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**Every** time the clocks change, there are protests about whether they should change more, or less or in different way. Every time Christmas falls on a day which robs us of a day's shopping, there are calls to "regularise" the date, forgetting perhaps that it is in simplest terms a birthday. Every time Easter is either very early or late, there are questions as to why the schools' terms, summer holidays, indeed the whole nation, should be in thrall to the oddities of Christian calculation.

This year Easter is late - 24<sup>th</sup> April, almost as late as it can get. The calculation is as convoluted as the reasons are archaic.

In very early Christian times, when the Church was growing out of Judaism, Easter was obvious. It was fixed by the date of the Passover festival, Nisan 15 in the Jewish calendar. But then the Christian faith became part of the Roman Empire, and the date of Easter had to fit in to the new Gregorian calendar. Only the Eastern part of the Roman Empire based on Constantinople, had long followed the Julian calendar.

These calendars are not just a matter of picking a series of dates and moving them about in parallel. They all to a greater or lesser extent, determine dates both by the movement of the sun and the moon. On top of that, the dates have drifted over time as more precise ways of calculating the length of a solar year have been discovered.

It is not just Easter that is moved about. Easter is directly connected with the forty days that precede it and the fifty days that follow. The forty days before Easter take us back to Ash Wednesday, this year on 9<sup>th</sup> March, which in turn shoves pancake day back to 8<sup>th</sup> March. After Easter, the next forty days take us on to Ascension day, which is why, Easter always being a Sunday, Ascension is always a Thursday. But there is another

calculation. Easter is on a Sunday. If we were to count the following Sunday as being an imaginary Monday, and the Sunday after that as an imaginary Tuesday, and so on, we would be beginning to count the week of weeks. This follows over the seven Sundays after Easter, overtaking the Ascension until we get to the Sunday of the week of weeks. Seven sevens are forty nine, and one more, the last Sunday of the great week, makes up the fifty of the day of Pentecost. This is the fiftieth day after Easter and marks the feast



remembering the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to the world.

So here is the carrot and the stick. The carrot says that if we go along with the oddness of the date of Easter we will know ourselves to be part of something very old, a bit archaic, but with the potential to be fun in an impromptu sort of a way. The stick says that if we hear again that there is pressure to sort out the silliness of the date of Easter once and for all, I get to do more maths.

Good readers of the BVN, I beg you to spare yourselves this goading, and let me lapse into merciful silence.

Peace; be still.

Bob

# Lyme Bay Deanery Choirs Festival

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# ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters  
from 'Uncle Eustace:'*

**On why our church does not need health or safety...**

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

*The disasters you inflict on church life are made the worse because they are so well meaning. I appreciated your concern when you heard one of our parishioners had slipped on a gravestone. Your desire to help was entirely commendable; sending your own church's health and safety officer to give us some advice was kindly-meant. But the thousand page report was not welcome. If we implemented your officer's suggestions, life would become unbearably safe.*

*St. James the Least has survived perfectly well for the last 600 years without gutter cleaning inspections, path degreasing and electrical safety certificates, so I think we may survive a little longer without them. As far as I am aware, the only disaster to hit us was when Cromwell's soldiers stabled their horses in the nave - which I suspect a few of our oldest members still clearly remember.*

*The shock the sidesmen sometimes get when switching on the lights occurs only occasionally, is relatively mild and soon over - and if it happens when preparing for the 8am Service, helps to wake them up. The fact that the weight of the Duke of Clumber's marble sarcophagus is slowly detaching the south aisle from the rest of the church is very slow - and the pews in that area are used only once a year when his relations visit from America to commemorate his death at Agincourt - which is probably just beyond remembrance of the oldest of our congregation.*

*Leaks from the ceiling in the north aisle are solved with the row of buckets - and even you must concede that the fungi on the oak beams look really rather attractive when the sun catches them. The sapling growing out of the spire is certainly an issue - although it looks so attractive in Spring when in blossom. As for our fire extinguishers, they were*

*serviced when my predecessor-but-two was in office, and I have the certificate to prove it.*

*Do thank your health and safety officer for all his work and tell him we will bear his recommendations in mind. Also tell him I was so sorry he slipped and broke his leg as he was entering your own church last Sunday. If only he had been encased in bubble wrap, it would never have happened. Perhaps you could put that on the agenda of your next health and safety meeting.*

*Your loving uncle,  
Eustace*

## BEYOND THE VALLEY

### BRIDPORT & DISTRICT U3A

Bridport & District University of the Third Age (U3A) has been awarded a grant of £2,430 by the Big Lottery Fund.



The grant will be used to buy state-of-the-art slide and digital projectors, projector screen, laptop computer and software and a PA system to use at its meetings and study groups. Money has also been allocated to design a web site.

The award is a major boost for U3A which has enrolled more than 250 members from Bridport, Beaminster, Burton Bradstock and surrounding villages since it was relaunched in January this year.

It has become the fastest growing U3A in the South-West with more than 25 study groups ranging from books and bird watching to maths for fun and philosophy. Ten of the groups are full and have waiting lists of people wanting to join.

“The Lottery Fund grant means that we can set out to attract top quality speakers to our meetings because we can guarantee to provide them with the very best audio visual equipment,” said Jan Kelly, chair of the steering committee. “It is a huge bonus for U3A and the people of Bridport & District.”

The U3A will start the New Year in a new home. From January its regular monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month will take place at the Bridport United Church in East Street.

For more information on joining U3A contact Diana Coleridge on 01308 424431. For information on the study groups contact Lesley Archibald on 01308 456079.

*Bob Wells, Press Officer, 01308 863347*

## GOOD BOOKS

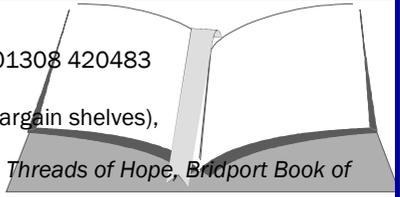
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## ST VALENTINE OPEN HOUSE

The word "love" appears over 500 times in the Bible so do join us on the day (14<sup>th</sup> February) from 10.00am to 2.00pm, to celebrate this with themed refreshments – and perhaps find a card or gift for those we love to mark St Valentine's Day. We stock a wide range of Bible commentaries, including Tom Wright's excellent "…for Everyone" series on the New Testament for the lay reader – St Paul for Everyone: 1 Corinthians discusses the famous passage on love.

Thank you to all our customers for your support during 2010 and we wish you a very happy, peaceful and blessed year in 2011. Drop in any time you are in town for a cuppa and a chat or rest, we love to have visitors even if you are not coming to buy.

## BRIDPORT COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next lunch will be on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 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 420483, [jo@jovian.co.uk](mailto:jo@jovian.co.uk) or Karen Jones on [k.jones@volunteeringdorset.org.uk](mailto:k.jones@volunteeringdorset.org.uk))

## VALLEY NOTES

### BURTON BRADSTOCK W I.

By this edition, we have all possibly got used to it being 2011, and it takes me a while to remember this. We hope you have not had too many infections, many locals have gone down with flu or chest problems and some of our members have broken bones and bruises from bad falls in the snow and ice. Let's hope it soon becomes warmer and dryer, but possibly this is a bit unrealistic for February.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall, when our speaker Phyl Davidson will speak on "**The Jurassic Coast**". Please note that we are still meeting at the winter time of 2.15pm.

The usual groups will be meeting, the Walking group, the Reading group, Mahjong and the Embroidery groups - please check the notice board outside the hall for more details of each meeting.

## BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES BRING & SHARE LUNCHES

The dates for 2011 are as follows:

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Open to all in the valley and held in Burton Bradstock Village Hall beginning at 12.30pm. Please bring along a plate of savoury or sweet food to put on the buffet table. Hot and cold drinks are supplied. No charge.

It is a happy informal hour or two in which to share some delicious food in the company of others. Do come along and join us, we would love to see you and you will be made most welcome.

*Lesley Dove*



## BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

There are two sets of Bible Notes available from the Fellowship:

**GUIDELINES** – offers in-depth study, drawing on the insights of current scholarship. Its intention is to enable all its readers to interpret and apply the biblical text with confidence in today's world.

**NEW DAYLIGHT** – provides daily Bible readings and comment, with a regular team of contributors drawn from a range of church backgrounds. It is ideal for anyone wanting an accessible and yet stimulating aid to spending time with God each day, deepening their faith and knowledge of Scripture.

The group subscription for both Guidelines and New Daylight is £11.70 for 2011/2012.

The first issue comes out in May, but requirements need to be lodged in mid-February. Anyone wishing to have these notes, please be in touch with me before 10<sup>th</sup> February. Copies for those already on my list will be ordered unless I hear to the contrary.

*Hilary Mousley, BRF Group Secretary, The Red House, Middle Street, Burton Bradstock. 01308897849*



## 2011 CENSUS

### COMING TO A LETTERBOX NEAR YOU

In March 2011 all residential households in the UK will be taking part in a census. Since 1801 a day has been chosen every ten years for this purpose. The census provides an

excellent source of information about the population. This enables central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to plan housing, education, health and transport services for years to come.

The census statistics help identify people's needs to help local authorities plan and provide local services, so it is crucial that the population estimate is as accurate as possible. When the questionnaire envelope comes through the door you'll easily recognise it by its purple 2011 Census logo. Take care of it. If, like many people, you choose to complete the questionnaire online you'll need your individual internet code which is on the front of the questionnaire.

The 2011 Census doesn't want anyone to miss out – so there is a wide range of help options available (such as language guidance booklets, large print format, Text Relay and census field staff on hand, as well as online help and telephone help lines).

More information about the 2011 Census can be found at: [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk).

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH



It is with sorrow that we have to record the death of one of our eldest members, **GEORGE E. STOKES** (Formerly of Portesham), a few days before Christmas, aged 92 years.

George, commissioned from the ranks, had a distinguished Service career with the Royal Artillery/Royal Army Pay Corps, serving in many locations throughout this country, in Europe (WW2) and North Africa. One of his appointments was to a London battery providing AA cover for the city. He was demobbed in 1946, but he rejoined the R.Artilery with the rank of Captain in 1950, and served for another ten years. On leaving the Army George joined the civil service and worked as a tax inspector.

In Portesham he was for some years the Church Warden at St Peter's and a prominent member of the PCC.

In his early years George was a very good footballer playing as a fullback with Barnet, who were the top amateur team in England at the time. He never lost his love of soccer and would talk about it and watch it whenever he could.

George will be sadly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with his son Richard, and daughter Jill, together with their families, at this time. [His wife Stella passed away two years ago].

At the Dorset **COUNTY RBL CONFERENCE** in January, our Branch was awarded the shield trophy for a second consecutive year, for the best

recruiting record of a 'small branch'.

Our next monthly meeting is at 2.30pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February at Portesham Methodist Hall, when the speaker will be **RONALD PARHAM** from Bridport, who will be displaying some of his engineering skills in the form of an exhibit - don't miss it! Note the change of time for this meeting, which is experimental. Visitors welcome at £2.50 to include tea/coffee.

The **Branch ANNUAL DINNER** will be held at 7.30pm for 8.00pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at the Marquis of Granby, Chickerell. Cost is £19 a head.

A coach will be provided from Abbotsbury & Portesham - details in the Branch Newsletter together with menu choices. All seat bookings and other enquiries to Chairman John Perry tel. 01305 871346.

The Moscow Ballet performance of **COPPELIA** at Bournemouth Pavilion on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March is now completely booked. Coach pick-ups are as follows: Abbotsbury Square 5.30pm, Portesham Green 5.40pm, Winterborne Steepleton 5.50pm, Poundbury 6 pm, London Road, Dorchester 6.05p.m.

*Des Baker, Entertainments Chairman (01305 267617)*

## BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

Just a reminder to all the members who have booked and paid for the **ANNUAL DINNER** at The Bridport and West Dorset Golf Club, that it is on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2011, at 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

The next **SOCIAL EVENINGS** are on the 31<sup>st</sup> January and the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

The Bride Valley Branch welcomes men and women of all ages as members. Anyone can join the Legion- whether or not they have a connection with the Armed Forces. We meet several times in the year at The Three Horseshoes P.H. for a social evening and supper.

By becoming a member you are helping to ensure that Britain maintains its strong network of social support and comradeship for all ex-Service people and their families. The past nine years of conflict have increased the need for the Legion's help, both today and for years to come. Please telephone the Hon Sec. Jim Reeves on 01308 897091 for further information.

*Ray West, Chairman.*

## THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Walking to and from church at the beginning of the term is a very informal way of talking to the children and can be a real eye opener. One of the most unusual comments heard was about how the pupil felt very proud that he knew every child in the school because at some point they have been in the same class as many and had a brother in Reception.



This January much of the conversation was about presents they had received for Christmas as well as the activities they experienced during the holidays. Many of the children received the predictable electronic games while others received gifts which enable them to develop and use their imaginations or 'toys' to improve physical skills such as bikes. One of the best 'presents' you can give your child is that precious commodity .. time, and that can be not just at Christmas but every day. Listening and talking to your child will develop their speech, extend their vocabulary and give you both a greater understanding of each other. *Alison Johnstone, Headteacher*

## 100 CLUB WINNERS:

### December

£15 Mrs J Jackson (Governor), £10 Mrs S Daubney (Parent)

### January

£15 Mrs S Fry (outside member), £10 Mrs S Barnes (Staff)

Thank you for all the support we have had from parents so far and outside members. Any new members who would like to join or parents who still have the forms sitting at home please contact the school office or myself.

The 100 club is a monthly draw that takes place with two winners: 1<sup>st</sup> prize is £15, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is £10. The rest of the money collected over the year goes to buying items for school from which the children benefit. We could not do this without your support and therefore it is greatly needed and appreciated.

We also have many outside members. If anyone would be kind enough to join and support the club, grandparents or other family members this would be a great benefit to the club; please see what you can do! Your continued support is much appreciated. Any queries, please feel free to speak to Caroline Cox or contact the school office.

Many thanks

*Caroline Cox*

## BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

More good news for 2011 - the Auction of Promises Fund-Raiser raised £2,200, which was brilliant - thanks to the work put in beforehand by Kate, Dianne and Jaquie - they know who they are! But also a huge ThankYou to all who donated Promises and to those who came along and supported Fledglings on the night.

The annual Christmas party was held on 13<sup>th</sup> December in the LATCH hall where the children sang their Christmas songs to parents, received gifts from a youthful Father Christmas, and had some party food and games.

Now everyone is back, activities this half term will include the visit



from the Fire Engine, and a visit from a Vet. Also another Parent Cafe Morning, to explain how we will focus on communication, language and literature with a letters and sounds presentation to show how we prepare children for reading and writing skills.

This pre-school is attached to Thorner's School in Litton Cheney and is open to children from all the Bride Valley villages - and beyond, so please ring Fiona Evans, the Manager, for any information on 01308 482410 - or just drop in - you will be very welcome. We are open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday all day during school hours - with a Lunch Club.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

The children returned to school at the beginning of January full of life and eager to start the new term. The very successful Christmas Fayre organised by the Friends of the School and the delightful Christmas performance at St Mary's Church have become a distant memory. Although, you can still see photographs and listen to the children singing on our website at [www.burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk)

Our theme for collective worship during January and February is perseverance and we are all trying extremely hard not to give up on tasks that we are finding challenging! The children are being encouraged to 'have a go' and not to worry if the outcome isn't as they expected. They are beginning to see that sometimes when we persevere the outcome far exceeds the expectation!

The Friends of Burton Bradstock School are hard at work organising fundraising events. Some of the dates for your diary include:

**CAKE SALE** - 3.20pm at the school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

**JUMBLE SALE** - 10.00am at the school on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**ANNUAL DUCK RACE** - 2.00pm at the playing fields on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

We hope you will be able to join us at some of our events during the year.

*Claire Staple, Headteacher*



## DORSET POPP COMMUNITY INVITATION

Dorset Partnership for Older People's Programme (POPP) provides set-up funding and works with Dorset communities to develop projects such as: Community Transport Schemes, Lunch Clubs and Befriending Services – to name a few - which enable individuals to become involved in community and leisure activities.

Projects are run by volunteers and offer flexible and diverse volunteer opportunities.

We're holding a public event to gauge interest and find "gaps" in provision for possible projects. The POPP team will be on hand to explain the

volunteer opportunities, funding process, inform about projects already set up and to give the community the chance to ask questions. Refreshments will also be provided.

Your support is invaluable! Please join us on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 10.00am to 12.30pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall, and/or at the same times on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February in Litton Cheney Hall.

For more information prior to the meeting contact Dorset POPP head office on: 01305 224841, or email the below POPP team members: a.busby-wilcocks@dorsetcc.gov.uk, f.kent-ledger@dorsetcc.gov.uk

## DOREEN NEWTON

George and the family wish to thank sincerely all the neighbours in Puncknowle, and Doreen's many friends in the Bride Valley area and beyond for all their concern for, and kindness to Doreen during her long illness. She was always so pleased to have visits, cards and letters of encouragement and support while she was in hospital, and again when she came home, unable to go out and about in the village or the wider Dorset countryside which she so loved.



Our thanks are also expressed to everyone who sent us so many cards and letters of sympathy and condolence, and to all who came to the church for the farewell service on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010.

More recently, so many Christmas cards and letters have been received with further kind words of support and understanding, which meant a great deal to us all.

Our thanks are also sent to Dr Pouncey and all her kind and thoughtful team at the Portesham surgery for their care, concern and helpfulness during Doreen's illness, and to the Reverend Bob Thorn for his gentle counsel.

## BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LATCH THE GHOST

*'A tense political thriller'*

Cert. 15: 2 hrs.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February

A ghost writer stumbles onto a secret that places his life in danger as he takes down the life story of a former U.K. prime minister in Roman Polanski's adaptation of the Robert Harris novel. Convinced by his agent that he's been granted a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, talented British screenwriter



"The Ghost" (Ewan McGregor) agrees to aid British prime minister Adam Lang (Pierce Brosnan) in completing his memoirs after the leader's former aide dies in mysterious circumstances. The more information The Ghost uncovers, the more convinced he becomes that his life could be in danger as well.

Doors Open 7.30pm. Film starts 8.00 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine). Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door if available. (All nos. 01308)

Your film for March will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March (film to be decided) - Watch this space.

## ALSO AT LATCH THE WOLVES OF WILLOUGHBY CHASE

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm

Doors open 6.45pm. This will appeal to all ages (young and older). If you haven't got your tickets yet, contact Claire on 01308 482748 to reserve your seats.



## BEN OSBORNE PRESENTS 'JURASSIC JOURNEY'

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

A brand-new multimedia presentation celebrating the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site, brought to you by award-winning photographer and popular touring presenter Ben Osborne.

Showcasing his amazing photography, video and sound recordings, the show also features specially commissioned music, poetry and characters created by a local artist and sculptor. Ben's photographic work has been used in the BBC's 'Life in the Freezer', 'Blue Planet' and 'Planet Earth'. Box Office opens 28<sup>th</sup> February 01308 482532.

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS PRESENT 'SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW'**

**A revue to celebrate 30 years of the Players  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm  
Burton Bradstock Village Hall**

**A special commemorative programme will be on sale.**

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## Tea & Chat

**Eastern end of the Bride Valley**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3-5.00pm**

**Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney**

**Please do come and have tea and enjoy a little  
social gathering at a boring time of year.**

## BITS & PIECES

### MIND YOUR LANGUAGE!

Bein' an ex-cabbie, I was very intrersted a little while ago to read about cabbies beginin' to learn other languages so that they can make foreigners feel welcome when they come for the Olympics. I got thinkin' about our cabbies down 'ere as they ferry visitors to and from Wemouth for the sailin' events. We cant just expec' foreigners to understand us. Although my Dad yoused to say 'just shout louder, they'll understand eventually', I realize this is well-out-of-order or "Cela-est-bien-hors-de-desordre" as they say across the Manche.

I am askin' the French group in the village to 'elp with this so that we can all be up to scratch for 2012. Tho' my Dad was actually quite fluent, 'e never admitted it. He offen reminised about 'is time at Wipers and Passion

Dale and 'ow 'e used to shout "Parlee Vous" to Madame Moselle from Almond Tears.

I can see the senarrio (Italian word, I bleeve) now: Cabbie (drivin' Frogs to Weymouth): "J'ai eau Michael Caine dans le derriere de mon taxi la semaine prochain" (I had Michael Caine the back of my cab last week), or "Esperons que l'equipe Francaise ne tombe en pieces comme ils sont fait a la coupe mondial" (Let's hope the French team don't collapse like they did in the World Cup).

Frog (in back of said cab, havin' taken the trouble to learn a few apt phrses): "Look at zat muppet parked all over ze road, it eez a spectacles a contempler!" Cabbie (replyin' in a like manner): "Eet eez tray atov ordure". Mr Grantham, 'oo I 'ope will be leadin' the classes, gave me a good phase: "Il monge comme un 'ors" "That's very like the English," I says, "eatin' like a 'orse" "Nah," 'e says, Il monge comme un bear" "Well, we all like a bit of cheese," I said to meself.



PS I'm pleased to say that complantes are rollin' in to the e mail (below) 'ere are two:

1) notice on Libry door during the snow saying staff can't make it cos of snow....who put it there? Nice one, deer reader, but I suspect it was Prof Bob, who popped down on a tin tray. Tho' 'ow 'e got back up Shipton Lane, I should think was a spectacle to behold..

2) I 'ear the 45 bus was councilled in Octobre due to snow; it could only run to West Bay the bus people said. Really? Funny the 53 ran past the phone box just at that moment an' followed the same root to Bridport. Somebody up at the bus station wants to get themselves in order! An' wot about the poor soles that was stranded at the bust top not knowin' wot was 'appenin'? That must 'ave been a spectacle to behold (as my ol' sarn't major used to say) nashurally no one thort to tell 'em it 'add bin took off. This was reelly Well-Out-Of-Order!

*Dave Bellows, L/Cpl (retd), Little Breding,  
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## COME (OVER THE GARDEN WALL AND) INTO THE GARDEN, MAUD

*by Perry Scope*

Something to think twice about this Valentines' Day.

Many people misunderstand the expression, "Hobson's Choice", believing it to be just one of two choices; in fact it means having no choice. Let me give you a true story, as an example, which I penned angrily this time last year (perhaps I should have got onto Dave

Bellows about it, it's right up his street, rather than over my garden wall):

Innocently going for our weekly Sunday morning Coffee at our wonderful Hive Beach Café, to meet up with the usual gang, on the second Sunday in February last year, I bought the coffees and cakes and made to sit, as usual, in the cosy tent, which was looking particularly sweet that day, decked out in red bunting and other Valentine artefacts. "You can't sit in here unless you've booked", said The Man in Black, "you'll have to sit outside" (this, on a chilly drizzling February morning *and* we had already purchased our coffee!)

"But we come here every Sunday for our coffee; surely you can't be expecting us to sit out there in this weather?" "Sorry," he shrugged, unconvincingly.

In our ignorance, we had overlooked Hobson: book yourself in for a "Champagne Breakfast" (presumably at a hefty price), or don't. But this time there was the Hobson Weazle Variant: despite the implied contract that when you buy a nice cup of coffee in a café, you might expect to be able to take one of the vacant seats *somewhere* (maybe at the management's choice) under cover (on a day like that). Hobson prevailed: "Tough; the choice is, take the coffee you've just bought and go out onto the cold patio and drink it under an umbrella, if you've remembered to bring one."



So we regulars huddled outside, like Inuits, on that windswept rather damp day, exchanging similar tales to keep ourselves amused (and warm), while we drank our fast-cooling coffee. We should like to have pressed our noses against the windows, just to make the point, but they are too flexible, being plastic.

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**ABDOMEN**, n. The temple of the god Stomach, in whose worship, with sacrificial rights, all true men engage. From women this ancient faith commands but a stammering assent. They sometimes minister at the altar in a half-hearted and ineffective way, but true reverence for the one deity that men really adore they know not. If woman had a free hand in the world's marketing the race would become graminivorous.



# S U D D O K U

*Solutions  
on p. 34*

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*Easy*



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*Intermediate*

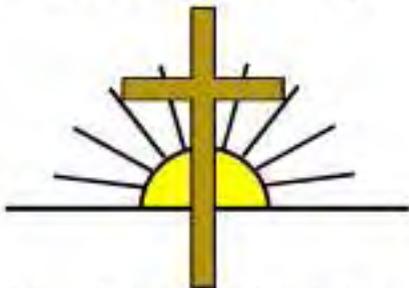


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### A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

On 18<sup>th</sup> February 1678, one of the most famous Christian books was published for the first time. It was 'The Pilgrim's Progress' by John Bunyan. The book tells the story of a character called Christian who travels towards the heavenly city, encountering many difficulties and getting led astray, but finally succeeding.



John Bunyan suffered many difficulties in his own life. He was put in prison twice because he refused to stop preaching God's word. His strength of purpose and the story of a pilgrim's journey through the troubles of life have been a source of strength to many people in the years since the book was published.

### BIBLE WORDS

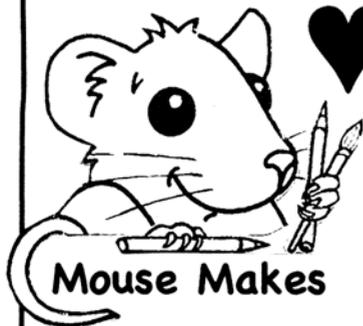
Can you find all the answers to this Bible Quiz? All the words begin with the letter **P**. Answers at the bottom of this page.

1. Andrew's brother, one of the disciples.
2. Another name for a king of Egypt.
3. A tribe who fought Saul and David (2 Samuel).
4. The first place in Europe where Paul established a church (Acts 16).
5. The island where St John had his revelations.
6. She travelled with St Paul and was married to Aquila (Acts 18).
7. The Italian port where Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28).
8. The Roman Governor who set Barabbas free (Matthew 27).

#### NEWSFLASH:

Two prisoners escaped from custody today. One is 7 feet tall, the other is 4 feet 3 inches. The Police are looking high and low for them.

- 1 Peter 2 Pharaoh 3 Philistines 4 Philippi  
5 Patmos 6 Priscilla 7 Puteoli  
8 Pontius Pilate



**WHAT IS LOVE?**  
 Cross out every **second** letter and find the bible verse:  
 OHNMETJSOAHYF,  
 CAHQAXPZTDEKR  
 WFBHUKRL,  
 VAECRLSWE  
 CTMER  
 NQ

**HOW DOES GOD SHOW HE LOVES US?**  
 Look at this page in the mirror  
 "God showed his love for us by sending his only son into the world, so that we might have life through him"  
 1 John 4:9

"The **steadfast** love of the Lord **never** ceases, his mercies **never** come to an end, they are new every morning"  
 Lamentations 3:22-23

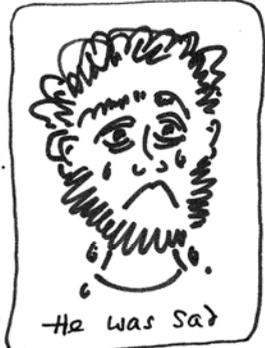
**GOD'S LOVE**  
 Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet:  
 "Hpe mpwfe uif xpsmfe tp nvdi uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp uibu fwfszpod xip cfmjfwft jo ijn nbz opu ejf cvu ibwf fufsobm mjgf"  
 kpio 3:16

**HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?**  
 Cross out all the **xxx** to find out.  
 "Oxgxixvxextxhxaxnxkxsxtxox  
 xxhxexLxoxrxdx,fxoxrxhxexi  
 sxgxoxoxdx,xhxixsxsxtxexa  
 dfxaxxsxtlxoxvxexen  
 dxuxrxexsxxfxoxrx  
 exvxexrx."  
 pxxaxlxm  
 136:1

# Send off that arrow prayer!



Chaos. Walls and gates smashed. The man wept and prayed. He confessed the bad ways of the people and prayed he could speak to the king. Four months later the king asked him why he looked so sad. This was the moment! The man prayed so quickly it was like an arrow to God. The king said he could go and rebuild the walls. His prayer was answered.



Try it yourself—send off that off that arrow prayer and be amazed!

**Read more in Nehemiah 1&2.**



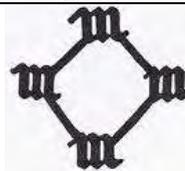
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### ST MARY'S CHURCH

It may seem a long time in the days before the snow in the middle of December, when we held our Carol Service. It was very well attended and there was a lovely atmosphere as we sang carols, listened to the Christmas story unfold and filled the crib with the Christmas characters and a host of animals.



Many thanks to Ann Roberts, Ann Hill and Geoffrey Fry and all those who helped decorate the church and provide the mulled wine and mince pies for 'afters'.

A big thank you too, to Derek Heaver who re-organised the Carol Singing to enable us to get round the village in one night. Fresh snow had fallen but the skies were clear. The intrepid band of singers, with music led by the Jevons family and warmed by the brazier, sang their hearts out and had a good time in spite of the weather. Thank you for turning out, and to John and Mary who provided a pit stop and welcomed the survivors afterwards at their house.

Altogether, the Carol Service and the The Carol Singing raised £360 for Charis House (Alabare Christian Care & Support) and £117 for ReRun, who provide information and support to young people up to 19 years old who have left home. Thank you to Ann Roberts for organising the collection and to all those who gave so generously.



### PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

For bookings, telephone 01308 897724

During the last year, the Village Hall was used for a variety of events. Our own Book Sale, Easter Fun for children, Band Night in August, Autumn Fayre, History (Local and Family) Coffee Morning, Foodie Bring and Share Night (Favourite Curries) with Quiz, and Christmas Fayre.



Other regular bookings were by the Bride Valley Gardening Club, who held a Flower show in the hall in the Summer, the local Craft group, the Lunch Club, the Book Club, Cub Scouts meetings, The Art Club workshops, and some Toddler Group mornings. There were also some private bookings eg Christening Party, Halloween party, Table Top Sale.

So you see Your Village Hall can be used for many things - it needs to be used more to cover it's costs and maintenance, poor old thing, so if you

have any ideas please let me know, Carol Bennett 897771, or contact Penny Pither 897724 to book it for any parties/celebrations/ whatever.

The hall is now licensed for entertainment and sale of alcohol (for approved events), has an up-to-date kitchen and has been redecorated. More Information is available on notice boards and on the village website [www.puncknowle.net](http://www.puncknowle.net).



The 3 Villages 100 CLUB draw takes place each month at the Lunch Club - but you have to join in to win a cash prize. Contact Sid Marshall 897318 to join in the 100 CLUB.

And don't forget our webshop at [www.buy.at/PuncknowleSwyreVillageHall](http://www.buy.at/PuncknowleSwyreVillageHall) which provides access to dozens of major on-line shopping opportunities such as E-bay, Amazon, Marks and Spencer, Kiddicare, Expedia and many more.



Every time a purchase is made through our webshop a contribution is made to Village Hall funds by the retailer.



### BOOK CLUB

At our December meeting, we gathered near the blazing fire, enjoyed some mulled wine - plus red and white wine, while discussing "The Labyrinth" by Kate Mosse. Then we read (or not!) something completely different called "The Birthday" by Alan Sillitoe - mixed reactions to this book. Now we are reading "The Accidental" by Ali Smith, another modern novel.

*Carol Bennett*

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

Unfortunately the weather caused the postponement of the Christmas Lunch until 18<sup>th</sup> January. Notwithstanding the delay, the full traditional menu was served, with the requisite trimmings



The next lunch will be on 15<sup>th</sup> February. Any member who was not at the Christmas Lunch, and anyone wishing to join the club (it is open to any resident or former resident of the three villages who is over the age of 50) should ring 897622 to join up and/or order their lunch.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

At the Christmas Fayre we had a good selection of stalls in the hall plus Santa in his Grotto - some lovely hand made gifts made by John Dilley, also on Angela's stall. The mulled wine went down well and it was an enjoyable atmosphere with Christmas carols playing in the background. Many thanks to all who came along to support us, to all who provided or

helped with the stalls, including Puncknowle Fundraisers with their Christmas cards, for help with refreshments, and Pam on the door. The raffle prizes soon went - thanks for all donations of these - and some £130 was raised for hall funds.



## PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Thanks must go to Maureen for the lovely cakes she baked for our 25 years celebration. Thanks also to Rosie for organising the Xmas Quiz. This was followed by a delicious hot Xmas lunch in 'The Bull'.

At our AGM we planned the new programme to include workshops with local artists. Many other ideas were suggested and we look forward to a year full of interesting meetings. The present committee was re - elected. New members are always welcome.

On 4<sup>th</sup> February we are having a morning on easy ways to draw, and on 18<sup>th</sup> Sallie and Maureen are leading a morning entitled “Wax, inks and cards”.

*Christine Molony*

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## ST PETER'S CHURCH

### CAROL SERVICE

Christmas and the snow seems a long time ago now, but the Long Bredy Carol service (with Littlebredy) was a great start to the festive season. The Church was full, brave villagers walking through the snow, with some doing so from Littlebredy!

We heard magnificent readers who formed the Nativity, with snowy angels in red wellingtons! Hot fruit punch and nibbles were enjoyed after the service. It was a fantastic village occasion. Many thanks to all those who participated in any way. Over £200 was collected for Julia's House, a record for a collection at Long Bredy we think.



## SNOW

Many thanks to everyone who helped clear the roads in the village. Thanks go especially to the young man who went up and down all day on a quad bike with grit. Sorry, we don't know your name!



## 100 CLUB

Don't forget it is not too late to join the Long Bredy 100 Club. Application forms from Ruth Cullingford, Rachel Maltby or Andrew Bailey (at Manor Cottage).

## DATE FOR THE DIARY

Coffee, Lunch and teas at Long Bredy village hall, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am-4.00pm. Everyone is welcome: just call in and meet your neighbours.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Brian and Carol Lee have a grandchild, Catherine Violet, a daughter for Briony and James born just before Christmas.

Kate and Trevor Batey have a baby girl, Isabella – a grandchild for Bruce and Jo Milne.

Congratulations to them all!



## LITTLEBREDY

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**Last** month's notes were written amidst a snowy landscape, but that was nothing compared with the subsequent snowfall which lasted over the whole Christmas period. Again, thanks and congratulations to all who performed neighbourly functions in the village, and who kept the roads as passable as was feasible under the circumstances.

**The Church** was beautifully decorated for the Christmas day service. Thank you to Ryder Rogers and James Webster, who made it up the valley through the snow to conduct the service and administer the Holy Communion to a larger congregation than usual, even for a Major Festival.

Like our Long Bredy neighbours, we are re-introducing a third Church service into the regular monthly calendar, in our case starting in January. This will be at 9.30 a.m. on the third Sunday of every month. It will be a shorter and simpler service than the others, and we hope that some of those who are not regular churchgoers will try it as a "taster" and increasingly support it.



**There are** no details of a Social Club event in February as this goes to press, but maybe there will be a flier inside it for Littlebredy residents when it is distributed, outlining future plans.

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

On a very snowy and icy Sunday evening an intrepid crowd of approximately 50 people braved the weather for our annual service of Carols & Readings and then after the service enjoyed hot mulled wine and mince pies in the Village Hall.



### CHRISTMAS DAY

Ryder officiated at our Christmas Day Communion Service.

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

The **CAROLS WITH CASTERBRIDGE** concert was very much enjoyed by the brave souls who struggled through the snow and ice on December 8<sup>th</sup>. A small profit was made which was shared by the choir, the village society and the Church.

We will be holding a **SOUP & PUDS QUIZ** on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall starting at 7.00pm. Cost £6.50 each. So that we can ensure that you have the Soup & Pudding of your choice, can we please ask you to pre-order from the list below by telephoning Sally Parker on 898888 or Liz Gates on 897836 by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Many thanks.

Soups	Vegetarian Minestrone	Puds:	Apple Crumble
	Leek & Potato		Waffle Berry Pudding
	Pea & Ham		Pavlova

## BRIDE VALLEY LADIES CHOIR COFFEE MORNING

The Bride Valley Ladies Choir will be hosting a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February, from 10.30am until 12 noon, to raise funds for the choir and the Save the Children Fund. There will be a raffle, bring and buy and cake stalls, also a bric a brac and unwanted gifts stall.

Do come along with friends and any contributions to support these two worthy causes, and enjoy a delicious cup of coffee, homemade biscuits and

live musical entertainment!

Queries and/or contributions (if you can't make it on the day) to Janet : 897241 or Vicky : 898648

## TUDOR WOMEN FUND-RAISING TALK IN SHIPTON GORGE

Despite the freezing evening, there was a great turn-out to hear Suzannah Dunn's talk about Tudor Women on Weds Dec 1<sup>st</sup> in Shipton Gorge Village Hall. Could the promise of a glass or two of Mulled Wine have provided a vital incentive?!

Suzannah focussed in particular on two of Henry the Eighth's Queens - Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard - the subjects of two of her historical novels. The atmosphere of the evening was really buzzy, the talk was fascinating - and the Mulled Wine warmed us all up. In fact the whole event was deemed such a success that Suzannah was invited back to do a follow-up talk in 2011.

Thanks to everyone who helped raise a stunning £300 for the West Dorset Womankind charity - and especially to Gary and Jo Warren for concocting a delicious vat of mulled wine which made the whole event go with such a swing!

*Jo Adams and Carol Painter - on behalf of West Dorset Womankind Tel : 897295*

## VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

£20	No 85	Dave Osmond
£10	No 70	Greta Collis
£ 5	No 94	Bob Ayers

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH

### BURTON BRADSTOCK MISSION COMMITTEE

This year the charities we will be supporting are The Bible Society and The Christian Blind Mission.

Although Lent is still far off, please make a note in your diaries of these dates; we will be Feasting and Fasting!

**A MARDI GRAS FEAST** - Shrove Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, at Grove House, 12.30 to 2.00pm

**A LENTEN FAST** - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at The Village Hall, 12.20 to 2.00pm.



*Liz Orza*

# BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 897673

Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust



## VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Please note that any bookings for the Village Hall should be made with the new Bookings Officer – David Edwards. David would like hirers to obtain a booking form with terms and conditions and other relevant information via the Burton Bradstock Online village web site [www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk) and use the ‘What’s On’, ‘Village Hall Trust’ links. The Hirer, if not a regular user, should contact David prior to completing the form to agree the hiring charge. Preferably he would like to be contacted via email on [bbvht.bookings@gmail.co](mailto:bbvht.bookings@gmail.co), however anyone not ‘online’ can contact David on 01308 897673.

## QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

There will be a Quiz Night in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Either bring along a team of 8, or join a team on the night and enjoy not only a fun quiz but also a Fish and Chip Supper. Ticket cost (yet to be set) will include the supper and tickets will be available from Burton Bradstock Post Office from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March until midday Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Further details will appear on posters around the village. There will be a cash bar and doors will open at 7.15pm for prompt 7.45pm quiz start.

Those who have a team of eight can identify a team leader and give their name to Susan Moores (01308 897673) who will then reserve a table for that team.

## BBVH - VILLAGE FAYRE

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will this year be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May. More detail will appear in future editions of the BVN.

*Susan Moores – Chair BB Village Hall Committee – 01308 897673.*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL “200 CLUB” WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the January winners:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£43.80	No 20:	Mrs Sylvia Lipscomb
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£21.90	No 107:	Mrs Pam Record
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10.95	No 45:	Mrs Annie Grantham

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the February-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £11 – one pound for each of the remaining 11 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

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But penance need not be paid in suffering.....It can be paid in forward motion. Correcting the mistake is a positive move, a nurturing move.

*Barbara Hall, A Summons to New Orleans, 2000*

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## ARTSREACH AT BURTON BRADSTOCK



Hopefully we shall not be housebound and frozen in by Friday February 18<sup>th</sup> when Artsreach brings to Burton Bradstock the renowned accordionist Tim Dowling from the New Rope String band - (who has been let out on his own!) - and who will lead you into a hilarious and disturbing world of miserable Kings and tortured Jesters with his one man show **"THE UNHAPPY PRINCE"**.

Tim will also break your heart with beautiful songs and make you want to sing with joy with his soulful voice, and funky accordion. He will woo you with a selection of his own songs and those created from the poems of Louis MacNeice and others.

**DON'T MISS IT.**

Diaries out too for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, for the Publick Transport show **"THE DEPARTMENT OF SMELLING PISTAKES"**, an absurdist comedy set in a forgotten office where two civil servants jostle for power

*N.Saunders-White Artsreach Promoter for Burton Bradstock 01308 897214*

## ERIC KNOWLES COMES TO BURTON BRADSTOCK

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March Eric Knowles will be giving a talk to help raise funds for the renovation of Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Eric Knowles is one of those rare individuals who is able to share his extensive knowledge of the world of Antiques in a manner that is easily understood. With over twenty years working on the BBC's flagship programme *The Antiques Roadshow* under his belt, Eric has become the friendly face of what for many years proved to be a business shrouded with no small element of mystery.



In an **EVENING WITH ERIC KNOWLES**, the lad from Lancashire takes the wraps off a business in which he has been immersed for over 30 years. The first part of the evening is given over to what are quite often irreverent anecdotal reminiscences, ably supported by excellent images.

The second part of the evening is devoted to the audience's 'treasures', twenty -five of which have been selected by Eric during the initial meeting and greeting session and welcome party. Eric is keen to assure all those bringing heirlooms that he for one will be drinking only Adam's Ale until all are safely returned.

Tickets are available from The Three Horseshoes, Burton Bradstock and the Burton Bradstock Post Office.

# BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY 2011

## OUTINGS REMINDER

The Annual Outing will take place on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June and we will be visiting Bath. The coach will take us to the Assembly Rooms where tea/coffee will be available and everyone will be free to visit any of the many attractions of the city during the day. We will meet up again for afternoon tea near the Abbey. The coach will collect us from there.

The exact cost has yet to be confirmed, but including the two lots of refreshment, is expected to be about £17 per person. Please let me know if you would like to reserve a place between now and 1<sup>st</sup> March and confirmation of the details will be issued thereafter.

An additional Village Society trip will take place on a day yet to be agreed, to Highgrove Garden. The arrangements for this are quite complex and will not be determined until February. The group is unfortunately limited to 25 people. The visit may be of interest to more people than we have space for and it has been decided that the fairest way to deal with this is by way of a ballot. If you would like your individual name to be included in the ballot, please let me know before the end of January and tell me of any dates when you would not be available. The cost will probably be in the order of £30 per person. Would members please note that this, plus announcements at the monthly meetings, will be the only notification they will receive. There will not be a hand-delivered note, as has previously been the practice. *Peter Broomhead, Tel. 897408, email: peterbroomhead@tiscali.co.uk*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

### 1 BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS:

The Parish Council has been for some time, and is still trying to get put into place in conjunction with DCC a local place where Grit/Salt can be stored on a permanent basis and then distributed by a local volunteer. The Parish Council currently has a location and a volunteer established and are awaiting confirmation from DCC as to when this can be implemented.

In the meantime the Council is exploring where some smaller grit bins could be placed within the village, for access by parishioners. If you have any definitive positions that you feel would be essential please contact Fel Moore (Parish Clerk) 01308 45901, or leave a note in the Post box at the Reading Room.

### 2. 2011 CENSUS

See entry in "Valley Notes" section

### 3. LOCAL ELECTIONS MAY 5<sup>th</sup> 2011

Want to be a local Councillor and support your local community? Local elections will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Nomination papers will be

available from 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Contact Fel Moore (Clerk) for further details and information on the role of a local councillor.

#### 4. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Burton Bradstock.

*Fel Moore Clerk to the Council.*



### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The New Year has begun and maybe it's time to reflect on the cold period we had. Let's have a think about your 'Home' and 'Key Holder'. The weather can do more damage to your house than any burglar. A minimal checklist below should help protect your biggest investment – your home.

1. Does your key holder know where the main 'stop cock' is? Does the handle move easily to turn the water on/off?
2. Are all pipes lagged properly? Please note that overflow pipes are the first to freeze.
3. Do cisterns, pipes that feed loos, showers, washing machine etc. have an on/off valve? These make a plumber's job easier and cheaper if you do.
4. Keep a bag of salt & grit handy. Spare a thought for the postman and key holder etc.
5. If you are a car owner, check if you need anti-freeze. Do not use hot water to de-ice your windscreen unless you want a new one!
6. Are your neighbours ok? Who will be making sure they are alright for shopping, sweeping their path if snow, etc. if you are away?
7. Have a back-up heating system like a mobile oil filled electric radiator.
8. If you have an oil tank remember to check the fuel gauge before winter starts again!

Some of the above points are common sense; some will cost a bit from a reliable plumber but will be cheap at the price compared to a flooded home.

*Ian Pitt-Aikens: 01308-897440*

### KEN RICHARDSON'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

Ken and Gladys would like to thank all those people who sent cards, gifts and best wishes on the occasion of Ken's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on New Year's Day. Since coming to Burton Bradstock just over two years ago we have found nothing but kindness and support from everybody in the Village and the Valley. Thank you all once again.



*Ken and Gladys (Richardson)*

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**A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.**

*George Bernard Shaw*

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## LITTON CHENEY

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH

All who visited St Mary's over Christmas marvelled at the splendid Christmas tree which this year was most kindly donated by Paul and Elizabeth Kingston – a big thank you to them (and apologies to Reuben who would have preferred it to stay where it was growing – ever taller!). Through the generosity of those who attended the Christmas services £150 has been sent to each of the Pilsdon Community and Julia's House Dorset Children's Hospice Service.



The PCC are also very grateful to those who turned out on a wet January morning for the first of the monthly work parties; a good start was made – the leaf drop was cleared and the hedge between the Yard and the Old Rectory looks much smarter. There is now a standing invitation to all in the village to lend a hand if and when they can to help us keep the Church area neat and tidy at the monthly morning work parties on the first Thursday in the month at 9.30am – see you there on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February?

## LATCH IN FEBRUARY

Pilates (Monday 4.00pm), Short Mat Bowls (Tuesday 3.45pm), Tai Chi (Wednesday 2.00pm), Table Tennis (Wednesdays 3.45pm), Yoga (Fridays 9.45pm) all continue as for January. Art classes (Monday 9.45am).



**'THE WOLVES OF WILLOUGHBY CHASE'** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February - 7.30pm. Tickets 01308 482748

**FILM NIGHT "THE GHOST"** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February - 8.00 p.m.

**VILLAGE CAFÉ** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February - from 10.30am until 12.30pm.

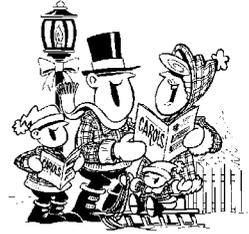
## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The **NEW YEAR'S DAY** walk, as usual, had a great turnout despite the rather misty start. We kept mainly to the roads, but then when we did have to venture into fields the ground was fine. Many of us ended up at the White Horse for a very welcome full English!

The next **VILLAGE WALK** will be on Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 at the Bus Shelter.



The **CAROL SINGING** around the village had to be cancelled on the second evening because of the icy road conditions. However we raised £100 for Julia's House on the Thursday evening. Many thanks to the large band of singers who turned out, to all who gave so generously, and to Irene and Chris for their welcome hospitality at the end of the session. Also thanks to those who offered hospitality on the Friday night, just sorry we had to cancel.....maybe next year! Many thanks to Brian and John for helping to put up the Christmas tree; it looked absolutely splendid with all the snow.



The previous event of the year, the **BARN DANCE**, was a great success with a full hall and everyone having a very enjoyable time, good music, good buffet, beer and wine. Many thanks to all who helped to make it such a lively and entertaining evening.

A full diary of events will shortly be available on the Village Website, and also on all the notice boards.

*Ron Davidson, LCSC, 482661*



## "HOME WATCH

Litton Cheney Parish Council is looking for a volunteer coordinator to help run a Home Watch initiative in the village. If you would like to know more (perhaps before you volunteer) please contact Parish Clerk John Firrell on 482313."

## THIS MONTH'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

4	8	5	6	2	7	3	9	1
9	1	6	8	3	4	2	7	5
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6	9	2	5	4	8	1	3	7
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4	9	1	7	6	8	3	5	2

## VILLAGE WEBSITES



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

[www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk)

[www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk)

[www.shiptongorge.org.uk](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk)

[www.puncknowle.net](http://www.puncknowle.net)

[www.swyre.org.uk](http://www.swyre.org.uk)

[www.westbexington.org.uk](http://www.westbexington.org.uk)

**QUORUM**, n. A sufficient number of members of a deliberative body to have their own way and their own way of having it. In the United States Senate a quorum consists of the chairman of the Committee on Finance and a messenger from the White House; in the House of Representatives, of the Speaker and the devil.



# DIARY OF EVENTS: FEBRUARY 2011

Tue	1	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
Tue	1	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	2	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
Wed	2	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Wed	2	7.30pm Burton Bradstock Parish Council Meeting	Burton Bradstock Reading Room
Wed	2	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Fri	4	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Fri	4	10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	
Fri	4	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	4	7.30pm " <i>The Wolves of Willoughby Chase</i> "	LATCH
Sun	6	7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Mon	7	9.45am Art Classes	LATCH
Mon	7	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Mon	7	6.30pm RBL(BV) Annual Dinner	Bridprt & West Dorset Golf Club
Tue	8	2.15pm WI Talk " <i>Jurassic Coast</i> "	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Tue	8	3.00pm Tea & Chat	Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney
Tue	8	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	9	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
Wed	9	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Wed	9	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	10	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	11	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Fri	11	12.00noon Sacred Space	Good Books, Bridport
Sat	12	5.00pm Choral Evensong	St Michael, Lyme Regis
Mon	14	9.45am Art Classes	LATCH
Mon	14	10.00am St Valentine's Open House	Good Books, Bridport
Mon	14	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	15	12.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	15	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
Tue	15	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	16	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
Wed	16	3.20pm Cake Sale	Burton Bradstock School
Wed	16	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Wed	16	7.00pm Soup & Puds Quiz	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Wed	16	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Wed	16	7.30pm BVFilms " <i>The Ghost</i> "	LATCH
Fri	18	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Fri	18	10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	
Fri	18	12.00noon Sacred Space	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	18	Artsreach " <i>The Unhappy Prince</i> "	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Sat	19	10.30am Village Cafe	LATCH
Mon	21	9.45am Art Classes	LATCH
Mon	21	10.00am POPP Meeting	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Mon	21	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	22	3.45pm Short Mat Bowls	LATCH
Wed	23	2.00pm Tai Chi	LATCH
Wed	23	3.30pm Table Tennis	LATCH
Wed	23	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	24	10.00am POPP Meeting	LATCH
Thu	24	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	25	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Fri	25	10.30am BV Ladies Choir Coffee Morning	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Fri	25	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	25	Artsreach " <i>The Dept of Smelling Pistakes</i> "	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Mon	28	9.45am Art Classes	LATCH
Mon	28	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH

# SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

February 2011



	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 6 February Epiphany 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 13 February Epiphany 6	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 20 February Septuagesima	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 27 February Sexagesima
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Songs of Praise 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (By Extension) 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service MR/VT 6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Swyre</b>	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion (By Extension)
<b>Puncknowle</b>	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by Extension)
<b>Long Bredy</b>	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	
<b>Littlebredy</b>		11.00 Holy Communion (By Extension)	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion