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WEEKDAY SERVICES, FEBRUARY 2014

Mon	3	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	5	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	6	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	7	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	10	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	12	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	13	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	14	9.00am	Shipton
Mon	17	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	19	9.30am	Burton Bradstock Holy
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	20	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	21	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	24	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	26	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	27	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	28	9.00am	Shipton



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The 14th February is the feast of Valentine, when according to Chaucer in romantic mood all the birds pair off with one another. According to some Eastern European sentiment, plants start to grow after the



frosts of Winter. Among us, Grown ups eat by candle light to remember how it was they met and to imagine that they might feel as young again. I cannot tell you about the youth of today. I am not privy, and it may not be fit.

Early February is very early for birds to pair off, but in Chaucer's day, before the new Gregorian calendar fixed the dates from shifting about (Pope Gregory invented the leap year) February the 14th was a bit later, towards about the 23rd of our month. In any case Chaucer might have been referring to a different St Valentine – of Genoa, whose feast day is on the 3rd May. There was another St Valentine who was in Africa, where flamingos are a law unto themselves, and as for the ostriches: Well!

Last year the birds in the garden did not get moving, let alone singing until the cold north winds had turned and the frosts left off. Now I am asked by farming friends whether or not Spring could not be a little gentler and earlier this year.

When told to control the weather, I am rather given to assure people that their word with the Almighty on such matters as birds and nesting is just as good as mine. I feel bound to point this out, because it is to leave aside the silliness of a lot of superstition that we had a reformation; which reformation was made for upholding the dignity of the voice of every individual whose soul stands before God. The task is to tease out the truth from all that is true.

Which is as much as to own with delight that we have candles in Church, of course we do, and eat and drink together with our Lord who loves us all. Worship is in its way very romantic, and the angels who also have wings, are merrily singing, and no doubt the humans are tweeting.

Bob Thorn

FROM THE REGISTERS



The late **Cynthia Stevens** passed away aged 98 years and was born and lived her entire life at 101 Southover. She was a member of the village W.I. and also enjoyed taking part in the local pantomimes. She was Cremated at Weymouth

Crematorium on Wednesday December 4th at a service conducted by the Rev. Sue Linford and attended by her large family and friends.



On Monday, the 16th December at St Mary's church, Puncknowle, the funeral was held of the late Nora, **Gwendoline Kopp**. She and her husband, Steve, had lived in the village for some years before repeated strokes obliged her to be taken into

care. She had been born and raised in Portsmouth, and as a young woman had been a sprinter, representing Hampshire. Following the war, when she had been in the land army, she met and married Steve, a paratrooper, recently returned from the U.S.A. having been held there as a prisoner of war. They worked on farms together, near Bristol and in Somerset loving the life and delighting in each others' company. Friends and family met to recall Gwen's courage and strength. Steve led the mourning in a simple service after which Gwen was borne to Wevmouth crematorium.

As the B.V.N. is being prepared, the funeral arrangements are being made for the late **Bernard Frank Dyer**, of Burton Bradstock. His wife, Shirley will lead the mourning at a ceremony to be held in Weymouth Crematorium on Tuesday, the 14th January at 1.45 pm.

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

LITTLEBREDY

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The Church was wonderfully decorated by a devoted team for Christmas, but the very full congregation who attended the Carol Service the previous Sunday might say it also looked fabulous in the dark, romantically lit only by the numerous candles. Both the Carol Service and the Christmas

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Communion were wondrous occasions, and thanks and congratulations to all who helped to make them so. A special mention for Sandra March, whose organ playing is so much appreciated and who also played the piano for the village carol singing at the Bridehead Punch Party a few days earlier.

Many of us will already know **Tom Foot** from his activities at Longlands Farm for the last couple of years, but it is excellent news that he and his wife **Kelly**, plus their young children **Neve**, **James** and **Beau**, are now moving to the refurbished Foxholes Farmhouse. We hope it will once again be a splendid family home and that their time there will be very happy and fulfilling for them all for many years to come.

The **Social Club**'s February event will take the form of a **Valentine Evening** of cocktails and buffet/canapés in the **Village Hall** on **Saturday 15th February**, beginning at **7.30 p.m.** The dress code will be anything comfortable and tidy, up to and including black tie or long dress as appropriate. An opportunity for Littlebredy – and any neighbours from elsewhere in the valley who would also like to come – to show our inner glamorous side. **All are welcome** (entrance is free of charge),

and thanks in advance to those who will be doing the work beforehand to ensure an enjoyable and successful evening.

LONG BREDY

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100 CLUB

In December we had our regular monthly draw and our usual 'end of year' Super draw, so every number had two chances of being a winner.



The results were:

December 2013

£25	No. 91	Roy & June Clewlow	
£15	No. 33	Caddy Wilmot-Sitwell	
£5	No. 77	Lavinia Palm	

Super draw 2013

£100	No. 47	Juniper Greener	
£70	No. 36	Stuart Horsley	
£30	No. 102	No. 102 Chris & Paul Sainsbury	

By now, all of the residents of Long Bredy & Kingston Russell should have received invitations to renew or join the 100 Club for 2014, which are due back by Friday 17 January in order to be eligible for the January draw.

Membership cost is £12 for one number for the whole year and further details are shown on the application form.

New members from outside the village are most welcome and application forms are available from Andrew (482293), Jackie (482379) or Ruth (482562) or by e-mailing admin@longbredy.org.uk

Good luck for 2014!

Andrew Bailey

PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council has recently received several complaints about the amount of dog fouling on the roads and paths around Long Bredy and it is quite clear it causes a lot of offence to local residents. Please could we make a plea to all dog owners to act responsibly and collect their dog's mess and dispose of correctly at home, thus showing consideration to all.



In the event of bad weather and you need to take your car out, please carry a shovel in the boot if you think you may need to use the grit in the grit boxes.

If you have any issues you would like raised at a parish council meeting please come along to a meeting (see main notice board for dates) or speak to a parish councillor or the parish clerk beforehand. Parish Councillors are Jane Dowling (Chairman)(01308 482275); David Peretz (Vice Chairman); Jackie Cain; Charlotte Kinghorn; Kate Smith; Adrian Harrison; Giles Maltby and the Parish Clerk Gwen Kinghorn (01308 482270).

LITTON CHENEY

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

Thanks to the generosity of the congregations at the Christmas services the PCC were delighted to be able to send the Pilsdon Community and Julia's House £210 each from the collections. Many thanks also to Caroline Armstrong-Wilson, Janet and Nick Lunn, Bill Orchard, Lyn Lacey, Diana Cheater, John Firrell and Wendy Taylor who sponsored the floodlights at the church for

various evenings over the Christmas period in memory of certain people or

events. If you would like to commemorate a person or event at any time in the year then please let Freddie Spicer know (482617) and the floodlights will be lit (payment at £5 per night on "booking" would be appreciated).

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS at Litton Cheney Village Hall.

Wednesday 5 Feb. LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED

Cert. 15 2hrs.

'Escape to Italy and enjoy the warmth and humour of this film'

Philip (**Pierce Brosnan**), a lonely, middle-aged English widower, stars with Ida (**Trine Dyrholm**), a Danish hairdresser recuperating from

chemotherapy, who learns that her husband is leaving her for a woman half his age. They set







off for Italy to attend the wedding of his son to her daughter. Amidst the clashes and faux pas of their wedding guests, Philip and Ida reevaluate all their notions of family, love and happiness.

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)

Events at LATCH February

Zumba: Monday classes to be confirmed. Please

check with tutor.

Zumba: Thursdays 18.00 - 19.00 Short Mat Bowls: Tuesdays 15.45 Table Tennis: Wednesdays 15.45 Yoga: Fridays 10.00 - 11.30 (not 21st)

Art class: Thursdays 13.30 - 16.00 (not 20th)

Film Night: Wednesday 5th - "Love is All You Need" 20.00 start

(Doors open 19.30)

Village Café: Saturday 15th 10.30 to 12.30

Youth Club: Tuesday 25th 18.45



The Appealing Nature of LATCH

Work is underway on the hall annexe extension due in the main to the early generosity of responders to our appeal for help with the funding. Our most grateful thanks to those who have already given but rather like Oliver Twist may we ask for more? If you have yet to give or



perhaps you gave during an earlier time when we were seeking funding to build the hall in the first place but have yet to respond this time, please give serious consideration to making a donation. This will not only benefit all those who use or who have yet to use the hall, but also Thorner's school who are able to involve themselves in many activities that would otherwise not be possible without access to the hall. Donations can be directed to **Freddie Spicer** (482617) or **Ron Davidson** (482661) Thank you in anticipation.

Christmas Village Café

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Christmas Village



Café held on Saturday 7th December in aid of the **Weldmar Hospice Trust**. £261.15 was donated to Weldmar who have written to thank us for once again giving so generously to such a worthy cause.

Litton Cheney Social Committee

Unfortunately the dreadful weather meant we had to cancel the first evening of **Carol Singing** around the village. Thankfully the weather relented and the second night saw a merry band of 14 or so singers cheerfully singing their way to collect just over £200 for Julia's house, made up to £250 by the social committee. Many thanks to the singers and all who gave so generously. Thanks also to **David Bethell** for the refreshments en route, with a final stop at The White Horse where Val and Kelvan had further refreshments ready. Apologies to those who were ready with refreshments on the Wednesday evening - there's always this year! As always the lighted Christmas tree has added much to the festive spirit in the village, so thanks to all those who helped to put it up - and take it down!!

The weather also led to the cancellation of the **New Year's Day Village Walk** but not dropping in at The White Horse for the excellent New Year's Day brunch. Amazing how the appetite can develop watching the rain and wind race across the valley!

The exact date of the proposed **Snowdrop Walk** is obviously weather dependent! Do keep a lookout on the website and notice boards, or phone Steve on 482552/Bev 482497.

Look forward to seeing you at an event in 2014. All details can and will be found on the Litton Cheney website www.littoncheney.org.uk

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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

CHANGES TO TIMES OF CHURCH SERVICES

Please note that as from February 2014 there will be a few changes to service times in Puncknowle as follows:

1st Sunday 9.30am

Holy Communion

2nd Sunday 5.00pm

Evensong (no service at 11am)

3rd Sunday 11.00am

All Age Holy Communion

4th Sunday 9.30am

Family Service (note the change of time)

Puncknowle Art Club

By February we will have begun our new programme. Most of our meetings are in Puncknowle village hall but some are visits and some are held in a member's house. Our meetings on 7th and 21st may well be in the hall. It is not known at the time of writing.

ng. Christine Molony

Thank You

Neighbours and friends in the Bride Valley please accept my sincere thanks for all the care and assistance you have given me after I returned home from Dorset County Hospital. It is greatly appreciated.



Eileen Collins

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This was once again a great success – thanks to all the stall holders, new and old, thank you for Raffle Prize donations, thanks to those who decorated the Hall and the Grotto – the tree was superb and was much admired. Thanks very much to all who came along, those who helped in any way – and finally thanks to Santa for dropping in to dispense children's presents. This afternoon raised a total of £285.60 towards the running costs & maintenance of the hall.

Left behind in Hall Lobby – 1 Black rolled umbrella and 1 Blue and White large woolly Hat – please contact Carol on 897771 if you wish to collect either.

From Joan and Alan Collins

We apologise for not sending Christmas cards this year and thank our many friends who sent us good wishes. The reason we did not send cards was a bereavement. Just before Christmas Alan, suddenly, lost his only son Peter, who some of you may have met on his visits to Puncknowle. We were too upset to think about happiness and merriment and appreciate the cards of condolence we received.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE.

Whist Drive at the Bull, Swyre.

A Whist Drive will be held at the Bull, Swyre in aid of funds for our church on Tuesday February 25th 7pm for 7.30. If anyone would like tuition before then this can be arranged. Please contact Ann Dillon on 01308 898014.

PCC Holy Trinity Church Madeline Marshall

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB



The February 2014 lunch will be on Tuesday 18th in the Village Hall, Puncknowle. 12.30pm for 1.00pm. Any member who has not already ordered their meal or wishes to cancel a meal should telephone Ken Martin on 897622 before Friday 14th February.

Ken Martin

PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL '100' CLUB



November	Ellie Pearson	£15
	Pam Coventry	£10
December (Christmas draw)	George Newton	£75
	Peter Bunyan	£25
	Avril Upjohn	£15

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Carol Service

It was lovely to see so many villagers and visitors joining together for our Carol Service, led by James Webster. The church was beautifully decorated, with the Christmas tree and

the gentle light of candles enhancing the festive atmosphere. The congregation enjoyed singing familiar carols and listening to the Christmas story. Afterwards mulled wine and mince pies were served in the Village Hall.

Many thanks to all who contributed in so many ways to the success of this happy occasion.

Key Rota

We know that villagers and visitors alike appreciate the church being open during daylight hours. However, we do need some more volunteers to take a turn with the locking and unlocking of the door. If you are able to do this, for one or even two weeks at a time, please put your name on the list in the porch or contact a member of the PCC to offer your help. Many thanks.



St Martin's Update

We heard just before Christmas that St. Martin's had been granted the Faculty to re-order the church interior. Work will begin when contractors can be coordinated and as a consequence there will be **ten pews for sale**. We will be ordering Oak stacking chairs to ensure that there is sufficient seating, but which will leave the area around the font clear, and in the area

behind the organ. Please see a member of the PCC if you would like to sponsor a seat in memory of a loved one, or special event.

Many large trees were damaged as a result of the winter's storms. We have had the trees in the churchyard checked over professionally to ensure your safety. The large tree in the centre has been identified as in need of some work to ensure that the lower limb does not become detached. Work on this will begin as soon as possible.

Candlemas service

This will take place on 6.30pm Sunday 2nd February. Please note this replaces the usual 11.00am service.

Please keep a look out for notices of special services, which will occur during the year; all are welcome to join us.

February Floodlight Sponsorship

This February, St Martin's Church is lit up for:

John and Diane Bredemear, Percy Symes birthday, Robert and Christine's wedding anniversary, and in Memory of Walter Laughton



Thank you all for lighting up your church For just £5 you too can light up St Martin's, please contact **Phyl** on 01308 898657

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY (SGVS)

Our AGM will be held on WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY in the Village Hall starting at 7.00pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be available on Village Notice Boards from the 28^{th} January onwards.

SGVS PLANNED EVENT LIST for 2014

The list is still being finalised as I write and should be in this Feb BVN by way of a 'Flyer'. It will also be published on the Village website at ...shiptongorge.org.uk / Parish Council Pages/Planned Events.

Terry Diver - Chairman

I hope you have your new 2014 diary at hand as I am delighted to say we have an extra Artsreach event on SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY. I know, not the usual Wednesday, but it was too good an opportunity to miss and was the

only date that they could fit us in on the tour.

PETITES ANNONCES - www.petiteannonces.co.uk

Sunday 9th February at 7.30 pm at Shipton Gorge Village Hall Petite Annonces play a unique mix of gypsy jazz, those bonnes old French chansons, from Charles Tremet to Jacques, Boris Vian or Yan et les Abeilles, all wrapped in a big slice of Punk Manouche. Led by rhythm guitarist and vocalist Jipe Geradin, the band features twin lead guitars from Damian Moody and Peter Nicholson, with bassist Mark Pennell holding down the bottom end. Expect to hear something different avec un accent français!!

Tickets are £8 each and as usual are available from Doris on 897562. Do please bring refreshments if you wish!

THORNCOMBE GARDENING CLUB

The following event may interest the gardeners amongst you, especially if you were followers of BBC's Gardeners' World when the late Geoff Hamilton was the presenter.

On March 6th 2014 there will be a talk by Nick Hamilton from Barnsdale Gardens. Nick is Geoff's son and will be talking about Barnsdale and Geoff's legacy: BARNSDALE AFTER GEOFF 1996 - TO THE PRESENT DAY.

The talk takes place in Thorncombe Village Hall (near Chard - post code TA20 4NE) starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance and further information from **Mary Morris** on 01460 30938.

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

£20 19 Bob Ayres £10 84 Jo Warren

£5 22 Jo Boughton-White



SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the recent weather the number of potholes on our roads has worsened. The quickest way to report these to Dorset County Council Highways Department is through their on-line system at http://www.dorsetforyou.com/travel-dorset/roads-and-driving/report-a-road-problem or alternatively phone them on **01305 221020**. We would urge all residents to report these direct as this is the most effective way of getting them investigated and hopefully repaired quickly.

We are pleased that our notice boards are so well used by village organisations and also often by other local groups, but could we please ask that those putting up notices of events try to remember to remove them afterwards to avoid the boards becoming clogged with old information. Your help on this would be appreciated.

Some advance dates to note - the next **Parish Council meeting** will be held on **12**th **March at 7.30pm**, and the **Annual Parish meeting** is planned for **Wednesday 9**th **April**. Further details on this later.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to all those in our community who support the work

of The Children's Society. A total of £845.06 has been raised during 2013. Home boxes remain an important part of this and contributed £523.55. If you know of anyone who would be willing to have a box for loose change please let us know.

The Christingle Service was led by Rev. Sue Linford with a surprise visit for the children by Hattie. the Clown (Sue Brown). Children helped by saying prayers for the Society, reading Bible verses and explaining what a Christingle represents. The children lit their Christingle, formed a cross of light by standing along the aisles and then sang and did the actions to 'Shine, Jesus, Shine'. The collection, together with the candle boxes from the school. amounted to £76.68. Children then went across to the Village Hall for their party starting with delicious food (thanks to Lesley Dove and her team in the kitchen), followed by games and a visit from Father Christmas.





Carol singing around the village resulted in a record amount of £232.13. We finished up in the 'Shoes' where our last carols were sung by hoarse voices which were revived by mulled wine and mince pies kindly provided by **Will** and **Mandy Hay**. Many thanks to all the singers and those who donated money.

Pauline Woodford (898327) Local representative for The Children's Society.

THANK YOU FROM THE LAY-FLURRIES

Many thanks to all our friends in Burton Bradstock for their support and patience over the last year when we were in the throes of house selling. Thank you too for the lovely cards and good wishes. They were much appreciated and remind us how lucky we are to have such good friends.

We are settled into our new home in the New Forest with most of the boxes empty!! Walking to the shops and station is still a novelty and we have met lots of friendly people so we are sure that we will be happy here. Of course we will be back to see you all, and we enjoy your phone calls to keep us up to date with village news.

Best wishes to all. Cathy and John

MILOS BENEFIT CONCERT

The Concert on December 6th was hugely enjoyed by everyone who came to it in Burton Bradstock's Village Hall and we are extremely grateful to the audience for their generosity in raising the amazing sum of £4630.

Milos's musical friends came out in force to support him and we had wonderful playing from **Craig Ogden**, **David Juritz** and **Adrian Bradbury** and of course Milos himself. He introduced us to two new players, **Harriet Mackenzie** and **Meg Hamilton**, who form the trio **Kosmos** with Milos, and so popular were they with the audience that they have already been booked for the main Festival this coming August!

Sadly at the time of writing this (early January 2014) Milos has still not got his Visa so cannot yet go abroad to buy the new accordion. The money raised is safely lodged in a special bank account until that time arrives. The fund is still open so if anyone would like to add to the accordion fund please make cheques out to 'Burton Bradstock Festival Milos Concert' and send them to **Gill Redford**, 2 St Lawrence, Burton Bradstock.

Thank you. Janet Whitaker

Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust.

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308897648)



"200 CLUB" Draw - January 2014

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£43.60	No 171:	Mrs Margaret Oldridge
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2nd £21.80 No 145: Mrs Veda Bull

3rd £10.90 No 83: Mrs Pat Saunders-White

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

There are double prizes in the December draw.

Recent and current Hall activities.

The Trust held its AGM on Jan 15th, where it reported on a good year, both financially, activity and event wise.

During the year a new sound system was installed, a new main stage winch operated curtain rail fitted, a full electrical system check carried out plus a number of minor repairs and improvements.

We are in the process of renewing the main stage curtains and looking at a surveyor's report on windows, guttering and general building condition.

The aim of the Trust is to maintain a well equipped hall facility primarily for Village activity in as good a condition as the design of the building will allow. Our heartfelt thanks go to



all the committee members and volunteers who tirelessly help in this task.

The **AGM** was well attended by Village residents who regularly support activities put on by the Trust: they enjoyed a complimentary glass of wine after the meeting.

The hall hosts a variety of regular activities on a weekly basis during the year including **Art Classes**, **Bridge**, **Indoor Bowls**, **Badminton**, **Yoga** and **Brownies** and **Rainbows**. Contact details for these activities can be found on the notice board outside the hall or by calling the booking officer on the number at the head of this article.

In particular, the **Brownies** and **Rainbows**, who meet on Thursday evenings between **17:15** & **19:45** would like to increase their numbers.

Coming Events in the Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

For those who plan ahead, the main Trust arranged event dates for the first half of 2014 are as follows.

Spring Quiz with Fish & Chip supper - Sat 29th March Village Fayre - Mon 26th May

Burton Bradstock Films.

The next film night will be showing **Hitchcock** on Friday 28 February 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Hitchcock is a 2012 comedy-drama based on **Stephen Rebello's** non-fiction book Alfred Hitchcock and the Making of Psycho. Starring **Anthony Hopkins** and **Helen Mirren** it tells the story of the making of the seminal movie Psycho and gives an insight into the life of one of the most influential film makers of the last century.



Burton Bradstock Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 5th February 2014. This will be held in the Reading room at 7.30pm. The agenda will be available at least 3 clear days before the meeting, on the Parish Council notice boards (outside the Reading Room and the Library), and on the website.

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

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

Mrs Michele Harding Clerk to the Council

Village Society Events at Burton Bradstock

A Look-back at December 2013 Village Society Event

There was a good turnout for **Andrew Dickson's** talk/orchestration as he led us through how he had come to acquire some 3,000 musical instruments (some definitely 'contraptions') from countries all round the world. He distributed around 40 of them on the evening for fearless use by the audience in what can best be described as a most enjoyable Burton Bradstock 'Unfinished Symphony'. This was followed by a glass of mulled wine, Stollen loaves and mince pies – a festive evening indeed.

Kate Adie at Village Society on Friday 7th February at 7.30pm

We are very pleased that **Kate Adie OBE**, former BBC correspondent, will address us on her work and also on her latest book. Because there is likely to be high interest in this talk, and to ensure as far as possible that members can get in (given the regulatory maximum we can admit), we have decided that members only can attend, so sadly no guests can be invited.

We look forward however to an excellent evening.

VALLEY NOTES

BRING AND SHARE LUNCHES FOR 2014 - ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURTON BRADSTOCK

An invitation is extended to everyone in the Bride



A PIANO RECITAL will be given by Madalina Rusu and Duncan Honeybourne at Norburton Hall, Burton Bradstdock, on Saturday 8th March - full details will be given later, but please make a note in your diary if you wish to attend.

Mike Read (tel: 897445)

LENT COURSE 2014

This year a lent course entitled "Build on the Rock" will be held at Puncknowle Village Hall. This follows one of the York Courses and is a 5 session ecumenical discussion course comprising a course booklet, CD and transcript. The course considers the strange and beautiful story of Christ himself, his teaching, his death, his resurrection and his continuing significance. The dates are Wednesday 12,19 and 26 March then 2 and 9 April and will run from 7-9pm with light refreshment during discussion time.



2014 WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

St Mary's Church, South Street, Bridport at 10.30am on Friday 7th March.

We are looking for people to be Church Representatives. This is by no means an arduous task, merely a point of contact, to share information about the Service with their community.



Please contact **Marcia Machin** <u>marciamachin@gmail.com</u> or 01308-423475 if you are interested.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 7TH March 2014

This year's inspirational service, prepared by Christian women from Egypt, will take place at 10.30am

St Mary's Church, South Street, Bridport

The first service of the day takes place on the Island of Samoa as dawn breaks. The world is then circled in prayer for 24 hours.

The service is celebrated in over 170 countries

Everyone is most welcome to come and share in this wave

of prayer

Followed by refreshments

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 14th February, Friday 14th March, and Friday 11th April 2014**. For any questions please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.

ART REFLECTIONS

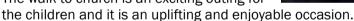
The Bishop of Salisbury, The Right Rev'd Nicholas Holtam, will give an illustrated talk on Christ in Art in Lent. at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 18th March**, at St Mary's church Bridport.

THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL



The weather was bright and sunny for our **church services**. The carol service saw everyone in good voice and the church was warm and festive. We returned to LATCH and enjoyed

mince pies very kindly provided by the TSA. The walk to church is an exciting outing for



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Christmas was a while back but our concert definitely needs a mention. Litton and Chesil's Nativity was brilliant – superb singing and dancing and animal noises! Bredy and Eggardon, not to be outdone, put on a fantastic show of Merry Christmas Mr



Scrooge. Well done to them for learning all the lines and the songs. We raised £150 for Julia's House.

Before the end of the Autumn Term. Year 6 children brought cakes and hosted a tea party to thank all who come and help us in school. We greatly value the contribution of our volunteers and helpers who give so generously of their time and enable us to enrich our children's learning. We are indeed fortunate in having such a supportive community.



Bredy have started a term of weekly clarinet lessons - and are practising hard!

Sports: Our netball team took part in the pyramid tournament and some of our children participated in a cross country event at Colfox. The whole school has 6 weeks of gym by a professional coach this term.

We look forward to an exciting, busy term!

Jvotsna Chaffev. Headteacher



Happy New Year to all parents and children now part of Fledglings and welcome to Pearl, who started before Christmas. The Nativity stable was out with new knitted Nativity people installed and the Christmas party was held on the

afternoon of 17th December. Despite the horrendous rainy weather, the Christmas Bazaar held on 15th December still raised £350 so well done to all who contributed. There were some different things this year e.g the Craft room where children could choose a present for a parent or sibling and wrap it, they could also make cards and reindeer food - as well as tried and trusted favourites. Lots of lovely stalls as well. Thank you again one and all.

Children helped with planting out bulbs in readiness for the spring in the garden, which was weeded too, and also in pots. The new interactive easel has arrived in readiness for use this term.

A date for your new diary - " A Bit of a Do" will also be held again at LATCH on Sunday 11th May 2014 - here's hoping the weather will be nicer this year.

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 482410 or check out the contact staff on 01308 website www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Bride Valley Branch.

Reminder for Social evenings held on a Monday evening in The Three Horseshoes Burton Bradstock:-



2014

February 17th Annual dinner see below

March 31st April 28th

May 19th note the date this is the 3rd Monday

June 30th

Please let Malcolm Lawrence (898616) or Basil Dent (897125) know if you are attending.

Other events:-

The **Annual Dinner** will take place at the **Golf Club** on **Monday 17th February 2014 at 6.30pm for 7.00pm**

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

The total amount collected in aid of the Poppy Appeal since 1 October 2013 from all sources in our area amounts to £3627.58. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

Permission has been obtained to enable us to lay up an old Branch Standard in St. Peter's Church, Portesham. It can be seen in the south transept.

We next meet at the Swan Inn, Abbotsbury at 7 p.m. on Monday **10 February** for the **skittles challenge match**, Branch v. Women's Section. A light supper will be available. There will also be a raffle. If you can give advance notice of your intention to come, all the better, but it is not essential.

This year we are holding the **Branch Annual Lunch** at **Highlands End Leisure Centre**, **Eype** at **12 for 12.30 p.m**. on **Thursday 27 March**. We look forward to our return to this welcoming establishment where we are assured of an excellent meal.

Non-Members are invited to join us for a convivial event and a cordial welcome. Reservations and menu choice must be made in advance through

the writer. Contact the writer for details of the menu or if you need transport to the venue.

Des Baker will escort a privately organised **6- Day Tour of Suffolk** starting on **7 April** and based on a 4* waterfront hotel in Ipswich. Already fully booked, you can still call him for any cancellations that may occur. Proceeds this time will be shared between the Poppy Appeal and Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Advance notice:

15 May a talk by lan Brooke on the charity "Shelterbox" and its work. **5 June** coach trip to Rev. Gilbert White's House at Selborne, combined with a ride on the Mid Hants Railway "Watercress Line". **10-15 September**: 6-Day visit to Stockholm.

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



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Bride Valley Gardening Club starts its new season on **Monday March 17th** at **7.30pm** with a talk on propagation, a practical guide to raising your own plants. At this meeting we will be providing details of the 2014 annual programme of monthly meetings which we hope will prove to be very interesting and includes talks on

'bearded irises', the 'bee-friendly garden' and 'orchids'

Jobs to do in February (weather permitting!)

Prepare seed beds for vegetables and warm the soil with cloches. Sow some early vegetables indoors or under glass for planting out under cloches next month. Sprout early potatoes. Prune roses to promote the growth of strong young flowering stems. Complete pruning of apple and pear trees, gooseberries and redcurrants. Start dahlia tubers into growth. Sow sweet peas, if not done last month, and pot up those sown in autumn. Prune summer-flowering jasmines and late-summer-flowering clematis. Continue to feed the birds and provide them with fresh water.

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

BRIDE VALLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The new Bride Valley WI continues to attract more and more new members of all ages and anyone wanting to find out more is invited to come along, maybe learn something new, make friends and have



some fun! You are sure of a very warm welcome.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month, usually at Puncknowle Village Hall.

For more information contact Natalie Green nataliejgreen@me.com or 01308 898202.

ABBOTSBURY B3157— WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Work started on **Monday 6 January** and it will take up to 12 weeks (three months) to complete the entire project which will be undertaken in one go. Wessex Water engineers will be working as quickly as possible in an attempt to complete the work on time or ahead of time, if possible.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Throughout the duration of the project, the B3157 will be closed 24-hours-a-day. There will be no access to through traffic between Weymouth and Bridport via Portesham and Burton Bradstock. The official diversion route will be via the A35 trunk road, the A354 and the B3157 in both directions.

Service	Alterations and amendments to service		
X53 First	The X53 bus service from Weymouth will divert at Portesham to Winterbourne Abbas and then use the A35 trunk road to West Bay and Bridport and then back on the normal route, the reverse route applies.		
253 & 753 Damory	The 253 and 753 services will follow the same route as service X53 between Portesham and Bridport.		
61 Damory	The 61 service will serve the east side of Abbotsbury only.		
Special services	During the works, there will be special bus services running to maintain public transport connections. • X53 link service Running West Bay - Portesham (this service will provide an east-west link between the X53 service •Local shuttle bus service Running Abbotsbury Sub-Tropical Gardens - Swan Village Car Park (this service will provide a local service from one side of the village to the other.		













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St James the Least of All

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-incheek letters From 'Uncle Eustace': On when the Vicar Lands in Hospital

> The Rectory St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for visiting me in hospital – although next time, should you once again kindly bring me a bottle of orange juice, would you please empty it at home and re-fill it with gin and tonic. While I know you had dashed from taking a primary school assembly, that still did not excuse you beginning your bedside prayer by telling me to sit up straight, close my eyes and put my hands together.

To fall on ice and break a leg was careless; to do so on the afternoon before a difficult church council meeting has been judged deliberate. After falling in the road and being unable to get up, it was remarkable how many parishioners formed a circle to watch; the magazine editor even had the cheek to take photos for the cover of next month's magazine, although I did draw the line when she suggested I was dragged across the pavement to where the light was better.

As I lay there, immobile, discussion started about who should chair that evening's meeting, whose responsibility it would be to arrange cover for that Sunday's Services - someone even had the gall to wonder if I should be asked to pay for their help, since I was the one who chose to fall over.

I felt obliged to suggest it may be helpful if someone called an ambulance, which someone reluctantly did, while others sympathetically asked me if I never got mobile again, which nursing home I would like to be placed in. I was tempted to suggest whether they should hold a collection to pay for having me put down. Miss X regarded it as her Christian duty to force a cup of sweet tea on me; I am sure her solution to news of an imminent nuclear strike, meteorite collision, or the arrival of bubonic plague, would be to put the kettle on.

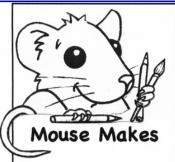
As it happened, one of the ambulance men lives in the village and saw it as the perfect opportunity, while they were placing me on a stretcher, to ask how he went about booking a baptism and seemed mildly disappointed that I didn't happen to have my diary to hand.

Now I have nowhere to hide for the next few weeks, people have realised they know where I am and that I can't get away from them. There have therefore been endless visits and after a brief question about how I am, by which time it is obvious they have no interest in my answer, they launch into questions about the flower rota, who chooses the hymns in my absence and where to get Communion wine.

Should you visit again, would you please bring information about hospitals in another county - possibly even on another continent.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



Nothing ...
... will ever be able to separate us from the LOVE of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:39



Cut out and keep these cards to remind you of God's love for us.

The Lord's LOVE
never ends,
his mercies
never stop.
They are new
every morning.
Lamentations 3:22-23



God **loved** the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him would not be lost but have eternal life. John 3:16





For the
Lord is 6000
and his LOVE
endures
for ever

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What a Dad!

Bible Sketchbook



What a father to give so much to a son who threw it all away on crazy living – and ended up living with pigs! And what a Dad to welcome him back when he said he was really sorry! What a Dad to throw a great

party for him! And what an angry brother who thought he'd been close to his Dad all the time but was never given a party.

Which brother are YOU like? Read more in Luke 15: 11-22





St BERNADETTE

In February 1858 Bernadette was 14 years old and lived with her family in the little town of Lourdes in the Pyrenees in France. While she was out collecting wood to keep the family warm Bernadette had a vision of St Mary, the Mother of Christ. The lady in blue and white appeared 18 times in all and asked Bernadette to tell the priests to make a procession to the grotto where she appeared and to build a chapel there. At first the priests didn't believe Bernadette's story because she was only a poor, uneducated girl.

People who were ill came to bathe in the spring of water that appeared at the Grotto and in time a large church was built. And still today pilgrims from all over the world visit the shrine.

What happened to Bernadette? She became a nun. When they asked her if she was sad that the visions had ended she answered: 'I was like a broom. When the sweeping is finished you put it behind the door and forget about it.'

WATER WORDS

All the answers to this Bible Quiz are to do with water. Answers at the bottom of the page.

- Where the disciples fished (Mark 1).
- It parted to allow Moses and the Israelites through (Exodus 14).
- 3. Jacob met his future wife here (Genesis 29).
- Paul was on his way to Rome when this happened (Acts 27).
- How Jonah travelled when the sailors threw him overboard (Jonah 1).
- The river in which Jesus was baptised (Matthew 3).



Why was Moses hidden quickly? It was a rush job.

What do you call small rivers that flow into the Nile?

Juveniles.

1.Sea of Galilee 2.The Red Sea 3.at a well 4. he was shipwrecked 5.in a large fish or whale 6.River Jordan

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DIARY, FEBRUARY 2014

Mon	3	10.00	Julian Group	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Wed	5	19.30	Burton Bradstock PC Meeting	Reading Room, Burton Bradstock
Wed	5	20.00	BV Films Love is All You Need	LATCH
Fri	7	10.15	Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	7	19.30	Village Society - Kate Adie	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sun	9	19.30	Petites Annonces	Village Hall, Shipton Gorge
Wed	12	19.00	SGVS AGM	Village Hall, Shipton Gorge
Fri	14	14.15	Tots Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Sat	15	10.30	Village Café	LATCH
Sat	15	19.30	Valentine Evening	Village Hall, Littlebredy
Mon	17	18.30	BV British Legion Annual Dinner	Bridport Golf Club
Tue	18	12.30	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	19	19.30	Treasure Island	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Thu	20	19.30	Bride Valley WI	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	20	19.30	Treasure Island	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Fri	21	11.15	Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	21	19.30	Treasure Island	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	22	14.30	Treasure Island	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sat	22	19.30	Treasure Island	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Tue	25	18.45	Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
Tue	25	19.30	Whist Drive for Swyre Church	Bull Inn, Swyre
Fri	28	10 30	Rurton Bradstock Films "Hitchcock"	Village Hall Burton Bradstock



	SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: February 2014			
	1st Sunday 2 February Presentation of Christ	2 nd Sunday 9 February 4th Sunday Before Lent	3 rd Sunday 16 February 3 rd Sunday Before Lent	4 th Sunday 23 February 2 nd Sunday Before Lent
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge	6.30 Candlemas Service	9.30 Morning Prayer	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 by Ext	5.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 All Age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion by Ext		11.00 Holy Communion by Ext