

Bride Valley News



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reflect the views of the people and organisations which fund and support it.*

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Picture

*The title page to the 1611 first edition of the Authorized Version Bible by Cornelius Boel shows the
Apostles Peter and Paul seated centrally above the central text, which is flanked by Moses and Aaron.
In the four corners sit Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, authors of the four gospels, with their symbolic
animals. The rest of the Apostles (with Judas facing away) stand around Peter and Paul.*



**TO ALL BRIDE VALLEY
RESIDENTS!**

**CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS IN THE BVN
THIS DECEMBER**

I will again be organising the greetings' page this year.

If you would like to send me a donation, your name(s) will be included in a list of all contributors on a dedicated page(s) in the BVN.

The list of names will be below a *collective* Christmas greeting message to friends and neighbours (sadly, we are not able to include individual messages).

The Bride Valley Benefice Team Council (BVBTC) has decided to send donations (minus expenses) to
The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)
again this year.

The DEC is made up of 13 aid charities (among them *Christian Aid, Oxfam, Tear Fund, The Red Cross, CAFOD*). Further information and an update can be found on www.dec.org.uk

The July meeting, of the BVBTC agreed to send immediately the sum of £500, in anticipation of your customary generosity, to the DEC's
East Africa Crisis Appeal.

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

Cheques should be payable to
The Bride Valley Churches Team Council.

no later than 31st October

in order to catch the deadline for the December issue.

Susan Paul, Old Walls, Mill St, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4Q

ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

When the film makers come to church

The Rectory
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

It has all been excitement and activity here this last week, with a period drama being filmed using our church. It was remarkable how many people felt the need to drop in to church to collect magazines, check the reading rota or arrange flowers, just happening to stumble over the film stars en route. If only they were filming every week, then our brasses would be permanently gleaming, woodwork smothered in beeswax and the notice board kept in a state of perpetual tidiness.

Our Ladies Guild was thrilled to be asked to take part in a crowd scene. I saw little point in the wardrobe department taking hours fitting them out with Victorian dresses, as the result was little different from normal. The only awkward moment came after filming, when Mrs Simms was told she could now remove her bustle. She told the girl she already had.

The producer thanked me for taking the trouble for going round church before they arrived, removing all those modern conveniences that would not have been there in the nineteenth century. I hadn't the heart to tell him that nothing was any different from normal.

Lord Marchmount was thoroughly miffed that they were not also using his castle for filming, even though the producer explained with exemplary patience that they needed a nineteenth century setting, not one which looked as if the cast had just returned from the Crusades. His revenge, getting the farm staff to spread slurry in all the surrounding fields throughout filming, has apparently meant that film stars now have a clause in their contracts protecting them from rural life. The issue

of whether the outbreak of salmonella poisoning in the cast had anything to do with the catering caravan being liberally coated, is to be settled in the courts.

When all was finished, I thought it only right to invite the film crew and actors to the vicarage for sherry. When the producer left, I was delighted to be told he had just discovered the perfect home for filming his next project - which is about Elizabethan poverty.

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

BEEKEEPING MONTH BY MONTH



Over the next months, Ruth and Ian Homer of Bride Valley Apiaries, Litton Cheney, are giving us an insight into the world of Bee-Keeping.

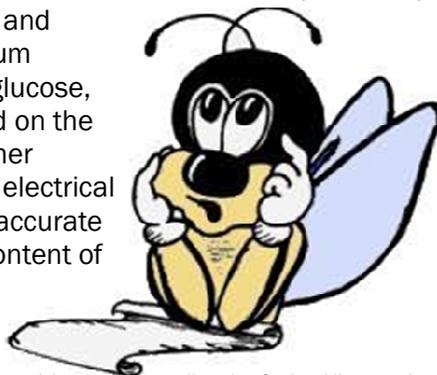
RULES AND REGULATIONS

As a food consumer, you have a right to expect that the food you purchase will be of the very highest quality. In general producers also have quality as one of their prime objectives and, in the case of honey, this is backed up by a rigorous set of regulations and standards at National, European and International level.

Up until a couple of years ago honey could, in the UK at least, only be sold in very specific quantities but we now have the opportunity to sell in whatever size containers we feel that our customers will prefer. Most beekeepers have stuck with the good old 454g (1lb) jar, but a number have adopted a 340g (12oz) jar as their standard. As with jams and marmalades, they often look like 454g, and the price is often very similar, so do be aware of what you are buying.

The International Standard is the *Codex Alimentarius* which, in effect, defines what honey is and what it should and should not contain. It defines the minimum content of sugars, such as fructose and glucose, maximum limits on the water content and on the sucrose content (another sugar) and, rather curiously it specifies acceptable levels of electrical conductivity. This is apparently quite an accurate measure of the naturally occurring ash content of honey (blossom honey has a low ash content compared to other honeys).

There are also a couple of ways



A honey bee reading the *Codex Alimentarius*

of determining whether the honey has been excessively heated during extraction, processing and bottling. Although most beekeepers would give you a blank look if you asked them what the diastase level or the hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) content was of their honey, Trading Standards do analyse honey to check this from time to time!

Now we come to labelling of the honey. This is an area which sometimes causes confusion amongst beekeepers, largely because they may not be fully aware of the current regulations. There are a number of what are called “reserved descriptions” of honey; these are the only terms which can be used in order to avoid misleading descriptions. If a recognisable flower is depicted, the consumer could reasonably expect the honey to be from that source (whilst monofloral crops are readily achieved in some countries, the only one we generally see in the UK is ling heather honey). Similarly if a specific location is mentioned, other than as a brand name, the honey should be from that location.

Lastly we come to the thorny problem of veterinary medicines and pesticides. Thankfully, the Veterinary Medicines Authority (VMA) has approved very few medicines for use in honey bee colonies. Each of those which have been approved has its own maximum residue limit to ensure consumer safety and this can be checked by analysis of the honey. Anything which has not been approved should, in short, not be used.

I do hope, if you are a honey consumer (and if not, why not?) that this will have given you an insight into the measures taken to ensure a top quality product.

Ruth & Ian Homer

It is said that power corrupts, but actually it's more true that power attracts the corruptible.

The same are usually attracted by other things than power.

David Brin



VILLAGE WEBSITES
giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc

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

LONG BREDY

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ST PETER'S CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL, 16th October,
11.00am



Everyone welcome to the family service of Harvest thanksgiving which is important in our farming community. Any harvest gifts will be welcome at the service and given to those in need locally.

Refreshments will be available after the service in the Church for everyone.

Help is needed to decorate Church on 14/15th October for Harvest festival. Any help would be welcome. Please bring any items you wish to use to decorate the church, eg fruit, flowers etc. on the mornings of the above dates, or just come along - we can find you a job!

LONG BREDY PROMISE AUCTION November 18th

This will be held at the White Horse Inn, Litton Cheney. Villagers will be approached to provide a promise - if this is not possible, to purchase one! Please support this fundraising event in aid of the Church, hall and playing field. More details to follow!

LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Our hosting of the Village Café in August raised over £520 for Church funds, so our very grateful thanks go to all those who contributed in any way.



A reminder that Harvest Festival will be celebrated at the Family Service on Sunday 2nd October at 11.00am, to which all are welcome and your harvest offerings will be most gladly received.

There will be a "Bring & Share" finger-food lunch afterwards

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

THE VILLAGE WALK.....

in August started off with a drive to Eggardon Hill, where we parked, and then had a very enjoyable 3 hour walk through “Hardy” countryside. The highlight was coming down a small track flanked by high banks to see a sign in front of us - Marquis of Lorne this way, Spyway Inn, that direction , and The Three Horse Shoes, the other path.



That’s what I call a useful sign! But try and achieve consensus!!!!



THE BARN DANCE.....

will be on Saturday November 12th at 7.00 pm in the Hall. Music is by The Casterbridge Band, and there will be a substantial buffet. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available.

Tickets are limited to 50 and we were sold out last year, so do contact a committee member early, if you want to guarantee a ticket. Still only £7.50.

Ron Davidson LCSC: 482661.

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

David Bowen and Ian Homer have been co-opted onto the Parish Council. Their commitment and willingness to be involved with the local community is much appreciated. David is chairman of the Allotment Association so is already dipping his toe into local community affairs, and Ian is a king bee in the world of bee keeping.

Welcome!

LITTON & THORNER’S COMMUNITY HALL

A full programme of events, facilities on offer, hire charges and general information can be found on the Litton Cheney website www.littoncheney.org.uk and at the hall. There really is something for everyone no matter what your age.



EVENTS WORTHY OF NOTE:-

- Thursday 13th October – Film “**Fair Game**” – see Valley Notes for details
- Saturday 15th October – **Village Café** (10.30am to 12.30pm). All welcome
- Friday 21st October – **Matt Harvey (Wondermentalist)** – see Valley Notes for details.
- Thursday 3rd November – **Screen Bites Food & Film Festival** – “Bottle Shock” – see Valley Notes for details.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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STAND IN CORRESPONDENT FOR DECEMBER ISSUE.

Would contributors please email their copy for the December issue, due by 8th November, to the stand in village correspondent, at jae_rogers@hotmail.co.uk, as I am not available. I regret that paper contributions will not be possible for this edition.

I wish to express my thanks for this timely help.

Ian Ibbotson

ST MARY'S HARVEST SUPPER

This year the Supper will be held in the Village Hall, on Saturday 8th October from 6.30 to 9.45pm. Tickets (£3.00 to include first drink, £1.50 for children under 12) are available at the Post Office.



As in the past we are asking you to bring either a sweet or savoury dish and your ticket will be marked according to your choice; we are most grateful to Gwen at the Village shop for agreeing to sell them. There will be some informal entertainment after supper.

This is an occasion for all the family and everyone in the village is very welcome to join us. Harvest Thanksgiving is in church the following day.

St Mary's PCC.



BARGAINS!!

I need the space for the new Christmas stock, so I am having a TRAIDCRAFT day on Saturday 15th October, 10.00am to 4.00pm in the Reading Room, Burton Bradstock.

Any craft items that have not sold from the last twelve months will be on offer at much reduced prices. Also on sale will be the usual groceries, and a selection of this year's Christmas Cards, with the opportunity to place orders from the Christmas catalogue. Please come and support the organisation which seeks to address poverty through trade.

Liz Orza

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Would you please return your collecting boxes to Pauline Woodford at The Bramleys, Annings Lane or to the Church on a Sunday by 20th November.

Everyone is invited to our Christingle on Friday 9th December at



3.30pm in St.Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. This is a candlelit service in which children from the school will be taking part and will be followed by a party in the Village Hall.

Carol singing around the village in aid of the Society will be on Monday 12th December.

Pauline Woodford 898327

ARTSREACH NEWS

Townsend Productions present

"THE RAGGED TROUSERED PHILANTHROPISTS"

on Friday October 28th

In Burton Bradstock Village Hall, 7.30pm.

A classic piece of working class literature adapted from the novel by Robert Tressell, published in 1914

Two actors perform this adaptation which reflects on life in the workplace and the fragility of employment in difficult times, when, if you weren't able to work, you ended up starving or in the Workhouse!

Plenty of comedy routines worked around ladders, paint and plaster as a group of decorators "do up" the home of the local Mayor (think Del and Rodney!). Entertaining songs and music from Music Hall and uplifting hymns from The Temperance Hall as the decorators come to realise that they are their own worst enemies as the bosses walk over them. The play bears great relevance for audiences today - adult and teenager.

Tickets when available, from the Post Office, or in advance from Norman at 01308 897214: Adult £8. Teens £6. Family ticket (2 adult and two teens) £24

Don't miss it.

NSW: Promoter for Artsreach, Burton Bradstock.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 897673

Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust (BBVHT)

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL "200 CLUB"

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners of the September Draw:

1 st	£44.20	No 215	Mrs Anne Southgate
2 nd	£22.10	No 168	Mrs Christine Clarke
3 rd	£11.05	No 48	Mrs Elizabeth Wigglesworth

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the October-to-December draws, should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let



him have £3 – one pound for each of the remaining 3 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

REFURBISHMENT OF VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee is pleased to say that Phase Two of the Refurbishment Project is now complete, with the stage area and the 1930's wooden stage front having been sympathetically repaired and painted. The Grant that the Hall Trust received from the Big Lottery Fund has helped towards the funding of this and the Committee is grateful to them for their support.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Village Hall's Christmas Market will be held again on Saturday – 3rd December (10.30am - 1.00pm). If you are interested in having a stall you should contact Susan Moores on 01308 897673. More details will follow in the November edition of the BVN.

VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The Village Hall's Seasonal Quiz will be taking place again this year on Saturday, 17th December. Doors will open at 7.00pm for a prompt start to the quiz at 7.30pm. More details will follow in the November edition of the BVN.

Susan Moores – Chairman - Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library are once again holding a Ploughmans Lunch on Saturday 22nd October from 12 o' clock until 2.00pm in the Village Hall. There will be a licensed bar and a choice of ploughmans i.e. cheese, ham or pate. Tickets are available from Burton Bradstock Post Office at £6 each.



If anybody has any good quality books or DVD's they no longer want, we would be very grateful for them to sell at the ploughmans lunch. Please contact Sandy Adderley on 898358 if you can help. Do come along and enjoy a very sociable lunchtime and help boost the Library funds at the same time.

Sandy Adderley



AUGUST'S FESTIVAL was a virtual sell-out and hailed a great success by musicians and audience alike. The Festival opened on a balmy Sunday with a tea party in the Rectory Gardens at which the musicians gave an informal

free concert and cream teas were served.

The eleven concerts played to full or almost full houses. They included a moving concert in memory of mandolin player Alison Stephens, which raised over £600 for a music prize in her name. Meanwhile, over 900 people visited the Art Exhibition with local artists selling over 45 pictures.



The committee has already met to start planning next year's Festival and is actively seeking private and commercial sponsors to ensure another great Festival in 2012.

Colette Hill



BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

We are delighted to announce that Mike Read will be directing the pantomime "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" next February. Please come to the reading on Thursday 6th October and the auditions on Thursday 13th October, both at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. This will be a standard panto with all the 'usual suspects' plus chorus, so do come along! Or telephone Mike on: 01308 897445.

This year we have an 'extra' production in November. The Players will be putting on a charity production on 17/18/19th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The first half will be a One Act Play which is set in France at the time of the Liberation, followed by a Ploughman's Supper in the interval, and then a medley of wartime songs for the second half – an opportunity to join in and have a good sing!

Profits will be split between the Players and the British Legion. Janet Tolputt is looking for chorus members for the second half so please telephone her on 01308 898041 if you are interested in joining in.

Daphne Ekins

EAT

To perform successively (and successfully) the functions of mastication, humectation, and deglutition.

"I was in the drawing-room, enjoying my dinner," said Brillat-Savarin, beginning an anecdote. "What!" interrupted Rochebriant; "eating dinner in a drawing-room?" "I must beg you to observe, monsieur," explained the great gastronome, "that I did not say I was eating my dinner, but enjoying it. I had dined an hour before."

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



A last minute reminder if you receive this in time, that our Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 1st October. Please contact Madeline Marshall if you require any information.



On Sunday 2nd October at 6.30pm we will celebrate our **HARVEST FESTIVAL**. All are welcome to come along to praise God for his goodness and sing our favourite harvest hymns.

Our Coffee Morning in September raised over £120. Thank you to all who supported this event helping to make it a pleasant morning, with a good feeling of fellowship shared. This money should pay our essential bills for insurance, electricity and grass cutting for nearly a month.

Advance notice of our **ADVENT COFFEE MORNING**. This will be held on 26th November. Please put the date in your diary now, and start making Christmassy things for us to sell.

Yvonne

 **HELLO** We are very pleased to welcome **LUKE** and **KATIE ESSEX** with their little boy **ANDREW** who are moving into No 20. Luke is coming to Swyre to work with Martin in Manor Farm, and we hope that they will be very happy in the Village and look forward to meeting them around and about and at Village events.

AND GOODBYE **AVRIL** and **PETER UPJOHN** of 6 Green Barton, are leaving us to live nearer their family, we shall miss them both for their support in the Church, their help with the work running the Luncheon Club and Peter's service on the Village Hall committee. They have promised to come back and visit us and we look forward to seeing them in the future.



WEDDING BELLS

ROB DICKINSON and **AFUA KYEI** were married on the 27th August at the Brompton Oratory in London. It was a very special occasion as Rob's grandparents were married there 65 years ago. Congratulations and best wishes to them both.

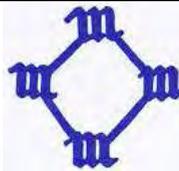
PUNCKNOWLE & W. BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

How good it was to share our services during July and August with so many visitors of all ages. While many of our own congregation were away, we were supported by those on holiday here. We were especially grateful to those who helped us with the singing, and to Donald Reid who played the organ.



Sue Brown.

400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE

Sunday 16th October, 6.00pm, Village Hall, Puncknowle.

To Celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible you are invited to hear Elizabeth Slater read some of your favourite passages from The King James Bible, that we don't often hear nowadays - washed down with wine and cheese. All welcome.

If you have a passage that you would like Liz to read please contact her on 897751 or Sue Brown on 897953.



BOOK CLUB

Although there were quite a number of members away on 7th September - on holiday mostly - the rest of us enjoyed discussing "The Colour" by Rose Tremain, which was about early settlers in New Zealand, and digging for gold there.

Our next book to read is "A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian" which looks like a good read - apparently "an extraordinary read, nothing short of amazing!" So we will see if we agree at our next meeting on 5th October, when we shall also discuss each other's choice of books by foreign authors.

rol Bennett

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCHEON CLUB

Notice is hereby given that the fourth Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held in Puncknowle and Swyre Village Hall on 18th October, at 1.30pm. A report on the last year and the financial accounts for the year ended 30th June 2011 will be available. Elections for the officers and committee for the coming year will also be held. Anyone wishing to be nominated should contact the chair on 897622.



Any member who has not already ordered their meal for 18th October should telephone 897622 as soon as possible.

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Our holiday task was to paint pictures of beach huts. We met to look at the bright array of paintings and after voting had taken place, the well-deserved winner of The Bembridge Trophy was Sue. On October 14th we meet at Monica's house and on 28th at the village hall for a workshop with Jane Huxtable-Brown.



Christine Molony.



EXERCISE CLASSES

The Exercise Classes will continue on Wednesday afternoons from 2,00 to 3,00pm - now under the name of Puncknowle Keep Fit Club. Cost will be £5 (block booking discount will again be available), because the class is no longer subsidised by FAAF.

Come along and join in the fun with Jackie, who accommodates all ages. Classes are on Wednesdays from 7th September to 19th October and from November 2nd to 14th December. Open to all!

YOGA CLASSES

Anyone interested in YOGA Classes in the evening in the village hall?? If so, please contact me at carol.dorset@btinternet.com or on 897771.

Carol Bennett



SHIPTON GORGE

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SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

As electors have not called for an election to fill the current vacancy for a councillor, the position will be filled by co-option. I would welcome hearing from anyone living in the parish, or who is otherwise eligible to stand, and who is interested in the work of the Parish Council. We would like to fill this vacancy as soon as possible so that we have a full complement of councillors to represent the village.



I can be contacted at maryboughton@shiptongorge.org.uk or on 01308-897958. Alternatively please contact the clerk, Paula Biss, on 01308-898189 or clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk

Mary Boughton - Chairman

WOMANKIND WORLDWIDE CHARITY

Fundraising help needed

For the past 18 months, a small group of women in West Dorset has been raising funds to support the work of Womankind Worldwide. This is a leading international women's human rights and development charity which

works with women's organisations around the world to reduce violence against women, to increase girls' access to education and to support the struggle for women's rights.

We have so far raised over £2,000 in West Dorset through talks and table-top sales, evenings on the subject of Tudor Women, plants sales, jewellery stalls and car boot sales. We now want to ask other groups whether you could do a little fund-raising on behalf of this very worthwhile charity, too? Maybe you could organise a coffee morning or a talk, a bring and buy sale or a cream tea? Anything would be welcome and we can offer help in setting up an event, giving leaflets about the group – even a speaker and slide show about the organisation's work, if you'd like this?

To know more, to offer help or to request a talk by a speaker – contact Jo or Carol on 01308-897295 or apple.loft@btinternet.com

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

£20	No 55	Jan Shaw
£10	No 28	Ian Daniel
£ 5	No 16	Ivy Platt

Each year the 100 Club provides £550 in prize money and £550 for village hall funds. If anyone would like to go on the waiting list for a ticket to join the Club please contact Jean on 01308 897770 or any Hall Committee member.

ARTSREACH

I am delighted to say that we have secured the ever popular Alison Neil to perform her one woman show '**LIVING IN THE LIGHT**' in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th October, starting at 7.30pm.

This show has the feel of a Radio 4 afternoon play, and tells the story of Hildegard of Bingen who was one of the most remarkable figures of the Middle Ages. Living in the turbulent and dangerous 12th century, she was a musician, healer, artist, visionary, theologian, biographer, playwright and poet. Beginning life as a child-hermit, she rose to an unheard-of position; preaching in cathedrals, giving advice to an Emperor and criticising the Pope. Her writing about sex was extraordinarily frank and remarkably detailed - especially for a nun! Her writing on medicine is now valued by alternative practitioners, her illustrations are recognised as major works of art and her music topped the charts of Classic FM - 850 years after it was written! Hildegard's highly entertaining and moving story of friendship, love and struggle against authority is brought to life in this enthralling production which has been performed to great acclaim.

Please contact Doris Benselin on 01308 897562 for tickets which are priced at £7.50



LITTLEBREDY

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For various reasons, last month's magazine did not contain the promised flier to assess numbers and contributions for the **HARVEST SUPPER** in the Village Hall, which will follow the 6.00pm **HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE** in Church on Sunday 9th October.

Therefore there may have been a flurry of enquiries

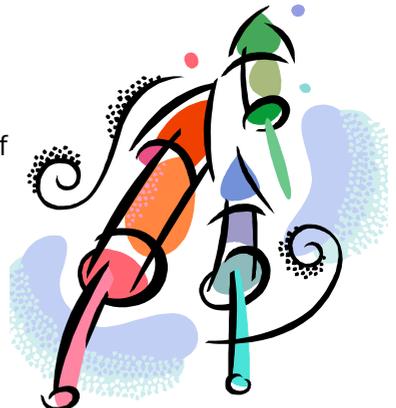


shortly before you receive this edition, but in any case could all those wanting to come to the Harvest Supper please make themselves known as soon as possible to Catherine Williams (482232) or Sandra March (482402), with an indication of what they can provide towards this enjoyable Bring & Share Event.

The last major event in the Church was the United Benefice Service held here on the fifth Sunday in July. Not only was there a good attendance from within the valley, but the congregation was swelled by the Brockham (Reigate, Surrey) Scouts, who were camping in the cricket ground for a week at the time. It was a very good and enlivening occasion in every way.

The weather relented enough for the Social Club's rounders evening to go ahead as planned on the cricket ground at the end of August. A relatively light showing from Littlebredy residents was augmented by several guests, and a fun game or two was had by all. Amazingly, as seems to happen every year, the end result was a tie...

Another forthcoming event (to be confirmed): subject to insurance, helpers, and so on, it is hoped to revive the village bonfire and fireworks event this year – November 5th itself is a Saturday. So please keep any rubbish which could help to build a big bonfire, for collection nearer the time if the event goes ahead, and also please be prepared to contribute a firework or two, or cash in advance in lieu, when the time comes. More news of this later...



BEYOND THE VALLEY

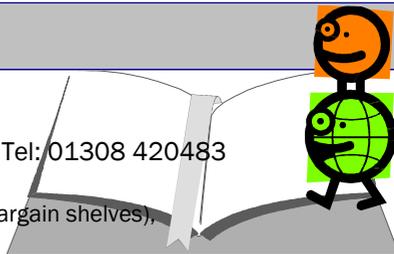
GOOD BOOKS

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

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

Home of *Bridport Good Neighbours/Pathways to Care*,
Threads of Hope, *Bridport Book of Hours* and *Monthly Book Club*

Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 9am-1.00pm, Wed & Fri 9am-3pm, Saturday 10am-12.00



HARVEST TIME AT GOOD BOOKS!

Come and celebrate **HARVEST** with us at our next **OPEN HOUSE** on Tuesday 18th October 10.00am-2.00pm, browsing a selection of books and cards on God's bounty and the fruits of the earth, complimented by suitable seasonal home-made goodies.

We are very grateful to the new recruits from different churches who have joined us over the summer, both as regular staff members and relief volunteers. Thank you! And we also remember with love and gratitude **JOAN LLEWELYN** who left us a legacy to continue our work.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

HERRISON HALL, CHARLTON DOWN

Monday 31st October 2011.

7.15pm to 10.15pm

Tickets £3.00

available from Harmony Music, Dorchester

This event is aimed at 14-18 year olds (years 10-13). For more information, contact battle-of-the-bands-cd@hotmail.com

I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it.

All the President is, is a glorified public relations man who spends his time flattering, kissing and kicking people to get them to do what they are supposed to do anyway.

Harry S Truman (1884 - 1972)

VALLEY NOTES

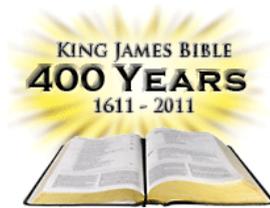


TOTS AND PRAMS SERVICE

The 'Tots and Prams' Service takes place in the St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, church at 11.00am on the second Friday of every month. It is an informal, friendly service for babies and toddlers followed, by an opportunity for parents and youngsters to socialise.

Our next gathering is on Friday, October 8th – all are welcome

Heather Rogers, tel.897780



400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE.

To celebrate this unique and historic anniversary, a display of Bibles and montage of biblical material is being mounted by the Mission Committee at St. Mary's Burton Bradstock. Some of the Bibles are valuable, and will therefore only be out in the church between 2.00 and 4.00pm, commencing Monday 17th October through to Friday 28th October. At these times the church will be manned by volunteers, who will be glad to show visitors round the collection, and if possible, provide refreshment.

HAVE YOUR SAY

On Sunday 23rd October, Bible Sunday, between 2.00 and 4.00pm, please join a **BIBLE READING MARATHON**; read aloud, or listen to, excerpts from this culture-forming blockbuster.

For further information, or to volunteer to man the exhibition, please contact Liz Orza (897451), Heather Rogers (897780) or Ian Ibbotson (898484).

BIBLE QUIZ TRAINING DAY

On 18th August, despite heavy rain, 8 young people had an energetic, action-packed day in the garden and on the beach, learning from Luke's Gospel, getting ready for the quizzes and having fun. Two intricate mazes were constructed to illustrate Luke 2: 41-53. When the parent's arrived at 4.00pm, they were treated to a robust drama portraying the Good Samaritan. They were however spared the "realistic" drama of the birth of John the Baptist and the angel striking Zechariah dumb.

We hope the Bible stories will stick very firmly in the minds of all who took part. Thanks to everyone who took part and /or prayed for the event and helped to make it a memorable day.

BRIDE VALLEY BIBLE QUIZZES.

Please reserve the afternoon of Sunday 27th November for the Bride Valley Bible Quizzes. (Venue and time details will be in the November BVN)

As I write, teams are being put together. We hope to have four or more senior teams (11-120 years), at least two junior teams, plus the Schools Derby. The Burton Bradstock school team are itching to get their hands on the cup after its three year stay at Thorners.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

OCTOBER 21ST: Band Concert

featuring The St.Swithuns Band in aid of The Poppy Appeal in Burton Bradstock Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 obtainable from the Post Office.

OCTOBER 31ST Branch Annual General Meeting

followed by a social evening in The Three Horseshoes commencing at 7.00pm. This is an important meeting and it would be appreciated if you could all attend. Members wishing to participate in the social after please inform Jim Reeves by the 27th October, please.

Ray West, Chairman.

ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

Do you collect used postage stamps and then wonder what to do with them? The Legion would be grateful to receive them at Poppy Appeal Stamps, P.O. Box 6198, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9XT. Receipts are not acknowledged to avoid the cost, but appreciation really goes without saying! Thanks in anticipation.

Our **6TH OCTOBER** meeting

starts at 7.30pm in the Ron Doble Room of Portesham Village Hall - please note the venue - to hear Selwyn Williams on the subject of "Chesil Beach Shipwrecks".

13TH OCTOBER - Branch Committee Meeting

Ron Doble Room, Portesham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER - 7.30pm Branch Annual General Meeting.

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER - Festival of Remembrance, Royal Albert Hall.

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER - Christmas Shopping Trip

to Cardiff: when reserving seats please indicate whether you wish to visit the castle (special group rates) in the afternoon. We welcome non-members joining us. book with the writer.

For our **DECEMBER MEETING** we present the Durnovaria Silver Band, at

Portesham Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 23rd. This will be an open event so please do your Christmas wrapping early so that you can come along and enjoy some festive entertainment! This event will get you in the Christmas spirit. Some refreshment will be available! Book early to avoid disappointment - tickets from Malcolm Pugh (871001) or John Perry (871346).

17TH FEBRUARY, 2012 - "Tropicana" Holiday on Ice Show, Exeter. For those who have provisionally reserved seats, we are pleased to tell you that we have acquired the number of seats we applied for, therefore we now require your payment(s) - either to the Treasurer or the writer. Adults/seniors £26.50, under 16's £13 (non-refundable), cheques payable to RBL [Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch]: additionally, coach fares are payable on the day.

Des & Jean Baker will be running an **8 DAY TOUR OF NORTHERN PORTUGAL** on 13th May, 2012 in aid of the RBL Poppy Appeal & Dors to India charities. Full detailed itinerary from

Des Baker, Branch Entertainments Chairman (01305 267617)



BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 4th October at 7.45pm in LATCH, and all parents are needed to come along to be part of the new Committee which helps to run the pre-school. Fledglings is a charity and while it receives some funding, help is also required with fundraising several times a year.

So please put the date in your diary and come along.

Activities this half term will include learning all about Autumn - making a tree using hand prints, fruit printing, baking apple cakes, and village walks.

If you have any unwanted pots and pans, we would like them for our role play kitchen.

Places are available now for pre-school children - please contact Fiona Evans on 01308 482410 or just drop in to look round our dedicated playroom, outdoor play area and all the other facilities on site at Thorner's School. I

BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

"**THE STORY OF ENGLISH CHEESE**" will be our speaker's subject on Tuesday 11th October.

We shall also be working on the WI's current national campaign, "**LOVE YOUR LIBRARIES**" – urging communities to use them, share why we value their services, and raise awareness of the



threats to their future. Let's hope this helps our own library.

Do you know what else the WI has been campaigning about? "SOS – save the honeybee"; "Why Dairy Farming Matters"; the campaign for clearer "country of origin" labelling on our food – did you know that sausages made of meat from Timbuktu could be labelled "British sausages", provided that they'd been processed in this country? W.I. members can get involved in any issues affecting the life of our families and communities.

The W.I. also provides opportunities for women to learn new or traditional skills, either with our groups here in the village, or further afield. It's fun, and a good way to make new friends.

Interested? Contact the Secretary on 01308 898484.

EARLY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Burton Bradstock WI are holding an Early Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5th November from 10.30am–12.00noon in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Crafts, gifts, fancy goods, books, cakes, raffle.

Entrance £1 includes coffee & mince pie. Come along and make an early start on your Christmas preparations.



THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to the new academic year!

With a climb in our Reception intake this year, we started the new year with four classes instead of three: the new Reception children have their own 'Litton' class, Years 1 and 2 children are in Chesil, Years 3 and 4 in Bredy and Years 5 and 6 in Eggardon.

The children returned ready for their new year. In the very first week, the whole school, including the new Litton children, walked to church for an uplifting service. It is wonderful to have this strong and supportive link with our community.

Thorner's offers our children a broad and balanced curriculum as well as a variety of extra curricular activities. There are lunchtime clubs, which include a choir, ball games, a gardening club and an Eco Club. There are also football, recorder lessons and an after school cookery club. Music lessons are offered in keyboard, flute,



clarinet and violin.

Please let us know if you can help with a club, or run a club, preferably at lunchtimes, because about half our children go home on the bus at 3.30pm. An after school club would also be gratefully received, as would help with reading with individual pupils.

We are now signed up to be an Eco School. We already have energy monitors and our planned activities include lunchtime 'finish your food' campaigns, exploring the possibility of solar panels and, of course, our Discovery Area, which has been busy over the summer.

A definite for your diary: the Big Green Apple Day on Saturday, 15th October from 2.00pm - there will be apple tasting, apple bobbing, apple woodblock printing, apple pressing, etc! Lots of other activities are planned and there will be a variety of stalls, live music and, of course, tea, coffee and cakes! Please come and, if you can help, that will be the toffee on the apple!

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher



ARE YOU HAVING TV RECEPTION PROBLEMS?

I understand that some people in the area, who were receiving digital television without problems, are now finding that some channels have disappeared.

The Dorset Broadcasting Action Group (DorBAG) is liaising with Digital UK on this issue, but would anyone else who is having problems, please let me know, giving full details of which channels are giving problems and when the problem started. We will endeavour to get the broadcasters to sort it out, however we do need to have facts to present to them. E-mail ken.pett@btinternet.com or telephone.

Ken Pett: Tel: 01308 897 550



PACT - YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR SAY

PACT is an acronym you may have seen on posters or notices, on the sides of police vehicles or elsewhere, but what does it actually mean? It stands for *Partners and Communities Together* and is a process, which allows the police and their partner agencies to engage with all sections of the community. Through PACT your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) will identify the issues that affect you. With the community and partner agencies the top three priorities will be agreed, along with how everybody can best work together to resolve them. It is important that the priorities chosen are ones that can be achieved.

Dorset is considered a safe place to live. However, not unnaturally,

communities are concerned about what happens in their local area and sometimes this can create considerable apprehension about the level of crime. Your SNT is there to identify, through you, the issues that concern your community and then work with you and partner agencies, e.g. local councils and housing associations, to address those issues. Their aim is to make every neighbourhood a place where the residents are safe and feel secure.

There are several elements to PACT. These include PACT Surgeries; PACT Public meetings, PACT Panel meetings, Virtual PACT Panel, PACT Surveys, PACT Postcards. Whatever elements are employed, the aim is to identify issues that are of concern to local residents in any given community, agree, from these, three main priorities, how they should be resolved and by whom.

A very important part of PACT is telling communities what has been done to deal with the priorities they have raised and the results. This could be provided in several ways, follow up meetings for example. Also each SNT website displays the current priorities for their neighbourhood and the work done or that will be done to deal with them.

To identify problems in your area you want dealt with we need your help. Please use the links on your local neighbourhood page to find out about meetings or events in your area, send us a message or use the contact information below.

For more information, please contact Dorchester West Safer Neighbourhood Team: tel 01305 222 222, 07500 816 292, email: dorchester-rural-snt@dorset.pnn.police.uk

OUR COMMUNITY PROJECT NEEDS YOU.

Please can you help our voluntary project at Thorners School? We are a very small group of families who have been working for a year now to tackle the thorns and regenerate an acre of land at Thorners School into an outdoor learning and conservation Discovery Area. The project once cleared and completed will be also available for use from the other Bridport Cluster Schools.

Last month we won the Dorset Wild Life Trusts second prize as community wildlife garden, so we must be doing something right! We have planted an orchard, funded by the Dorset AONB, a living willow Story Dome, An Edible Forest Garden, where all the plants have been donated from Freecycle. We are sowing a wild flower meadow area, building study decks and a wetlands area, butterfly and bird gardens, history and science zones, and much more.

How can you help us?

There are many ways in which we need your help. So far we have relied on word of mouth, but wanting to push the project onto its next stages,

we felt it time that the Valley know about our cause.

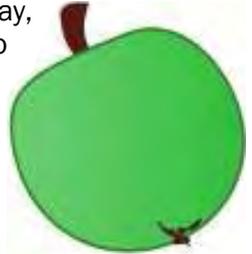
Firstly, we are falling short of many materials for the project, and still need paving slabs, bricks, wood, cut hazel and willow, fruit bushes, native plants, bulbs, plastic 1 litre drinks bottles, car & tractor tyres, wooden posts, broken tiles, garden tools and wheelbarrows, tree slices, sand, gravel and so much more !

Secondly if you are someone who likes being outdoors, and would like to help us develop the plans, we would love you join us - everyone welcome, any age !

Lastly, we need woodworkers to help us make structures and benches, and people who would like to try their hand at wildlife gardening too.

Please come to The Big Green Apple Day on Saturday, 15th October - our first fundraiser and awareness event so we can tell you all about it. Come from 2.00pm onwards for a celebration of sustainability, conservation, green skills, busking musicians and all things “apple-y”!

Join us in our discovery space at Thorners school for teas, cakes, local hot foods, stalls, woodland crafts, braiding, Treewise, Forest School, willow sculpting, moths & butterflies, children’s nature trail and lots of hands on activities - tree dressing and lantern making, pole lathing, apple pressing (though bring your own apples) lots of “apple-y” things, or make a quirky bird feeder & lots lots more on the day: £1 entry for adults, children free.



BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

FAIR GAME (Cert.12' 1½hrs

Showing at Litton and Thorner’s Community Hall (LATCH) on Thursday



13th October: *‘a tense and powerful political thriller’*

From the director of The Bourne Identity comes this riveting thriller inspired by the experiences of real-life CIA officer Valerie Plame (Naomi Watts). When Plame's retired ambassador husband Joe Wilson (Sean Penn) writes a newspaper article challenging the

basis for the U.S. war on Iraq, the White House leaks Plame's undercover status leaving her international contacts vulnerable, her career in shambles and her life in danger. Crackling with sharp dialogue, gripping intrigue and heart-pounding suspense, "Fair Game" is the adventure that's so unbelievable, it can only be real.

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

Bride Valley Films next showing on Thursday, 8th December will be "THE CONCERT". Details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.

SCREEN BITES



Following last year's successful event, the Screen Bites Food Film Festival is returning to LATCH on 3rd November. Come expecting to taste and buy some delicious food and drink from local producers, and a short talk by Michael Michaud (Sea Spring Seeds and Peppers by Post) on how to create a garden on top of a table.

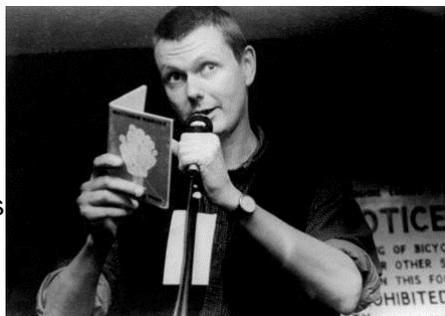
Then stay for the film "BOTTLE SHOCK" which tells the story of an English Wine Merchant in Paris (our very own local resident and wine guru Steven Spurrier) who set off to California to organise a blind tasting, pitting the complacent and arrogant French against the upstarts of the New World with surprising results.

For tickets (£8) email screenbites@thanksgiving.demon.co.uk, telephone 01963 32525 or visit their website www.screenbites.co.uk

MATT HARVEY: 'WONDERMENTALIST'

Friday 21st October, 7.30pm at LATCH.

ARTSREACH presents an evening with Matt Harvey, whose funny and superbly crafted poems featured in "Jurassic Journey". His hit Edinburgh comedy show throws a new and humorous light on such topics as kippers and curtains, not to mention pain relief and public nudity! Matt regularly guests on Radio 4's 'Saturday Live'.



Having seen him perform at the Artsreach Promoters' Presentation, we know how entertaining and original he is. Part of his presentation included a clever and amusing routine based on his position as Poet-in-Residence at this year's Wimbledon Tennis Championships.

Doors open 6.45pm. Wine, beer, hot and cold drinks available. For tickets call John Firrell 01308 482313. Adults £6, U-18 £5. Celebrate Trafalgar Day in the company of Matt Harvey!



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

August seems to have sped by without much to report on the gardens, but September now has everyone hard at work harvesting wonderful loads of fruit. Not even the wasps are making much of a dent in the plum crop this year.

The Gardening Club is looking forward to their final meeting in October, when Mrs. Crouch will be telling us about winning the BBC Gardener of the Decade competition at 7.30pm on Monday, 17th October in the Village Hall, Puncknowle, and this will be followed with wine and cheese to celebrate the end of our year.

The first meeting of 2012 will be on March 19th and BVN readers will be advised well in advance of the very interesting new programme we are putting together.

JOBS TO DO:

While the soil is still warm plant hardy trees and shrubs. Prune climbing roses and tie in the stems and reduce shrubs such as Buddleja and Lavatera which can be prone to windrock. Harvest late crops that frost will spoil such as carrots and turnips.

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



FROM THE RECTORY

THE RECTORY., BURTON BRADSTOCK,
DT6 4QS

TEL: 01308 898799

I have been making crab apple jelly, which is very easy to do and ends up clear and vibrant, the colour of the distillation of Autumn, if one is not too greedy. If you squeeze the jelly bag to get out those extra few drops the whole jelly will be clouded, and serves you right.

But I do not want Autumn yet. Someone suggested putting the odd clove in a basin full of crab apples when making the mash, and I know what they meant. The flavour would be good, but I could not bear it tasting



as if we were already half way to Winter – which we are not, I do insist. At the moment I am still unrequitedly in love with the Summer, such as it was. I know there were complaints about the lack of long spells of blistering heat this year, but they were much the same protests as we were making last year and the year before. I can forgive July and August being moderate, and would give up all claims of complaint for even a few days of the remembrance of high Summer – if only there was such a bargain to be struck.

I am getting older.

But there is no such deal to be made, and so I will have to content myself with being resigned to Autumn, to learn again its compensations for the loss of the sun, and to discover again its own delights; kicking leaves, beautiful colours, cozy fires and jelly sandwiches.

So maybe Autumn is a young season after all, in which case it is up to us to be children in it for God of His goodness to bless.

Bob Thorn

THE WELL



Since the cream tea in July, people have been asking: “What is the Well?”

A lot of people do not know that I have a day job. In fact, ministering in the Bride Valley is what I do in my spare time alongside supporting Bob as the Rector’s wife, caring for my family, looking after the Rectory and its gardens, rescuing dogs, being a yoga teacher, spinning, felt making, Godly Play and all of the other things I like to do as hobbies and interests.

My day job is licensed by the Diocese and I am answerable to The Bishop of Sherborne. I work for The Well, whose aim is to provide Spiritual Direction and Retreats, and to promote prayer in the Christian Tradition. That all sounds very worthy and posh, but what it actually means in practice is that people consult me about their life, their beliefs, hopes, dreams, sense of vocation and aspirations, as well as their challenges, struggles and problems. As we travel along my job is to ask “where is God in all this?” and to help them put together their faith and what they actually do about it in a coherent whole. In spirituality parlance it is called praxis – putting together theory and philosophy with day to day practice. I also provide quiet space and Retreats, here at the Rectory and by invitation elsewhere, training locally and in the Diocese and a storytelling technique called Godly Play.

At the moment the Well is a new and small charity. I am the only deliverer of its aims and it has very small funds. However, in time it is hoped by the Trustees that the Well will grow and help others who provide Spiritual Direction, Retreats etc. by supporting training and day to day work in this area.

Through the donations given to my work and fundraising, the Trustees

and I are hoping to grow the work of The Well. If you are interested, do talk to me and I will be delighted to respond to your enquiry.

Jean Thorn, Clerk to The Trustees of The Well.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE.

Come and buy wonderful quality Christmas cards at a bargain price in the Rectory, Burton Bradstock on Saturday, October 22nd, at 10.00am until 12.30pm. Coffee and croissants available £3.50. Drink all the coffee you want! All profits go to the Well.

QUIET DAYS AT THE RECTORY

STEP ASIDE IN QUIET COMPANY...

A day is roughly as follows:

- 9.30am Coffee.
- 10.00am Morning Prayers and Introduction, Godly Play or Address, followed by a time of quiet.
- 12.30pm Lunch.
- 1.30pm Second Introduction, Godly Play or Address followed by quiet.
- 3.30pm Worship and optional sharing from the day.
- 4.00pm Tea and depart.

The Rectory and its garden are open for you to find a quiet space for yourself. The church, as usual, is open or you may wish to take a walk around the village and coast.

Coffee, lunch and tea are provided, as are books and materials for your own creative work. We make no formal charge for the day, but ask for a deposit of £5.00 to help us prepare for your visit, and a donation of around £10.00 per person to cover costs and to provide for Jean's ministry.

We hope you will enjoy spending time here in quiet and solitude. We will, of course, be around to help you get the best out of your day. Come prepared to relax and to pray, maybe in ways that are new to you as well as your own accustomed style.

The Rectory is a large, stone, Georgian house. Wear something comfortable and warm.

Be aware that our very friendly dogs will want to welcome you too.

Yours in Christ, Jean Thorn

QUIET DAY PROGRAMME

If you would like be part on any of these days, please complete the form on page 69, along with £5.00 deposit per person per day. Deposits can be refunded up to two weeks prior to each Quiet Day (please make cheques payable to "The Well") and return it to the address shown on the form.

To provide enough space for each person, we have a limited number of twelve places on each day. Please book a place in good time to avoid disappointment and to help with catering.

All days are supported by 'The Well' Charity.

Saturday 1st October 2011: Listening: A practical day of listening: to God, to others, to yourself. This day involves informal and fun practical listening exercises as well as individual quiet reflection.

Saturday 5th November 2011: Study Day: The Old Testament -Who, What, When, Where and Why? Who wrote the Bible and when? Why did they write it? What sort of a book is it? Today we will explore these and other questions about our sacred book.

Saturday 14th January 2012: "When I am sixty...": We spend a lot of time when we are young preparing for life. But what about after we have feathered the nest? This day for all ages takes a look at the physical, mental and spiritual agenda for the second half of life.

Saturday 11th February 2012: School for Prayer: A prayer workshop. We will explore different methods of contemplative prayer and meditation. Be prepared to try out new ways of praying as well as revisiting some of your favourites.

Saturday 10th March 2012: Godly Play: the Pearl of Great Price: A day of Godly Play looking at the Kingdom of God. The morning and afternoon sessions include an opportunity to explore some craft as well as time for quiet prayer and reflection.

Saturday 21st April 2012: Easter Trail: A journey of discovery in the Rectory and gardens. In this day the disciples are your guides as you walk with the Risen Christ in the post-Easter story.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Catching up on the registers during August will have to wait in good part for next month's magazine, for which apologies.

FUNERAL



I did return from holiday just in time to be able, in grief, to report on the funeral service of the late **RAYMOND LAVER** and of **REX LAVER**, Father and son, whose joint funeral took place on Tuesday, 6th September at St Mary's Church, Puncknowle.

The large congregation gathered in church, and spilt over into the Churchyard, where the service was relayed by p.a. All were keenly aware of how very soon this sad event followed the sudden and unexpected death of the late Mark Laver, in bereavements closely felt in the village and for the family.

The service was conducted by the Revd. Canon Andrew Evans, the Rector of Bridport, who spoke of how close Rex and Ray had been in life. There were stories told; of football, and the young team packed into the van that transported fish, of fishing and of the business the family had run in Weymouth, of steam rallies, and of Rex having to rescue Ray following his

adventures on his invalid scooter. He spoke of declining years and the loving dependence Ray and Rex had upon one another until their death together was almost a mercy, in that it relieved one or the other of them from living apart.

We sang “*When I needed a neighbour*” and “*A new commandment*” before the service ended with “*Gone fishing*” relayed into the Church. Then the mourners, led by Keith Laver and the family, followed the two coffins outside.

Bob Thorn



IMAGINE BAPTISING TRIPLETS!!

On Saturday, 28th August, **CHRIS** and **CAROLINE PIKE** of Bridport returned to Litton Cheney, where they were married, in order to give thanks for the gift and protection of their three boys **BENJAMIN THOMAS**, **WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER STEPHEN**, and **EDWARD ERIC**, all born on 29th August, 2010.

Caroline attends the Tots Service at Burton Bradstock on the second Friday of each month.

The triplets’ Baptism was delayed as all three had been kept in hospital for quite a while, and especially William who only recently came off oxygen support.

Chris & Caroline not only wanted to express their gratitude to God but also their desire for their children to be brought up in the Christian faith, and so with godparents Ashley, Lloyd and James they joyfully promised to bring their boys up in the way of Christ.

Litton Church was filled with 20 children and over 60 family and friends to support them. Their singing was enthusiastic and everyone was attentive as Ryder did some origami to illustrate how God puts us together in families in Psalm 68, and how we need to be faithful in our response to the Lord and responsibility for one another.

After a sharp shower everyone went off to Marsh Barn to celebrate the children’s baptism and birthday.

THE COW AND THE BIBLE

A religious farmer lost his Bible out in the field. A few days later he went to answer a noise at his door. Standing there was a cow, with his Bible in its mouth.

The farmer raised his eyes to heaven and thanked the Lord for this miracle. “Not really,” said the cow. “Your name was written inside.”

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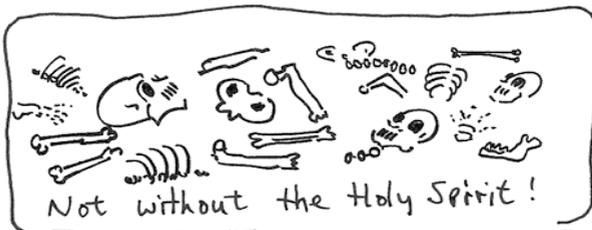
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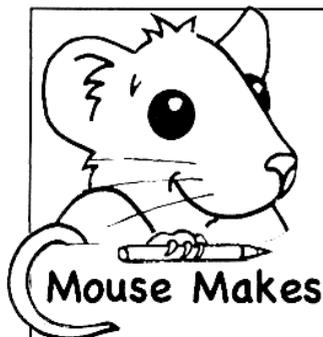
Can these dry bones live?

Greed in high places – politicians, police, press; teenage riots and extremist ideologies... Are these today's "dry bones"? Maybe, like Ezekiel, we need to prophesy to them and tell them about God's Word; about Jesus; about his Holy Spirit.

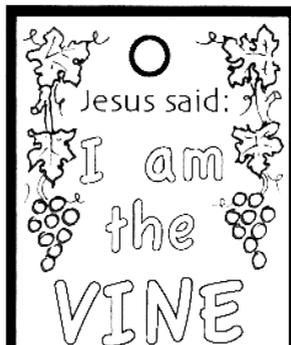
And God's promise as we do so is to send his "wind" - his Holy Spirit - and "to bring you back to life" – part of a great army! Do you want to experience this? Do you want to help others do the same?

Read more in
Ezekiel 37: 1-12





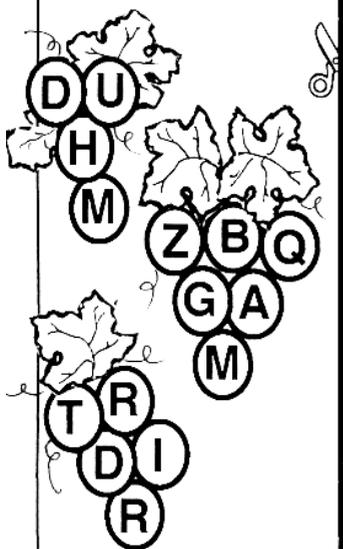
Glue onto card, colour, cut out the cross and hang up.



Jesus said
*"I am the
 real vine, and
 my Father is
 the gardener.*

*He breaks off
 every branch in me
 that does not bear
 fruit, and he prunes
 every branch that
 does bear fruit, so
 that it will be*

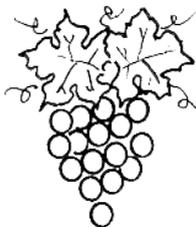
you are the branches



Change each letter on the grapes to the one after it in the alphabet then rearrange to find the words



John 15:1



*clean and bear
 more fruit...
 ...A branch cannot
 bear fruit by itself;
 it can do so only if
 it remains in the
 vine. In the same
 way you cannot
 bear fruit unless
 you remain in me.
**I am the vine,
 and you are the
 branches.***

*Those who remain
 in me, and I in
 them, will bear
 much fruit; for you
 can do nothing
 without me."*

John 15
 verses 1-2,4-5



THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE

A bridge needed to be built across a large, busy river so divers were sent to explore the river bed. The divers discovered a wreck of a large old sailing ship buried in the deep mud just where one of the bridge's main piers needed to be built. They used ropes and powerful tugs, but no matter what they did, the wreck would not budge.

Then an engineer had an idea: the river rises and falls with the tide twice a day so why not use the power of the whole ocean to lift the wreck? At low tide ropes were fastened to lots of barges and then they waited. As the barges rose on the incoming tide so the ropes tightened and pulled. And slowly, the wreck was eased out of the mud. Nothing could resist the power of the rising water.

And so it is with the love of God. Nothing can resist its power or stand against it. When we would give up and say 'it is impossible', God's love is bigger than any ocean and He changes what we believe is unchangeable.

WHAT WATER?

The answers to this Bible quiz are all to do with water...

1. The river where John the Baptist baptised Jesus? (Matthew, chapter 3)
2. The mountain where the Ark landed after the Flood? (Genesis, chapter 8)
3. Where Jesus walked on the water? (John, chapter 6)
4. Who lived by the Cherith Brook and was fed by a raven? (I Kings 17)
5. Jonah set out from this port. (Jonah, chapter 1)
6. The river where Moses was found in a basket. (Exodus, chapter 2)
7. The island where Paul was shipwrecked. (Acts, chapter 28)



If a whale mummy had a son and a daughter, what relation would they be?
Blubber and sister.



What jungle animal shouldn't get wet?
A rhinocerust.



Answers: 1.Jordan 2.Ararat 3.Sea of Galilee 4.Elijah 5.Joppa 6.Nile 7.Malta

QUIET DAYS AT THE RECTORY BURTON BRADSTOCK

The Rev'd Jean Thorn,
The Rectory, Church Street,
Burton Bradstock,
Dorset, DT6 4QS.

Please reserve places for me/us on the following Quiet Days:

	No of place(s)
Saturday 1 st October 2011. LISTENING.	_____
Saturday 5 th November 2011. STUDY DAY	_____
Saturday 14 th January 2012. "WHEN I AM SIXTY..."	_____
Saturday 11 th February 2012. SCHOOL FOR PRAYER.	_____
Saturday 10 th March 2012. GODLY PLAY: PLEASE RESERVE	_____
Saturday 21 st April 2012. EASTER TRAIL.	_____

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Sat	1	9.30am	"The Well" Quiet Day	The Rectory, Burton Bradstock
Sat	1		Holy Trinity Harvest Supper	Contact 897318 for details
Sun	2	11.00am	Harvest Festival, followed by Lunch	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Sun	2	6.30pm	Harvest Festival	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sun	2	7.00pm	One World Worship	Othona Community
Tue	4	2.00pm	Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
Tue	4	7.00pm	Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
Tue	4	7.30pm	Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	4		Bride Valley Fledgelings AGM	
Wed	5	2.00pm	Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	5	7.30pm	Book Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	5	7.30pm	Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	6	7.30pm	RBL(A) Meeting	Portesham Village Hall
Fri	7	12.00noon	"Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Sat	8	6.30pm	St Mary's Harvest Supper	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Sun	9	6.00pm	Harvest Festival followed by Supper (in Village Hall)	St Michael's, Littlebredy
Tue	11		WI "Story of English Cheese"	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Wed	12	2.00pm	Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	12	7.30pm	Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Wed	12	7.30pm	Artsreach "Living in the Light"	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Thu	13	2.30pm	BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Thu	13	7.30pm	BV Films "Fair Game"	LATCH
Thu	13	7.30pm	RBL(A) Committee Meeting	Portesham Village Hall
Thu	13	7.45pm	Burton Bradstock Players' Auditions	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Fri	14	10.15am	Puncknowle Art Club	Monica's House
Fri	14	11.00am	Tots & Prams Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Fri	14	12.00noon	"Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport

Sat	15	10.00am	Fairtrade/Traidcraft Sale	Burton Bradstock Reading Room
Sat	15	10.30am	Village Café	LATCH
Sat	15	2.00pm	Big Green Apple Day	Thorner's School, Litton Cheney
Sat	15	7.30pm	Keeeeeep Dancing	LATCH
Sun	16	6.00pm	KJ Bible 400th Anniversary Readings	Village Hall, Puncknowle
	17-28	2.00pm	KJ Bible 400th Anniversary, Bible Display	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Mon	17	7.30pm	Bride Valley Gardening Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	18	10.00am	Harvest Open House	Good Books, Bridport
Tue	18	11.00am	Harvest Festival, followed by Refreshments	St. Peter's, Long Bredy
Tue	18	12.30pm	Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club + AGM	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	18	2.00pm	Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
Tue	18	7.00pm	Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
Wed	19	2.00pm	Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	19	7.30pm	Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	20	7.30pm	British Heart Foundation Meeting	Bridport Christian F'ship Hall
Fri	21	12.00noon	"Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	21	7.30pm	Artsreach "Wondermentalist"	LATCH
Thu	21		RBL(BV) St Swithuns Band Concert	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Sat	22	10.00am	"The Well" Christmas Card Sale	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Sat	22	12.00noon	FBBL Ploughman's Lunch	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Sun	23	2.00pm	KJ Bible 400th Anniversary, Reading Marathon	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Wed	26	2.00pm	Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	26	7.30pm	Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Thu	27	2.30pm	BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	28	10.15am	Puncknowle Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	28	12.00noon	"Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	28	7.30pm	Artsreach "The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Mon	31	7.00pm	RBL(BV) Social Evening	Three Horseshoes, Burton B



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: October 2011

	1 st Sunday 2 October Trinity 15	2 nd Sunday 9 October Trinity 16	3 rd Sunday 16 October St. Luke the Evangelist	4 th Sunday 23 October Bible Sunday	5 th Sunday 30 October <i>Clocks Change</i>
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Songs of Praise 6.30 Evening Prayer	Harvest 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (By Extension)	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 3.00 Memorial Service
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 United Service
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer		
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer Harvest	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion (By Extension)	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service	
Litton Cheney	11.00 Family Service Harvest	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (By Extension)	8.00 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		5.00 Harvest followed by supper	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion	