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Picture

One of our own honey bees foraging on Coralberry (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*) in
our garden in Litton Cheney.
Ian Homer

FROM THE RECTORY

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MY MOTHER

has a letter treasured away. It concerns a visit paid by a young man in the middle of the 19th century to the village where I was brought up. He had been to Church in the company of friends and had seen a young girl. He made enquiries of her and heard her to be of good reputation.

From his home, away the other side of Redruth, he sent a letter to her, paying his compliments and asking whether she would do him the honour of meeting him with a view to their becoming engaged to be married. If fortune were to favour the suit of this letter, would she care to meet him from the Redruth train at Truro station on such and such a date?

To us it seems an odd way to declare love at first sight.

We can only guess at the soul searching that marked the time between the receipt of the address and its reply.

The letter my Mother has is the one the young girl wrote back to him, in which she declared herself flattered and delighted to have received his letter. She would meet him at the station at the appointed time, and would look forward to making his acquaintance. But she craved a favour. Would he be good enough to write back to her giving a description of himself in order that she might recognize him when they met?

There are many ways of saying maybe; but only one of saying yes.

Encounters with the love of God are no less strange than our ways would appear to those Victorian suitors, as do theirs to us. He has seen all oddities under the sun, and still, each one is new.

Bob

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

June 26th was a day of Baptism at the family service in St Mary's Church, Puncknowle. There was a good crowd for lots of singing, and then after the candidates had made their promises and been marked with the cross of Christ, after the water had been blessed and the faith proclaimed, the splashing began.



First **EMMA JANE THOMPSON** was baptized, with her Mother and sponsor, Heather Goffee, assisting with the application of the water. Emma then passed on the compliment to her own children **ROSIE HEATHER CHRISTINE**, and **HAZEL LILY**,

before **EVELYN GRACE ELIZABETH GREEN** was baptized with the aquatic assistance of her Mother, Emma. It was a great and joyful celebration and lots of people became a bit wet in addition to those who were supposed to. The congregation then moved en masse (to coin a phrase) to the Village Hall for some very welcome coffee, cakes and treats.



BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION.

FELIX JONES was baptized, and then, together with **THEO JONES** and **GREG GREEN**, all of St Mary's Church, Puncknowle, was confirmed on West Beach at West Bay on Thursday 30th of June, at the golden end of a warm summer afternoon.

Felix, amongst others, first had to endure being baptized in the sea by a bucket-bearing Bishop of Sherborne, the Rev Dr Graham Kings. He repeatedly emptied the bucket over the heads of the candidates when not engaged in throwing the water straight at them. Retaliation must have been on the cards.

Those baptized then changed and joined those,, mostly dry, who had been waiting to be confirmed. This having been effected by the laying on of the Bishop's hands on the heads of the candidates, and prayers being said over them, the service concluded with a Holy Communion for the large crowd assembled on the esplanade and on the beach.

By the end, as the sun went down, the wind blew chilly off the sea, and we all repaired along the way for burgers and hotdogs washed down with welcome hot drinks.



WEDDINGS



On Saturday 18th June, **TIMOTHY DAVID CHARLES BALDWIN** and **FRANCESCA LOUISE TALBOT HARRIS** were married in St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock.



ALEXANDER GWYN DREW and **KATE ELIZABETH HUXTABLE** were married on Saturday 2nd July at St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock,



Alexander **GWYN DREW** and **KATE ELIZABETH HUXTABLE** were married on Saturday 2nd July at St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock,



And later that same afternoon, still in sunshine, **PAUL JAMES SHORNEY** and **STEPHANIE ANNE JARVIS** were married in Holy Trinity Church, Swyre.



On Friday 8th July, **ROGER PAUL WILLIS** and **SUSAL CAROL GALE** were married in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock.



ANDREW DAVIDSON and **KATE SULLIVAN** were married in St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney on Saturday 9th July.



Also on 9th July **WILLIAM MILLER** and **ANNE BUDDIN** were married at St Mary's Church, Puncknowle.



And on the same day, **DAVID WILLAMS** and **ANA ROBADOR ARANA** were married at the Church of Michael and all angels, Littlebredy.

David's uncle, The Revd Chris Pouncey, conducted the ceremony, which was followed by Spanish dancing down by the lake at Bridehead. Guests were then invited to make a tour of the lake arriving before the house where a marquee had been set for the reception. The scene dazzled under high skies and warm sunshine.

MULTITUDE, n. A crowd; the source of political wisdom and virtue. In a republic, the object of the statesman's adoration. "In a multitude of consellers there is wisdom," saith the proverb. If many men of equal individual wisdom are wiser than any one of them, it must be that they acquire the excess of wisdom by the mere act of getting together. Whence comes it? Obviously from nowhere -- as well say that a range of mountains is higher than the single mountains composing it. A multitude is as wise as its wisest member if it obey him; if not, it is no wiser than its most foolish.



SHIPTON GORGE

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SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

The Annual Village Show (Flowers/Vegetables/Crafts) will be held on Saturday August 6th in and around the Village Hall. All villagers should have received a show schedule in last month's BVN, but there are more available from Sally Parker (897168) if you missed out!

ADVANCE NOTICE

The **Village Walk** will be held on Saturday September 3rd. Breakfast before and/or after the walk will be available in the Village Hall (If you can't face the walk just come for the breakfast!) – more details to follow.

John Kent - Chairman

CLOSE HARMONY

Around 50 people spent a most enjoyable evening in the Village Hall on 11th June listening to and joining in with Close Harmony, the barbershop quintet. We thank Hilary and Richard Cunningham who sponsored the evening, which made a profit of £120, and they have kindly distributed this money equally between The Village Hall Trust, The Orchard and the Village Society.



I wish to thank all the people of the Bride Valley who sponsored me in the 10km Charity Race around central London on Sunday 10th July. I managed a creditable time of 1 hour 5 minutes (which included 3 walks whilst my blood sugar was tested). The sponsor money is still coming in but it appears that I have managed to raise £4,000 for the AMEND charity, (Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia Syndrome) which as the majority of friends in Shipton know, I suffer from.

Once again, thank you, thank you, THANK YOU.

Victoria Maxfield (Tori)

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

£20	No. 82	Betty Shepherd
£10	No. 103	Pat & Ruth Lovell
£ 5	No. 9	Pam Graham

LITTLEBREDY

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MANY PEOPLE

will know by now that John and Patricia Barker will be retiring from Longlands Farm at the end of September. John arrived in the village in 1988, as farm manager for the then tenant Poul Christensen, but quickly made Littlebredy his home, and duly took over the farm tenancy when Poul's other commitments – he is currently Chairman of Natural England among other positions – created a vacancy. John's farming has been a model and an example for his neighbours and colleagues ever since, as anyone with an eye for cultivations and livestock husbandry has

been able to see.

In 2001 he moved from Littlebredy to the newly renovated White Hill Lodge, and shortly afterwards



married Patricia, whom he had known for many years. Not many deputy heads of ancient schools can have asked for an in-calf longhorn heifer as a leaving present, but that is what Patricia did at Sherborne Girls' School, hence the arrival of the first longhorns in the village. Health concerns have now caused John's decision to reduce his farming activities, but he will certainly leave Longlands Farm in excellent heart.

All that is the bad news. The good news is that he and Patricia will be staying on at White Hill Lodge, and continuing to look after their distinctive longhorn beef herd on the Valley of Stones and other land outside the village. So this is not a farewell, but a note of best wishes for the future for both of them, in which everyone in the village will surely share.

As for the future, it would seem inappropriate to dilute this tribute to the Barkers with news of their successors on the farm, so that will have to wait for the next edition of the magazine. All we would say is that Longlands should be in good hands as time goes on, despite the inevitable transitions which are bound to occur. In the countryside, as everywhere else, the only thing constant is change...

LONG BREDY

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ST PETERS CHURCH

Our Church services for August will be as per the schedules on page72:



SUCCESSFUL RECRUITMENT AT LONG BREDY

The ringers at Long Bredy ran an Open Evening at St Peter's Church on Thursday, 5th May with the hope that the event might produce public interest in ringing and perhaps the odd recruit. As it turned out the evening was most productive and enjoyed by those who attended.

A welcome to the church with handbells was given by local ringers, whilst inside the church a bookstall and recruitment leaflets were on offer and, in prominent position, a quiz on the church and surrounds.

At the base of the tower a splendid selection of refreshments and drinks prepared and served by members were well received and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

It was then time for visitors to climb to the first floor ringing chamber to watch various ringing where much interest was shown and interesting questions answered. Such was the interest that a few visitors tried their hand at tolling a bell.

The evening was interspersed with touches of simple method and call changes.

With photographs taken, Rachel Talbot, winner of the quiz was presented with chocolates and the evening ended with two interested recruits;

one, we understand has now started to learn. (And there may now be others!)

(Article re-printed from the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers 'Face to Face Newsletter' by kind permission of the author Ivan Andrews)



LONG BREDY & KINGSTON RUSSELL PARISH COUNCIL

A vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council for a Councillor to represent Long Bredy Parish. If you are interested in knowing more about this position and the criteria please contact the Parish Clerk. To apply for the position please do so in writing by the 1st September 2011 to the Parish Clerk: Mrs Gwen Kinghorn, 7 Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy, Dorchester DT2 9HW.

100 Club winners for June 2011

£25	No. 94	Juniper Greener
£15	No 44	David Peretz
£ 5	No 136	Chris Salisbury

LITTON CHENEY

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

VILLAGE CAFÉ

The Church will be hosting the Village Café at the Hall on Saturday 20th August. Everyone is most welcome to come and enjoy our bacon & egg rolls, ground coffee, home-made cake, the Lending Library, local cards, a raffle and plenty of chat.

For those who may prefer a spot of lunch rather than breakfast the Café will stay open until 2.00pm to offer Ploughman's Lunches – you are more than welcome to sample both!

There will also be a Provisions stall – offers of cakes, fruit, veg, preserves etc to Diana Spicer, 1 Litton Hill, or please bring to the Hall on the day, plus “Bring & Buy” gifts & bric-a-brac and a return of the Bottle Tombola. If your dog or cat is in need of a new ID disc – have one engraved while you're there.

The Café will be an opportunity for anyone to ask PCC members any questions relating to St Mary's – the services there or the care of the building and churchyard.

We are considering what to do about the Fete next year as the usual end of May bank holiday is to be rolled into the Jubilee celebrations – do bring your suggestions along.

THANK YOU

NICK AND JAN LUNN would like to thank everyone who came to their wedding Celebration in June. Thank you to all for

your generous donations towards a wheelchair for the Bridport Centre for Learning Disabled Adults.

We have £520.00. A wheelchair has been ordered and the remaining money will buy an iPod and station for one group with profound needs.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The **AGM** took place on June 22nd as part of a double bill paired with the **LATCH AGM**. Many thanks to those who turned up to support the committee and also had an enjoyable evening, with wine and sausages, (Thanks Bev), followed by a showing of **VILLAGE VOICES**.

For those who had seen Village Voices a few years ago this was a very pleasant repeat viewing, whilst for several it was new and gave an interesting perspective of the village, including “spot the face”!

Before this, Chairman Ron Davidson had reviewed the highlights of the year, including sell outs for the Summer BBQ and Barn Dance, plus the need for more Litton Cheney villagers to enter the Bride Valley Navigational Challenge and wrest the trophy back from West Bexington!! Thanks to Clive Edwards and his helpers for organising this event and also to Steve Kourik for leading the Village Walks. Steve also appealed for anyone who had a favourite walk to contact him with the details.

Pete Collis reviewed the healthy financial position and highlighted the success of the sponsored walk in support of Children in Need. Ron then thanked the committee and helpers for all their time and efforts. He also asked for ideas of other activities/events which people would like to see and/or put on.

The committee has supported the start up of both the Bride Valley Film Club and Keep on Dancing and is keen to help any other start ups which would be of interest to the village. Do get in contact on 482661.

The **SUMMER BBQ** is on Sunday August 7th , 5.30 at the Hall. If you haven't got a ticket yet give me a call in case there are any left.

The **VILLAGE WALK** is Saturday 13th August 10.00 am at the bus shelter.

Ron Davidson 482661 LCSC.

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL.

POTHoles - Should you find a pothole littering the roads in and around the village or Bride Valley, please call 01305 221020. Please don't assume someone else might have already reported it.

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS – In an effort to bring tidiness and good management to our village notice boards, the Parish Council have come up with a set of rules which can be found on the village website

www.littoncheney.org.uk and on the actual notice boards. Size matters, as does content.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – On (hopefully) the rare occasions when anti-social behaviour blights your life in this corner of paradise, i.e. excessive noise or unruly behaviour at unreasonable hours, call Dorset Police 01202 or 01305 222222 at the time.

John Firrell

LITTON & THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL

We are waiting on confirmation of several **ARTSREACH** events, details of which will be shown in September's BVN and on the Litton website www.littoncheney.org.uk. The website is also the place to look for other regular events at the hall as well as village notice boards. For bookings and enquiries, please contact Richard Jones 482602



ARE YOU BEING SERVED?

Do you feel that LATCH is meeting your wants and needs? If you have suggestions as to activities and events that you would like to bring to the hall then please let us know and we'll see how they could be incorporated into the schedule. Ron Davidson (482661), David Taylor (482532) or Richard Jones (482602) are the numbers to call to discuss your plan.



WINE TASTING – AN EVENING WITH STEVEN SPURRIER AND HIS CHOSEN VINES

Now in its fourth year and always well attended, this year's evening clasping a wine glass and sampling several distinctly better wines in the company of stellar wine god Steven Spurrier will take place on Saturday 29th October. More details in September's BVN and Litton website. but if you are champing at the bit then a call to 482617 (Freddie Spicer) or 482661 (Ron Davidson) will reserve a coveted place for this event.

ARTSREACH CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP – PARENTS RESPITE!

On Wednesday 10th August Lal Hitchcock will be running 'Flotsam Figures', an Artsreach children's workshop, at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. Lal will spark the children's imagination to create their own sculpture using bits and bobs found along the shoreline. The workshop is suitable for children age 7 + and runs from 10.30 – 3.30pm. Tickets (£10) are available from Samantha Stazicker 01308 482446.



