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WEEKDAY SERVICES, AUGUST 2010

| Mon<br>Wed  | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>4 <sup>th</sup> | 9.00am<br>9.30am            | Little Bredy<br>Burton Bradstock                                |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thur<br>Fri | 5 <sup>th</sup><br>6 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am<br>9.00am<br>9.00am | Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion<br>Puncknowle<br>Litton Cheney |
| Wed         | 11 <sup>th</sup>                   | 9.30am<br>10.00am           | Burton Brastock<br>Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion             |
| Wed         | 18 <sup>th</sup>                   | 9.30am<br>10.00am           | Burton Bradstock<br>Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion            |
| Wed         | 25 <sup>th</sup>                   | 9.30am<br>10.00am           | Burton Bradstock<br>Burton Bradstock, Holy Communion            |

# FROM THE RECTORY

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



GREAT NEWS FOR THE WHOLE VALLEY! Yvonne Buckland will be licensed as a Lay Minister (Reader) on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am, in Salisbury Cathedral. As you know, Yvonne has been working with the Bride Valley Benefice, leading worship in our churches for several years as part of the ministry team. She will continue to do so of course, but will now become 'fully accredited'!

October 9<sup>th</sup> will therefore be a day of celebration, not just for Yvonne, but for us all. Transport and lunch may be arranged, so watch this space. However, it's not too early to get the date in your diary and your name on the list; please telephone me, Mike Read, on 01308 897445.

## I AM COME TO THE END OF A YEAR.

It is time to stop writing about this, but I crave your indulgence once again as I note that it was this time last year, the start of August, that I tentatively started work again after months of recovering following my stroke on Christmas Eve 2008. I was still weak and inclined to be easily weary, but at the same time I had had a long and generous time to build back up again. I know this because of how tiresome Jean was finding my impatience to be up and doing things.

That I had all that time is a debt I will ever owe to the Revd Ryder Rogers, who worked so hard over those weeks and months. I was going to say that he worked tirelessly, but that would be as untrue as it would be the opposite of what I mean. He worked tiringly, and got tired. But he kept on going, as did so many others. I mention Mike Read and James Webster, our Readers, Yvonne Buckland and now Sue Linford, in training for ministry, the Worship Leaders and Pastoral Assistants who kept the services going and the Christian ministry alive and visible in the Valley, alongside many others - Churchwardens, Church officers and members of the congregations all played their part. So much so that when I did begin again, the transition was easy and gentle.

Beyond all I am devotedly grateful to Jean for having nursed me, guarded my weakness and clucked over my agitation. Many of the details of those days are now fading, as memories do, into impressions of a time preserved in stories that are passed around the family, eroding into the legends of tales that will be told in years to come. But Faith, Hope and Charity; these abide. The distillation of help in kindness and kindness in generosity of so many people, remains in the spirit of what is holy; so that I could quite envy myself as I remember how it was with us all last year - were it not for the year to come.

"That which has been is now; and that which is to be already has been; and God requireth that which is past."

I know of at least one person who will not be wondering where this comes from. Bob Thorn

# FROM THE REGISTERS

On 5<sup>th</sup> June, a glorious sunny day, the marriage of **SIMON GALE** and **AMY CLARK** was celebrated at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. The service was conducted by a family friend, the Revd Janis Moore.



June 19<sup>th</sup> saw the marriage of **PATRICK HART** and **GEMMA HALSEY** at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, followed by a reception in the Rectory garden.

**ROBERT EATON** and **LIZ DABORN** were married in St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney, on  $26^{th}$  June.

Also on 26<sup>th</sup> June, **AHMED OSMAN** and **MARGARET JANE LOUISE WILLIAMS** were married in the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Littlebredy. The service was led by the Revd Chris Pouncey, Margaret's uncle. Following the service a reception was held in the grounds of Bridehead.



On Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, the funeral of the late **DEREK ELSWORTH** was held at Weymouth crematorium. Derek's widow Sylvie led the mourners, supported by their children, Vanessa, Kevin and Steve, many other members of the family and friends from the village. Derek was an electrician by trade, and had helped to train many apprentices in his time, some of whom had come to pay their

respects. He loved to walk his dogs, was a keen gardener and a meticulous model maker; a quiet and modest man deeply loved by his family.

As I write preparations are being made for the funeral of the late **DOROTHEA STELLA LEGGE** of Burton Bradstock. She was the widow of the late Tony Legge.

The service for Dorothea will be held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, following which Dorothea will be borne, as was her express wish, to East Stour to be laid to rest there with Tony's ashes.

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

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# VALLEY NOTES

## **BIBLE QUIZZES - 2010**

Please book Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup> in your diaries and come to support the Quiz Finals. There will be teams from (at least) Litton Cheney, Puncknowle and Burton Bradstock, and our two schools will be competing for the Schools Cup. We are having only Junior teams this time, and using the noughts and crosses format.

Come and support these young people at 2.30pm in the Shipton Gorge Village Hall. Let them impress you with their knowledge of the story of Jonah. There will be refreshments too.

Any questions - contact Heather Rogers 897780



## TICKETS SELLING FAST FOR BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC & ART

The Burton Bradstock Festival of Music and Art kicks off on 14<sup>th</sup> August with the opening of an exhibition of paintings, textiles and craft work in the village hall. An eclectic mix of musical treats follows from 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August, including concerts, lunchtime

and late night recitals.

Festival director David Juritz, leader of the London Mozart Players, heads the stellar cast of international musicians who will perform classical, jazz and tango music in the village's tiny church, and at Norburton Hall.

Early booking is essential. Download the brochure from *www.burtonbradstock.org.uk.* For tickets, please contact Gill Redford on 01308 897203.

# BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Since growing your own vegetables in any sort of garden is so much in vogue, we had a good turnout for our June meeting, with Colin Sparkes of the Bridport Allotment Society giving us an interesting talk on how to produce the best in confined spaces.



This article is being written before our Flower Show and it will be interesting to see and discuss among ourselves the experience of how our hard winter and the dry weather in June has affected the display of flowers and produce which we hope to show the public. Meanwhile, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August, instead of the usual monthly meeting in the Puncknowle Village Hall, there is the Club outing for members to the Chilli Farm at West Bexington.

Please car share if possible and let Norma Millard know if you are coming (tel. 897774).

## JOBS TO DO

Clip over lavenders after flowering to keep compact. Cut back hardy geraniums to encourage a new flush of growth. Continue summer pruning of wisteria. Sow late crops of salads, spring cabbage and Oriental vegetables. Continue to top up ponds and water features so wildlife can drink.

Valerie Cameron, Secretary. email: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net: tel 01308 482240

# BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

Success! Maureen said it was time to dig up our early potatoes, which the children enjoyed collecting into a bucket in the morning, and thencooked them in the afternoon. Everything else is still growing well. Lots of watering needed during the hot weeks.



We had a beach day on 15<sup>th</sup> June when we talked about beach safety, and what we could hear, smell and eat at the beach.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June it was Pirate Day, using our imaginations with lots of role play, storytelling, music and drama. We had our parent Cafe Morning on 29<sup>th</sup> June when the children served parents and carers with drinks and cakes, afterwards singing songs and making something together.

Maureen has now completed her NVQ2 qualification, so well done Maureen!

Children starting school in September have been making a special box of memories to take home from Fledglings on their last day. Our Summer Outing was to Farmer Palmer's on 13<sup>th</sup> July. Our last day Party/Picnic on 20<sup>th</sup> July was held in Puncknowle Playing field with a big bouncy castle, BBQ, and sports day games plus presentations to all the children - more on both of these next time.

After the summer holidays, we return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Please remember that the Committee also needs new parents with children at Fledglings to come forward and join them to help run the group. For any information re Fledglings, please contact the manager, Fiona Evans on 01308 482410



## BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP

The playgroup has had a happy and successful year, and we will say goodbye and good luck to Jake, Esmee, Stanley, William and Jacob who are going on to Burton Bradstock school in the Autumn. We have spent some time

this term preparing them for their transition to school which we hope will be smooth and enjoyable.

During the summer term, we have concentrated on African Culture, focussing around the story of "Handa's Surprise". The children had a fantastic time acting out the story with various props. This involvement with "bringing stories to life" is a tremendous help in developing children's imagination and overall development.

Other activities included tasting exotic fruit and making African animal biscuits. We were also very lucky to have a special visitor who educated us all on aspects of African life.

We grew some wonderful runner beans while looking at all aspects of Jack and the Beanstalk. We studied them and measured their growth, making charts to show the rate of growth and compared them with our predictions of growth.

In September we look forward to more fun and games with the children, welcoming Callum, Zachary, Oliver and Evie to the group.

Spaces for Autumn are still available and anyone interested is warmly invited to join us. Contact Ann-Marie on 07853 150467 for further information.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

As I write this report at the beginning of July, school is a hive of activity as the children undertake all the various end of term events that make this time of year so special. However, as you read this report in August, things should be different. Hopefully I, and the rest of the staff, will have recovered enough from the end of term exhaustion to be enjoying the Summer holidays, and the children will be having fun in the sun (I wonder if the parents have already begun the end of the holiday countdown...)!

Amidst all the fun activities there is also a tinge of sadness as we say goodbye to those children who leave us to embark on the next journey of their education. It is hoped that they have achieved great things from their time at Burton Bradstock both academically and socially, and that they will remember their primary years with fondness. When I look back to my time in Primary School it is not the numeracy or literacy lessons that I remember but the kindness of the teachers, the fun we had on the school trips and the friendships I made which still last to this day. I hope that as the children move on to their new schools they will take with them the happy memories and friendships that flourished here.

But time never stands still and we move ever forward to the next academic year and the doors being opened to a new group of young children who are just starting on their journey through our school. What are their hopes and aspirations for the future? And how can we ensure that as a school we meet those needs? These are questions that we continually ask ourselves and strive to achieve through providing a creative curriculum in which learning is fun and fostering a caring community where children are safe to explore and take risks.

We have been very fortunate this year to have members of the local community help us to provide this rich learning environment for the children. Our thanks go to Mrs Colbert who teaches the oldest children how to paint using water colours with such fantastic results, to Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Percy who have worked with the children to design and make altar cloths for the school whilst developing the children's needlework skills and to Mr and Mrs Woodford who have worked so hard to produce a school choir that we are proud of. If you have a particular skill or interest that you feel would enhance the lives of our children please do contact the school and discuss ways to volunteer.

Wishing you a relaxing and peaceful Summer!

Claire Staple, Headteacher

## THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

By the time you read this term will be over and we will have said good luck to our Year 6 as they move on to Sir John Colfox. I am sure that you would like to join us and wish Charlie, James, Jed, Jennifer, Jessica, Kieran, Milly, Lewis, Oliver, and Theo all the best for the future.



At the end of term service all of the pupils in Year 6 recall events which have happened during their time here at Thorner's. Fewer than half of these children started with us in

Reception so it proved testing for some of the them. A large number of families and friends enjoyed being taken back through the years, smiling at the memories but more often listening with pride. How these children have changed over the years and how confident they have become: it hardly seems possible on that first morning when you have to hand them over to the class teacher.

We hope that each and everyone of them makes the most of all the opportunities available to them at Sir John Colfox; in sport, music or as an academic .. good luck.

The picture was taken earlier in the year, for Year 6 to send to French penpals, hope you like it.

We also say goodbye to a few other children who are moving on to different schools and hope that they all find the transition guite smooth; making new friends, settling into new routines. Best wishes to you all.

The last few weeks of term were very busy with our Tattybogle production which will stay in our minds for years to come. We hope that you all enjoyed it.

Recently we heard the government say that schools need to have more competitive sports. I often wonder which schools they are talking about, as we celebrate with both our family group competition and traditional races which are really enjoyed by all the children. Everyone takes part in their own way. I think the most contested races are the ones involving parents!!!

We hope you all have a good summer and are able to refresh vourselves in preparation for the new term. Alison Johnstone, Headteacher

### **100 CLUB WINNERS**

| June | £15 | Mrs Tess Mulhall (parent)   |
|------|-----|-----------------------------|
|      | £10 | Mandy Durkin (outside me    |
| July | £15 | Mrs Joy Laver (parent)      |
|      | £10 | Miss Joan Sheldrick (retire |

- dy Durkin (outside member)
- Joy Laver (parent)
- Joan Sheldrick (retired teacher)

# SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

#### WESTERN VALLEY

I hope everyone is managing to stay cool during the heat wave, although I'm sure that by the time you read this, the weather will have returned back to typical British summer rain!



This last month has seen some shed and garage breaks with mainly gardening and power tools being stolen. I know that for some people the fear of crime is great. Being part of a local Home Watch or Neighbourhood Watch group can help. It is one of the best examples of how the police and community can work together to prevent crime. It involves a group of residents getting together to make their neighbourhoods a better and safer place to live. Residents of a community possess a very specialised knowledge of where they live. A police officer might not recognise someone in your garden as a stranger, but a neighbour would. This is what Home Watch is all about. It can give comfort knowing that your neighbours are looking out for you and keeping an eye on your property.

There may be an existing Home Watch group in your area that you can join or you can set one up. Setting up a group is very easy and doesn't require much time or commitment. Please contact me if you are interested in setting up a Home Watch group and I can help with this. You can receive updates with what is happening in your area either via phone, fax or email

and anything of interest can be passed on to your neighbours.

Please feel free to contact me with any issues you may have or if you would like crime prevention advice. PC Sarah Corrin 01305 226930

<u>EDITOR'S NOTE</u>: Please also read the following article. A Post Box such as those mentioned below, has been placed in the yard outside the Village Hall in Puncknowle, and cards are availale inside the Hall, inside the Church and in the Crown Inn.

#### EASTERN VALLEY

Here's hoping you remember who I am as I haven't written in your magazine for a little while, my apologies for this. I am your local PCSO Sarah and I get out around your areas where and when I can. If you do want to contact me for any reason and haven't bumped into me recently then please call on the numbers below or drop me an e-mail.

This is to give you an update on some recent ideas we have had and will be implementing to give you another way of voicing any issues/problems you may have.

The Rural West Safer Neighbourhood Team, i.e. PC Sandy 178, and myself PCSO Sarah 5410 have taken delivery of 4 post-boxes, which have been placed in suitable locations, e.g. shops/village halls. Attached to these boxes will be postcards for you to take write down what you wish with regard to any problems or concerns requests for information etc. You can then post the cards into the boxes and they will be collected on a regular basis.

What is done with these cards and the issues raised I hear you ask?

Well, we cover 5 valley wards and one person from each ward has been approached to represent you. Every 3 months I will collate all issues that I have learnt about, either from talking to people at PACT surgery, PACT van patrols, postcards, phone calls etc. These will then be passed to each ward representative and they will decide which is the top priority in their ward and pass it back to me. I will forward the 5 results onto the PACT panel, this is comprised of different agencies, e.g. housing highways, Dorset Fire and Rescue, councillors etc., who will then choose one to take forward.

You will then be made aware what the priorities were and which one was chosen to be resolved via our SNT newsletters that are distributed quarterly.

#### Locations of Post oxes

Maiden Newton Ward - inside One Stop Shop

Frome Valley Ward – outside Stratton village hall under shelter (this is still to be agreed, but hopefully will be confirmed shortly

Charminster & Cerne Abbas Ward – inside Charminster Post Office (Cocklands)

Winterborne/Chesil Bank Ward – inside Martinstown Post Office

#### **Contact Numbers**

01305 222 222, 07500 816292 email - dorchester-rural-snt@dorset.pnn.police.uk

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members, please note we do not meet in August. See you all in September.

## BRIDE MVALE CRICKET CLUB

Bride Vale C.C. has begun its season with one defeat by Dorset Wanderers, draws home and away with Winchester College Staff, and three victories: against Cerne Abbas, the Alba Morphics touring team, and Milton Abbas. The game against Powerstock was cancelled because it clashed with a certain football match in Bloemfontein – maybe in retrospect the cricketers wished they'd gone ahead ...

In the Cerne Abbas game, Malcolm Stripp scored 29 with the bat, and then as wicketkeeper took a catch, made 2 stumpings and conceded not a single bye in the opposition's innings of 150.

This performance was eclipsed, however, in the following two games by young Dominic Gape. Alba Morphics' score of 82 for 9 in a 20/20 evening game did not seem too challenging at the start of Bride Vale's reply, but even less so after Gape retired with an undefeated 50 on his debut before BVCC won by 5 wickets. But even this was a mere warm-up for the away game at Milton Abbas three days later.

Milton Abbas batted first and scored 252 for 7 declared, which they must have imagined would probably be a winning score. Yet Bride Vale won by ten wickets with four overs to spare. While his opening partner scored 33 not out at one end, Gape hit a staggering 203 not out at the other, 158 of them in boundaries. It has to be recorded that the shell-shocked Milton Abbas players took this unexpected thrashing extremely well and sportingly afterwards.

As ever, new players, supporters and spectators are always welcome to make themselves known to Cliff Payne on 07971 229797. To discover when home games are being played at Bridehead, a fixture list can be obtained by e-mailing *pwbridehead@btinternet.com* or just make a note of the remaining fixtures listed below:

| Sun | 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug   | 2.30 p.m. | Hooke & Powerstock | [H]   |
|-----|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| Sun | 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | 2.30 p.m. | Milton Abbas       | [H]   |
| Sun | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug  | 2.30 p.m  | Winfrith           | [H]   |
| Sun | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | 2.30 p.m. | Dorset Wanderers   | [H/A] |
| Sun | 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept | 2.30 p.m. | The 3 Cs           | [H]   |



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**BRIAN AND JENNIE PRENTICE** are delighted to announce the safe, premature arrival of their grandson Etienne James, on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010. They would like to thank all their friends in the Bride Valley for all their prayers, support and good wishes for their daughter Andrea Thomas.

# LITTON & THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL

Most of the more strenuous activities take a break in August, but for more details of when, what and how, visit the Litton Cheney web site *www.littoncheney.org.uk* Events at the Hall.



## VILLAGE BBQ

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm – see Social Committee information for more details and how to purchase a ticket.

## KEEEP DANCING!

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August. See poster for details and the village web site.

## VILLAGE CAFÉ

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Come and chat, browse, sample a delicious bacon butty, and generally catch up with village matters. Sarah, our Community Support Officer, will be there with colleagues from the Fire and Ambulance Service ready to answer your questions and hear your concerns.

## ANNUAL WINE TASTING WITH STEVEN SPURRIER.

Our third outing in the company of wine guru Steven Spurrier will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October when we will be sampling the delights of "The Wines of the Rhone Valley". Why are we telling you so early? Because this is a highly popular event and you need to book early by contacting Freddie Spicer (482617), David Taylor (482532) or Ron Davidson (482661).

Watch out for news of forthcoming Autumn events.

## THE "WOW" FACTOR

Most people visiting the new hall for the first time have no doubt it has the Wow factor. If you think it has the Wow factor and would like to book the

hall, or you would like to discover it for yourself perhaps prior to booking at the hall, please contact Wendy Taylor (Booking Clerk) – 482532. If you would like Wendy's job, that too can be arranged – we have our ways. John Firrell – LATCH Secretary 482313.

# LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Have you bought your tickets for the **SUMMER BBQ**? If you are in the unfortunate position of not having done so yet, then there is still time to put that right and make sure you can join in one of the family events of the year! Last year was virtually a sell out ,so make sure you, your friends and neighbours don't miss out.

Great disco, good food, bar, and wonderful weather. If not we will simply move inside!

See you there.

The August VILLAGE WALK is on Saturday  $14^{\rm th},$  starting at 10.00am from the Bus Shelter.

# BURTON BRADSTOCK

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# ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE

Yes, it's time again to enjoy the unique ambience of our ever popular Church Fete in the lovely Rectory Gardens and in St Mary's Church.

The Fete will be opened by the Revd. Bob Thorn at 2.00pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August. All funds raised will be

2.00pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August. All funds raised will be going to the Church Fabric fund. Late offers/contributions of gifts, bric-abrac, cakes, wine, plants and produce will still be most welcome, as will offers of help.

The setting up of tables, bunting, gazebos, stalls, etc starts at 8.30am on the morning of the fete. Any assistance for this setting up and clearing away at 5.00pm would be very much appreciated.

Jim Rogers: Church Fete Co-ordinator (01308 897464)

# ART EXHIBITION

During the Burton Bradstock Music Festival an interesting exhibition of original art work will be held in the Village Hall, Burton Bradstock, from  $14^{th}$  to  $21^{st}$  August.

The exhibition began five years ago when Margaret Harding was invited to arrange a show of paintings by her local artistic friends. During concert intervals, ticket holders were able to view the paintings while enjoying their interval drinks. From these small beginnings, and now in it's sixth year, this exhibition has become an annual event, growing in both quantity and quality, enhanced by the works of more than 60 artists, both amateur and professional. These artists are invited to participate from all over the West Country. Thankfully, a dedicated team of workers is now helping to organise this unique event, which is well worth a visit.

Included in the exhibition will be over 150 original paintings, textiles, ceramics, craft work and greetings cards. All the exhibits are for sale and entrance is free.

### OPENING TIMES.

Saturday,  $14^{th}$  August to Friday  $20^{th}$  August, 10 am to 4 pm daily. Saturday,  $21^{st}$  August, 10am to noon, when the exhibition closes.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

Our Box Office opens on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August at Burton Bradstock Post Office for our play "Far from the Madding Crowd", an adaptation by Matthew White of Thomas Hardy's novel.



Performances will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st

until Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Tickets can also be obtained by e-mailing *burtonbradstockplayers@yahoo.co.uk*. Prices for tickets are: adults £6, children (under 16): £4.

This promises to be a very atmospheric production with the setting, of course, in rural Dorset. Book early to avoid disappointment!

## THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to everyone who attended our Garden Alzheimer's Party on 27<sup>th</sup> June. We are delighted to say we made in excess of £1,000, which was very gratifying, especially as we were competing with the football!

To all our lovely friends and neighbours who helped to man the stalls, make the tea and do the washing up, our heartfelt thanks – we could not do it without you! To everyone who donated gifts, raffle prizes etc. we are very grateful to you all. It was a perfect day and your support was very much appreciated. Thanks to you all, Veda and John.



Strife of interests masquerading as a contest principles.

# BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

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

## TREASURER - NEEDED

At our AGM in January 2011 our Treasurer, Bernard Chennells will retire from the Village Hall

Committee. Having someone undertaking the role of Treasurer is crucial to the Hall Management Committee continuing to exist. We are looking for someone to volunteer to take on this role and to shadow Bernard for the last few months of what is the Hall's financial year (January to December). If you are interested in finding out more about what the role entails, please contact Bernard – 01308 897066 or myself – 01308 897673

Susan Moores – Chairman - Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust

## VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE AND REFURBISHMENT

A combination of successful fundraising and grant applications has allowed the Management Committee to plan a large maintenance and refurbishment project at the Village Hall. Plans include new emergency/exit doors, installation of a new condensing combi-boiler, exterior and interior decoration, some new interior lighting, new chairs and the erection of a new storage shed for chairs and tables to replace existing storage.

Contractors have been chosen for the initial stages of this project. Work will begin at the end of July and will continue into the autumn. Inevitably there will be some disruption whilst the work is being carried out, and we would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience that may be experienced by users. However, we hope this will be kept to a minimum by doing the work in phases, and much will be done during the summer when there is reduced Hall usage. Regular and occasional users have been given advanced warning and have been very accommodating and understanding as they appreciate that the Hall is showing its age and is in desperate need of some TLC.

Susan Moores – Chairman - Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust

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

Congratulations to the winners:

| 1 <sup>st</sup> | £45.00 | No 31:  | Mrs Bobbie Sinclair-Brown |
|-----------------|--------|---------|---------------------------|
| $2^{nd}$        | £22.50 | No 145: | Mrs Jean Ayers            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | £11.25 | No 42:  | Mr Vince Hewlett          |

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the August-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have  $\pm 5$  – one pound for each of the remaining 5 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.



VILLAGE HALL TRUST Registered Charity No. 1108201

## CHRIS PACKHAM TALKS

Many thanks to everyone who helped and attended the Chris Packham talks in the village hall. An amazing  $\pounds 2,000$  was raised for the charity Wessex Heartbeat.



## Artsreach News

By the time you read this you will have bought tickets Animach and passed the word around that there will be a special afternoon performance of "THE SEA SHOW" by the Squash

Box Theatre Company at Burton Bradstock Village Hall, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

The "Sea Show" will be a crazy mixture of puppet show, natural history programme and comedy cabaret. This will be unmissable for children and adults of all ages.

Tickets when available will be obtained from the Post Office or pre booked on 01318 897214.

So - a last minute reminder -

"THE SEA SHOW" Monday 9th August 4.30pm.

Doors open 4.00pm, Tickets - Adults  $\pm 5$ , children (under 12),  $\pm 4$ , Family ticket  $\pm 16$  (2 adults and 2 children).

DON'T MISS IT.

Future shows for Autumn will be announced later.

Norman Saunders-White: Artsreach Promoter



## CHRISTIAN AID

My thanks to all collectors and contributors who gave to the charity in May this year. The total raised in the Bridport area was  $\pounds 5,062.14$  of which  $\pounds 470.77$  was collected in Burton Bradstock.

The money this year has gone towards helping people living in a slum settlement to purchase a plot of land outside Nairobi in Kenya where they intend to build a new community, and in so doing, improve their lives and that of their children Janet Proctor

# DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

## ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Cycle or walk to Dorset's beautiful churches and raise money for the Trust and your own church\_at the same time! Alternatively, consider becoming a sponsor of a participant!



For further information, please contact your parish organiser:-

| Burton Bradstock | Mr. Howard Bongers  | 898029 |
|------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Littlebredy:     | Sir Philip Williams | 482232 |
| Litton Cheney:   | Mr. Freddie Spicer  | 482617 |
| Long Bredy:      | Mrs. Eleanor Frost  | 482269 |
| Puncknowle:      | Mr. Nick Tate       | 898506 |
| Shipton Gorge:   | Mrs. Janet Lane     | 897241 |
| Swyre:           | Mr. David Buckland  | 898492 |

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Dorset County Council has asked me to give them feedback of any residents in Burton Bradstock who do not want the No Cold Calling Ban to remain in operation.

I have met many of you and your opinions have been positive ones. The majority of residents think it is a good system to enforce; in fact the main complaint has been that bigger

signs should be put up on the roads into the village. Could any residents in Burton who object to the Cold Calling Ban, please give me a ring within 7 days, or as usual, just call with any questions or problems you may have. Many thanks.

lan Pitt-Aikens 01308-897440

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2010-11

All meetings unless stated are in the Reading Room and start at 7.30pm.

1st Sept 2010 6th Oct 2010 3rd Nov 2010 1st Dec 2010 5th Jan 2011 2nd Feb 2011 2nd March 2011

Fel Moore: Clerk to the Council.

## PLEASE HELP REUNITE OLD FRIENDS.

Mrs. Angela McCarthy-Young is trying to trace a friend who came down to live in Burton Bradstock some 5 years ago. She wishes to contact Marie Driver and partner Glen, originally from Leicester and formerly of Merlyns, Annings Lane, Burton Bradstock.

Mrs. Angela McCarthy-Young can be contacted at The Limes, Wood Road, Nailstone, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, CV13 0QP angela.mccarthy-young@cbsco.co.uk, mobile: 07836 374288

# PUNCKNOWLE & W. BEXINGTON

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: ELIZABETH SLATER 1, LITTON CLOSE, PUNCKNOWLE liz@ruddle.org.uk tel: 897751





**A HUGE THANKYOU** from Ann Roberts for the very generous gift, presented to her at the Family Service in July from the people of the Parish and the Church of St Mary's Puncknowle.

AND LIKEWISE from Jim Bailey to all those parishioners who contributed to the present he was given to mark his retirement from the post of Churchwarden. It was an unexpected pleasure, and greatly appreciated.

# ARM Cro enj

## ARMED FORCES DAY.

Many thanks to all for making the event at The Crown Inn very successful. It was a really good day and enjoyed by everyone.

A total of £1,356.55 was raised for Help the

Heroes and the Puncknowle Fundraisers are topping it up to £1,500.

Brenda Oliver.

# ART CLUB

The group has been taking advantage of the fine weather to sketch outdoors, always taking care to end the morning in the nearest cafe. There are no meetings in August but we will be meeting on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> to vote for this year's winner of the Bembridge trophy. New members are always welcome



Christine Molony

# PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on  $7^{\mbox{th}}$  September.

## PLAYING FIELD THANKS

Very many thanks to all those who made cakes for the cake stall at the Bridport Charter Fair to raise funds for the Puncknowke Playing Field Restoration Fund. Your generosity and effort is greatly appreciated. The restoration fund is now better off by £86.



The Playingfield Committee of Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council

## PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

For bookings, telephone 01308 897724

## GIVE SID A BREAK!

Needed as soon as possible, a brand new Treasurer for the Village Hall Management Committee!

Sid will be relinquishing the post as from this year's AGM (to be held sometime in November). In the meantime he will be happy to show the ropes to who might like to steps into his boots. Please contact him on 897318 if you fancy the job.

#### **ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE**

Following its recent application, the Village Hall Management Committee has been granted an Entertainments Licence, details of which can be seen on the Notice Board inside the entrance lobby. Please note, however, that hirers who wish to *sell* alcoholic beverages at an event for which they are using the hall, will still need to apply for a Temporary Event Licence in their own name.

#### REDECORATION

Just reminder that the hall is being redecorated during August– hopefully, any disruption will be kept to a minimum.

#### PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCHEON CLUB

The committee and members of the club would like to give a very big thank you to all who gave so generously to the dishwasher appeal. The total amount received came to £1,056 which together with the club's own funds should be sufficient to buy the machine, pay for its installation by a catering engineer

and purchase a pre-rinse spray for the hall kitchen. We hope that this will make washing up a good deal easier and hygienic, and the equipment will be available not only to the club, but also to hirers of the hall for years to come.

There will be no Lunch during August, so Members are reminded that they will need to rejoin the club at a cost of £1, at the lunch on  $21^{st}$  September. The club will welcome anyone who is interested in joining for the new year starting in September. They should ring 897622 to join or for further information.

## AND AN APOLOGY FROM THE EDITOR

who included in last month's edition, a scurrilously misleading piece of information that gave the impression that the cost of the lunch was to be increased. This is not so

- the cost remains at £4!







## BOOK CLUB

Next meeting on September 4th: the book to be discussed is "The Pursuit of Happiness" by Douglas Kennedy.

#### **BROADBAND ACCESS**

There will be no open sessions in August, but these will resume in September on the first and third Wednesdays only.





#### JUNE WINNERS

John Bennett £15 Rob Reeks £10



Tickets £5 available in advance from Carol Bennett (897771) or on the door (if still available). CASH BAR available

# LONG BREDY

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



# LONG BREDY THREE GARDENS SAFARI

Despite fierce competition from many other local events, everyone who attended the safari had a wonderful time. A number of people came both days! The weather, the walks, the magnificent views, beautiful gardens and food made this a special event which we hope to repeat in the future.

Many thanks to our hosts; Anthony, Harriet and Ayre Coote-Sykes, David and Jane Perez, Brian and Ann Peppiatz. They worked so hard to prepare for the safari and we could not have done it without their enthusiasm and support.

Many thanks also to all villagers who participated in any way, without you it would not have been possible either.

This year all items left over from the safari have been donated to the Joseph Weld Hospice Fete (July 17<sup>th</sup>), with their grateful thanks.



## LITTLEBREDY VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: Email: pwbridehead@btinternet.com Tel: 482232



**FLAMING JUNE** lived up to its name, which meant a lovely evening and an excellent turnout for the **BARN DANCE AND HOG ROAST** at a splendidly decorated Longlands Farm on the 19<sup>th</sup>. John Barker and the Peppiatts and their team had worked extremely hard to prepare the event, and we hope they feel their efforts were fully worthwhile. The Church and the Village Hall both benefit from the results.

**IT WAS AGAIN** a lovely day for **MARGARET WILLIAMS'** wedding the following Saturday. Visitors picnicking in the Bridehead grounds got more than they bargained for, no doubt, as a full wedding procession, including Sudanese visitors in traditional dress, made its way alongside the lake for the Reception.

**THE WEATHER** was less kind to the **Rounders and Barbecue Evening** on the cricket ground in early July, but a reasonable number of supporters enjoyed a couple of not-so-competitive games and the excellent longhorn beefburgers which Ed McFadden barbecued with skill.

**THERE WILL BE** no Social Club event in August, but the 29<sup>th</sup> is the fifth Sunday of the month, which means that the United Service of the Bride Valley Parishes will be held in Church here at 11.00 that morning, followed (weather permitting) by a communal picnic beside the lake. Naturally, all are most welcome to join in, whether regular church attenders or not.

# Shipton Gorge

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: BARBARA CHAMBERS WEST COURT, BROOK STREET, SHIPTON GORGE bjc39@btinternet.com Tel: 01308 897482

# ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

## CHURCH FETE

It was a wonderful hot and sunny day on June 26<sup>th</sup> when we had our Annual Church Fete.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and we made £1,271.30p, a marvellous effort for such a small village. Our grateful thanks go to all the people who erected gazebos, manned stalls, contributed goods and came and spent their money.



#### FEAST OF FLOWERS

Our church looked and smelt absolutely divine. We had over 60 different flower arrangements, from posies in jam jars to magnificent formal arrangements.

We believe that our youngest contributor was Aston Bullen aged 2, and our oldest was a lady in her mid 90's. To all who gave so lovingly - **THANK YOU**.

#### WEST WINDOW

Our hopes were fulfilled when the West Window was finally finished in time for the Fete and Feast of Flowers, and our church bells were rung in triumph.

#### CREAM TEA AT 'CHURCH VIEW'

A lovely afternoon was enjoyed wandering around Elizabeth & Robert's garden and eating delicious cream teas. A sum of  $\pm 300$  was raised for church funds. Thank you to Elizabeth & Robert.

#### FLAG CAPTAIN

Ernie Thomas has undertaken the job of Flag Captain with a several volunteers. We thank everyone for doing this most worthwhile job.

#### **CHURCH GROUNDS**

The PCC wishes to thank Mr. Bob White and his team of volunteers and Mr. Colin Chambers, for all the hard work they have put into keeping our churchyard looking so magnificent. It is a credit to each and every one of them. **THANK YOU**.

Gillian Maxfield. Churchwarden

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August - **Village Society Fete** (any offers of help, produce, bottles, cakes etc. gratefully accepted!)

Saturday  $4^{\mbox{th}}$  September - Village Walk (meet at New Inn 10.00am - more details to follow)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September - **Big Bob's guided tour of London** (this year's theme - "Mainly Monopoly" - contact John Kent 01308 897574 to book a place)

## QUIZ NIGHTS - NEW INN

We should like to thank Peter Varney and Nova for the pleasure they have given us over the winter by organising the quiz nights. Peter has been skilful in dealing with the 'rabble' and has worked very hard on the questions, which he says get easier, but we are still waiting! On arrival each of us has been organised into a team by Nova in a very short space of time - no mean feat, and the numbers of 35-40 have been constant. The concept of mixing everyone up instead of fielding the same teams each time has proved to be a very popular one.

Quiz nights resume in October on a monthly basis, and we look forward to another enjoyable, informative, riotous winter! Watch the notice boards for dates. New Inn Support Ltd.

## VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB.

#### JULY DRAW

| £20 | No 45 | Mary Bartlet   |
|-----|-------|----------------|
| £10 | No 82 | Betty Shepherd |

# BEYOND THE VALLEY

# Bridport Art Society



The Bridport Art Society is taking part in the Bridport Open Studios weekend at the St John Ambulance Hall, Rax Lane, where local artists will demonstrate their different styles of painting.

Open 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August inclusive from 10.30am until 4.30pm daily. Refreshments and home made cakes will be available to all visitors.



SHSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

# HISTORIAN'S APPEAL TO HELP FIND ROMAN ROADS IN WEST DORSET

Historian Peter Laurie is appealing to farmers and local landowners to help him in his search to find

Roman roads in West Dorset. He is the founder of the Dorset Roman Conquest Group which is seeking to find evidence of the Roman occupation in the area, and in particular he is looking for culverts that were built by the Romans.

He has a theory that culverts are one way of identifying the route of Roman roads. They were built by Roman engineers but not constructed again until the development of turnpike roads many centuries later.

So really old culverts, such as the ones he has found on the B3162 between Bridport and Chard, suggest that this is an old Roman road. If anyone knows of something like this, could they please let him know? Big ones are about 3ft high and 2ft wide at the bottom, while smaller ones are about 15 inches wide and high. Email: p.c.s.laurie.58@cantab.net

Peter Laurie, who first became interested in the subject when he came

across what might be a Roman road between Symondsbury and Quarry Cross, gave a talk on tracing Roman roads in West Dorset at the June meeting of Bridport & District U3A held at the Christian Fellowship Hall, East Street, Bridport. U3A also covers Burton Bradstock and surrounding villages.

Bob Ayres will give a talk entitled '2000 years of the City of London in 40 minutes' at the monthly meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 pm.

From Bob Wells, Bridport & District U3A, 01308 863347

# BITS & PIECES

## Well-Out-Of-Order

Great time, as usual at Her Majesty's Birthday this year, though I didn't like seein' Wills in an RAF uniform, I must confess - well-Out-Of-Order!

Watching the guardsmen linin' up reminded me of Sue Moore's real coal fire, which is so neat that I mistook it for a gas version when I first saw it! (We've got a gas one that has a bucket of real coal and a shovel next to it to fool the punters.). Reminded me of the tulips outside the Guard Room at Catterick: a sort of scarlet production line.

My kids still mock my patriotism ("Don't forget the tissues, Dad!"), but there's still a few of us out there. Apart from my natty regimental blazer, an essential is a large coloured handkerchief, which helps me pretend that I have hay fever, while mopping up the emotion, though this is not always convincin' as most of the others in my stand usually 'ave the same trouble with their tubes. I noticed that the Camerons was all present and correct (all three of them, Bless 'er) and I must say how delighted we was that they both seemed to be enjoyin' this "Spectacle to behold" (as my old Sarn't Major used to say), which I noticed did not seem to be the case with the last couple at no. 10 - 'e never seemed to know when to stand up or sit down - still, mustn't be catty (or too political), or I'll upset the Champagne Socialists in the village!

The other recent State Occasion that I watched (on the box) was the Openin' of Parliament. Having done a number of these gigs over the years, I do still get a chill down the old spine as the Royal Fanfare is sounded and ladies bob in their places as the 'Er Majesty passes - I notice that the ones who can't afford tiaras don't seem to curtsey - Well-Out-Of-Order! Still perhaps they don't teach 'em that at school these days. I've 'ad several e mails on the subject. By the way, if any of you out there spot anythink at all Out-Of Order, do drop me a line (well-out-of-order@hotmail.co.uk will find me).

I 'ave a good will message for the tourists: Don't worry if someone smiles at you and says 'ello as you pass, they probly live 'ere!

Dave Bellows, Lance Corporal (retired), Little Breding

## Over the Garden Wall

#### by Perry Scope

Some recently-married friends have just received their *third* fondue set. I thought such things disappeared in the late 70s. Remember how frustrating those table top bonfires were? How one would select the largest piece of marshmallow only to find that it dropped off into the hot chocolate? Or the innovative variants that one was subjected to at dinner parties in those days? Sausages, pineapple chunks, cheese, banana slices? All in chocolate....

What happened to all those pieces of kit after their third disastrous dinner party performance? I've been researching this amongst friends and find that most found their way into garages to become repositories for paint brushes and chisels (with a piece of foam rubber at the bottom to protect the sharpened blades); there was only one incidence of something more predictable - a glue pot. This brought back that unmistakable whiff of boiling animal glue in those heady, early DIY days before Evostick: something on the continuum that leads eventually to the aroma of Brusssels sprouts boiled for the week running up to Christmas.

My research also threw up another character, who has a special cupboard for wedding presents: all are labelled so that they can be produced when the donors visit. "Extraordinary," thinks the visitor, "they've still got that bloody porcelain liqueur barrel that we passed on to them all those years ago"; "So, those Lladro toucans went down well, after all"; "... the African carved wooden corkscrew and bottle opener seem to have lasted well". Rather like H.M. The Queen's thoughtful deployment of gifts to repeat State Visitors.

Then there was the subject of house-swapping: how swappers seem to just know which is the 100 year old malt or the '63 Warre's one's been keeping for one's next Godchild. I suppose I *might* just have visually checked to see if the malt had receded in the bottle - rather than mark it, which would have risked a Polaroid picture, to be found, on our return, perched on the sideboard, showing the house-swapper triumphantly holding up my bottle, pointing to the pencil mark! Or the note, scribbled on the kitchen slate, "Found the tins of foie gras in the boot cupboard OK!"

# THE "CHARLES DARWINS" ARE OUT!!!!

Yes, it's that magical time of year again when the Charles Darwin Awards are bestowed, honouring the least evolved among us and those who improve our gene pool by (accidentally) removing themselves from it. Here is the glorious winner:

When his 38 calibre revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California, would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked. And some honourable mentions:

- The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and after a little shopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and he also lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.
- 2. After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.
- 3. An American teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.

# ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters

from 'Uncle Eustace:'

#### On the perils of leaving your pulpit

The Rectory St. James the Least

#### My dear Nephew Darren

It was good of you to take Evensong here last Sunday while I was at my old college re-union - but I would prefer you used the pulpit in future when preaching. How could Colonel Brockle complete 'The Times' crossword and Miss Balmer her knitting with you constantly walking up and down in front of them? They found it most disconcerting, as out of politeness, they were obliged to listen to you. It was a unique experience they do not wish to repeat.

Those few who defy Anglican tradition and sit at the front of the church were also placed in the dilemma of trying to decide whether they should keep turning in their pews as you paraded down the nave and then rotating back to the front as you re-emerged up the side aisle. It did Lady Plumptree's vertigo no good at all. It also allowed people to see that you were wearing suede shoes. For many of our worshippers, the most appalling of heresies are as nothing when compared to brown shoes under a cassock.

I appreciate you made heroic efforts and got your sermon down to 30 minutes, but that is still 20 minutes longer than they anticipated and 29 minutes longer then their attention span. That is why the noise you thought was sidesmen counting the morning's collection while you preached, was in fact the organist jangling his keys in an attempt to remind you that his oven timer had long since switched off and his casserole was getting cold.

No, use the pulpit in future; that is the reason why stonemasons 600 years ago put twenty tons of marble in our church in the first place and it would be a shame to disappoint them. It also means that from a distance of 100 yards and a height of 20 feet, no one can tell that the glass of water I use liberally while preaching is in fact a gin and tonic.

I concede that our pulpit has its dangers. I have known several bishops come to grief as their robes wrap themselves around the newel post as they ascend the steps. One, unable to untangle himself, was obliged to preach while half way up the steps and with his back to the congregation, while our verger was dispatched to find a pair of scissors.

Perhaps, before your next visit, we may install a mechanical floor in the pulpit, so that after 10 minutes, it slowly lowers you into the crypt while the congregation can get on with singing the last hymn before getting home in decent time.

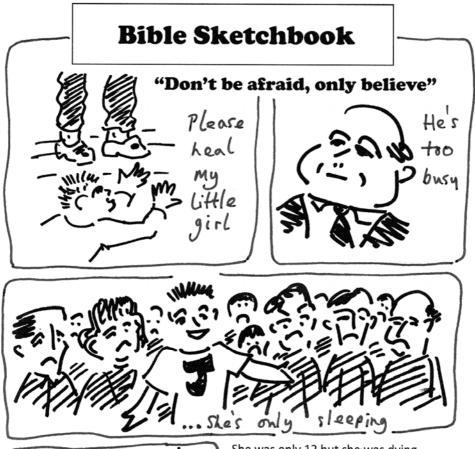
> Your loving uncle, Eustace

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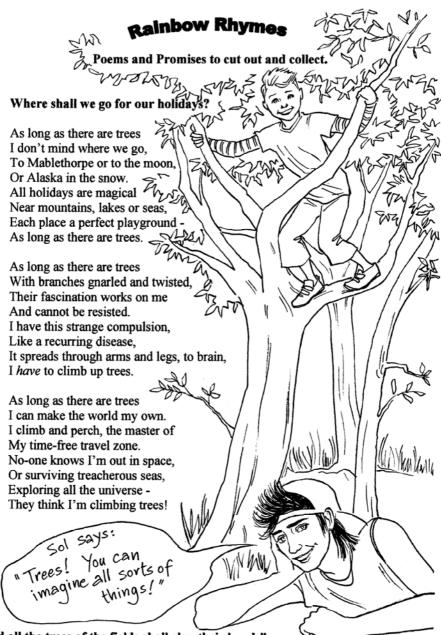




Little airl and She 2:2 ... William Mather C

She was only 12 but she was dying. Her dad—Jairus—threw himself on the ground to beg Jesus to lay hands on her and make her live. But before he arrived she died and people said he shouldn't bother any more. When he got to her house there was disbelief and confusion but Jesus said "Don't be afraid, only believe." He took her hand and said: "Little girl, get up." And she did.

Let's all of us pray that Jesus can use us to bring life to situations and people where there is death and despair. *Read more: Mark 5: 21-23; 35—end*.



"And all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands" Isaiah 55:12 (NIV)

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



There are lots of birds in the Bible - Noah sent them out from the Ark to see if the flood waters had gone down, first a raven and then a dove (Genesis 6: 6-13). Elijah was fed by ravens while he lived in the desert (1 Kings 17: 1-8).

Mary and Joseph made an offering of 'a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons' (Luke 2: 22-24) when they took baby Jesus to the Temple. When Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist, the Spirit of God descended like a dove (Matthew 3:3-17). That is why the Holy Spirit is usually shown as a dove. The

dove is also a symbol of peace.



#### But my

favourite bit about birds is Luke, chapter 12, verses 4-7. 'Aren't 5 sparrows sold for 2 pennies? Yet not one sparrow is forgotten...' It reminds us that God loves and cares for everything, even the smallest part of his creation.

# **BIBLE BIRD WORDS**

Some clues are in the first column, but can you answer these Bible questions all about birds? Which bird...

- Didn't come back when Noah sent it out of the ark. (Genesis 7)
- Flocks of these fed the Israelites in the desert. (Numbers 11)
- Those who wait on the Lord will rise up with wings like... (Isaiah 40)
- The first bird Noah sent out of the ark. (Genesis 7)
- Saul hunted David like one of these in the mountains (1 Samuel 27)
- Jesus said this bird would be at a scene of desolation (Matthew 24)
- cost 2p for 5? (you shouldn't need a clue for this one!)

What do you give a sick bird? Tweetment.

Why can't a duck fly upside down?



Because he'd quack up.

1) dove 2) quail 3) eagles 4) raven 5) partridge 6) vulture 7) sparrow

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1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)

- 3 See 1 Across
- 8 'Let us draw to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)
- 9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)

11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)

14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)

15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)

- 17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)
- 20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)

21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a

reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)

22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)

4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)

5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)

6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)

7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)

10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)

12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of

heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)

13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)

16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)

18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a

crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)

19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

Being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game, and dumb enough to think it's important. *Eugene McCarthy* 

The problem with political jokes is they get elected.

Henry Cate VII

Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book. Ronald Reagan

# DIARY OF EVENTS: AUGUST 2010

| Sun 1                                         |                                                     | 7.00pm One World Worship                | Othona Community                 |  |  |  |
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|                                               |                                                     | 7.30pm Songs of Praise                  | Holy Trinity, Swyre              |  |  |  |
| Wed                                           | 4                                                   | 7.30pm Book Club                        | PSWB Village Hall                |  |  |  |
| Tue                                           | 3                                                   | 2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group      | Ourganics, Litton Cheney         |  |  |  |
| Thu                                           | 5                                                   | 2.00pm St Mary's Church Fete            | Rectory, Burton Bradstock        |  |  |  |
| Fri 8 2.30pm B.V.C.C. v Hooke & Powerstock Li |                                                     | 2.30pm B.V.C.C. v Hooke & Powerstock    | Littlebredy Cricket Ground       |  |  |  |
|                                               |                                                     | 6.00pm Village Barbecue                 | LATCH                            |  |  |  |
| Sun                                           | 8                                                   | 7.30pm Songs of Praise                  | Holy Trinity, Swyre              |  |  |  |
| Mon                                           | 9                                                   | 4.00pm Artsreach "The Sea Show"         | Burton Bradstock Village Hall    |  |  |  |
| Thu                                           | 12                                                  | 2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation    | Othona Community                 |  |  |  |
| Sat                                           | 14                                                  | 10.00am Village Walk                    | Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney       |  |  |  |
|                                               |                                                     | 7.30pm Keeeeeep Dancing                 | LATCH                            |  |  |  |
|                                               | Opening of Burton Bradstock Festival of Music & Art |                                         |                                  |  |  |  |
| Sun                                           | 15                                                  | 7.30pm Songs of Praise                  | Holy Trinity, Swyre              |  |  |  |
| Mon                                           | 16                                                  | BVGC Outing -                           | Chilli Farm, W Bexington         |  |  |  |
| Tue                                           | 17                                                  | 2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group      | Ourganics, Litton Cheney         |  |  |  |
| Thu                                           | 19                                                  | 7.30pm British Heart Foundation Meeting | Bridport Christian F'ship Hall   |  |  |  |
| Sat                                           | 21                                                  | 10.30am Village Cafe                    | LATCH                            |  |  |  |
|                                               | 21                                                  | Shipton Gorge Village Soc. Fete         |                                  |  |  |  |
| Sun                                           | 22                                                  | 7.30pm Songs of Praise                  | Holy Trinity, Swyre              |  |  |  |
| Thu                                           | 26                                                  | 2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation    | Othona Community                 |  |  |  |
| W/end                                         | 28-30                                               | 10.30am Bridport Open Studios           | St John Ambulance Hall, Rax Lane |  |  |  |
| Sun                                           | 29                                                  | 7.30pm Songs of Praise                  | Holy Trinity, Swyre              |  |  |  |
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| SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES August 2010 |                                                                                            |                                                                    |                                                                                      |                                                                      |                                                              |  |  |  |
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|                                                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Aug<br>Trinity 9                                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Aug<br>Trinity 10        | <sup>3rd</sup> Sunday ;<br>15 <sup>th</sup> Aug<br>The Virgin Mary                   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug<br>Trinity 12         | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>29 <sup>th</sup> Aug<br>Trinity 13 |  |  |  |
| Burton<br>Bradstock                                      | 8.00 Holy Communion<br>9.30 Family Service<br>11.00 Songs of Praise<br>6.30 Evening Prayer | 9.30 Family Service<br>11.00 Holy communion<br>6.30 Evening Prayer | 8.00 Holy Communion<br>9.30 Family service<br>11.00 Holy Communion<br>(by extension) | 9.30 Family Communion<br>11.00 Morning Prayer<br>6.30 Evening Prayer | 8.00 Holy Communion<br>(by extension)                        |  |  |  |
| Shipton<br>Gorge                                         | 11.00 Holy Communion                                                                       | 9.30 Morning Prayer                                                | 9.30 Holy Communion<br>(by extension)                                                |                                                                      |                                                              |  |  |  |
| Chilcombe                                                |                                                                                            |                                                                    | 6.30 Evening Prayer                                                                  |                                                                      |                                                              |  |  |  |
| Swyre                                                    | 7.30 Songs of Praise                                                                       | 730 Songs of Praise                                                | 7.30 Songs of Praise                                                                 | 7.30 Songs of Praise                                                 | 7.30 Songs of Praise                                         |  |  |  |
| Puncknowl<br>e                                           | 9.30 Holy Communion                                                                        | 5.00 Evening Prayer                                                | 8.00 Holy Communion<br>(by extension)                                                | 11.00 Family Service                                                 |                                                              |  |  |  |
| Litton<br>Cheney                                         | 11.00 Family Service                                                                       | 9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)                                 | 9.30am Morning<br>Prayer                                                             | 9.30 Holy Communion<br>(by extension)                                | 8.00 Holy Communion                                          |  |  |  |
| Long Bredy                                               | 11.00 Holy Communion                                                                       |                                                                    | 11.00 Morning Worship                                                                |                                                                      |                                                              |  |  |  |
| Littlebredy                                              |                                                                                            | 11.00 Family Communion<br>(by extension)                           |                                                                                      | 11.00 Holy Communion                                                 | 11.00 United Service                                         |  |  |  |