 3. What you get when you are ill?
- 4. A wooden lattice for plants?
- 5. Dug in the garden?
- 6. Written on a piece of music?
- 7. A clover leaf?
- 8. Wobbles or shakes?
- 9. Goes boldly to the stars?
- 10. Very large?
 Answers at the bottom of the page.



What tree are deck chairs made from?

A beech tree.

What swings from a tree in a suit and tie?

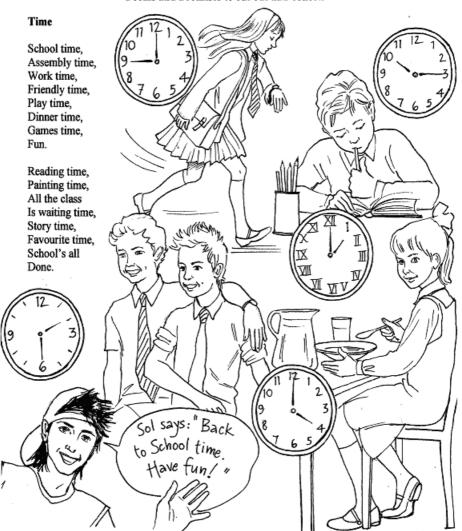
A branch manager.

This is a dogwood tree.
How can you tell?
By its bark.

ANSWER: 1.treasure 2.tremor 3.treatment 4.trellis 5.trench 6.treble clef 7.trefoil 8.trembles 9.trek 10.tremendous

Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.



There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:15 NIV)

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

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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On the Island

A man was stranded on the proverbial deserted Pacific island for years.

Finally one day a boat comes sailing into view, and the man frantically waves and draws the skipper's attention. The boat comes near the island and the sailor gets out and greets the stranded man.

After awhile the sailor asks, "What are those three huts you have here?" "Well, that's my house there."

"What's that next hut?" asks the sailor.

"I built that hut to be my church."

"What about the other hut?"

"Oh, that's where I used to go to church."

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

See the Bride Valley News IN COLOUR, on the Burton Bradstock website

www.burtonbradstock.org.uk www.littoncheney.org.uk www.shiptongorge.org.uk www.puncknowle.net www.swyre.org.uk www.westbexington.org.uk

CHURCH SERVICES TH		THE BRIDE VALLEY T	THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES	
Date Parish	7th September 1 st Sunday of the month 16 th after Trinity	14 th September 2 nd Sunday of the month Holy Cross day	21st September 3rd Sunday of the month St Matthew	28 th September 4 th Sunday of the month 19 th after Trnity
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
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Harvest Festival Service
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 3.00 _{pm} Prayer & Praise with Baptism	11.00 Family Service (Harvest)
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Harvest Festival Service	
Littlebredy		11.00 Family Service		11.00 Holy Communion