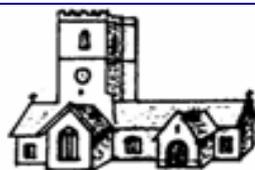
VILLAGE CAFES

are held at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall on the third Saturday of every month throughout the year. The idea is to reach out to the community at large, encouraging all to come and socialise, chat, meet new people, have a coffee and a bite to eat, partake in a raffle and exchange your books and cd's. It need not stop there.

IF your group is interested in raising funds then why not sponsor a Village Café. The hall is rent free for the period of the café and you are free to decide what you do and how you do it in order to raise funds for your group (as long as it's legal!). As a fund raiser it is a no-brainer and all that is required is some time and effort plus the odd piece of inspiration to really get the funds rolling in. If you are interested in sponsoring a Village Café contact Richard Jones on 01308 482602

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE

DON'T MISS THE CHURCH FETE!! - on Thursday 4th August in the Rectory garden in Burton Bradstock.

Revd Bob Thorn will be opening the fete at 2.00 pm and (subject to warm weather) will be available for wet sponge throwing target practice during the afternoon.

The usual eclectic mix of stalls will be available for your entertainment and delight plus the chance (once a year only!) to climb the church tower for spectacular views of our beautiful part of Dorset.

Late offers/contributions of gifts, bric-a-brac, cakes, books, wine and garden produce will be most welcome; as would help to setting up the fete at 8.30am onwards on the morning and clearing away at 5.00pm would be very much appreciated.

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



PETERTIDE DRAMA

In church on Sunday evening we were transported back in time nearly two thousand years to listen to St Luke himself reading from his gospel. Luke (Howard Bongers) although initially annoyed by the interruptions of demanding voices from a group of curious children was only too happy to oblige and tell them, and us, exactly how it was from the time of St Paul's conversion.

From all parts of the church came people of the time: Saul/Paul (Julian Piper) on the road to Damascus; Paul's loyal friends Theophilus (Theo

Jones) and Silas (Vicky Thomas); a scene by the river, a busy market place at the west door of the church; the capture and imprisonment of the early Christians with the sound effects of swishing whips; Malta after the shipwreck with certain of the survivors much the worse for wear and obviously suffering from shock and the prison in Rome during an earthquake.

The shrieking slave girl (Amy Van Zyl) was terrifying as she ran amok among us and Paul's escape on the walls of Damascus (the pulpit well disguised) in a wicker basket had us on the edge of our seats.

The acting was so good as the story unfolded that it was hugely entertaining and hopefully thought-provoking too. The thirty one participants seemed to turn into a cast of hundreds as most of them took two or three different parts, changing effortlessly from one set of colourful clothes to another.

Heather Rogers who wrote and produced the play did a brilliant job, helped by wardrobe mistresses, the providers of props and effects, musicians and three soloists Geoffrey Seward, Maisie Atrill and Hannah Hawthorne.

This was the third in the Petertide series and was a climatic end to an ambitious project. If any of the cast would like photographs of the production please contact Elaine Tame telephone 01308 897957.

Sheila Spencer-Smith



WEEK COLLECTION

Local organiser Janet Proctor says thank you to the helpers, the collectors and to you the contributors. Burton Bradstock donated £423.52. (Up £7 on last year). The total for Gift Aid was also higher.

There was an opportunity for donors who were out when the collector called to take a reply envelope with their donation to the collector or to the local church. Though only used by small numbers, this proved a successful addition to the funds raised.

Bridport and the surrounding villages have raised a total of £5,708.68.

To learn more about Christian Aid and see where the money you have raised goes to look at www.christianaid.org.uk

Thank you Janet for organising this fundraising.

LAVENDER TRUST BREAST CANCER CARE

In the Pink Afternoon on Wednesday 22nd June 2011

I would to thank all the people who supported and helped me.

I am able to send them £431.45



Mary Rawles

NEW CEMETERY GATES

We are delighted to let you know the sum of £605 was raised at the coffee morning held on the 15th June 2011 in Burton Bradstock Village Hall, proceeds of which were in aid of the new Cemetery Gates. Many donations were also received at this time, which together with previously given donations meant we had achieved the required target to enable the purchase of new gates.

Our sincere thanks to each and every one for your generosity. We invite you to take a stroll along Shipton Lane to view the newly installed gates. We hope you like them.

Liz Mackay & Mary Ward

On behalf of the PCC of Burton Bradstock, which is responsible for the cemetery, including the gates, I would like to thank Liz Mackay & Mary Ward for seeing the need for new gates, taking action to raise the money and having new gates designed and installed.

Ian Ibbotson: Treasurer of the PCC of Burton Bradstock with Chilcombe.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 897673
Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust (BBVHT)

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Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£44.20	No 118:	Mrs Margaret Lee
2 nd	£22.10	No 196:	Mrs Mavis Herbert
3 rd	£11.05	No 96:	Ms Peggy Collins

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS – NEEDED

There are two vacancies on the Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust Committee. If anyone feels that they can volunteer to join the Committee in its ongoing work to manage and maintain the Village Hall, they should contact me on 01308 897673.

VILLAGE FAYRE 2012

The next Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will be on Bank Holiday Monday 4th June 2012. This is the Monday of an extended late Spring Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Village Hall Committee is looking for someone to chair the Fayre Committee and coordinate all the activities which go toward making the Village Fayre the success it has been

over the past few years. The other members of the Fayre Committee are willing to continue in their roles but it is important to have someone to coordinate all the related activities. It is the major fundraising event for the Village Hall Trust and although I have chaired this Committee in previous years, next year I will be otherwise engaged in the organisation of Village events to help celebrate the Queen's sixty year reign. I do hope that someone feels able to take on this role and they can contact me on 01308 897673 to discuss the matter in more detail. *Susan Moores – Chairman - Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust*

VILLAGE SOCIETY'S GREAT DAY IN BATH

'An outstanding success' – that was the unanimous view of the large coach-load of Village Society members who visited Bath on 8th June, the trip excellently orchestrated by Peter Broomhead.

Point of arrival – exactly on the estimated 10.30am timing - was the National Trust's fine Assembly Rooms. Built by 1771, these were believed to be the finest in the country, and were at the hub of fashionable society – Dickens and Jane Austen visited them and they are mentioned in Austen's *Northanger Abbey* and *Persuasion*.

Downstairs is an exhibition whose existence your reporter did his best to avoid, failed, but actually found very interesting, aided by the audio-guide – the 'Fashion Exhibition' – featuring dress through the ages including wedding dresses and contemporary dress of youth through the decades, including the era of Beatles and Carnaby Street. But we weren't prepared for the 'Trying-on room' where a French teacher was wearing a lady's Elizabethan dress in front of their large French class – the model was however about 6ft 6ins, 16 stone and male, with a moustache!

The world-renowned Roman baths benefit from Britain's only hot spring, which still flows with natural hot water. Again, a brilliant audio-guide was available. Some of our group visited the Jane Austen Centre (she lived in Bath for 5 years). Others spent time in The Crescent, built by 1774 – where 30 original purchasers bought a length of the façade and hired their own architects to build a house behind it – numbers 2 and 17 were gutted in the War but have been perfectly re-constructed. No 1 The Crescent is now a most interesting Museum showing how the wealthy owners might have furnished their house.

Others visited The Circus, built in the shape of a key and thought possibly to be a Masonic symbol; the striking world-famous Pulteney bridge – Bath's equivalent to Florence's Ponte Vecchio – both having shops built into them; the 9-acre Botanical Gardens; not to mention one of Britain's top Marks and Spencer stores...and there's clearly much more...

An amazing cream tea with sandwiches and scones and cake was provided for us at Brown's, from which it was a very short step to the coach and

a gentle ride home, (where no supper was required.)

Peter Broomhead received three rousing cheers for an outstanding day away at this World Heritage site.

John Grantham

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

To update readers on how safe we are in Burton Bradstock, the latest figures on crime show that Dorset was the safest place to live in the UK last year. Anti-social behaviour down 10.4%, violent crime down 9.4%, 8 less fatalities and 52 fewer seriously injured on the Dorset roads.

I have noticed dogs running free around sheep, horses and cows recently. Just to remind you that a farmer or owner of that ground has legal rights to hold or destroy a dog if it is annoying livestock.

On 21st June I received numerous calls about half a dozen youths collecting for the Macmillan Fund, despite many of you displaying 'No Cold Calling' notices. It seems that Dorchester County Council office for Fair Trading is still allowing agency collectors so my advice is to phone the police.

Moving to 'scams', if you receive any odd phone calls asking for your address or any other information DO NOT GIVE IT. Apparently these type of calls are used to make lists of peoples details which are then sold to Scam operators....Good advice by the BBC .

Finally, after being 'Neighbourhood Watch' for 3 years, it is time for new ideas and blood! Any person wishing to take this role on board please ring me for details.

Ian Pitt-Aikens: 01308-897440

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY A.G.M.

Due to the proposals by the County Council to close a number of rural libraries, which are being strongly opposed, we will not know the official form in which the Burton Bradstock library will continue until after the County Council meeting on 26th July. Because of this we decided to postpone our AGM until 1st August. It will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.



Do please come if you can. You will hear about the very robust defence that has been mounted to stop the closure of many of the rural libraries, and our plans for our library and the library building.

Bob

Hynds - Chairman of the FBBL Trustees



RESPONSIBILITY, n.

A detachable burden, easily shifted to the shoulders of God, Fate, Fortune, Luck or one's neighbour.

In the days of astrology it was customary to unload it upon a star.

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SWYRE

SONGS OF PRAISE SEASON

These popular services of 8 hymns interspersed by a Bible reading, a poem and prayers started on Sunday 31st July and will be for a total of 5 weeks. Each service will start at 7.30pm.

It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible from the Valley and elsewhere as well: all will be given a special welcome. Please note that these are the only services during this season at Holy Trinity Church Swyre.

RECENT WORKS

The trees that were dangerous because they had died and their positions could have been a risk to the general public have successfully been removed. I am awaiting further contact from the tree surgeons who did a brief examination of other Churchyard trees. I am given to understand that apart from some pruning due to some trees age, there should be no other removals necessary.

The front gate area rebuilding of the wall has been completed and the gates now meet each other. The bolt fixings for the gate have been improved so we should not have a recurrence of the problems.

SWYRE FAYRE

This was a successful event and dare I say reasonably dry for a Swyre Fayre. I am sure all who attended had a good time and thanks are to be given to all who helped make this a special day especially Tony Taylor who organised the day. We raised about £850 for the Church and Lifeboats our chosen charity this year.

PRAYER CIRCLE

The prayer circle at Holy Trinity Church was renewed once again at Pentecost. This is an important part of our Church life whereby each participant prays regularly for 2 others. "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances for this is Gods will for you in Jesus Christ" *1 Thessalonians Ch. 5 v 16*.

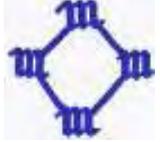
COFFEE MORNING

There will be a coffee morning held in the Church on Saturday 3rd September in aid of our redecorating project. I hope that you will all be able to come along to support us on this day and you will be assured of a very warm welcome.

David Buckland

PUNCKNOWLE & W. BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS AND PENTECOST PRAISE



The Thompsons



Evie & Hazel

We had a wonderful Family Service on Sunday 25th June when Evie Green and Emma, Rosie and Hazel Thompson were baptised in the presence of friends, family and the regular congregation. The church was full. The hymns were accompanied by the children's orchestra led by Sally and Jonathan Jevons.

On 30th June, just a few days later, on a surprisingly sunny evening we gathered on the beach at West Bay. Felix Jones was baptised by Bishop Graham King in the sea and then Felix, Theo Jones and Greg Green were confirmed by the Bishop on the beach. Other young people from the Bridport Deanery were also baptised and confirmed at the same time: Read Bob's account of both services in 'From the Registers'.

Many of the teenagers from the Youth Alpha Group prepared and led the lively Pentecost celebrations at the Evening Service on June 12th. Candles were lit, and prayers were shared out, and all had prepared their words. Some challenging questions were asked of the Church congregation by Flora - and answered well! Thank you all.

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor - if you are interested in the local community and would like more information about being a Parish Councillor and what it would involve - please contact any of your local Parish

Councillors or phone the Clerk - Carolyn Buckland on 01308 897726 for more details.

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

We were lucky with the weather for our exhibition in Burton Bradstock. Thank you to all those who dropped in to see us. There are no meetings in August but we meet again in September.

Christine Molony



TWO FARMS OPEN DAY, W. BEXINGTON

TAMARISK FARM & PEPPERS BY POST

10:30am – 4:00pm, Sunday 21st August - Free entry

Visit two West Dorset farms and see how local food is produced. Take a tour around the farms, talk to the producers, see the crops growing and buy the farms' produce.

TAMARISK FARM

Red Devon cattle, sheep, cereals, flour and vegetables (organic).

Tel: 01308 897781 / 897784,

www.tamariskfarm.co.uk



PEPPERS BY POST

Sea Spring Seeds, fresh chillies and vegetables seeds, Tel: 01308 897892, www.peppersbypost.biz, and www.seaspringseeds.co.uk



Both farms will be open to the public throughout the day, and visitors can drop in when they wish. At Peppers by Post/Sea Spring Seeds there will be continuous tours around the polythene tunnels. Tamarisk farm

will have formal tours, although individuals will be welcome to walk around selected fields on their own as well. Dogs are welcome if kept on a lead.

For more information please contact the individual farms.

West Bexington is off the B3157 coast road, between Bridport and Weymouth

NATIONAL COASTWATCH

On behalf of our chairman Sir Christopher Coville and everyone in the NCI Lyme Bay National Coastwatch team, I would like to thank Ross Wallace and all the **PUNCKNOWLE FUNDRAISERS** for generously funding the purchase of CB Radio sets for our look-out at Burton Cliff. These will make a great



contribution to our radio communications capability, both in terms of training and more importantly also by providing a much improved communications facility for our Emergency Response Team

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

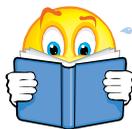
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APRIL	£15	Debbie Legge
	£10	Pam Carter
MAY 2011	£15	Carol Bennett
	£10	Elizabeth Edwards
JUNE 2011	£15	Joan Benet
	£10	Tony Edwards



BOOK CLUB

During June we read "Various Haunts of Men" by Susan Hill, which was a murder mystery book, which turned out to be enjoyed by most members while frightening some. It was a very harrowing story of multiple murders by a psychopath - even the woman police detective was murdered - not really the best bedtime reading!

In complete contrast the next one is by Stephen Fry called "The Stars Tennis Balls" - a little light relief we hope.

LUNCH CLUB

There is no Lunch in August, so the next meeting will be on September 20th. Members who were not at the last meal should telephone 897622 to order their September lunch, and anyone who wants to join the club should contact the same number - everyone over the age of 50, and who lives, or used to live, in the three villages is eligible to join.



KEEP FIT

The Wednesday afternoon Exercise Classes are going well and Jackie is toning us all up nicely. They will continue throughout August.

ARTS & CRAFTS WEEKEND

Our next Village Hall event will be a Local Arts and Crafts Weekend with Cream Teas from 2.30pm until 5.00pm on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th August. So I hope everyone will come along to show an interest in all the exhibitors' work, and enjoy a cream tea. Entrance is only £1.

Donations of home made scones will be very welcome, all you

wonderful bakers, - so please get baking and deliver to the hall on the morning of Saturday 6th August. Many thanks in advance!

FUTURE EVENTS

We hope to have a Music Night in September and there will be more Bring and Share evenings, so watch this space.

Carol Bennett 897771

VALLEY NOTES



INTER VILLAGE CHURCH BIBLE QUIZZES

There is still time to be part of a team to represent your village.

Junior teams will be quizzed on selected parts of St Luke's Gospel, whilst Seniors (11+), after studying Exodus chapters 1 to 20 last time, will find tackling Luke 10 will be a breeze, especially as the birth narratives and the Good Samaritan story are so familiar. You won't need to master any genealogies either.

Contact Heather Rogers (897780) immediately to take part.

Charity Whist Drive



Tues 2nd August
at 7.30pm prompt
in The Bull Inn,
Swyre.

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

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

In June we had an interesting talk on growing vegetables in various pots and receptacles, including carrots in large olive oil tins. Good ideas were given to those people with very small backyards who still wanted to grow their own.



At the beginning of July we held a very successful Flower Show in the Hall at Litton Cheney on a lovely summer day when many people sat outside to enjoy a wonderful view while eating home-made cakes and scones. They had already voted for their favourites in each class and we had some grand displays in spite of a difficult growing start to the year. The winners in each class were:

Best Rose	Helen Jones	Best Floral Display	Sue Taylor
Best Annuals	Chris Smith	Best Herbs	Jane Peretz
Best Perennials	Sylvia Delves	Best Fruit	Val Shepherd
Best Shrub	Angela Fowler	Best Vegetable	Chris Smith
Best Pot Plant	Bev Robbins	Oddest Vegetable	Beatrice Busby
Best Sweet Peas	Jane Peretz	Best Veg. Display	Chris Smith
Best Fuchsia	Hazel Stirgess	Best Photograph	Bev Robbins

The Floral Cup went to Jane Peretz; the May Tankard for the best Annuals and Perennials went to Chris Smith, as did the Barker Bowl for the best overall vegetables. The Fry Cup for the overall winner also went to Chris Smith. Congratulations Chris.

Please note that we are not having a meeting in August but look forward to our September meeting on September 19th when Phil Gamble will be taking us through Jobs to Do in the Autumn.

TASKS FOR AUGUST

Summer prune wisteria, cutting new shoots back to five buds. Plant hyacinths, paper-white narcissi and freesia for flowering at Christmas. Take cuttings of alpines such as Aubretia and Phlox douglasii.

Valerie Cameron, Secretary. E-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net tel: 01308 482240



WILL OPEN WITH TEA PARTY ON THE RECTORY LAWNS

Everyone in Burton Bradstock and the Bride Valley is invited to celebrate the opening of this year's Festival of Music and Art at 3.00pm on Sunday 14th August, with an informal

musical performance on the lawns of Burton Bradstock Rectory Gardens. Entry and the music are free and cream teas will be available for a small charge. Visitors will also be able to enjoy the exhibition of paintings, textiles and pottery in the Village Hall, all of which are for sale.

An eclectic mix of musical treats follows during the Festival week from 15th to 21st August. The programme includes evening concerts, and lunchtime and late night recitals. Festival Director, violinist David Juritz, heads the stellar cast of International musicians who will perform classical, jazz and regional music in St Mary's Church and at the beautiful Norburton Hall.

Download the brochure from www.burtonbradstock.org.uk. For tickets please contact Gill Redford on 01308 897203.

Come and enjoy the biggest Music and Arts Festival in the valley!



AN ACCOMPLISHED PIANIST

to be accompanist for Burton Bradstock Players' musical productions. Rehearsals this year are on Thursday evenings from October to December, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from January. Performance dates are 20th - 25th February, 2012. Please contact the Secretary if you are interested: Tel. 01308 897415.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH)

WE WILL REMEMBER.....

Walter Harry TREVETT of Abbotsbury, known to us all as our friend, "Joe".

Having seen military service in the war, during which he was wounded, this fellow native of Dorset came back to civilian life and was to become Head Forester on the Strangways Estate at Evershot. In retirement he and his wife Joan moved to Abbotsbury to live. Joe was actively a member of the 'Dorset Regiment Old Comrades Association' also of our Branch of the Legion. Quiet by nature, never complaining (despite struggling with health problems in recent years) he always had an encouraging word for those he thought it would help - above all he had that smile for everyone he met, and made others' lives richer as a result. Our sympathy is extended to Joan and the rest of Joe's extended family.



Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th August at Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury, when we will be entertained by **Bob FOX** whose subject will be "A funny way to earn a living - memories of the music halls!"

UPDATE:

there are more than 400 beneficiaries currently receiving care in 6 Poppy Homes: the care homes also provide respite stays and day-care sessions for hundreds of the most vulnerable members of the Armed Forces Community.

As a result of the holiday in Norway arranged by Des & Jean Baker, a donation of £250 has been made to the R.B.L. Poppy Appeal.

ADVANCE NOTICES:

This year's Christmas Shopping outing will again feature Cardiff with an opportunity to visit the Castle, at the end of November.

We would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in going to Westpoint, Exeter next February to see "Holiday on Ice - Tropicana".
Des Baker (01305 267617: email 'aveswood@sky.com')

Branch Entertainments Chairman



SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

BEAMINSTER TEAM

Littering is still an on-going problem. Our beautiful countryside needs to be looked after. Please be mindful when out enjoying the scenery to ensure you take your litter on with you. Please also ensure your dog foul is picked up.

When you are out walking, please bear in mind livestock and other animals that are nearby. Dogs can often be very distressing to farm animals including reared game such as pheasants and partridges, to say nothing of the natural wildlife we are lucky to see. Please also ensure farm gates are closed when passed through. to ensure nothing escapes.

Be aware that roads are now busier with lots of visitors to the area. Always keep an eye on the speed limit and the conditions of the roads.

It is likely that now summer is here and the days are longer, the potential for persons driving whilst tired is at a high,

'Driving while tired is extremely dangerous, both for yourself and other road users. Driving requires intense concentration and perception, but these are greatly reduced when you are drowsy. Your judgement skills are also impaired, which can make you slower to see potential or actual dangers and react to them. The law takes a dim view of drowsy driving. If you are caught driving while drowsy or you fall asleep at the wheel, you can be charged with careless or dangerous driving. If you are involved in a fatal accident, you can be charged with dangerous driving. This can result in a prison sentence of up to fourteen years.'

Quoted from a website that explains driving offences): for further information please visit, www.nopenaltypoints.co.uk

Most of all be safe and enjoy the attractions that Dorset has to offer.

PC Tim Poole, Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team

DORCHESTER WEST TEAM

SPEEDING THROUGH OUR VILLAGES

One of the issues repeatedly raised by our rural PACT panels, at PACT surgeries etc is that of speeding through our villages. It seems to be a perpetual problem with no immediate solution, unless of course we all slow down and obey the speed restrictions.

Speeding is one of the problems being addressed in the current NO EXCUSES campaign to try to make Dorset's roads safer. The core of this campaign is that we are, as individuals, responsible for how we handle the vehicles we are driving. If you are caught speeding there will be consequences and if you are a persistent offender you could, ultimately, lose

your licence.

So please help our communities by obeying speed limits. They are there for a purpose even if it is not immediately obvious to you. Also remember a speed limit is a maximum; you can go slower if you wish.

If you consider speeding vehicles are an issue where you live please contact us giving areas, times and days when the problem is at its worse. This will aid us with tactical deployment. You can contact us either via your Dorchester Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team, through the Dorset Safety Camera Partnership, Dorset Police Headquarters, Winfrith, Dorchester, DT2 8DZ or via their website www.dorsetsafetycameras.org.uk (using the Speed Complaint link).

WATCH SCHEMES

Most people will probably be aware of Home or Neighbourhood Watch, but many may not know that there are other Watch Schemes operating in Dorset, e.g. business, church, farm and horse watch schemes. These schemes echo the urban and rural nature of Dorset, and are tailored to meet the needs and interests of various groups within our area.



All of these schemes, in common with Home and Neighbourhood Watch, involve members of the community working in partnership with their local Safer Neighbourhood Team officers to endeavour to make their part of Dorset a safer place to live by reducing crime and helping build more robust communities.

The schemes often work in conjunction with the Dorset Police Community Messaging Service. This is an automated messaging system designed to improve the flow of information between the police and the community by sending messages to a group of people with just one call.

You can find out more about registering to join a Watch Scheme or either by going to www.dorset.police.uk, clicking Local Policing, and then the appropriate heading on the left side of the web page, or by contacting your local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

NB *Dorset Police are committed to reducing the theft of domestic heating oil from vulnerable rural locations. In an effort to combat this type of theft, we have been able to negotiate a 25% discount with a supplier of high quality fuel tank alarm systems. The alarm systems are relatively inexpensive and range in complexity and design. It is almost certain that a suitable system can be found to suit all needs. If you would like to find out more please see contact details below.*

For more information, please contact Dorchester East Safer Neighbourhood Team:

Call: 01305 222 222, Mobile: 07500 816 291

Only dial 999 if a life is in danger or a crime is in progress

Email: dorchester-rural-snt@dorset.pnn.police.uk

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2011



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. Elinor Frost	482269
Puncknowle	Miss Anne Roberts	897716
Shipton Gorge	Mrs. Janet Lane	897241
Swyre	Mr. Tony Taylor	898523

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL HAIL.....



This is my first article for the Bride Valley News. Taking over the mantle from Mrs Johnstone, who made such informative and eminently readable contributions for 12 years, is daunting but exciting!

I was hugely impressed when I first visited Thorner's in the Spring, with its smiling, well behaved children, hardworking, committed staff and supportive parents, volunteer helpers and governors. Seeing the school in the Summer, with its swimming pool and fields, the Discovery Area and LATCH, and its beautiful natural environs, makes me very pleased that I am now part of it. Having lived in the area for 13 years, I know some of it well. I look forward to exploring it further and getting to know the community in years to come.

I am absolutely delighted that the post of Headteacher at Thorner's School brings with it the opportunity to be involved with the wider Thorner's community. Shortly after being appointed, I had the pleasure of attending Litton Cheney village fete and meeting many of Thorner's wellwishers. I visited the school in June and July as often as commitments to my current school allowed and now feel a little more knowledgeable! I had the privilege of attending staff meetings and an act of collective worship. I joined the children for lunchtime in LATCH and enjoyed a delicious bowl of soup made by Eggardon class. I met my new class and the new Reception children and their parents. I saw the children Morris-dancing and was given a thought-provoking tour of the Discovery Area. What a lot was happening in school in the last few weeks of term!

By the time you read this, term will be over and I will have completed my commitments to my old school and be preparing for my new one. All our

Year 6 children will be getting ready for their new school, as will the children joining Reception and those we will be welcoming into other year groups.

I wish you all a good summer and look forward to meeting you in the new term.

Jyotsna Chaffey - Headteacher Designate

AND FAREWELL

HEADTEACHER ALISON LEAVES TO A FOND FAREWELL

At a farewell reception held at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall on Wednesday 20th July, Headteacher Alison Johnstone bade an emotional farewell to friends and colleagues after 12 years at the helm of Thorner's School.

Chairman of School Governors, Ross Jones, highlighted the many achievements during Alison's tenure, and LATCH Chairman Ron Davidson applauded the tremendous contribution made by Alison, who as a founding member of the hall committee, had helped make it all happen. Alison said she was overwhelmed by the occasion, indicating perhaps a secret desire to just walk off into the sunset, but that was not to be – rightly so. Several presentations were made and Alison promised to pop back from time to time for social events, but obviously without the worry of having to officiate at any more school dinners. Alison – you will be greatly missed. Thank you and a most happy retirement!



BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

Welcome to **HARRY** who has started at Fledglings.

We have been lucky to have the support and commitment of parents and the school recently - so thank you to **FAYE** and **DOM AVERY** for doing a coastal walk and raising money for us, and the school. With money raised from this and our "Bit of a Do", Fledglings now has new outdoor tubs to fill with themed equipment, a small world table, and new books.



Thank you also to **KIM PEARSE** for making some new pillows for the book corner, brightening it up, and also thanks to our secretary, Jackie for her work on our new information booklet, also for her work on our new website www.bridevalleyfledglings.btck.co.uk which is being developed.

We recently had a Bring your Bike to school day, when the children did so and showed them off, riding round the playground as an activity. The children have eaten some of the peas growing in the garden, picking and opening the pods.

Then we had a lovely day out (despite the threatening rain) at Kingston Maurward. We went on a great Trailer ride around the grounds, then it did rain but we still looked at the animals and then had a picnic lunch under the shelter of the trees. After lunch we explored the gardens and walked right round the lake!

There was one last picnic day spent in the Discovery Area on 17th July - also a great place to do some planting, den building, and to get to know other families in the school. Children have also been able to use the school swimming pool on Friday afternoons.

On Monday 18th July we had our Leavers' party, with the Bouncy Castle and games. Children also received a Gym Bag for school - decorated by themselves, a leaving Certificate and their developmental books with pictures of their time at Fledglings.

This year, 11 children will be starting school, so there will be plenty of places available at Fledglings next term, starting on Tuesday 6th September. Having the pre-school at Thorner's means that the transition into school is extremely easy and stress free - for children especially, as well as for parents - which is one of our great strengths. If you have a child between 2 and 3 years old, please feel free to drop in to find out about Fledglings, or ring Fiona Evans on 01308 482410 any time on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday, when we are open all day during school hours.

Fledglings next A.G.M will be held on Tuesday 4th October; we hope all parents will attend, as you are needed on the committee to help run the pre-school, and help with fund-raising a couple of times a year.



BURTON BRADSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We have had good meetings throughout the last few months, with interesting topics on a full range of subjects: Arts, Geographical and Historical, but for the month of August we do not meet! No doubt many of our members have families visiting or are going to families with school age children, so hopefully good warm days on the beaches here. Enjoy!

We meet again on September 13th at 7.15pm in the village hall and look forward to seeing you then. Please check the notice board outside the Hall to see if your particular group is meeting in August.

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

Our Autumn Season starts at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall at on Thursday 15th September, at 8.00pm with:

"FROM TIME TO TIME".



Another stellar cast assembled to do justice to the pen of one of the best screenwriters to have emerged in this country in recent years, local good egg Julian Fellowes. Although this is not an original screenplay such as *Downton Abbey*, *Victoria* or *Gosford Park*, it is none the less a superb adaptation of an existing story by Lucy Boston. Filmed at Athelhampton House. More details coming on posters, on the website and in the September BVN.



BENEFITS ADVICE SURGERIES

at Age Concern Bridport. An initiative by Dorset Welfare Benefits Partnership

Age Concern Bridport and Dorset County Council's Welfare Benefits Team are working together to provide benefits advice and help to older people in West Dorset.

Surgeries will operate on the second Wednesday in each month, between 9.30am and 12noon at Age Concern Bridport, and will be by appointment only. To make an appointment, please contact Age Concern Bridport on 01308 424357 or at Chancery House, Chancery Lane, Bridport DT6 3JT www.bridportageconcern.org

Next surgeries: 10th August and 14th September

ANTHONY AND ANNA ASHWELL

Anna and Anthony have sold their house in Charmouth and moved into

temporary accommodation at Millthorpe, a hamlet between Chesterfield and Hathersage in Derbyshire. They are in the process of purchasing their own house in Hathersage and hope to be moved in well before Christmas. At present the only means of contacting them is via email (some people in the Bride Valley have the details).

Both are extremely sad to be leaving West Dorset and the good friends they have made. They continue to feel most privileged to have been able to serve the Churches of the Bride Valley between 1997 and 2007.

They pray God's Blessing on the valley and its people.

BEYOND THE VALLEY

MEET & EAT WORKSHOPS FOR THE OVER 50'S

We would like to invite you to our cookery workshops where you can make friends whilst you cook and eat together afterwards. Sessions are limited to 8 people and cost £7.50. They begin at 11.00am at Bridport Centre for Local Food, St Michael's Trading Estate, Bridport.

The programme for August is:

- Tues 2nd August: Pies & Tarts,
- Tues 9th August: Classic Puddings
- Tues 16th August: Seasonal Savouries
- Tues 23rd August: A Taste of Brittany

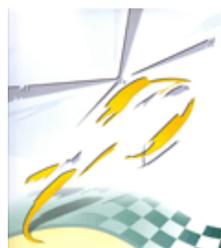
To book, choose which session/s you would like to join then contact Suzie King on suzie.king@localfoodlinks.org.uk or 01308 428924



The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance is a much loved local charity because it saves lives in our countryside, rescuing people trapped in remote spots.

Creeds the Printers are located out in "the sticks" at the tiny hamlet of Broadoak, near Bridport. Harry & Marilyn⁷⁴ Harrison know that the Air Ambulance is a hugely valuable asset for country folk. Fortunately they have not had to use it for their fourteen staff who work in their beautifully located rural printers but that doesn't make them any less grateful for a resource that is there if they do.

This awareness, combined with their interest in environmentally aware printing techniques, led the couple to organise a fund raising event on St George's night on 22nd April at the Electric Palace in Bridport. Over 200 guests, dressed in red and white, partied all night raising £1500 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and



£250 for Bridport based recycling charity TLC. Many thanks to all who supported the event.



Following on from this, to raise more funds for the air ambulance, Matthew Williams, our super fit printer, took part in the challenge to cycle from Watchet to West Bay on Sunday 19th June. Matt didn't hang about and came in third place completing the 54 mile course in 2hrs 57mins. Well done Matt - you made it look easy!

ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

Press one for vicar, two for curate....12 for prayer....

*The Rectory
St. James the Least of All*

My dear Nephew Darren

Now you have got your new telephone system in the parish, I shall not be calling you again. I refuse to wait for ten minutes every time I ring to have to listen to the cycle of "press 1 for the vicar, 2 for the curate, 3 for the secretary", until we end with "12 for requests for prayer". I was tempted to leave a message on 12 to ask that the wretched machine would break down, but then realised I would have to call a second time to leave a message on 13 for making a confession.

And if I have to listen one more time to someone playing "Thine be the glory" on one finger on an electric organ while I am "on hold" I will have him excommunicated. At least you have the grace while I am waiting not to ask me not to hang up, as my call is important to you. I would even warm to your system if a voice occasionally said that they couldn't care less whether I hung up or not as my call was utterly

irrelevant to them.

Those poor people who have to wait to reach 7 for leaving messages regarding marriages might as well leave a second on 8 for baptisms and save on a large phone bill in months to come; in fact, another on 9 for funerals may well be necessary by the time that number comes up. Entire families could be born, marry and die before they hear that 15 is specially reserved for urgent calls. And may I suggest that your car parking attendant who stuck a note on my windscreen telling me not to park there again is given the number 666.

My own answerphone tells people firmly that the machine is specially designed not to accept incoming messages and that I only answer the thing personally on Thursdays between 10am and 12 noon, provided nothing better has turned up. Alternatively, they could write me a letter which may be answered at my convenience, or could be ignored if I disapprove of its contents. This has the added benefit that I have not received any invitations to buy photocopiers or to learn that I have been selected to have a new kitchen installed, for many a year.

For the few who have got hold of my mobile number, my response is to tell them that I am just about to enter a tunnel and then to switch it off. Callers from other parts of the country now believe that the parish of St. James the Least is honeycombed by mile-long tunnels, making communication all-but impossible.

You can now be assured that your new system means you will be contactable at any moment, wherever you happen to be. But don't call me to complain and expect to receive sympathy; I shall be just about to enter a tunnel.

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

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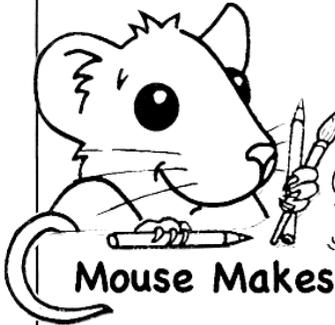
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FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



Mouse Makes

This is Psalm 150, a song of praise to God, it tells us why and how to worship God.

How do you worship God and tell him how much you love him?

Praise God in his Temple,
Praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power
Praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him
with the sounding trumpet,
Praise him
with the harp and lyre,
Praise him
with tambourine and dancing,
Praise him
with the clash of cymbals,
Praise him
with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath
PRAISE THE LORD !



Colour in this praise poster, cut out then glue to a sheet of coloured card. Punch out the holes, tie on ribbon and hang up to remind you to PRAISE THE LORD!

Aug 11



ANOTHER CHANCE

The Bible gives us some lovely pictures of how God is always willing to give us another chance. One story you may not know is of Jeremiah and the potter...

Jeremiah was a prophet, a person who gave God's message to the people. One day he watched a potter using a simple wheel to make cooking pots. One of the pots wasn't quite right, but the potter didn't throw it away and start another one. He just squashed it down and started again, this time turning it into a perfect pot. The clay had a second chance to be beautiful and useful.



Jeremiah realised that God was showing him that all of us are in God's hands. God, like the potter, gives us another chance to what we should be.

GINGERBREAD SHAPES

100 g (4 oz) margarine
100 g (4 oz) sugar
275g (10 oz) plain flour
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
3 teaspoons ground ginger
golden syrup
(warmed, about 2 tablespoons)

Heat the oven to 180C (350F, Gas 4) and line a baking tray.

Cream together the margarine. Sift together the dry ingredients and add to the creamed mixture. Add enough syrup to make a dough.

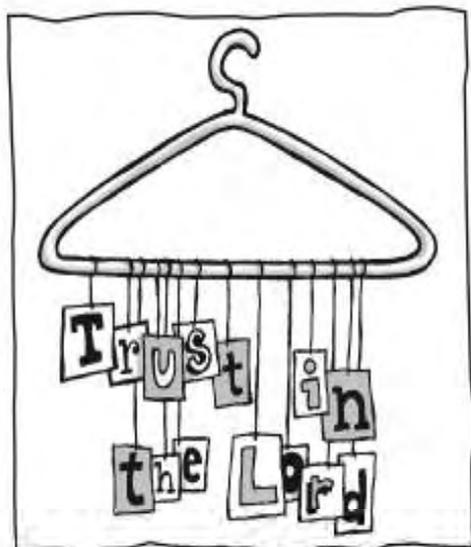
Now all you have to do is roll out the dough on a floured board and cut it into shapes. You can make gingerbread people or any thing. If you are not happy with how they look you can, like Jeremiah's potter, squash it and start again.

Put the shapes on the baking tray and cook for 15 minutes. Cool on the tray. Finish with icing, chocolate drops etc.



What did the gingerbread man put on his bed?
A baking sheet.

Coat hanger words



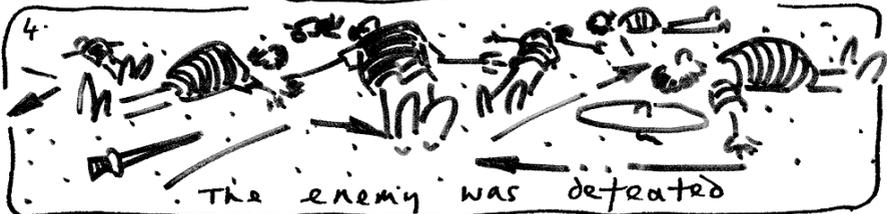
- Cut out letters from magazines and newspapers.
- Select letters that spell your message.
- Glue each one to a separate small square of thick card. (You could use bottle tops, unwanted Scrabble tiles or mosaic tiles instead.)
- Tape a piece of craft wire to the back of each square.
- Wind the craft wire round the coat hanger base in the right order and with the letters all facing the same way.

'God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.

(John 3:16)



Armies were invading and the king was scared. He prayed to God and the people joined him. The Holy Spirit came on one of them who prophesied: "Go out to battle and the Lord will be with you!" Everyone prayed and worshipped and the king told the musicians to lead the army singing: "Praise the Lord! His love is eternal!"



As they began to worship, God threw the invading armies into panic and they were all defeated. The king's troops praised God and there was peace and security in the land. **Praise the Lord! His love is eternal!**

Read more in 2 Chronicles, Chapter 20.



Sudoku Solutions

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

How is it that we remember the least triviality that happens to us,
and yet not remember how often we have recounted it to
the same person. *Duc df ka Roochefoucauld*

DIARY OF EVENTS: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011

AUGUST

Mon	1	7.30pm FBBL AGM	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Tue	2	11.00am Meet & Eat Workshops	B'port Centre for Local Food
Tue	2	7.30pm Charity Whist Drive	The Bull Inn, Swyre
Wed		7.30pm Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	3	2.30pm Fit as a Fiddle Exercise Class	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	3	7.30pm Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	4	2.00pm St Mary's Church Fete	Rectory, Burton Bradstock
Thu	5	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Sat	6	2.00pm Village Show	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
S/Sun	6/7	2.30pm Local Arts & Crafts Weekend	PSWB Village Hall
Sun	7	5.30pm Annual Village Barbecue	LATCH
Sun	7	7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Tue	9	11.00am Meet & Eat Workshops	B'port Centre for Local Food
Wed	10	10.30am Artsreach Children's Workshop	LATCH
Wed	10	2.30pm Fit as a Fiddle Exercise Class	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	10	9.30am Age Concern Benefits Surgery	Age Concern, B'port (by appt)
Thu	12	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Sat	13	10.00am Village Walk	Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney
Sun	14	3.00pm Music Festival Opening Tea Party	Rectory, Burton Bradstock
Tue	16	11.00am Meet & Eat Workshops	B'port Centre for Local Food
Wed	17	2.30pm Fit as a Fiddle Exercise Class	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	18	7.30pm RBL(A&P) Meeting	Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury
Sat	20	Village Caf�� by St Mary's Church	LATCH
Sun	21	10.30am Two Farms Open Day	West Bexington
Tue	23	11.00am Meet & Eat Workshops	B'port Centre for Local Food
Wed	24	2.30pm Fit as a Fiddle Exercise Class	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	31	2.30pm Fit as a Fiddle Exercise Class	PSWB Village Hall

SEPTEMBER

Sat	3	Village Walk & Breakfast	Shipton Gorge Villag Hall
Sat	3	Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sun	4	12.30pm BV Bring & Share Lunch	BB Village Hall
Sun	4	7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Tue	6	7.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	8	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Sat	10	DHCT Sponsored Ride & Stride	See local information
Tue	13	7.15pm WI meeting	BB Village Hall
Wed	14	9.30am Age Concern Benefits Surgery	Age Concern, B'port (by appt)
Thu	15	8.00pm BV Films "From Time to Time"	LATCH
Mon	19	7.30pm BVGC "Jobs to do in Autumn"	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	20	12.30pm PSWB Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	20	12.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	22	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: August 2011

	1 st Sunday August 7 Transfiguration of Our Lord	2 nd Sunday August 14 The Blessed Virgin Mary	3 rd Sunday August 21 Trinity 9	4 th Sunday August 28 Trinity 10
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Songs of Praise	9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (By Extension)	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer
Shipton Gorge	6.30 Evening Prayer 11.00 Holy Communion (By Extension)	6.30 Evening Prayer 9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer 11.00 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer	
Swyre	7.30 Songs of Praise	7.30 Songs of Praise	7.30 Songs of Praise	7.30 Songs of Praise
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion (By Extension)	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion (By Extension)	11.00 Family Service
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service + Baptism	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (By Extension)
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion (By Extension)	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion