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#### THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

ST MARY THE VIRGIN: Burton Bradstock ST MARY: Litton Cheney

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy Chilcombe (dedication unknown)
ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Punchknowle
ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge HOLY TRINITY: Swyre

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#### WEEKDAY SERVICES NOVEMBER 2013

Friday	1	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday	4	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	6	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	7	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	8	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	11	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wednesday	13	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	14	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	15	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday	18	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	20	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	21	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	22	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	25	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wednesday	27	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock
Thursday	28	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	29	9.00am	Litton Cheney

## **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS** IN THE DECEMBER BVN



As in past years we are giving an opportunity of sending to our friends and neighbours local Christmas greetings by way of the BVN.

Your name will appear on a dedicated page under a collective greeting. Please give Susan Paul (Old Walls, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QZ) your name(s), as you would like it/them to appear in the BVN list with, of course, your donation.

Cheques should he made payable to The Bride Valley Team Council to arrive with Susan

NO LATER THAN 8TH NOVEMBER

in order to catch the deadline for the December issue.

It is planned to split the donations equally between the Bride Valley News and Julia's House (www.juliashouse.org) which is the only hospice in Dorset for children with life-limiting conditions.

#### **GOOD BOOKS**

St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL

Tel: 01308 420483

email: orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk website: www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk

Home of: Bridport Book of Hours, Threads of Hope, Pathways to Care,

Bridport & District Good Neighbours & Hopeful Hampers.

Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs. 9.00am-1.00pm,

#### VILLAGE WEBSITES

giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc



www.burtonbradstock.org.uk www.littonchenev.org.uk www.shiptongorge.org.uk www.puncknowle.net www.swyre.org.uk www.westbexington.org.uk www.littlebredy.com



When Jean and I first arrived Bishop Tim was very forthright in saying that just because I was married to a priest did not mean that the Parishes were getting two for the price of one. Jean has a ministry that was endorsed by Bishop David and by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the time, to be a contemplative. That is to live in quiet, restrained and Godly contemplation so as to be equipped to help those whom she felt particularly called to serve. She is a Spiritual Director of over 20 years experience. She leads retreats, quiet days and teaches in ways of prayerful living. She cannot do this if she is busy, busy. There needs to be a still and holy core, built on a contemplative lifestyle.

It has never quite happened. Jean came on to the service rota and started doing a lot of other work in the Valley when Anthony, as Rural Dean, cut back. He cut back again when he became Vicar of Symondsbury and then he retired, not to be replaced. Jean was doing more and more. Then I had a stroke, and Jean helped out among the Parishes during my recovery. Then she was not well. Then I was knocked off my bike, and then I have had an operation this year. We see a pattern emerging of a dream of reaching out to something that is ever sliding away from one's grasp.

And so now Jean is reclaiming her ministry. She will not be on the service plan for the Valley, apart from the odd 8.00 am service. This is a great loss to me as I will not be able to steal sermon ideas from her so much, and I know it will be a loss to the congregations of the Valley who have known the real touch of the divine in her leading of worship.

But for all that quality of life and prayer we have felt, Jean will be returning to what she does best in the sight of God, which is to be with him. We will have a living prayer in our midst, which will be a petition for our good and an example of how we, even we might shine.

So thank you, Jean for your saving work in the Parishes, and bless you in all that you are going to be among us.

Bob Thorn.

#### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### **BAPTISMS**

On the 29th September, at St Mary's Puncknowle, Kirstie Louise Heath and Paige Louise Heath were baptized. These are not sisters, but Mother and daughter baptized together and surrounded by their family and friends. A Christian life is one of



example, in the giving and receiving, and it is a lovely ponder to make as to which of Mother and daughter will be an example to the other of a Godly life as the years go on. Of course, either will be to the other, which balance will include Father/Husband Paul, the Godparents, many others and all of them following in the footsteps of Christ.

A good crowd of family and friends came to **Swyre church** on 6<sup>th</sup> of October for the christening of **Lilly Mae Parr**. As it was Harvest Day Ryder spoke of how God gives life to the seed - horticulturally, humanly, and in our hearts. **Rachael Parr** and **Jamie Elsworth**, her parents, together with godparents George Olaf, Jessica Hallet and Jessica Sadler, made promises to care for Lilly and bring her up in the way of Christ. Lilly, meanwhile, smiled the whole way through - even when Ryder poured water on her head. What an example of trust! May Lilly continue along the path of faith she has been set on and carry on knowing the joy of the Lord. throughout her life.

#### WEDDINGS

On 14th September the marriage of Christopher Terence Mann and Lisa Marie Pattinson was celebrated at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, the service being conducted by the Revd Janis Moore.

On 14<sup>th</sup> September at **St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock Anna Marie Gale** came down the aisle on the arm of her father and followed by her two children **Callum** and **Ella** (supervised by chief bridesmaid Vanessa) to be married to **Lee Kenneth Sugden** who was supported by his son **Jordan** (responsible for the rings) and his best man Philip.

After singing One more step along the world I go, Ryder spoke about Christ's Calvary love (on this day of Holy Cross) as the pattern of selfless, forgiving, committed human love. The couple then made their vows to one another and after prayer and the signing of the registers went out into the sunshine to begin their married life together.

On 28th September at **St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock Naomi Caroline Kent** and **Andrew Saint** were married. This time the wedding was conducted by the Revd Peter Saunt.

#### **FUNERALS**

Village life is like no other. The funeral service of **Annette Hallett** was held at St Michaels, Church Littlebredy on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. The whole village was there, apart from a couple on holiday who had sent their deep regrets from afar, everyone gathered to support Phil, their children Rachel and



Peter and friends from far and wide. Annette was borne in by ladies of the Dorchester bowls club,, and Frank Watkin spoke of her achievements in the sport; as champion of champions and a member of a victorious England team, even then with the knowledge of her illness. Clare Davison of Kingston Maurward spoke of Annette's loyalty, dedication and natural ability for her working life, and Colin Baker, on behalf of the family spoke of her love of those around her. Lady Wiliams read a poem after which we said our prayers, remembering with gratitude the life that had been given, the spirit and courage shown even in her last days. Annette is now laid to rest in the Churchyard.

The funeral of **Jean Still** of Burton Bradstock was held on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October. A private, family Service was held in the morning at Weymouth crematorium at 10.45. At 2.00 pm in the afternoon friends and family met at St Mary's Church for a service of remembrance and thanksgiving.



Jean's daughter, Christine led the mourning, and her husband, Mr Adrian Wood gave the address. We sang hymns of praise and thanksgiving to God, and then, because we must, moved on and out into the chilly autumnal sunshine. The kindly memories in the bond of love and goodwill continued to be heard at the Three Horseshoes following the service.

#### **Burton Bradstock**

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#### PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets on the first Wednesday each month except for August. Meetings are generally held at 7.30pm in the Reading Room. Agendas are put on the Parish Council Notice

Boards (outside the Reading Room and the Library) before each meeting and a file with these, minutes and written reports is kept in the Library and on the Parish Council's web site -

#### http://www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.com/

All are welcome and you may raise any issues you want to discuss under the "Parishioners' Points" items on the Agenda.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm in the Reading Room. The agenda will be available at least 3 clear days before the meeting.

**Parish Plan Review:** On the 9<sup>th</sup> November the Parish Council will be holding an open consultation day from 10am to 4pm to consider the Council's priorities and policies for the next 5 years and to present the project ideas, which were the subject of recent consultation in the Parish. Come along and have your say.

You can contact the Council through the Parish Clerk, Mrs Michele Harding, by email on <u>burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com</u>

Mrs Michele Harding - Clerk to the council

#### **THANK YOU**

**Nancy Bushell** would like to thank all her friends in the village for their kind cards and good wishes after her recent operation.

#### THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Home boxes for this Society are now due to be returned. Please drop them off as soon as possible at The Bramleys, Annings Lane or hand them in to Howard, Basil or myself at a church service.



Our Christingle this year will take place on Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3.30 pm in St. Mary's Church and carol singing round the village will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Pauline Woodford 898327

## TWO DATES IN THE VILLAGE HALL! Friday 8th November AGM

The AGM will start at 7 pm, with a free drink! Come and join us to air your views.



#### Saturday 7th December Benefit Concert for Miloš Milivojević

The Benefit Concert is to help Miloš, one of the best loved of our regular musicians, acquire a new accordion. Also Miloš has been waiting for a new visa for over a year and cannot leave Britain until he gets one as he may not be able to get back, despite his home being in London. He has had to cancel concerts as a result and cannot get his accordion repaired from the specialist help he needs in Bulgaria. A new machine costs £12,000 to £14,000) and the Benefit is to help cover the lost concert fees. Full details will be given in the December BVN and in the Friends of the Festival Newsletter. Craig Ogden, Adrian Bradbury and David Juritz , among others , are coming to Burton to play in support of Miloš.

Tickets will be on sale in the Post Office from November 15th and from Gill Redford, 2 St Lawrence, Burton Bradstock 01308 897203

This should be a delightful Concert in the run up to Christmas!

#### FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library will be holding their annual Ploughmans Lunch on Saturday November  $23^{rd}$  from mid day until 2pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. We will be serving a choice of Gammon, Cheese or Pate . There will be a licensed bar serving wine beer and soft drinks. Tickets are £6 each and are available from Burton Bradstock Post Office or from Sandy Adderley on 898358

We also have a sale of books, so if anybody has any books in good condition they no longer want and would like to donate them to our fund raising event please phone Sandy on the above telephone number. This year we have had some Christmas cards printed from a water colour painting of the Library at Christmas . These are now on sale in the Library and will also be available at the Ploughmans Lunch.

Do come along to a very social lunchtime . The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library look forward to seeing you on the day

#### **BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY**

On Friday  $20^{th}$  September (it seems a long time ago now ) The Village Society had its first speaker of the new programme.

Robert Twigger gave us a talk on the River Nile. He took us on a journey from the source of The Blue Nile which flows from the Ethiopian Highlands down to Khartoum in Sudan where it joins the White Nile, this then continues to flow down to Alexandria and empties itself into the Mediterranean Sea. In the rainy season the confluence of the White Nile and the Blue Nile stirs the sediment on the bottom and turns the Nile red. Hence the title of the talk The Red Nile.

Over thousands of years different generations have tried to harness the power of the Nile but it wasn't until they built the Aswan Dam that this was achieved. They are now building a hydro electric dam further up the Nile on the Ethiopian border to provide electricity for the Sudan.

Robert who had spent eight years with his family living in Cairo was there at the start of the Arab Spring when the crowd numbering thousands gathered in Tahrir Square. Robert told us at the beginning of the demonstrations everything was OK but it got increasingly violent and he felt it was time to leave and take his children out of there.

The next Village Society talk will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm when Brian Pettit will give a presentation on the Wildlife of Hampshire and Dorset.

World Wildlife photographer Brian Pettit using high definition images demonstrates how phenomenally diverse the ecology of Dorset and neighbouring Hampshire is, including of course the New Forest and Brownsea Island .

If you would like to know more about The Village Society or how to join please contact Sandy Adderley on 898358

#### "KIND HEARTS AND CORONETS" – COMEDY CLASSIC

Joan Greenwood, Dennis Price, Valerie Hobson and Alec Guinness star in the timeless and classic film 'Kind Hearts and Coronets' on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm at the Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

(A distant poor relative of the Duke of D'Ascoyne plots to inherit the title by

murdering the eight other heirs who stand ahead of him in the line of succession!)

We're grateful to the BB Post Office for handling 120 tickets for unreserved seats, at £5 – selling now – including free tea and biscuits after the main film. There will be a cash bar for beer, wine and soft drinks, and choc-ices will also be available.



All profits go to the **Starlight Children's Foundation** to grant Wishes for seriously and terminally ill children – (actually five in Dorset currently needing funds).

After the interval we're showing an 'extra' for a final 15 minutes – an English film 'gem' we've only recently discovered, though shown abroad nationally on TV in Germany and Scandinavia every Christmas/New Year!... 'Dinner for One'.

If interested in this evening it's recommended to obtain tickets in advance as – with BB's kind support – we seem to sell out in advance... 897935 if any queries please.



John and Annie Grantham

#### BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST.

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308897648)

**"200 CLUB" DRAW** (WDDC Licence no: SL0080 )
Congratulations to the winners:



1st £42.40 No 66 Mrs C Osborne

2<sup>nd</sup> £21.20 No 15 Mr Dick Pearce

3<sup>rd</sup> £10.60 No 12 Mrs Pat Saunders-White Anyone wanting to

become a member in time for the November-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £2 (£1 for each

of the remaining 2 draws in the year). There are double prizes in the December draw.

#### COMING EVENTS IN BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

#### Christmas Market Saturday 7th Dec.

This popular annual event hosts small stalls selling Christmas related goods. The market runs from 10:00 to 13:00, entry £2 which includes a hot drink and festive cake. At time of going to press there are still two stalls available. To discuss or book please contact Val or Richard Ferré on 01308897648.

#### Christmas Quiz, Sat 14th Dec, 7:30 pm.

All are invited to this ever popular, light hearted quiz evening with supper, bar, prizes and raffle included with all proceeds going to the Village Hall. This year by request the quiz will be for teams of 4 maximum to allow easier team conferring. People who normally book a table for 8 can still do so, but will be asked to split them into 2 teams of 4. If you are not part of a team we will help you join a table on the night.

Tickets will be on sale at the Post Office from Sat 23rd Nov and will cost £6.50 per person. Entry is ticket only. To reserve a team table please call Richard Ferré on 01308897648.

#### Committee Members.

The Hall Trust treasurer Jane Hill will leave the role at or before the end of the year. Anyone interested in taking on this interesting and important role please contact the Chairman Richard Ferré on 01308897648. Financial experience would be welcome, but the main requirement is for a well organised person with an eye for detailed administration and some basic PC skills.

The Village Hall Trust plays an important part in providing the key resource for most Village activities and filling this role is a priority.

#### ARTSREACH NEWS"BEAUTY OR THE BEAST"

Accordions, if well played, can produce the most amazing range of sounds as audiences at recent Burton Bradstock Festival concerts will know.

Artsreach

Now you have the chance of hearing and enjoying two highly accomplished accordion players performing at the same time.

**Paul Hutchinson** and **Karen Tweed** are both outstanding performers and teachers of the accordion, well known in international folk scenes and have

joined forces to present "Beauty or the Beast" - a fairy tale pairing - individually brilliant, they together could be dangerous, hilarious or precarious - but most definitely entertaining.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Tickets £9 adults on the door if available or in advance from 01308 897214, or direct from B.B. Post office. ... Don't miss it !...

#### LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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#### **ANNETTE HALLETT. 1951 – 2013.**

Annette's death at the age of 62 has saddened all who knew her. Born in our neighbouring parish of Winterbourne Abbas and never living more than ten miles from there, she was a true child of West



Dorset. Wife to Phil, mother to Rachel and Peter, and for a few months grandmother to Aida-Mae, hers was a wonderful family life at Blacksmith's Cottage among us. Her packed funeral was told too of her great qualities of kindness as well as efficiency as PA to successive Principals of Kingston Maurward College over the years.

Her cancer was first diagnosed some years ago, but a period of remission enabled her to reach and then remain in the heights of her chosen sport of bowls. Both the Dorchester and the Dorset County Clubs have achieved great things latterly thanks to her, and her own personal pinnacle was reached when she became Ladies Champion of Champions in the National Finals in 2009. After an almost inexplicable delay on the selectors' part, she finally achieved her long-held ambition of an England cap during the four nations championship in Durham in 2012, when, in helping to defeat Scotland in the deciding match, she also helped England retain their crown in this event. She should probably have had a much longer international career.

To Phil and the entire family, who supported Annette through the recent gruelling months, goes the village's intense and enormous sympathy. Their loss is widely and deeply shared, but Annette's memory will long be honoured and treasured among us. May she rest in peace.



On a happier note, our **Historic Churches** 

**Trust** cyclists visited 16 churches in a roughly 30-mile circuit, and raised about £1,300 in sponsorship, half of which will be returned for our Church here by the Trust in due course. Well done to all four riders.



The Church looked splendid for the **Harvest Festival Service**, which was followed by a lavish and very enjoyable Harvest Supper in the Hall. Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to either event.

Some of the decorations survived for the **Patronal Festival** on **Michaelmas Day** the following Sunday. The well-attended service had been devised by the local clergy and celebrated the appearance of angels throughout the Bible. It was much appreciated by those who came.

This edition may not be delivered in time, but the Social Club's **Bonfire and Fireworks** evening is planned for Friday 1st November. No doubt there will have been a flier beforehand, soliciting fireworks or other contributions, but in any case the Village Hall will extend its customary hospitality after the display, and we hope for a fine dry evening.



#### **THANK YOU**

We would like to say a big heartfelt thank you for all the cards, letters and help we have received from family, friends and neighbours since losing Annette, and to all who attended the funeral. Please accept our sincere thanks.

Phil. Rachel & Peter

#### LITTON CHENEY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: JOHN YATES 2, SUNNYSIDE COTTAGE, LITTON CHENEY

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#### **EVENTS AT LATCH DURING NOVEMBER**

Zumba classes continue on Mondays and Thursdays 6 pm – 7 pm Table Tennis continues on Mondays at 3.45 pm Short Mat Bowls continue on Tuesdays at 3.45 pm Yoga classes continue on Fridays 10.00 am - 11.30 am. Art classes continue on Thursdays 1.30 pm – 4 pm Wednesday 6th - Film Night: "A Song for Marion" starts 8 pm.

Doors open 7.30 pm.

Tuesday 12th - Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm Saturday 23rd - Burgundy Revisited - Wine Tasting. 6.30 pm for 7 pm - See below

#### LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

An early reminder that the Village Carol Singing will be on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December. More details in the December BVN and on the website, and New Year Day Walk on, you've guessed it, January 1st 2014.

Ron Davidson LCSC 482661

#### **BURGUNDY REVISITED**

We have a definitive date for our annual wine tasting beano with Steven Spurrier. Discerning wine sippers, note your diaries. Saturday 23rd November (6.30 pm for 7 pm) is the date, LATCH is the venue and Burgundy is the destination. To book attendance at this very special event – if you miss it you will have to wait another year before it comes around again – call Freddie Spicer (482617), John Firrell (482313) or Ron Davidson (482661). It's filling up fast, and that's just the glasses!



#### LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Litton Cheney Parish Council will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12th November in the Meeting Room at LATCH. All are welcome and indeed encouraged to attend.

#### THE WHITE HORSE INN

We wish Val, Kelvan and their team the very best of luck in their new venture as mine hosts at our local



inn. Their enthusiastic effort to establish themselves and inform us of what they have on offer is much appreciated. We look forward to raising the odd glass or six to their undoubted success in the years to come.

#### LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: CAROLINE MORRISH-BANHAM

TEL: 482757





#### **WELCOME & FAREWELL**

Welcome to Susan and Colin Dyer who have come to live at Corner Cottage, Long Bredy. We hope they will enjoy life in our village.





**Farewell** to **Kenny Hussey**. Kenny has lived in Long Bredy all his life and will be missed in the village. We wish him well in his new home.

#### 100 CLUB SEPTEMBER 2013



£25 No.53 Caddy Wilmot-Sitwell

£15 No.26 Richard Baggs

£5 No.19 David & Ruth Cullingford



# PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH
PUNCKNOWLE
HARVEST LUNCH

This proved a great success with 25 sitting down to a hot meal which

was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Very many thanks to all those who contributed to its success. Their efforts were greatly appreciated.



#### **CAROL SERVICE**

On **Sunday 8 December** there will be no Family Communion service in the morning as the **Carol Service** will take place that evening at 5pm. This will follow on from the Christmas Fayre being held from 3-5pm in the Hall. This will include Santa's Grotto, stalls and refreshments – more details to follow next month.

#### **VILLAGE SHOP**

After many years the great news is that there will be a Community Shop opening in Puncknowle on **1 November at 11am**. This will be run by The Crown and we wish it every success. I'm reliably informed that there's to be free bacon sarnies and coffee to celebrate the opening!



#### **BOOK CLUB**



For September we read a book called "Bel Canto" by an author unknown to us all - Ann Patchett, an American writer. It turned out to be a book enjoyed very much by all except one member of the group. It was very unusual and absorbing, set in a Latin

American country/city where a group of terrorists take over a house and all the people in it who were at a party for its President (who was not there!) The story then unfolds as to what happened after that. It describes the gradual development of a community comprising of the hostages and the terrorists, who are all trapped in the house, including one lady opera singer, and how they help each other. Relationships are formed – different kinds of love develop – all leading to the unhappy ending, except for a few who survive.

#### **PSWB VILLAGE HALL**

#### Music Night

Our local DJ will be spinning the discs again on **Saturday 23rd November** in the Village Hall so come along and strut your stuff on the new floor! Put the date in the Diary for 8.00 pm – come and support your Local Asset. Bar available - Tickets only £5

The Hall needs a new **cleaner** – someone to give the hall and the new floor, a bit of TLC – equipment and materials provided. If you are interested please contact Carol Bennett on 897771

#### PUNCKNOWLE ART CLUB

We have been busy painting 'Heatwave' pictures all Summer for the Bembridge Trophy award. When the votes were cast there was a clear winner - Judy, congratulations. Our new 'Focal Point' was one of our 'known knowns'. We have others. We must say a big thank you to Jill Knight who let us invade her garden for the morning to paint her wonderful view. The weather was kind and we made ourselves very comfortable for some concentrated painting. On **8th November** Sallie will be leading a morning on Black Ink, **22nd** is a workshop with Jane Huxtable - Brown at the **earlier time of 10.00**, ready to start.

Christine Molony



We are most grateful for the privilege of using Swyre's historic church for our diamond wedding celebration on September 7th. The church, decorated by Madeline and Sue Taylor, and skilfully extended with many extra chairs, was packed with

friends and family. The singing, led by Paul Cheater, raised the roof! Visitors experienced the rich simplicity of our Dorset heritage, and we were deeply moved. Thank you to everybody.

Arthur & Josephine Pearse

And the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.

T.S.Eliot

#### SHIPTON GORGE

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# ST MARTIN'S CHURCH THANK YOUS

Our Harvest Celebration was a great success, and the service, led by Sue and Vicky, was followed by a celebration buffet supper. Our thanks go to all those who helped to make the

church so beautiful and prepared the food and drink for the gathering afterwards.

The Pets' Service should be renamed as The Shipton Gorge Dogs' Service. A goodly number of our canine friends were present to praise and be blessed, and afterwards partake of doggy treats (coffee and "Scottie shortbread" was also served). Thanks to all involved.

#### CHANGE OF TIME FOR EVENING PRAYER

Please note that from 24th November and throughout the winter Evening Prayer will begin at 3.30pm.

#### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

**ALL SAINTS DAY** 11am, Sunday 3rd November - a special service to remember those we have lost and are dear to us.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** 9.30am, 10th November – a service of quiet contemplation.

**ADVENT COMMUNION** 11am, Sunday 1st December – familiar, favourite Advent hymns to begin our lead up to Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** Sunday 22nd December (time tba) - Carols by candle light (bring a torch!), followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

#### ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHTS have been sponsored in November by

Tom and Lynn Grace,

Betty Sheppard

Geoff and Sandy Adderley

Pete and Nova for their family,

Den Sorrell.

**Doreen Rogers** 

And Kate for Grandpa's birthday.

Thank you for lighting up your church.

For just £5 you too, can light up St Martin's please contact Phyl Webster  $(01308\ 898657)$ 

#### **COFFEE AND MINCE PIES**

We will be hosting a coffee and mince pie morning at 10.30, Friday 6th December in Shipton Gorge Village Hall. Please come and join us

#### PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm in the village hall. This is the meeting when the parish's budget for the coming year is agreed. Other items being discussed will be listed on the meeting notices as usual. The public and press are invited to attend.

The Playing Field Maintenance Day was held on Saturday 5th October and, although only a dozen people turned out to help, a lot was achieved with painting, woodwork refurbishing and hedge and tree lopping being carried out. Grateful thanks to Grayham Rosamond who as usual kept everyone on track and to Stuart Thomson who helped organise the event. A special mention to the Robertshaw family who always come and help; we are most grateful to them for all their sterling work and support.

#### SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

There have been plenty of apples in the Orchard this year and at the end of October some of them are being pressed into juice with the help of Steve Meek of Burton Bradstock. Although the juice doesn't keep for long, we are excitedly looking forward to seeing how it turns out – maybe we can try cider next year!

Our AGM will be held in December and details will be in next month's Bride Valley News.

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY (SGVS) DORSET BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2013 - RESULTS

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in winning any awards this year. However, with some 55 entries - I list the results of the categories in which we have previously won awards.

Best Kept SMALL Village - 1st TINCLETON (with LODERS coming 3rd ))
Previous winners of Best Kept SMALL Village - 1st BRIANTSPUDDLE
Peoples Project - 1st BROADWINDSOR for their Community Shop
Environmental Award - Joint 1st for THORNFORD's 'Trees from Seeds'
project and POWERSTOCK's 'The Hut'.

Once again, although unsuccessful - a big thank you to SGVS Committee member Simon Cleveland for all his efforts with our entry this year.

#### SGVS QUIZ NIGHT ON SAT 28TH SEPT

Thanks to all who attended and participated on the night and apologies

all round for the question in the section 'What happened in ENGLAND in July, August and September 2013' for the GLASGOW answer (Lib Dems Ann Conf 2013) ??? A special word for Simon Cleveland, Sally Parker as assisted by 'Chief Marker' - Steve Larcombe.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**BINGO** in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 20th November** starting @ 7.00pm. Please book your places with Sally Parker on 01308897168 beforehand as we need to know the possible attendance on the night.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (TABLE TOP SALE)** in the Village Hall **on Saturday 23rd November** between 10.00am and 1pm. We are trying something new this year by offering all things associated with the Christmas festivities - as in decorations, cards, crackers, wrapping paper etc... but not trees, or a full range of presents.

XMAS SHOPPING TRIP to EXETER by Coach on Wed 4th DECEMBER An advance notice to remind you that the above shopping trip will be leaving from the NEW INN Car Park @ 9.00 am on the day. Once again seats can be booked with Sally Parker on 01308897168 priced £10. Returning from Exeter at 4pm.

#### DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST 'RIDE and STRIDE'



This popular annual sponsored event took place on 14th

September, which turned out to be a lovely day for cyclists and walkers alike. We are very grateful to our generous sponsors, and to Vicky and Ernie Thomas who kindly hosted a coffee morning in aid of the D.H.C.T. which boosted our final total to a magnificent £636 - to be equally divided between the Trust and St. Martin's church. Many thanks to you all. Janet Lane

# 'Standing Tall' - Vera Van Heeringen Trio - WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER 7.30 pm at SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

Multi instrumentalist **Vera van Heeringen** presents a bold combination of traditional Appalachian styles with folk and contemporary songwriting. Delightfully understated and with an assured, timeless grace, her debut album Standing Tall is a showcase for her self-penned songs and virtuoso bluegrass guitar playing. Her clear, expressive voice delivers emotionally intelligent lyrics. Gutsy and compelling- every note counts. This album marks a change of direction from her work with The New Rope String Band and immediately establishes her as a figure to be reckoned with.

Vera's original songs and tunes are rapidly gaining new fans far and wide - this is the time to see her play live.

"The songs and tunes she writes are first class." John Atkins, fRoots
"Vera Van Heeringen has spent far too long away from the spotlight."
David Hughes, FATEA

Seated in theatre style, tickets are £8 and available from Doris Benselin 897562.

#### OOOOOH! LA! LA!

France comes to Shipton Gorge. French evening **Wednesday November 6th** at The New Inn. Three course meal (hors d'oeuvres at 7pm) cost £17.00 per head

French themed activities and raffle. Profits to Shipton Gorge Village Hall and NISL. Numbers limited so book early with Marilyn (01308 897302) or John Kent (01308 897574)

#### **SGVH 100 CLUB – OCTOBER**

962a a	£20	24	Linda Stockwell
WOOLUB	£10	8	Chris & Ruth Nunn
0000000	£5	80	Steve Larcombe

#### PRE-CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

This year's event will take place on **Sunday 1st December** from 12 noon to 2.30pm in the Village Hall. As usual please bring a plate of food for the table and a bottle or two for the bar. All residents of Shipton Gorge are invited. If anyone needs more information please phone Robert or Christine Cornish on 897833.

#### **VALLEY NOTES**



#### THE JULIAN GROUP.

The Julian group has changed its day and venue. From October we are

meeting on the **first Monday of the month** at **Swyre** from **10.00am until approximately 11.00am**.

For enquiries, please 'phone Jean 01308 898799 or email jean@jeanandbob.demon.co.uk

They say such nice things about people at their funerals that it makes me sad to realize that I'm going to miss mine by just a few days.

Garrison Keillor

#### TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE

An informal friendly service for all tots, babies and bumps and their parents/carers is held at **St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock** on the second Friday of each month (except August) at **2.15 pm**. It includes singing, activities, storytime, refreshments and playtime. You're all welcome to the services held on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**, **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** and **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014**. For any questions please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.

#### THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

Our Reception children have settled into the new academic year, as have the other children in their new year groups.

The children had their first outing of the year for our **Church service**. The day could not have been more perfect – gloriously sunny – seems a long time ago now!



At the end of the Summer Term, a Vardo (gypsy caravan) was in school for two weeks. The children enjoyed a rich learning experience - lots of art and craft, cooking and eating a stew prepared on an open wood fire, learning Romany words, music and dance, making bender tents, learning about water conservation...



Eggardon painted the stage in the Discovery Area and have 'left their mark' – please do visit and take a look! Eggardon also planted their very own apothecary garden in the Discovery Area. The children researched herbs and their properties and prepared colourful fact sheets to sit beside the herb garden. With the help of parents (thank you!), they planted a range of plants next to the Saxon Hut, then cut and stripped down some willow and made this into a wattle fence. The children rewarded themselves for their hard work by feasting on some of the gooseberries growing in the orchard!

**Chesil** and **Litton** visited **Tamarisk Farm** to learn about the milling process before their breadmaking for Harvest.

The children have been expanding their knowledge of **electronic devices**. They have been programming 'Beebots' and 'Constructabots' to follow directional instructions and are learning to use iPads. They are also enjoying the new interactive 'Clevertouch' screens.

The **School Council** have been busy. They run a very popular Tuck Shop every Friday during morning break and are organising an Epilepsy Action 'Tea & Cake Break' Day.

**Sports:** The whole school has 6 weeks of **football** with a professional coach. Our fitness initiative, **Skip2bfit**, had the desired outcome of enthusing the children, boys and girls, to skip. They can



be seen skipping all through playtime and we have sold nearly 50 skipping ropes, not only to children but also to parents and grandparents! All the children had a session with a professional **tennis** coach.

The children have a range of lunchtime clubs: Mondays – music, Tuesdays – gardening and football, Wednesdays – Eco, Thursdays – netball, Fridays – drama. After school there is a 'Glee Club' and cookery. This is a busy and enjoyable autumn term.

The TSA are raising funds through a **cake stall** on the last Friday of every month. The first such cake stall, with cakes donated by Bredy, made £40.56. Another fundraiser, **Bag2School**, raised £135. We achieved a weight of 270kg (in this case, heavier is better!).

**100 Club Winners:** 1st prize - Alison Dunbar 2nd prize - Christine Smith

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

#### **FLEDGLINGS NEWS**

More good news – donations have been made by Bridport Rotary Club to cover the cost of work and replacement of items damaged due to vandalism in July. So a Big Thank You to them.

Welcome to Mac, Kitty, and James as well as Ben, Will, and Eddy, who are all settling in to Fledglings and learning the routines and Golden Rules.

Autumn topics include Rocket Balloons, Hanging crystals and making butter – all scientific, and also changing seasons and the North Pole – very geographical! Children have looked at wheat and grinding the corn, and made bread. They have also been marble painting, making tracks with painted feet, and measuring them. Children have also made cakes to sell to Thorner's school children to raise funds. They return after Half Term on **Monday 4th November**.

Fledglings Pre-school is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time, and children can stay for a hot lunch, or bring a packed lunch. For further information about Fledglings Pre-school please contact staff on 01308 482410 or check out the website <a href="https://www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk">www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk</a>

#### FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

We would like to invite any parents, grandparents or carers of children from babies until 4 years old along to our lovely toddler group. We have a good selection of toys and soft play equipment. We provide snacks and tea or coffee for the bargain price of £2! Please come along and support the group as we only have a small number at the moment. We meet every Wednesday (term time) 9.45am until 11.15am in LATCH (Litton Cheney Hall). Contact Claire Gauden for more info: 01308 898728 email: claire.gauden@yahoo.co.uk

#### **BRIDE VALLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Our shiny new WI inaugurated on the 19 September 2013, with an impressive turnout and lots of energy and enthusiasm. The new committee is kicking off business, we have a few programme events confirmed, and are working on lots of exciting things for the future. Our October meeting, 'Gluts for Gluttons' was a recipe share with a difference with lots of tasty complete from humans.



with a difference, with lots of tasty samples from bumper summer crops and recipes to take away.

We meet in the evening on the **third Thursday** of each month, high summer excepted, and venues will vary, though most will be in the Bride Valley. Essentially, members are from the upper end of the valley, though we are not exclusive, and all are welcome, so come along and see what we are about if you are interested in joining us. On **21st November at 7.30pm** we'll be hosting a **Christmas Crafts Night at Puncknowle Village Hall**, with three craft sessions to choose from - make and take away a lovely festive decoration and maybe learn a few new skills!

To find out more please contact Natalie Green on 01308 898202 or <a href="mailto:nataliejgreen@me.com">nataliejgreen@me.com</a> - or check out our group on Facebook - Bride Valley WI.

Natalie Green, President, Bride Valley WI

#### BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

The Autumn term started very well and the children returned to school happy and refreshed after their Summer holiday. We have welcomed 15 new children and their families to the school as they join the Reception class. The children have settled quickly into the routines of the school and it is a joy to see their



smiley faces and hear their bubbly voices throughout the day. At present we have 90 children on roll.

There have been no additional staff this term, but class teachers **Miss Varndell** and **Mrs Rattenbury** have changed classes within Key Stage 2.

The school has had some work during the holidays with the **Sails** class (Reception and Year 1) being decorated and refurbished and the library being renovated so that it incorporates different areas. There is a cosy library section where the children can lose themselves in a good book, a computer area, music area for keyboard tuition and space for small group work. The work to the back playground has also been completed with the addition of a shed to house the PE equipment and additional play panels added to the walls. Finally the old PE store has been converted into a headteacher's office.

This term the children have taken part in the Skip2bfit challenge where

they had to see how many skips they could do in two minutes. All the schools in the Bridport Pyramid took part in the event and then the eight best skippers, and the best skipper amongst the staff, went up to Sir John Colfox School on the Friday to compete against each other. It was a lot of fun and we were very proud to be announced the winners of the skipping challenge with our children having the



highest score overall! As a consequence skipping is the new craze in the school playground with the children using our new skipping ropes with counters to try and beat their personal best.

The Friends of the school are busy organising events for the coming year. To start this off they are holding their annual **Christmas Shopping Evening** at the school on **Wednesday 6th November 6-8pm**. There will be a variety of stalls set up for you to browse and start your Christmas shopping. We hope to see you there!

Claire Staple Headteacher

# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH.

The November Social evening is on **Monday 25th November** - Please let Malcolm Lawrence (898616) or Basil Dent (897125) know if you are attending.

There will be a **Coffee Morning** in the village Hall (BB) on **Thursday 7th November**, with a cake stall, a fancy goods and small gift stall, and a raffle. Cakes, gifts and raffle prizes would be most welcome.

There will be **Wreath laying** in the valley **Saturday 9th November at 10.00 starting from the Village Green, Burton Bradstock.** 

At the **Remembrance Sunday** in St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock **10th November** the address will be given by our President Sir Christopher Coville.

The **Annual Dinner** will take place at the Golf Club on **Monday 17th February 2014.** 

Membership of The Legion is not restricted to ex-Servicemen and women it is open to all and you are welcome to join us. Please contact myself or Basil Dent on the above telephone number for more details.

\*\*Malcolm Lawrence Secretary (898616)\*\*

#### Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch

Resulting from Des Baker's tour of Tuscany/Umbria, £590 was raised and donated to the RBL Poppy Appeal.

At the September quarterly Branch Committee Meeting the Chairman urged members to consider joining the Committee and also volunteering to work as the Branch's Welfare representatives.

An application for membership by **Angela Hallett** (W. Abbas) was approved: we wish Angela a long and happy association with our Branch.

On Wednesday 6th November -we host the DORSET POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR (consisting of at least 40 members) in the Corn Exchange, Dorchester. This is the first time the choir has performed in the County Town. Doors open 6.45 pm for the concert commencing at 7.30 p.m. There will be a licensed bar, plus tea and coffee. The event is a joint venture with the Dorchester Branch and is sponsored by the Oddfellows (Dorchester Branch) Kennedy Legg (Accountants) and others. Advance tickets sales can be had from - Des Baker (see below), John Perry (01305 871346), Malcolm Pugh (01305 871001) or Les Cuff (01305 264791) at only £8. All proceeds to the Poppy Appeal.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Commencing at 7.30 p.m. the Branch A.G.M. will take place at Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury followed by the inaugural meeting of the "Social Fund". After the proceedings there will be cheese and wine kindly organised by Trish Bown.

**Saturday 9th November - Coffee Morning** 10 am - 12 noon in aid of the Poppy Appeal, Portesham Village Hall.

10<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Sunday: There will be a short wreath laying ceremony at St. Peter's Churchyard, Portesham at 10.15 a.m. to which all are invited. At 10.50 a.m. the same day Divine Service will be held at St. Nicholas Church, Abbotsbury followed by wreath laying at the War Memorial in the Churchyard.

On Thursday 21st November - there is Christmas Shopping and an

optional visit to the newly opened "Mary Rose Exhibition" in Portsmouth. Book your seats with the writer please. Tell your friends about it - they may wish to join us! Coach pick-ups are Abbotsbury Square 0820, Portesham Green 0825, Steepleton Pond 0835 and Dorchester 0845 a.m.- others can be arranged if required.

On **22**nd January, 2014 - "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" there is a matinee musical on stage at Bournemouth Pavilion - sold out (33 seats). Contact Des if you wish to go on the waiting list for any cancellations.

Des Baker Entertainments Chairman (01305 267617 or email "aveswood@sky.com")

#### **BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB**

At the Gardening Club's meeting in September Clive Groves, from Groves Nurseries, introduced us to some of his experiences while trekking, particularly to Mount Everest base camp, and to the plants that he identified on his journey. It was fascinating to see familiar plants in their natural habitat and the difference climate and altitude makes to their growth.



#### Jobs to do in November

Press on with winter digging; plant bare-rooted trees, shrubs and new roses; protect tender and newly planted shrubs from frost and wind. Protect planted containers from frost damage by wrapping them in bubble wrap or hessian sacking. Complete tulip planting by the end of the month. Lift parsnips (once their flavour has been improved by a little frost) and store in boxes of sand. Begin harvesting Brussels sprouts from the bottom of the plant, stake tall stems. Before lighting bonfires check they are clear of sheltering wildlife; clean out bird boxes; regularly clean bird feeders and bird baths.

Ed Atyeo (Chairman) 898323 and Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

#### **B3157 COAST ROAD**

All Local Residents & Road Users of the B3157 Coast Road are invited to attend the meeting on Monday 11th November 2013 in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7pm.

Debbie Ward, Chief Executive of Dorset County Council will be available to answer questions on Road Safety & other road (B3157) issues. If you have any specific



questions for Debbie Ward or need further details- please contact The Clerk on 01308897726 by 4th November 2013.



Bride Valley Films

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS at Litton & Thorners Community Hall. Now on WEDNESDAYS

Wed 6 Nov. SONG FOR MARION, 'a beautiful film on several levels'.

Cert. TBA 1.5hrs.

SONG FOR MARION is a terrific drama. It has dark moments, moments of real humour, and a broad streak of humanity running right the way through it. It follows shy, grumpy pensioner Arthur (Terence Stamp) as he is reluctantly inspired by his beloved wife Marion (Vanessa Redgrave) to join a highly unconventional local choir. At odds with his son James (Christopher Eccleston), it is left to charismatic choir director Elizabeth (Gemma Arterton) to try and persuade Arthur that he can learn to embrace life. Set in London, the story follows Arthur as he embarks on a

hilarious, life-affirming journey of musical self-discovery.



Doors Open: **7.30 p.m**. Film starts **8.00 p.m**. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)

Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door if available. (All nos. 01308)



#### NEXT FILM DATE FOR YOUR DIARY (all Wednesdays):

December 4<sup>th</sup> **ARBITRAGE** features Richard Gere giving a gripping performance as he battles to save his fraudulent empire and his private life.

Look out for more film details on posters, on the website and in events at **LATCH** for November/December 2013 in BVN.

#### **NOVEMBER STAR GUIDE**

November is a brilliant month for star gazers of all abilities. For the beginner many interesting constellations are visible and various colourful stars. One incredible constellation is **Orion** which sits low in the east. It is impossible to miss this constellation as it has 3 stars all in a line and above to the left is a beautiful orange star called **Betelgeuse**. For the more advanced stargazer, (binoculars may be needed), you can see our closest neighbour, the **Andromeda** galaxy. Finding it is not certain but high in the

sky just to the north is a constellation called **Cassiopeia**. It looks like a W and, if you dissect the W in half vertically, you get two arrows that point towards the Zenith. The right arrow points towards a very faint smudge in the sky, but using binoculars it looks amazing.

For the amateur astronomers with a decent telescope (anything with an aperture above 4 inches) you may want to take a look at the most popular nebula that we know of, the **Orion** nebula, or M42 in the Messier catalogue. Locating it is simple; it is under and just to the left of the 3 stars in the middle of **Orion** which makes up the belt of **Orion**.

Thai Chant

#### FRY BROTHERS CHARITY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons requiring to be considered for a tenancy of a Fry Brothers Charity Bungalow. The property is situated in Portesham and may be available shortly. Anyone who meets the terms of reference namely: "The residents shall be persons in need who are or have been inhabitants of Portesham and the neighbourhood thereof with preference for such persons who are retired or about to retire from agriculture or other land based employment."

Further details and application form can be obtained from the Secretary, 27, Shaston Crescent, Manor Park, DORCHESTER, DT1 2EB

K.V. Lambert Secretary, 01305 265838



# BENEFITS ADVICE SESSION AT CHANCERY HOUSE, BRIDPORT



#### ...AN INITIATIVE BY DORSET WELFARE BENEFITS PARTNERSHIP

Age UK Dorchester and Dorset County Council's Welfare Benefits Team are working together to help older West Dorset residents to maximise their benefits entitlements.

Advice sessions will be held on the second Wednesday in each month, between 9.30am and 12.00 at Chancery House Bridport, and will be **strictly** by appointment.

#### Dorset residents only please

To make an appointment, please contact Chancery House, Bridport on 01308 424357 or at Chancery House, Chancery Lane, Bridport DT6 3JT www.bridport424@btconnect.com

Next surgery: 13th November Future dates: 11th December

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#### FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



#### St ANDREW feast day November 30<sup>th</sup>

The Bible tells us that Andrew and his brother Simon Peter were the very first disciples to follow Jesus. They were fishermen working at their nets when Jesus called them. It was a hard thing to do, to leave everything for an uncertain way of life but Andrew knew that Jesus so special that he had to share this wonderful knowledge with others.



Andrew followed Jesus for the rest of his life. After Jesus' death he travelled widely spreading the message and building the early church. He was arrested for being a follower of Christ and condemned to death on the cross. Legend says that he was crucified on a diagonal cross.

St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and his cross is on the Scottish flag which is a white cross on a blue background — the blue is for the sea which seems right for a fisherman.

#### SAIL AWAY

Andrew and Simon fished with nets from the shore or from small boats. You could make a fishing fleet of small boats and decorate their sales with St Andrew's cross.

You will need a polystyrene box or tray like the ones you see at the fruit shop or supermarket.

Using a bread knife, carefully cut out several different shapes and sizes.

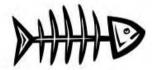




Find a thin stick for the masts (you could use a pencil) and cut out a sail in paper. Thread or stick the sail onto the mast.



How do fish go into business? They start on a small scale.



What day of the week do fish hate? Frydays.

Why are gold fish orange? The water makes them rusty.

# Amazing change!

#### **Bible Sketchbook**

Saul was one of the biggest persecutors of Christian faith but he became a Christian! He persecuted the church, throwing people into prison and even approved the murder of Stephen . But he had an amazing change on the road to Damascus.

He saw a bright light, was blinded and fell to the ground. He heard a

voice saying: "I am Jesus, whom you persecute go into the city." There God called a man named Ananias to pray for Saul, so he might see again.

Amazingly he did! He was baptised a Christian, became known as Paul and went everywhere telling people about Jesus!

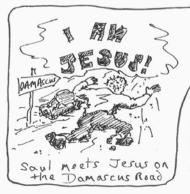
Your experience of Jesus may not be as dramatic as this, but it can still be just as real!

Read more in Acts 9: 1-19.

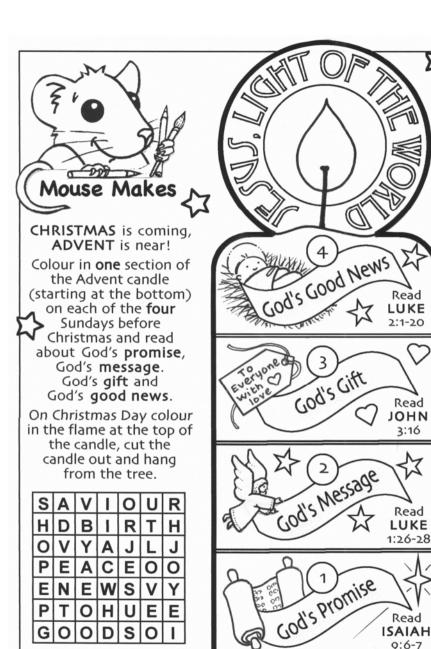


death (above) while Saul watches. Saul throws Christians in prison (left) and mothers clutching their children - and the Scriptures - run for their lives (below)









Can you find these words? ADVENT.PEACE.JOY HOPE • LOVE • GOOD • NEWS JESUS • BIRTH • SAVIOUR

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The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-incheek letters From 'Uncle Eustace': On using Glebe land for allotments

> The Rectory St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I hear you have joined the committee which wants to convert the waste land between the abandoned soap factory and canal in your parish into allotments - although I would have thought there were holier sorts of conversions you could have concentrated on. I am sure you will soon be caught up in arguments which make that little disagreement over an apple in the Garden seem quite trivial.

Some years ago, we similarly decided to let part of our Glebe land become allotments; the outcome was not wholly as may have been anticipated. Colonel Wainwright saw it as an opportunity of re-living his War years and was only just restrained from digging trenches around his plot; no doubt he would have offered to play football with neighbouring allotment holders on Christmas Day.

It caused some surprise when the Earl of Stowe applied for a plot, but it has become something of an attraction to see his daily procession, preceded by his gardener pushing the wheelbarrow, the undergardener carrying the tools and following him, his butler with the newspaper, a deckchair and a flask of coffee. He then settles down for a comfortable hour while occasionally supervising the work, once reports on the local hunt have been read.

Miss Simpson managed to unite everyone in communal outrage by using her plot to encourage

fluffy bunnies, darling foxes and sweet squirrels. She seemed to be particularly grateful to everyone else for providing fruit and vegetables for their happiness. Resolution was only achieved when she was convinced to grow potatoes, helping the Colonel in his War Effort. Fortunately, he did not ask her to arrive equipped with the regulation gas mask.

Our local architect seems to spend most of his time beautifying his garden shed, rather than growing produce. With its gothic arched windows, Norman tower and flying buttresses, I do wonder if he may have spent rather too much of his time renovating ancient churches. Neighbouring plot-holders look forward to the agricultural equivalent of the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

I am sure you will find you have committed yourself to many hours of unnecessary work. Just make sure you take a percentage of their produce for your Harvest Festival.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

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#### LYME BAY DEANERY EVENTS

# THE JUST WAR TRADITION – WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 7.0 -8.45.PM ST MARY'S CHURCH, BEAMINSTER

Led by Ven Stephen Robbins, Chaplain to the Bishop of Salisbury, Army Padre for 24 years, Chaplain General of the Army from 2007 until 2011.

At this season of Remembrance, we are challenged again to consider War in all its forms – history, the present and future, and consider our response as a nation and as Christians.

# Monday Discussions 16th September to 8th November 7.00pm to 9.00pm Bridport.

Led by Rev'd Elfrlda Savigear, of Beaminster Team, and Facilitator for Deanery Courses. 'Virtue Reborn" is written by Tom Wright, Research Professor at the University of St Andrews, previously Bishop of Durham. Tom is an enthusiast for life and the Christian faith, as well as being a scholar and prolific writer. As Rowan Williams writes about the book, "as always, brilliant at distilling Immense scholarship into a vivid, clear and accessible form".

Each week we will discuss one chapter of the book and seek to relate our study to life In West Dorset. Each member needs a copy of the book.

Please contact ElfrIda (424031) for details.

#### ART REFLECTIONS

These three sessions will help us prepare for the coming Christmas festival. Each speaker will use a piece of art (painting, sculpture etc) to remind us of one aspect of the season, and the evening will include a short time for quiet reflection, prayer and refreshments.

**ANNUNCIATION:** 20TH NOVEMBER 2013 7.00PM TO 8.30PM BISHOP GRAHAM, THE BISHOP OF SHERBORNE, WHO HAS A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE ARTS VENUE: ST MARY'S CHURCH, SOUTH STREET, BRIDPORT

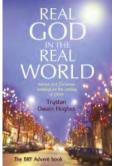
**Incarnation:** 9th December 2013 7.00pm-8.30pm Venue: St Mary's Church, Bridport. Christian artist Chris Higham

Epiphany: January 2014 - Watch this space!

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

#### REAL GOD IN THE REAL WORLD -THE BRF ADVENT BOOK FOR 2013

By Trystan Owain Hughes, BRF, £7.99



Using cultural reflections or anecdote, Trystan Hughes encourages readers to use the festive season to recognise Christ in the world around – not only in prayer and worship, but also in the beauty of nature, in their friends and family and in their everyday activities over the Christmas period and beyond. He aims to help Christians find confidence in a real God who is very active in the realities of our world today.

"As we journey through Christmas together, we will start to open our eyes, ears, and hearts to Christ all around us, and, as we do, we will find that the Word is

still becoming flesh today!" To accompany the book, Trystan is recording a short series of video trailers for individual and church use that have been filmed on location. Each video focuses on one of the readings.

#### INVEST YOUR SUFFERING – UNEXPECTED INTIMACY WITH A LOVING GOD BY PAUL MALLARD, IVP, £8.99



"Let me be honest, during the last twenty years there have been times when my faith has seemed frail and fragile and almost ready to collapse. I have struggled with seeing my wife stripped of her dignity and reduced by her agony. I have doubted all kinds of things. I have exploded and lashed out. I do not like what is happening to my sweetheart one little bit. Chronic illness never goes away. Come on, realistically, how much more can we take? But one thing I have never doubted is that, in the darkest circumstances, we were only ever in the hands of God. That has been the ultimate source of comfort and hope."

As Paul Mallard knows only too well, the crucible of suffering is a horrible place to be. But lessons learned there can be powerful and memorable. And it was there that Paul and Edrie experienced unexpected intimacy with a loving God who is no stranger to suffering. They feel personally challenged to use their experience and insights to help fellow sufferers too.



#### ST MARY'S MISSION COMMITTEE INVITE YOU TO A **CELEBRATION**



#### AN ADVENT EVENT for

#### ST. ANDREW'S DAY

Light supper and all things Scottish including Scottish dancing by the Bridport Scottish Dancers in aid of our 2013 charities.

> Saturday 23 November 7.00pm **Burton Bradstock Village Hall**

R.S.V.P. TO Celia Cummins 898196 or lan Ibbotson 898484 Scottish dress encouraged but not compulsory Tickets are free and we will welcome your donations on the night









#### 'An evening of comedy and song'

Thurs 28th, Fri 29th and Sat 30th November at 7.30 at Burton Bradstock Village Hall Box office will open 1st November at Burton Bradstock Post Office or please call 01308 898041 for tickets

Tickets: £9 (under 16's: £6) - Ploughman's Supper included (much nicer than the above mentioned 'Lunch') -- Cash Bar

50% of profits will be donated to Cancer Research

**Breadstock** at Burton Bradstock Village Hall Date: Sunday 10th November 2013

There are 5 classes and the cost for each class entry is £1.00:

- 1. White Loaf any shape any design
- 2. Brown Loaf Wholemeal or Granary or whatever you fancy
- 3. Tastiest special creation loaf with imaginative combination of ingredients and flavours
- 4. Three Brownies
- 5. Best decorated cupcake on the day by a child. (Cup cakes and some decorations are provided on the day but bring of your own extra decorations if you want).

#### Entry forms must be returned

to: BREADSTOCK c/o Burton
Bradstock Post Office 75 Mill Street,
Burton Bradstock, Dorset DT6 4QZ
before Saturday 9th November

#### **'BREADSTOCK'**



#### 'A celebration & competition of home baked Breads and Brownies'

....is coming to Burton Bradstock Village Hall (the home of the Jurassic Toast!), West Dorset, this November!

#### Sunday 10th November 2013

Loaves & Brownies to be delivered by 2pm for judging by .....

Aidan Chapman, Master Baker, The Phoenix Bakery

Doors will **open at 3pm** for some fantastic prizes, delicious cookies and refreshments.

Finally the Bread and Brownies Auction at 4.00pm.

All proceeds to go to the Poppy Appeal



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Tea and Chat
3-5pm
Baglake Farm,
Litton Cheney
Tuesday 12th November
Tuesday 10th December
All are welcome

DIARY, NOVEMBER 2013								
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Fri	1	tbc	Village Bonfire & Fireworks	Village Green, Littlebredy				
Sun	3	12.00	Bring & Share Lunch	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock				
Mon	4	10.00		Swyre				
Wed	6	19.30		Village Hall, Puncknowle				
Wed	6	19.30	3	Reading Room,Burton				
Wed	6	20.00	3	LATCH				
Wed	6	18.00	11 9	Burton Bradstock School				
Thu	7	10.30	3	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock				
Thu	7	14.30	,	Othona Community				
Fri	8	10.15	Art Club - Black Ink	Village Hall, Puncknowle				
Fri	8	14.15	Tots and Pram Service	St Mary's Burton Bradstock				
Fri	8	19.00	BB Music Festival A.G.M.	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock				
Sat	9	10.00	Parish Plan review (till 16.00)	Reading Room, Burton				
Sun	10	15.00	Breadstock (entries in by 14.00)	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock				
Tue	12	19.30	Litton Parish Council Meeting	LATCH				
Wed	13	19.30	Shipton Gorge Council Meeting	Village Hall, Shipton Gorge				
Fri	15	19.30	Village Society - Wildlife of Hants & Dorset	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock				
Sat	16	19.30		Village Hall, Burton Bradstock				
Thu	21	14.30	BV Guild of Health Meditation & Prayer	Othona Community				
Thu	21	19.30	Bride Valley WI - Christmas Crafts Night	Village Hall, Puncknowle				
Fri	22	10.00	Art Club Workshop	Village Hall, Puncknowle				
Fri	22	19.30	"Kind Hearts and Coronets"	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock				
Sat	23	19.00	St Mary's Mission Advent Concert	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock				
Sat	23	19.00	Burgundy Revisited – Wine Tasting	LATCH				
Sat	23	20.00	Music Night	PSWB Village Hall				
Sat	23	12.00	Burton Library Ploughman's Lunch	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock				
Mon	25	19.00	Bride Valley British Legion - social	Three Horseshoes, BB				
Wed	27	19.30	Vera Van Heeringen Trio	Village Hall, Shipton Gorge				
Sat	30	10.30	Holy Trinity Swyre Church Coffee Morning	Swyre				

	SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: NOVEMBER 2013									
	1ª Sunday 3 November Trinity 23	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10 November Remembrance Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 17 November Trinity 24	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 24 November Christ the King						
Burton Bradstock	<ul><li>8.00 Holy Communion</li><li>9.30 Informal Worship</li><li>6.30 Evening Prayer</li></ul>	10.45 Remembrance Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	<ul><li>8.00 Holy Communion</li><li>9.30 Informal Worship</li><li>6.30 Evening Prayer</li></ul>	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer						
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion All Souls Service	9.30 Remembrance Service	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship 3.30 Evening Prayer						
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion by Ext	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion						
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Communion 5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service						
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship		9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion						
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship							
Littlebredy		10.50 Remembrance Service		11.00 Holy Communion						