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FROM THE RECTORY THE RECTORY, BURTON BRADSTOCK, DT6 4QS TEL: 01308 898799

No apologies for this being the second letter in a row in which I write about Yvonne Buckland having been licensed as a reader in the Diocese at a service in Salisbury Cathedral, back on 9th October. On Sunday 10th October, Yvonne was welcomed into the Bride Valley as our new Reader during a service held in St Mary's, Burton Bradstock. She described her early life, and her developing Christian faith, and then went on to speak about her growing sense of having been called to the task to which she is now commissioned. She read out her licence from the Bishop, full of formal, legal language, in

the same way that a Naval Captain reads himself in before the ship's company; and it was done.

There are still some odd bits of courses to finish, but we know that the bulk of the practical work has already been done in the years that Yvonne has spent among us as a Pastoral Assistant and as a Lay Worship Leader. She is no stranger to us, nor we to her.

As a Reader, alongside Mike Read and James Webster, she is set to walk with us in a special way. Her looking into the bible in prayer has led her to live in those places, to see and to feel the harshness of some of what is told, the beauty of others and to know the presence of Christ as Lord of all. This has changed her in the sense that we are always changed, for the better we hope, by life's experiences, and the more awful / tricky / risky / delightful / triumphant they are, the more she and we are changed. And now Yyonne has returned from her

training to lead us into those places where she has been shown the path, and where she has been exploring. It will be a great adventure, and we should expect ourselves to be changed too; by what we are shown. And we must be ready to go. For the story does not stop and start to suit us, conveniently at the end of a paragraph, or even at the end of a sentence, or even at the end of a word. Bob



I will again be organising the greetings' page this year. If you would like to send me a donation your name(s) will be included in a list of all contributors on a dedicated page(s) in the BVN. The list of names will be below a *collective* Christmas greeting message to friends and neighbours (sadly, we are not able to include individual messages).

Donations will be distributed between the BVN & The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) who, at the time of writing, are supporting the Pakistan Fund. The Committee is made up of 13 aid charities, among them

Christian Aid, Oxfam, Tear Fund, The Red Cross, CAFOD.

At the beginning of September nearly £47,000,000 pounds had been sent for the relief of the victims of the Pakistan flood. More news of the DEC, together with their latest relief details, can be found on www.dec.org.uk

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

> Cheques should be made payable to 'The Bride Valley Team Council.'

I need this information, *along with your donation* no later than Friday 5th November

in order to catch the deadline for the December issue.

Susan Paul. Old Walls, Mill St, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QZ

WEEKEND OF READER CELEBRATIONS!

A huge 'thank you' to all who were able to share in some way with my licensing celebrations.

Saturday at the Cathedral was a truly joyous occasion, and having friends and family there to share in my admission to the role of Reader and licensing as a Licensed Lay Minister in the diocese was very special. 'Glory to God' rang in my ears for some time after – for this was what it was. Special thanks to Mike Read, ably assisted by Anne, for arranging the coach from the valley.

And then the Sunday Evening at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock – a more personal welcome into the Bride Valley, where I have taken my first faltering steps in Lay Ministry, and look forward to my future ministry among you. Thank you for your support at that service, for your encouragement then and at all times, and for all those who contributed in any way to the organisation and running of the evening. I have greatly appreciated the many cards, messages of support and prayers I have received.

I cannot leave unsaid my immense gratitude to Bob for his unfailing support, affirmation and guidance during the past 3 years or so. However busy he has been he has always been there for me, to listen and teach, to fight my corner or to share a joke, most of all to believe in me and to let me be 'me'.

Please continue your prayers for me, and for all who minister, particularly in this valley. Now the celebrations are over nothing has fundamentally changed. I continue to be a part of our wonderful ministry team and with them continue learning, travelling with God, and inviting each and every one of you to 'Come close to God, for he will come close to you'. *Yvonne Buckland*.

FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

On 18th September, **PAUL THIMONT** and **MARTINE**



On 2nd October, again at St Martin's Shipton Gorge the marriage took place of Lyndon Edwards and Katle Hawksworth.

BAPTISMS

On Sunday 5th September, at St Mary's Litton Cheney the main worship of the day was a service of Baptism, in which **ROSIE WARREN** and **HARRY WARREN** were baptised in the midst of



much rejoicing and acclamation, which attention they bore with much dignity and fortitude. Plenty of family and friends, along with regular members of the congregation, pledged their support in the sight of God.

On the afternoon of 5th September Anna and Russell Gale from Melplash, brought their baby daughter to be baptised at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock. Family and friends came together to share in this special event for **ELLA LOUISE KATHERINE ANITA GALE** (quite a mouthful to remember and get right!) Callum, her older brother of 3yrs of age, helped Ryder during the service - as well as at the end of the service pouring a couple of handfuls of water over him.

May the many blessings of Psalm 103 that we thought about during the service, be fully known in all their hearts and homes now and in the future.

The 9.30am Family Service at Burton Bradstock on 20th September focussed on the two sacraments of the church as the Family Communion that we celebrate every fourth Sunday, and was preceded by an act of baptism. Lee and Lisa Glanvill from Shipton Gorge joined us, with their family and friends, to have their third child, **Rose CLARA GLANDVILL**, baptised. Rose slept happily through all the proceedings as her parents and godparents promised to pray for her and bring her up in the faith of Christ.

James, Rose's eldest brother, and Will, a friend, helped during the service by holding up signs reminding us that we start and end life with nothing material, but by laying hold of life in Christ and following him (which baptism signifies) we can look forward at the end to the final feast of which communion is a promise.

On Sunday 3rd October **Max CharLes Davies** was baptised at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, and it would be hard for him to find an equal in the calm with which he underwent the ceremony. He was fully attentive throughout, alert and interested, and at the same time stately in his manner, and quite in charge of the situation – he and God together. It was a memorable service.

FUNERALS

On Monday 13th September the funeral took place the late **JOHN INGRAM**.



The funeral of **GERALD BENSELIN** was held on Thursday, 16th September.

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

PUNCKNOWLE & W. BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

We will be having Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 12th December at 5.00pm, during which we will hear the Christmas Story, sing carols and assemble the crib.

Afterwards please stay and enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies. All are most welcome. Sue Brown

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Our exhibition in Burton Bradstock was great fun and very colourful. A big thank you must go to the members and spouses who worked so well together to make the whole thing

happen. On Oct.1st we were very happy to welcome those who came to our open workshop. It proved to be an interesting and productive morning.

November 12th will be a photographic presentation at 'Patria' by Mary and David Cantrille. Our meeting on November 26th will be at The Bull.

Christine Molony

VILLAGERS' CHRISTMAS CARD

in aid of

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTE.

Send your festive greetings to all your friends in the valley by signing the Christmas Card in the Crown Inn, from 4th December, and by donating to a very worthy cause.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT.

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

For bookings, telephone 01308 897724

AUTUMN FAYRE

This was held in the Village Hall, inside and out - many thanks to all who contributed in any way. The total raised on the day was $\pounds 249$ - all the home-made

cakes and apple & blackberry pies were sold, refreshments enjoyed, plus local fruit and veg. grown and sold on the produce stall. There were some









very local raffle prize winners, and the children had fun outside at the junk modelling table and the nail/face painting table.

All the entries for the under 12's Biscuit Competition were excellent really delicious - so it was really difficult to judge a winner. Jessica Green was the eventual winner of a children's cookery book. Well done to everybody who baked such lovely biscuits. The weather was just beautiful for us this time. So thank you to all who came for supporting the event.

BOOK CLUB

During October we have been reading "The Bonesetters Daughter" by Amy Tan, which will be discussed at our next meeting on Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm in the village hall. We have also been choosing a list of books to read during the coming months from a list supplied by Bridport Llbrary, from where we obtain our books. If you would like to know more ring Carol Bennett on 897771.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND W. BEXINGTON LUNCHEON CLUB

The next lunch will be on November $16^{th.}$ Members wishing to order a meal that date, and who who were not at the last lunch should ring 897622 by the 12^{th} November.

Anyone wishing to join the Club, or who would like further

information about the club should contact the same number. If you're over 50 you are eligible for membership. *Ken Martin, Chairman*

BROADBAND ACCESS

Broadband sessions continue at 3.00pm to 6.00pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.



WINNERS

August

£15 Pam Carter

£10 Elizabeth Edwards

September

£15 Sid Marshall

£10 Christine Reeks

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CURRY EVENING:: 13th November, 7.30pm. Bring and share your favourite curries (and if you don't like curry, bring something else!): meat fish and vegetarian, or bring a pudding for afters. Rice, naan and poppadoms provided. Bring your own drinks or buy at the bar. This will take a similar form to the successful chicken evening where food will be interwoven with a quiz. Entrance £1. Further details from Carol Bennett 897771, or Sue Brown 898953.

HISTORY MORNING: Saturday November 20th 10-30am – 12.30pm. Come and delve into your family history and the history of the local villages. Computers available and support to guide you through the web. Or just come for a coffee and a chat. Contact Debbie Legge 898506

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Sunday December 12th. Father Christmas will be visiting with presents for the children. There will be fun and games for both adults and children, presents to buy for Christmas, cakes, chocolate, mulled wine and refreshments.

A.G.M.

The AGM this year will be held on Friday 19th November at 7.30pm in the Hall. This meeting will elect members of the management committee for the coming year, and the core members of the Social Committee. The elected members will then, at their first meeting, elect from amongst themselves, the Officers for the coming year.

We are always looking for new blood to join the Committee, and this year we are looking especially for someone to take over the rôle of Treasurer. Sid Marshall is finally calling it a day, and we must have someone to take his place.

Anyone wishing to join the committee, especially if they are prepared to take over the Treasurer's role, should get themselves nominated and seconded and contact the Secretary (Carol Bennett (897771) preferably no later than one week before the meeting (although nominations will be accepted from the floor).

The current committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Sid for all the time and effort he has put into looking after the Hall finances. Sid has been with the project since it started, and his contribution has been invaluable.

SWYRE

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CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY.

Saturday 6th November – 10.00am -12.00noon.

Particularly following the recent work to install a new electricity cable, your village churchyard is in need of some tender loving care before the winter sets in. Any time and energy you can offer will be much appreciated. We do

need some heavy jobs done, but there is also lighter work in clipping back shrubs, weeding and sweeping etc. Please bring some gardening gloves and



tools you can manage and do what you can. Perhaps those who cannot work in the churchyard could bring some coffee to keep the workers going! This is your village churchyard and it cannot be maintained without vour help.

Should the weather be inclement there is much work to do in the church following the installation of the

new heating.

PCC MEETING

There will be a meeting of the PCC on Wednesday 17th November 7.30pm at Owl Bank.

ADVENT COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 4th December

Final details of this will be in next month's BVN, but please put the date in your diary now, and start making or collecting things to sell, particularly of a Christmassy nature. The morning will probably take the form of a Mini Service of dedication of the works achieved on the Church recently and celebration for Advent at 10.30am, followed by Morning Coffee and Sale of Goods from about 10.45am, with a Light Lunch available from 12.00noon.

This fund raising event is particularly important following the recent essential work that has been carried out on the church building, which will make it much more comfortable for you to use this winter. **Yvonne**

LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: CAROLINE MORRISH-BANHAM TEL: 482757 EMAIL: mark banham@btinternet.com



DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

Rachel Maltby visited 41 churches, an amazing achievement! Thank you to all her sponsors: £600 was the total raised and £300 of this will come to St Peters. Well done Rachel! Will anyone beat this next year? **Congratulations!**





Saturday 2nd October was the wedding day of Emily Baggs and Stuart Archibald. It was a lovely sunny day for the ceremony in Bridport and in the evening a very jolly barn dance at Emilys family home, Long Bredy Farm. We wish them a very happy future life together.

LONG BREDY PLAYING FIELD

We are nearly ready to launch the arrival of the exciting new play equipment which is currently being installed in our Playing Field. The Parish Council has made this possible with the help of grants from the Lottery and the West Dorset District Council.

All Children - please organise your families and keep Saturday 13th November clear at lunchtime when we will have 'a bit of a do'. One lucky child will be celebrity for the day, but more on that later. *Caroline Banham*

LITTLEBREDY

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Tel: 482232



Many thanks indeed to everyone involved with the very enjoyable and successful **Harvest Thanksgiving and Harvest Supper** towards the end of September. The Church was decorated to an exceptional standard thanks to an excellent team, and Bob Thorn led Evensong with customary flair. Then, thanks to the generosity of many contributors, nearly 50 people enjoyed a bring and share supper in the Hall. Another splendid Littlebredy event.

Once the Church decorations were removed, fruit and vegetables and other edible produce were donated to Brook House in Dorchester, which is the "half way house" back into life in the wider community for those in need who have been staying at the Pilsdon Community near Bridport.

For various reasons, including clashes with other events, it has been decided not to hold the traditional village bonfire and fireworks evening on November 5th this year. This means that the Social Club's next event in the Village Hall will be a pre-Christmas Social, including the Club's AGM, on Friday 10th December. The AGM will begin at 7.30 p.m. that evening, with the bar open to members shortly beforehand.



During



8 November, we say farewell to **Eileen Murton**, who is leaving No. 1, Riverside Cottage for a new home in Bridport. She and her late husband Peter moved here from Sturminster Newton three years ago, and we hope she will not forget the village and will return from time to time. In the meantime, we wish her well in her new home.

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

St Martin's Church looked beautiful for our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 3rd October. The lovely flower arrangements, complemented by colourful fruit and vegetables, set the scene perfectly for our celebration which was led by Mike Read.

The congregation enjoyed coffee and biscuits in the Village Hall afterwards and grateful thanks are due to all who made this service such a special occasion

HARVEST SUPPER

The Harvest Supper was held in the Village Hall on Monday 4 October and an enjoyable time was had by all. The food was delicious and we were entertained by songs from Bob and Jean. Many thanks to everyone who was involved in preparation, cooking, serving, washing up and tidying the hall. *Vicky Thomas*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On 14th December at 9.30 a.m. we will have our 'special' Shipton Gorge Remembrance Service - a time of 'quiet contemplation', which will be led by Mrs. Janet

Lane. Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall after the Service.

COFFEE & MINCE PIE MORNING

On Friday 19th November at 10.30am in the Village Hall we are having a coffee and mince pie morning. Christmas music will be played by Mrs. Janet Lane and friends, and cakes and other goodies will be on Sale. We are having a raffle and once again **Lina's Christmas Cake** will be 1st prize, followed by Champagne & Chocolates as 2nd prize.

Also, officials from the Dorset Historic Churches Trust are attending to give us a cheque to help us in all the fund-raising we have done over the past eighteen months. Over that time we have spent approximately $\pounds 12,000$ in keeping our church in good condition, and this cheque is in recognition of this fact. On behalf of the PCC of St. Martin's I thank them, and everyone else who has given to all of our fund-raising.

CONTACTING ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

Unfortunately I will be away from Shipton (due to family circumstances)







from late October until Christmas. As my schedule stands at the moment I will be back several days during this time but in varying weeks. If you need to reach me, please telephone my house 897346 and you will be informed whether or not I am expected home. If I am not, please phone Vicky Thomas on 898648, or Elizabeth Langran on 897207. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause people.

LILIAN STONE TRUST

Once again I apologise because of family commitments I will not be readily available in Shipton.. If in *dire need* and you need the help of Lilian Stone please contact Bob Thorn, 898799, and things will be sorted.. I've even got a mobile and can sort-of-*ish* use it!!! So, please do not worry - a lifeline will not be taken away. *Gillian Maxfield - Churchwarden*

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

Many thanks to our cyclists and walkers who took part in this event on September 11th, raising a total of £300, thanks to the generosity of their sponsors - special thanks to them. The money will be shared by the trust and our beautiful church of St. Martin. Well done everybody!



Janet Lane

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

DORSET BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARDS

For those who have not yet heard, Shipton Gorge has won the Best Kept Village small village section with a prize of £250. In addition Shipton Gorge was the winner of the West Dorset Seat for the highest marks in West Dorset. Certificates can be seen in the Village Hall and New Inn.

The competition is sponsored by Magna Housing and West Dorset District Council

Thank you to everyone for the support in keeping the Village neat and tidy. Peter Gates

THE "PARTY IN THE PUB"

was held at the New Inn on September 24th. We celebrated the fourth anniversary of the re-opening of the pub coupled with the news that Shipton Gorge had been chosen as winners of the Best-Kept Small Village in Dorset for 2010. Barbara and Colin brought back plaques, certificates, a prize cheque and the promise of another bench for the village to site! Well done!!

The pub was also celebrating its entry in the latest "Good Beer Guide" and recognition of its status as one of few community pubs in the country.

On Saturday 2nd October the Village Hall was filled for a dance with "One Night Stand". They had been stars of the summer's Picnic in the Park, and had been invited back to entertain again. They performed a variety of musical styles to suit all tastes, so much so that the Village Society chairman and Treasurer were both tempted out of their seats to "strut their stuff!" There were about 60 of us – with a good contingent from Burton Bradstock. It was our customary bring your own food and drink arrangement, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

THE VILLAGE BINGO

on Wednesday 6th October was another enjoyable occasion, and our thanks go to Sally Parker for organising the caller and to Liz Gates for setting up the raffle .

Monday 11th October was spent in Salisbury, the morning in the city and afternoon (for most of the party) on the racecourse for the last meeting of the 2010 calendar with free entry to the course. It was a gloriously sunny day and a good time was had by all.

COMING SOON:-

Saturday 6th November - **Stew & Dumpling Quiz** – contact Sally Parker (897168)

Thursday 2nd December - **Christmas Shopping Trip** details to follow Wednesday 8th December - **Casterbridge Choir Carol Concert** in St Martin's Church details to follow John Kent

VILLAGE ORCHARD

The Committee of Shipton Gorge Ltd would like to thank everyone who has donated money for the purchase of the seven new fruit trees which will be planted in the Orchard at the beginning of December 2010. We are also very pleased to have received a donation towards the purchase of plants and spring bulbs for the lower border which we hope to make a start on soon.

TUDOR WOMEN

A talk by historical novelist Suzannah Dunn whose books include "The Confession of Katherine Howard" and "The Sixth Wife". This promises to be a fascinating evening of insights and stories about Tudor women's lives. Wednesday December 1st 7.30pm At Shipton Village Hall. Tickets : £4.50 to include a glass of mulled wine.

This is a fundraising event for Dorset Womankind Charity. For tickets ring Jo Adams 897295, or e-mail apple.loft@btinternet.com

PRE-CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

This will take place on Sunday 28th November in the Village Hall starting ay 12.30 until 2.30pm.

As usual please bring a plate of food for the table and a bottle or two. All residents of Shipton are invited, and this is a good opportunity to wish friends old and new a Merry Christmas. If you need any further information please telephone Robert or Christine on 897833.

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

1st £20 Doreen Rogers ticket number 83

2nd £10 Geoff Faulkner ticket number 102

3rd £10 Simon Cleveland ticket number 4



Dear Friends in the Village, Valley and Beyond. May I on Peter's behalf thank you all for your cards and best wishes. He has much enjoyed his Birthday Week - it has all been a delight, including the weather!

Pamela Bates

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

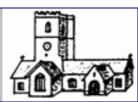
APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

Applications are invited for the position of Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer to the Shipton Gorge Parish Council. Applicants should have good all round administrative skills, some experience of working in a financial setting and be IT literate. This post is Part Time but attendance at six Parish Council meetings per year in the evening is a requirement. Salary is payable at a rate of £1152 per annum.

Further details including full job description are available direct from Tom Grace, Clerk to the Parish Council, 01308 897064, or Richard Cunningham, Chairman, Shipton Gorge Parish Council, 01308 897928.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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Society

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

'Home Boxes' are now due for the Annual Return to The Children's Society. If you have one, please return it to me as soon as possible, either through the Church, the Set

me as soon as possible, either through the Church, the School or at The Bramleys, Annings Lane. Many thanks. Pauline Woodford 898327

Our **Christingle** will be on Friday 10th December at 3.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock and will be followed by a party for the children in the Village Hall.

Carol singing around the village for the Society is booked for Monday 13th December. More details about these two events will be in next month's Bride Valley News but please put them in your diary now.

THANKYOU A **BIG THANK YOU!** to all our friends and neighbours for all your help and care during Sheila's illness. We really appreciate your support, and have been totally

overwhelmed by your kindness. It has meant a great deal to us. Sheila & Ken Pett

BURTON BRADSTOCK INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

The new season is now in full swing with play on Mondays between 7.00pm and 9.00pm in the Village Hall. Afternoon sessions take place on alternate Wednesdays (recycling day) from 2.00pm to 4.00pm (please note the change in times).



New members are most welcome, especially those wishing to play in the afternoons which are less busy.

A date for members diaries – the **Christmas Lunch** will take place on the 1^{st} December at the Golf Club.

For further information contact the Treasurer Peter Colbert (897922) or the Secretary Peter Broomhead (897408)

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

are once again holding a **Ploughmans Lunch** on Saturday 20th November from 12.00noon until 2.00pm in the Village Hall. There will be a licensed bar and a choice of Ploughman's, i.e.

cheese ham or pate. Tickets will be available from the Post Office in Burton at $\pounds 6$ each from the beginning of November.

If anybody has any good quality books or DVD's they no longer want, we would be very grateful for them to sell at the Ploughmans Lunch. Please contact Sandy Adderley on 898358 if you can help. So please come and enjoy a very sociable lunchtime and help the library at the same time.

Sandy Adderley

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222 Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust (BBVHT)

TREASURER



I am pleased to report that the Village Hall Trust has found a new Treasurer. Jane Hill, who lives in the village, has kindly volunteered to take on this role when Bernard Chennells retires in January 2011.

The Committee takes this opportunity to thank Bernard for all his hard work as long-standing Treasurer and founder member of the Trust when it was set up in January 2005.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKING SLOTS AVAILABLE

There are still sessions available for booking on Monday (morning and

afternoon), Wednesday (morning and evening from 7.45pm) and Friday (morning and afternoon). If anyone is interested in booking any of these sessions on a regular or ad hoc basis please contact Carolyn James on 01308 898222.

If anyone is interested in playing Badminton at the Village Hall they should contact Pat Raven on 01308 897669.

VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Come to Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 4th December from 10.30am for freshly brewed coffee and French pastries and browse around festive stalls. The adult entrance fee, payable at the door, is £2.00 which includes the first cup of coffee and a pastry; children 50p to include juice and a pastry. Additional coffee and pastries will be on sale.

If you would like a stall, the cost will be £5, payable on the day. If you are interested in having a stall you should contact Susan Moores on 01308 897673. Stalls are going quickly but a few remain. Look out for posters around the Village.

VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee is putting on its seasonal quiz in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 18th December from 7.30pm with a 7.45pm prompt start for the quiz. In order to achieve comfortable seating arrangements, bring along a team of 8, or join a team on the night.



Enjoy not only a fun quiz but also complimentary nibbles and a light supper. There will be prizes for quiz winners, a Raffle and a Bar and, if previous years' Christmas events are anything to go by, a great evening will be had by all. Tickets will be available from Burton Bradstock Post Office, priced \pounds 6.00 each, from Saturday 27th November. Posters will be put up around the Village advertising the event.

Susan Moores – Chairman - Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust – 01308 897673

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL "200 CLUB" WDDC Licence no: SL0080 October 2010 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£45.00	No 21:	Mr Ken Richardson
2 nd	£22.50	No 65:	Mrs Constance Coutts
3 rd	£11.25	No 123:	Mrs Audrey Smith

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

ARTSREACH NEWS

The first of our autumn shows at Burton Bradstock Village Hall will be the Pangottic Circus Theatre presenting **"Full Twist"** and **"Anytime Now"** - two shows in one really! "Full Twist" is a 50 minute up-beat dynamic comedy, mixing contemporary clowning, physical theatre, mask, and new



circus, to tell an epic tale of romance full of pathos and hilarity. It will be reminiscent of a silent comedy film.

It will be tightly choreographed and an exciting spectacle full of energetic physical regimes. The second half, after an interval, will be a solo section by one of the Pangottic team, or a guest appearance by a performer also trained at Circomedia in Bristol. The show will be suitable for all ages you will love it!

The performance will take place on Saturday 13^{th} November at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm): Tickets - Adult £8, Under 16 £6, Family ticket £25 (two adults and two children), when available may be bought at the Post Office, or may be booked in advance from 01308 897214.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1st December . **Phileas P Souper**.(5 musicians 2 mime artists travel round the world)

Friday 18th February 2011. Tim Dalling of The New Rope String Band presents **"The Unhappy Prince"** Poems, songs and comedy.

Friday 25th March 2011. Publick Transport present **"Department of Smelling Pistakes."** Absurdist humour.

Norman Saunders-White, Artsreach Promoter: 01308 897214

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Meeting on the 17th September in the bright Village Hall, with its plastic doors and new livery of Debenham's Beige, the new season of lectures got off, literally, to a flying start, with the talk by Eddie Colfox. Rather than a pointless repetition of superlatives; here is a selection of

the comments he made, as the breathtaking pictures and film were shown: "This is Golden Peak in Karakara. As a paraglider, you're an alien. Who are you? Where do you come from?" (This rather tautological question posed to someone who would probably never truly grasp the answer, tucked away deep in the Himalayas.) "You don't have to be crazy. That little splodge is me. Aaaarrgghh!! It's spectacularly cold. Where's the volume thing? It's very dangerous. This is Lady Finger Mountain. We flew up there. We sometimes even land in cemeteries. ("To cut out the middle man," we thought.). "At five thousand feet, watching a cricket match, I could still hear leather on willow; it was eerie. The loo? There are various attachments for that. That's a Griffon Vulture, I'm talking to." We swooped and plunged. He giggled. We loved him.

Peter Broomhead proposed the thanks, dropping in that he had known Eddie Colfox when he was a child and had wondered how he would grow up: his becoming an alien had never occurred to him! It is chilling to remember that helicopter drivers seem to have no understanding that paragliders – these men and women on banana parachutes – can be destabilised so easily.

Eddie's fee and over ± 50 that was collected was sent to the Himalayan Raptor Fund which is to alleviate flood damage in North Pakistan.

The talk on Friday 12th November will be Richard Grundy speaking about the Tristan da Cunha Islands.

BURTON BRADSTOCK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Heating on, curtains closing earlier, animals, birds and us all getting ready for winter. All very romantic and pleasant except when you hear of thieves cutting gas pipes and stealing gas bottles from a local caravan site. I got a jolt from this piece of bad news. Bad

people hang about no matter what the season is! So don't let your guard down.

Still cold callers are entering Burton with persistence, to get residents' bank details for direct debit arrangements. If they come to your door your reply must be short and sweet – "NO THANK YOU, bye, bye" and if they don't go, then "I will call the police if you do not leave my premises."

Several of you have called me about this recently but maybe 1 or 2 hours later. Much that my Jack Russell likes a good scented trail, by then it has gone cold!!

I am still corresponding with Dorset Trading Standards to try to re-new our No Cold Calling scheme, larger signs into Burton Bradstock and to give you new window signs.

I would be pleased if all Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators could contact me so we can arrange an AGM. Also any person wishing to join and help look after their road/area, I would be delighted - please also give me a call, I seem to be the only voice at present.

PC Poppy is away for 6 months so do come along and meet our new PC's. For details of when and where look in the Post Office window.

lan Pitt-Aikens 01308-897440

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCI

Dates for the next few meetings will be as follows 3^{rd} Nov 2010 1^{st} Dec 2010

5th Jan 2011 2nd Feb 2011 2nd March 2011

All meetings will be in the Reading Room and will start at 7.30pm. Fel Moore. Clerk to the Council.

BURTON BRADSTOCK'S FIRST "POP-UP" RESTAURANT

(100% of proceeds will go direct to Multiple Sclerosis)

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

a restaurant will pop-up in Burton Bradstock. It will appear on Tuesday 23rd November at 7.30pm and disappear at midnight. To be part of this special charity event you will need to book your place as quickly as possible as space is limited.

In order to make your booking you will need to email us on PopUpRestaurant@rocketmail.com or telephone 01308 897905 when we will be happy to send you menu choices.

A £10.00 per person reservation will be required (by cheque or cash) and you will be asked to make a generous contribution at the end of the evening. Wine will be on a "BYO" basis.

LITTON CHENEY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: JOHN YATES 2, SUNNYSIDE COTTAGE, LITTON CHENEY john-and-sandra@hotmail.com Tel: 01308 482585

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Our annual cleaning morning in readiness for Christmas will be on Thursday 2nd December. All volunteers most welcome - start at 9.30am and refreshment will be provided.



LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL

Sports activities continue as usual - see www.littoncheney.org.uk

Thursday 4th November - **Screen Bites** – tastings from local food producers, short talk by Michael Michaud (Peppers by Post and Sea Spring Seeds) then a showing of the Oscar-winning and great foodie film "Babette's Feast". Doors open 7.00pm. £7.00 on the door.

Saturday 13th November – Village Barn Dance – See Social Committee notes.

Friday 19th November – **Bingo Evening** – Organised by TSA and LATCH. See NB's and web site for more details.

Saturday 20th November – **Village Café** Christmas in aid of Weldmar Hospice.

See Notice Boards and web site for more details but do come and visit – we would love to see you.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A small but very select group went on the September walk from Abbotsbury Swannery along the coast to Portesham returning via the old railway line. The mist cleared, and sufficient sunshine appeared to spot lots of mushrooms, which were picked and subsequently cooked. Very good, and NO ill effects!

The November **VILLAGE WALK** will be a sponsored one in aid of **CHILDREN IN NEED**. It will be 5 miles starting at the bus stop, up Chalk Pit Lane , across to Puncknowle, and back to Litton. The date is Saturday, November 13^{th} , starting at 10.00am at the Bus Shelter.

Sponsorship forms are on the village website and also can be obtained from any member of the social committee. If you cannot make the walk then please do sponsor someone who can - my number is at the end of this section!!!!!!!

If 5 miles is too long for small children it should be possible to join the group at Puncknowle and walk across to Litton. We should be at Puncknowle around 10.30/10.45am and will be walking along the path at the rear of the Crown garden.

This will be a very busy day as the **BARN DANCE** is being held that same evening. Thank you to everyone who has already bought tickets, as it really does help the committee to organise the superb buffet. If you haven't yet bought tickets please give me a call as there could be some left. *Ron Davidson, 482661*

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Litton Cheney Parish Council on Tuesday 9th November, 7.30pm at LATCH. Local residents and members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend.

John Firrell, Parish Clerk.





BEYOND THE VALLEY



ROTARY CLUB OF BRIDPORT Invites you to

SING SANKEY

With

Weymouth Salvation Army Band at the United Church,East Street,Bridport

Saturday 27th November 2010 at 7.00pm Programme £5.00 (incl refreshments)

(In aid of Salvation Army,Friends of Greenfields and Bridport Alzheimers Memory Café and Rotary Charities)

GOOD BOOKS

St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL, Tel: 01308 420483 email: orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk

Good Books: for Christian books (including 2nd hand bargain shelves), cards, gifts and church supplies.

Home of Bridport Good Neighbours/Pathways to Care, Threads of Hope, Bridport Book of Hours.

Good Books opening hours: Monday-Friday 9.00am-1.00pm, Saturday 10.00am-12.00noon AND for tea & chat afternoons by arrangement.

SACRED ART GOOD BOOKS OPEN HOUSE TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 10.00AM-2.00PM

In November, the Church traditionally remembers its Saints, often immortalised in paintings, stained glass and icons. Join us for the usual tasty refreshments and browse our range of art cards & books, as well as some original work by local artists. We'll also have Christmas cards, gifts and the Lion Christmas promotion of children's books on display.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO KEEP US GOING

1) Do you shop/visit Bridport sometimes? If so, PLEASE call and see us. We can offer a place to rest, a hot drink and friendly faces – and you might just find that special card .you're looking for.

2) Do you have some time to spare? We need more volunteers to help us open till 3pm, as well as relief to cover holidays and sickness. Any time would be appreciated. Thank you.

BRIDPORT COMMUNITY LUNCH

Wednesday, 1st December from 12.30-2.00pm at Bridport United Church Hall, East Street. Bring-food to share and meet other volunteers from local voluntary and community groups and charities in Bridport and district, to share ideas, expertise and information.

Hosted by Churches Together and the Volunteer Centre West Dorset Branch (for more information contact Jo O'Farrell on 01038 420283, jo@jovian.co.uk or Karen Jones on k.jones@volunteeringdorset.org.uk)

VALLEY NOTES

BRIDE VALLEY BIBLE QUIZZES

The Junior Teams from Litton Cheney, Puncknowle and Burton Bradstock are eagerly looking forward to the Quiz matches on Sunday November 21st in the Shipton Gorge Village Hall. The afternoon's programme will start promptly at 2.30pm and judging from the effort they have put in during

their training sessions, we should see a very close-fought fight for the Junior Village Shield. Thorners and Burton Bradstock Schools will also be doing battle for the Schools' cup.

All the questions asked will be on the story of Jonah in the Bible and the children will amaze you with their knowledge.

All they need now is a good group of enthusiastic supporters to cheer them on. Be there! Refreshments will be provided during the interval.

Any questions - contact Heather Rogers on 897780



THE BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

November 1^{st} Annual General Meeting at 6.30pm in The Reading Room followed by a **Social Evening** in The Three Horseshoes at 7.30pm.

November 11th **Coffee Morning** in Burton Bradstock Village Hall in aid of The Poppy Appeal with stalls and raffle. An exhibition of the Children's posters of their view of Remembrance. A two minute silence will occur at 11am to remember all those who gave their lives in the two world wars and all the wars since.

November 13^{th} **Pilgrimage** around the war memorials and war graves in the valley. Meet at 10.30 outside the Library.

November 14th **Remembrance Day Service** 10.45am at St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock.

During the early part of November our **Poppy Appeal** Collectors will be visiting the houses throughout the Valley selling Poppies in aid of this wonderful appeal. As well as their other commitments the Legion has agreed to support

the MOD's Personnel Recovery Centre (PRC) programme to the tune of

£25 million over 10 years. The charity's funding support covers the running of four PRC's and all the capital and civilian running costs of The Royal British Legion Battle Back Challenge Centre – a major part of the programme which aims to help seriously injured personnel using sport and outdoor activities to help physical rehabilitation and confidence building. This innovative project will help injured personnel fulfil their



potential and get back to active duty or civilian life. *Please give generously. Ray West Chairman.*

BURTON BRADSTOCK W I.

By the time our BVN is out next, the clocks will have changed, is it back or forward, and the days will be much shorter, but there are merits to more enforced in house projects! Our Group enjoyed one of the most stimulating talks and slide show of the year from the project "The Dorset/Murugi Child Sponsorship Project" of Kenya - a project set up in I999 by Martyn Hastings, of Weymouth and the late Joseph Timothy Komenjoe to aid feeding programmes, schools, and health centres. All the money donated goes to the projects, ; to help orphans and needy children: there are no layers of administration, charges or fees.

Martyn and several others go out regularly to continue the work and check on progress with the new building programmes and 6th formers have also been out there, funded of course by themselves. I recommend contacting this Charity if your group want a stimulating and humbling talk and slide show. (Contact Martyn Hastings, email: Martyn845@aol.com).

Our next meeting - at the winter time of 2.15pm rather than in the evening, will be on Tuesday 9th November when Jenny Morris will talk on "Yukon Gold". Visitors are welcome to come along and give our ladies' meeting a try and see if any of the many groups attract them too.

The regular meetings of the Walking group, the Reading group, the Mahjong group and Embroidery groups will take place at venues and times

noted on the WI hall noticeboard outside the hall.

Please remember to come along to the early Christmas Bazaar and Coffee Morning at 10.30am on 6th November in the Village Hall. Burton Bradfstock, to buy cakes, home-made crafts. Get your gifts early!!

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS DORCHESTER WEST

We on the SN Team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Whilst not wishing to dampen the mood in any way, we urge you to please look after yourselves, your home and belongings during the festivities.



Just a few thoughts for your consideration, which, while applicable throughout the year, are perhaps a little more noteworthy over the Christmas period:-

* If you are carrying large sums of money out and about, distribute it in several places on your person, wallet/handbag/purse/pockets etc.

* Because you may be feeling 'merry and bright' do not let that mean that you relax your guard where doorstep sellers or other callers are concerned. They could be trying to take advantage of the season.

* Do not let anyone into your home that you do not want there. Put the security chain on when answering the door, and, if you are uncertain about a caller's intent, ask them, politely, to leave.

* Do not hand over any money.

IF YOU ARE AT ALL CONCERNED PLEASE RING 01305 222222 IMMEDIATELY - DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL LATER.

Please don't drink and drive. Have a designated driver who does not drink or get a taxi. Keep in mind also that you could have a few drinks in an evening and still be over the legal blood alcohol limit for driving the following morning.

REMEMBER THE POLICE DO MORE SPOT CHECKS RE. DRINK DRIVERS AROUND THIS TIME OF YEAR.

On a more general note - Honesty Boxes. As the name suggests it is expected that anyone taking goods (e.g. flowers, vegetables, jams, pickles) from roadside stalls, doorsteps etc will put the right amount of money in the box.

This seems guite an uncomplicated idea but, as those of you who may have such boxes are aware, it can be fraught with problems. People may not leave money for the items they take and boxes are broken into or taken altogether.

So except for not putting out items at all, what, apart from a shark

infested moat (only joking of course), can be done. Here are some suggestions that may help:

- 1. Empty contents every day.
- 2. Chain the box to a fixture.

3. Have an opening just right size for coins - no fingers.

4.If you are at home take the money box in and leave a note asking buyers to ring the bell.

Your Dorchester West SNT members are:

Sgt 1742 Steve Yeoman, PC 0178 Sandy Redford, PCS0 5410 Sarah Pilcher Contact us by telephone on 01305 226815 or via Dorset Police on 01202/01305 222 222; alternatively contact us on out team mobile 07500 816292

BRIDPORT RURAL EAST TEAM

Well, autumn is definitely here- it is very chilly as I am writing this! With the rising cost of fuel, the thought of heating your home over the winter months can be very worrying as it is not only expensive, it is very attractive to thieves.

Many who read this have been victim of heating oil theft themselves or know someone who has. It *is* possible to take measures to lessen the chances of you being a target.

STOP THAT OIL is an initiative and response to a national trend towards the theft of heating oil. It is a collaboration between the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams, local OFTEC registered oil installers and the Bridport Crime Prevention Panel. The aim is encourage people with oil tanks to take action to secure their fuel.

One option is to have an alarm fitted to the tank. One such alarm is The Watchman Alarm made by Kingspan who are supporters of Stop That Oil. This alarm has a device that detects a sudden drop in the oil level in the tank and will emit an audible alarm.



Other options include:

- 1. Security lighting: look into installing one or more triggered lights to protect the area around the tank as most offences take place overnight.
- 2. Gravel: Gravel around the access route to the tank will make a noise
- 3. Securing your perimeter: make unauthorised access as difficult as possible by installing cages and/or by improving the security that surrounds the tank.

I know of some people who did not realise that they had been victims of fuel theft - they just assumed that they had used a large quantity of fuel

over the long winter. They did not have padlocks or any other security on their tanks, so they could not be sure if fuel was being stolen.

If you are interested in securing your tank please contact me and I will provide you with a list of participating oil installers who will be happy to provide and install an alarm.

PC 2441 Sarah Corrin, 01305 226930, sarah.corrin@dorset.pnn.police.uk

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

We will remember.....



David BLISS of Portesham. David was a lifetime resident of the area, well known and highly respected, whose death we shall find it difficult to come to terms with. He joined our Branch in 1997. In 1999 he took over responsibility as Poppy Appeal Organiser for Chesil Bank area. He also ran Whist Drives with his

wife Violet for the benefit of the charity for almost ten years and in 2006 was recognised for his tireless work in that capacity by the award of a 'Poppy Appeal National Certificate'.

In addition David was a valued Branch Committee Member for many years until ill health meant he was no longer able to cope. We extend our utmost sympathy to Violet, daughter Carolyn, Kelly and their children, and the rest of the family at their sudden loss.

Notice is hereby given of the **Branch Annual General Meeting** at 7.30pm on Thursday, 4^{th} November, at Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury, followed by cheese & wine.

Remembrance Sunday is 14th November. At 10.15am at St. Nicholas churchyard War Memorial, Abbotsbury, there will be a short **Wreath Laying** ceremony to which all are invited.

At 1050am the same day, **Divine Service** will be conducted by Branch Padre Rev. Ada Whittock, assisted by Canon David Callard, at St. Peter's Church, Portesham, followed by **Wreath Laying** at the Portesham War Memorial in the churchyard.

Members wishing to partake in a **Branch Meal** at the Ilchester Arms, Abbotsbury at 12noon for 12.30pm, should contact Bob Kenward (01035 871139) to book a seat.

Christmas Shopping Trip: This year we are going to Salisbury, where Christmas shopping will be in full swing, Christmas lights will be on display and the temporary ice-rink will be on the green by 'The Maltings'. Book with the writer please on 01305 267617.

Pick-ups will be Abbotsbury Square 9.15am, Portesham Green 9.25am, 35a London Rd. Dorchester 9.45am on Thursday, 25th November.

Fares will depend on numbers travelling - non-members are welcome (add $\pounds 2$). (More definite idea of prices will be available nearer the date).

At 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Thursday, 9th December, we gather at Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury, for a hot supper. This is the last event before Christmas which as regulars know is a very good 2 course supper at low cost, plus a large raffle (donations of prizes would be appreciated).

Seating is limited, so to avoid dissappointment we need advance payment to Des Baker or any Committee Member of \pounds 7.50 per person. The event is open to non-members (add \pounds 2 booking fee) whom we shall be delighted to welcome. Des Baker, Entertainments Chairman

EASTERN VALLEY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

All the children aged 0– 11 years, who live in the Eastern End of the Bride Valley are invited to a Christmas Party on Sunday 5th December. The party

will take place in the new community hall in Litton Cheney between 3.00 and 5.00pm.

The Eastern End Christmas Party is a much loved social event and has taken place on the first weekend in December for around 50 years. Tickets for each child must be purchased in advance from Coo or Higgy (phone numbers below), Thorner's School and contacts in the villages by 1st December. All pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult and all children must bring a contact number.

To ensure that the tradition of the party continues we would welcome the help, interest and support of any individual, group or organisation. If you can assist in any way please contact Katharine Jones 898553 or Elizabeth Kingston 482162.

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

At the A.G.M which was held on 21st September, there were some changes to the Committee . The new cochairs are Kate Smith and Diana Maston, and the new Secretary is Jackie Cooper. Both Kate and Diana have been involved in fund raising for some years and their continued commitment is very much appreciated.



We say goodbye to Stephen Reeves who has been Chair for 2 years, and who has left a strong and thriving group as a result - so thankyou Stephen. Also many thanks to the outgoing secretary, Sam Daubeney for all her help and support over the last few years.

Deputy chair Martin is still involved, helping with funding forms etc. For



now. More parents are needed to join the committee to help with our ongoing commitment to this quality setting - thanks to those who have already joined. Thanks also to Jill Neill, who is continuing as our Treasurer and admin person, for all her hard work.

Fledglings is now officially designated as a Pre-school Children's Setting. In September children helped to tidy the garden and made up a Harvest Festival basket with some of our produce, particularly tomatoes (red and yellow), and bunches of mint and herbs. On October 21st there was a dressing up day to celebrate Autumn, and the children made pumpkin scones. Future topics will include a Fire Truck visit, Fireworks, Divali celebrations, and, of course, Christmas Celebrations in December.

On Tuesday 9th November the children will serve their parents drinks and cakes at the Parents Cafe Morning. Fiona will also be giving a presentation on the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. This will show what we do to help children achieve Early Learning goals, and how working together with parents can benefit children's progress and transitions to school.

The next big fund raiser will be the **AUCTION of PROMISES** (details on page 32), followed by another **CLOTHES SWAP** event in early December.

We are open again after half term on Tuesday 2nd November.

For any further information about Fledglings, please contact Fiona Evans, Pre-School Leader, on 01308 482410.



THE FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP would like to thank all of you who turned out to support our Village Cafe morning. We raised just over £200 which we will use to pay for hall hire, insurance and new equipment. First Steps Toddler Group meets every Wednesday

(term time) at LATCH, 9.45 to 11.15am and is open to children aged 0 – 4, parents and carers. Many thanks

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Earlier in the term many of the children joined parents for a blackberry picking and crumble making workshop. This was initiated by a family who wanted to promote the Discovery Area to parents.



The Discovery Area is used by the children for curriculum activities throughout the year and parents do not see the delight on the children's faces as they venture in, discovering the changes that the second bring. The children do not think they are learning and be

that the seasons bring. The children do not think they are learning and have fun in the process. Why not come along and see for yourself. We are asking for volunteers to help keep weeds down, lay weed mats and donate items.

At our Harvest Assembly we raised £61 for the Pakistan Flood Relief Fund and collected lots of fruit and vegetables which years 1 and 2 made into soup for the rest of the school. There was a variety to choose from with the beetroot soup looking the most distinctive and receiving lots of praise for flavour. Something I have never tried to make in the past but may well do in the future. The picture shows years 5 and 6 helping to prepare the table of gifts. Thank you to everyone who attended the service and made donations.



Music for All is an initiative set up by the government to give all year 4 pupils the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument. All the year 4 pupils are given an instrument and teaching from a music specialist for the year. Why am I telling you this? Well our children received their violas with great enthusiasm and are already making progress. We look forward to hearing them play as a group very soon. Later in the year I am sure they will play to a wider audience so look out for concert dates and come along to hear them for yourselves.

A little later this month we will be sending off Christmas shoeboxes to children less fortunate than ourselves, so if you haven't yet sent yours in, do so now as they are collected from school. Many of the children enjoy helping to choose the gifts to put inside, thinking about what they themselves would like to receive : luckily we cannot send electronic games! We are aiming for 50 boxes this year so watch this space to see if we made it.

Alison Johnstone, Headteacher

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Mrs. Ann Pawley came along to our September meeting filling two long tables with plants to brighten up all corners of the house and with plenty of advice on how to care for them. Many members consequently went home with bags or trays filled with brightly coloured plants!



Our October meeting was the end of the Club's season and we are now working to produce another varied and interesting programme for 2011 - more next month.

JOBS TO DO

- Plant bare-root fruit and ornamental trees as soon as they arrive. Finish planting garlic.
- Tulips are best planted this month.
- Reduce borderline-hardy plants such as perovskia and penstemon by a third and complete their pruning in the spring.
- Put out food and water for birds to help them through the winter. Valerie Cameron, Secretary. E-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net tel: 01308 482240

FASTER BROADBAND FOR THE VALLEY?

BT has launched the 'racetoinfinity', part of their plan to introduce high speed broadband



throughout the country. They want votes to decide which exchanges to update first, so clearly as many people as possible need to vote online now to try to get faster broadband for our villages. You don't need to be a BT customer and it doesn't involve expense or commitment to BT. Just go to *http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com* and follow the prompts to cast your vote.

If you do not have an internet connection but would like to vote, (every vote counts) simply find a friend who has, and ask them to help you - or come to Puncknowle's Open Broadband sessions (Village Hall, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 3,.00 to 6.00pm) and register your vote there.

CHARITY WHIST DRIVE

To be held on Tuesday 23rd November 2010, at 7.30pm prompt in The Bull Inn, Swyre.

Proceeds in aid of Dorset Air Ambulance and International Fund for Animal Welfare

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

AUCTION OF PROMISES

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH AT LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE HALL.

Lots to be auctioned include a family day out at Farmer Palmers, an evening's deer stalking, many local meals out and some great treats ready for Christmas.

Doors open at 7.30 pm and the auction starts at 9.00. Tickets £8.00 each or £15.00 per couple

from The White Horse in Litton Cheney, Thorners School or by ringing Kate Smith on 482633 or Diana Maston on 482321



On the perils of 'passing the peace'

The Rectory St. James the Least of AU

My dear Nephew Darren

In some religions, women are obliged to sit on one side of the building and men on the other; would that there was a similar division between those who wish to "pass the peace" and those who do not. Separate buildings may be even better preferably on different planets.

I was genuinely grateful when you came to help at our special Service last week, but when I bawled from the safety of the sanctuary "peace be with you" I did not expect you to gallop down the nave embracing everyone in sight. Certainly, a few of our weaker brethren were enchanted, but the sturdy majority were quite traumatised. A generalised "good morning" to no one in particular when entering church and then a noncommittal nod to the sidesman when you leave is all that is required. That is more than enough familiarity.

While you continued down the aisle like a galleon in full sail, Admiral Thomas, being an early recipient of your bonhomie, found it necessary to resort to his hip flask long before we even got to the sermon, and others stood rigid in shock. After decades of attending church, someone had not only spoken to them, but actually touched them. Several members are considering bringing a joint action against you for grievous bodily harm and Mr Parsons, who never attends church, is busy asking round the village, with a hint of menace, who assaulted his wife during divine worship.

I know that in your own church, this period of communal groping forms an essential part of worship, generally lasting slightly longer than your half-hour sermons, but at St. James the Least, the peace remains firmly un-passed.

You have also created a dangerous precedent. Dear Miss Timmins now waits at every service, ready to throw herself into the arms of any unfortunate who may so much as catch her eye. Others are on a hair-trigger, ready to drop to their knees and make it look as if they are in intense prayer, should anyone look as if they might approach with ulterior motives.

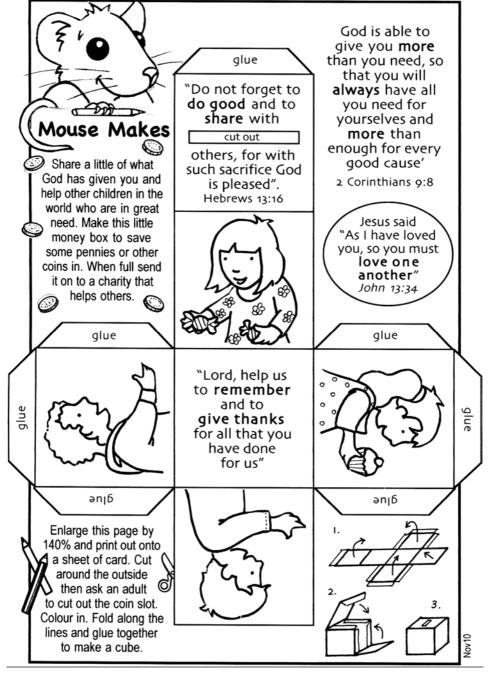
It has also significantly reduced our collections. Many now suspect that someone approaching them with a plate may be using it as a ploy and once they get near, discard it to throw their arms around unsuspecting worshippers. Diversionary tactics such as rooting in handbags for handkerchiefs, bending down to check for mice droppings, or intense examination of the roof beams, mean that the collection plate remains empty.

Perhaps next time, when you hear those fatal words, you keep your hands firmly in your pockets and your feet glued to the floor. It will come as a great relief to us all.

> Your loving uncle, Eustace



FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



Bible Sketchbook

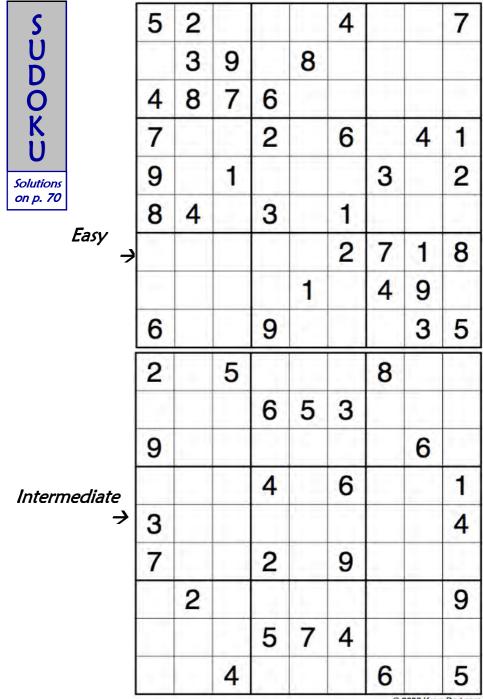
Two thousand eight hundred years ago God told people not to hang on to the past but watch for the "new thing" he was going to do. Instead of wilderness difficulties there would be streams of refreshment. He urged any "anti-God squads" to listen to him and not be afraid!



He spoke through the prophet Isaiah saying he would give "water" to the spiritually thirsty and pour out power and blessing on all who turn to him. He still speaks today and if you turn to Jesus these promises will come true for you too! Why wait?!!

Read more in Isaiah 43: 16-25 and Isaiah 44: 1-6.





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BITS & PIECES

OUT OF ORDER (bein' last months piece as there was no room!)

I loved the summer Flower Show, notin' that in the "Sunday Glass" Category, there was actually only <u>one</u> proper ice Cream Sunday glass (that is, as found at the Kursaal Southend in the good old days), which to

some people might 'ave appeared to be a tiny bit out-of-order. The Kursaal brought back warm memories of a former Career as a performer on the Wall of Death. I first met my missus there. Quite keen on a pillion ride, so I said, jump on the back mudguard and grab me waist. Love at first bike, she used to say. (For the bikers that was a beaten up old Beezer M34 long stroke – very hairy when it missed a beat!) Very romantic

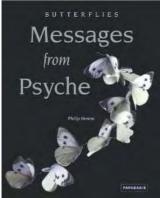


too. Funny 'ow reminissing about Sunday glasses Carries you away. Still, 'appy memries, none the lass.

Checkin' out the e-box (always open for anythink out of order, just enter well-out-of-order@hotmail.co.uk any issues, always followed up)' last month there was a seriously out of order piece from Mr Ibson the Parish corrispondetn, who wants me to deal with the BVN e mail stuff for the Christmas Issue – no problem, just send 'em in (I deal with any issues, whatever, and with no messin'), but what is out of order was 'im suggestin' it was good for my reputation: better arst the British Legion, about that one! thats what I say! But to turn to more pressin' issues, still on the subject of said Mr Ibson. Is 'e a relative of 'enry Ibson (a writer friend of Ottie's Nan, who lived in America)? I notised Ibson was very good in Far from the Mddening Crowd (our Ibson, that is) - obviously got actin' and drama in 'is blood, bein' in the famly. I confess I do like a good army play. I felt for poor old Sarn't Troy, splittin' his trousers on the first nite. Brake a leg they say, but not your trousers! Remindid me of my old Sa'rnt Major at Catterick, who 'ad just the same fete caused through ironin' his trousers two much and 'e eventuly ironed right through 'em. Quite a larf, actually, though we 'ad to keep it to ourself. We nearly burst when one of the squaddies muttered (much too loudly), "A spectacle to behold!" Well, Sgt Troy, the whole show was litrally a spectacle to behold. Well done evryone!!

Dave Bellows, Lance Corporal (retired) Little Breding

LOCAL AUTHOR'S BOOK A SURPRISE INTERNATIONAL HIT



A book on butterflies written by Philip Howse, of Burton Bradstock, is turning into a surprise international hit. The book 'Butterflies: Messages from Psyche' is on sale on Amazon worldwide and at all major bookshops, including Waterstones in Bridport, the Dorset bookshop in Bridport and Bridport and Dorchester museums. It is also on sale in Europe, the United States and Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the Far East.

Simon Barnes, writing in *The Times*, describes it as "brilliant" and "the most visually exciting book of the year", while *The Independent* says, "It's the most fascinating butterfly book I've ever read." "I have received some fantastic comments from people who have bought the book," says Professor Howse.

He is a worldwide authority on butterflies, moths and insects, having spent much of his academic career at Southampton University. In 2000 he was awarded an OBE for his contributions to environmentally friendly pest control.

In his book Professor Howse explains how the colours, patterns and designs on the wings of butterflies and moths have evolved to protect them from their predators. Images of dangerous or poisonous animals such as snakes, owl eyes, birds heads and beaks, spiders, wasps, toads and salamanders are commonly found embedded in the wing patterns,

Previously explanations for these patterns have been based on the Darwinian theories of sexual selection, but Professor Howse breaks new ground by suggesting that these have not taken into account the possibility of mimicry of predators including those that pose a threat to birds that attack butterflies and moths. "It's all about perception," he explains. "We see butterflies and moths for what they are. But birds and animals see things differently and will pick up on a detail such as an eyespot that we might overlook."

A member of the steering committee of Bridport & District U3A, he gave a talk earlier this year on the death's head hawk-moth. He is also programme secretary of the Burton Bradstock Village Society.

'Butterflies: Messages from Psyche' is published by Papadakis, price £25.

OVER THE GARDEN WALL

On a trip to the Capital during the Summer, Mrs S and I took in (as they seem to say these days! I think they mean, 'went to') a Couple of shows, Catching up with what's on, at the Courtauld Gallery and the New Tate. Some may remember that I have trouble with Modern Art and have to rely on Mrs S. to Coach me on these things. There was a remarkable Canvas – just a Canvas, not painted or anything, just plain Canvas-coloured Canvas: but the Rococo touch was that there was a diagonal slash across it. Another, *Mirror on Canvas* was precisely that; there were some Americans photographing themselves photographing

by Peregrine Scope

themselves in the mirror (nearby sign, "No photography please", of course). As ever, it was the commentary in the guidebooks that wound me up, particularly at the Courtauld. Georges Braque's *Port of L'estaque:* "A daring combination of yellow, pink and red with touches of green and lilac" – I just wouldn't have noticed! Of a Pierre Bonnard: "The pictures decorating the wall and the desk piled with papers and books in the background add to the air of informal domesticity" – a clever description of the obvious, that. Linda Karshan – *untitled* [I'm not surprised, for something about 20 times simpler than the construction to Pythagoras's Theorem!]: "One large freely drawn square [no it wasn't, the underlying pencil marks are still quite clear] of great purity [what does that mean?] and balance [really?], the line skilfully traversing the sheet's edges" [Well] never!]. You may have gathered, our itinerary did not turn out to be my Road to Damascus;] am still in the world of the "pre modern".

At the power station, we saw some of the old favourites that I remember from earlier visits to the old Tate in the 50s, like Autumn Cannibalism and stuff by Fuseli and Dadd - nice they've now got the room to hang some of those wonderful pieces again. After a fish and chip lunch (much cheaper and just as tasty as one can get on the beach here, I have to say!), we watched a rehearsal for Michael Clark's "living art work that will Change every day" involving 100 non-dancers of very mixed ability (none actual dancers), who performed in the giant Turbine Hall at the end of August. This is called, aptly, 'performance art'. By the time this is published, the special performance-art coach journey, organised by Art-For-The-Masses.com will be history. Aimed at Catching people "in their normal habitat, in the raw"; it was already sold out in July; let's hope 'in the raw' did not mislead the punters! A specially selected (paying) "audience" of performance artists, trendy intellectuals and other gallery habitues, together with a liberal helping of Waterloo Station flotsam, were bussed to the Car Park at Burton Bradstock to watch humans (mostly), "on the Hive Beach 'neath the Jurassic peaks of Lyme Bay, in an un-choreographed piece depicting late summer holidaymakers, eating ice Creams, using deck Chairs and every conceivable artefact of 21st century living." The innocent "performers" (who did not *know* they were performing) went about their business on the beach uninterrupted, while the "viewers", after an hour or so confined to their bus, were whisked away at sunset, on the asphalt conveyor belt, back to their suburbs, with a short comfort break at the Rownhams Roadchef, junction 3.

Art is making something out of nothing, and selling it. Frank Zappa US musician, singer, 4 songwriter (1940 - 1993)

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DIARY OF EVENTS: NOVEMBER 2010

Mon	1	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
		6.30pm RBL(BV) A.G.M.	BB Reading Room
		7.00pm Indoor Bowls	BB Village Hall
Tue	2	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
		3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
		7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
		7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council Mtg	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	3	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
		2.00pm Indoor Bowls	BB Village Hall
		3.00pm Open Broadband Session	PSWB Village Hall
		3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
		7.30pm Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm Burton Bradstock Parish Council Mtg	BB Reading Room
Thu	4	7.00pm "Screen Bites"	LATCH
		9.45am Yoga	LATCH
	-	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Sat	6	10.00am Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		Stew & Dumpling Evening	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Sun	7	12.30pm Bring & Share Lunch	BB Village Hall
		7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon	8	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
		7.00pm Indoor Bowls	BB Village Hall
Tue	9	2.15pm WI "Yukon Gold"	BB Village Hall
		3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
		7.30pm Litton Cheney Parish Council Meeting	LATCH
Wed	10	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
		2.00pm Indoor Bowls	BB Village Hall
		3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Thu	11	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	12	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	"Patria"
	-	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
		7.30pm BBVS "Tristan da Cunha"	BB Village Hall

Sat	13	10.00am War Memorial & Graves Pilgrimage	Burton Bradstock Library
		7.00pm Curry & Quiz Evening	PSWB Village Hall
		7.00pm Artsreach "Full Twist"	BB Village Hall
		Village Barn Dance	LATCH
Mon	15	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
		7.00pm Indoor Bowls	BB Village Hall
Tue	16	12.30pm PSWB Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
		2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
		3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
		7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
Wed	17	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
		2.00pm Indoor Bowls	BB Village Hall
		3.00pm Open Broadband Session	PSWB Village Hall
		3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
		7.30pm PCC Meeting, Holy Trinity, Swyre	"Owl Bank", Green Barton,
Thu	18	7.30pm Team Benefice Meeting	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm British Heart Foundation Meeting	B'port Christian F'ship Hall
Fri	19	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		10.30am Coffee and Mince Pie Morning	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
		12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
		7.30pm Village Hall AGM	PSWB Village Hall
		Bingo Evening	LATCH
Sat	20	10.00am History Morning	PSWB Village Hall
		12.00noon FBBL Ploughman's Lunch	BB Village Hall
		Village Cafe (Weldmar)	LATCH
Mon	22	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
		7.00pm Indoor Bowls	BB Village Hall
Tue	23	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
		7.30pm Charity Whist Drive (Dorset Air Ambulance & IFAW)	The Bull, Swyre
Wed	24	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
		2.00pm Indoor Bowls	BB Village Hall
		3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Thu	25	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	26	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
		10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	The Bull
		12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Sat	27	7.00pm Sing Sankey (Rotary)	United Church, Bridport
Sun	28	12.30pm Pre-Christmas Get-together	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Mon	29	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
		7.00pm Indoor Bowls	BB Village Hall
Tue	30	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
		7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES November 2010							
	1st Sunday 7th Nov 3 before Advent	2 nd Sunday 14 th Nov Remembrance Sunday	3™ Sunday 21ª Nov Christ the King	4 th Sunday 28 th Nov 1 st of Advent			
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Songs of Praise 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 10.45 Remembrance Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (by extension) 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 630 Evening Prayer			
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Remembrance Service	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer			
Chilcombe							
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion (by extension)		11.00 Holy Communion			
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service			
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion			
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship				
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