

# ***Bride Valley News***

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**Over the** course of Holy Week and Easter there were 25 Church services held in the Bride Valley. Some were services of quiet reflection and prayers, as in mind and heart we followed Jesus to his cross. Then there was the great celebration of Easter day, beginning in the dark at the Chapel in the woods, the day breaking through the trees. Nor should we forget the activities to mark Easter that go on up and down the Valley, not least the building of the Easter garden at Puncknowle on the Saturday before the great day.



Numbers aren't everything, and this is not a game of counting services. But it is an opportunity for me to thank those who lead our worship throughout the year. Clearly, I could not run around all our Churches, and on Easter Sunday at 11.00am, be in five places at once. What the numbers say is that we are all very fortunate to have a band of volunteers to ensure that God is glorified in our Churches, not only on this great feast, but throughout the year.

My thanks to Jean, Ryder, Mike, James, Hilary, Hugh, Sue, Yvonne and Janet for all their help.

But they would be the first to say, and rightly, that the services are one thing. The ministry and service of the Church in the communities in which we are set is where the worship lives and works. This is where people come to see and recognise the practical love of Christ whom we worship. So many thanks too, to the Pastoral Assistants, Ann, Pauline, Lesley, Carol and Yvonne again for their work, which itself is a part of what collectively the people of the Churches give in care and kindness throughout the year.

This, like all these lists of thanks, should go on way past the end of this letter, and still there would be many missed off it. Churchwardens, officers of the Churches, members of P.C.C.s, musicians, bell ringers, cleaners and polishers, flower arrangers, and those who make this magazine. I could go on, and apologies to those I have not gone on about, but it would soon sound very workish; as if God takes note of the things we do and awards points for the most activity. Some of the best things we do are in being quiet and still. So thank you movers and shakers, and thank you snoozers and dreamers.

And now I am going to make a presumption and write on behalf of all those mentioned above. I am going to thank all those who count themselves as supporters of the churches in any and all ways. There are many who are kind to us when we ask for help, stand by us in difficult times, and forgive us when we are foolish. I have said I am going to do it, I will. Thank you all.

*Bob Thorn*

**BRIDE VALLEY TEAM SERMON SERIES:**

***WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PRAY?***

Last month Bob wrote about prayer chains and how we might pray for one another. To help us think about this and to encourage us in our life of prayer the Bride Valley Clergy, Readers and Lay Worship Leaders are running a sermon series for six weeks, beginning on 6<sup>th</sup> April (with a gap for Pentecost) in all the Bride Valley churches. I have put below a list of the titles and will be leaving some small cards out in the churches for people to take away.



Our last sermon series, which ran in Burton Bradstock, was very well received and the ministry team hope you will like this one. Do come along to your local church for a brush up on the basics and something new as well.

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| Week 1   | 6 <sup>th</sup> April  | “And Jesus went up the mountain to pray.”<br>Finding Quiet time, solitude, making retreats.      |
| Week 2   | 13 <sup>th</sup> April | “Christ has no hands now on earth but yours.”<br>Praying with the hands, good works and charity. |
| Week 3   | 20 <sup>th</sup> April | “Outside the box.”<br>Praying with the imagination, Ignatian prayer.                             |
| Week 4   | 27 <sup>th</sup> April | “All things bright and beautiful.”<br>Praying with Creation.                                     |
| Week 5   | 4 <sup>th</sup> May    | “The toe bone is connected to the ...”<br>Praying with the body.                                 |
| PENTCOST | 11 <sup>th</sup> May   |  |
| Week 6   | 18 <sup>th</sup> May   | “Silence is golden.”<br>Meditation, Contemplation and the Prayer of Quiet.                       |

*Jean Thorn.*

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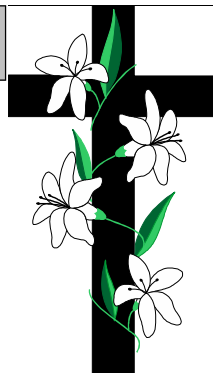
The trouble about trying to make yourself seem stupider than you really are, is that you very often succeed. C S Lewis

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### FUNERALS

The funeral of the late Brian Pursey was held on Wednesday , February 27<sup>th</sup>. at Weymouth crematorium. Brian was born in West Bay Road, and after moving away for National Service and teacher training, he returned to the area. He was first at Sherborne, and in 1958 took up a post at Colfox school, having by then met and married Barbara. They moved to Burton Bradstock in 1963, where among their innumerable community activities, Brian became a Parish Councillor and a founder member of the Village Society.

For one who loved sports so much – he excelled in tennis and cross country running – it was all the more distressing that he was afflicted by ill health. In 1980 he took early retirement. His funeral was a gathering of many friends, and a number of nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, all supporting Barbara in giving thanks for the life of the one they all knew and loved as the Big Friendly Giant.



## VALLEY NOTES

### MOTHERS' UNION.

Thursday 24th April at Clayhanger Bungalow, Berwick.

*Yvette Smith. 898219.*



### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This year Christian Aid Week is from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May through to Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Volunteers will again be needed for house to house collecting in the villages and also for outside Morrisons and the Coop in Bridport on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

If you could help please contact Marcia Machin ( 01308 423475) to collect outside Morrisons or Judy Beddart (01308 425380) for the Coop or Janet Proctor (01308 898594) for villages collections.

This is a very worthy cause and any help and ideas for fundraising would be appreciated.

*Janet Proctor*

### BRIDE VALLEY BIBLE QUIZZES

The 10 inter-church/ community quiz matches have all been played - well done, all of you! By kind permission of Thorners School, Litton Cheney, we shall be holding the final in



their school hall on Wednesday 9th of April from 5.00pm - 7.30pm. At this event there will be a schools' match between Thorners and Burton Bradstock and we shall present awards to the winners of the Junior and Senior Leagues who have been playing matches since September.

Burton Bradstock Juniors won 3 matches and scored 535 points narrowly beating Pucknowle Juniors who won 3 matches and scored 520 points.

The Senior league was won by Burton Bradstock with 3 games and 555 points. Their nearest rivals, the Bellringers, won 3 games and scored 545 points. A very close finish in both leagues!

On April 9th we shall also have a friendly match between Burton Seniors and Burton Juniors. Then we shall have a party.

Everyone who has been involved - quiz masters, trainers, score-keepers, contestants and their families - is invited to attend. It would be appreciated if each family group could provide a plate of food if possible.

Thank you to all of you.

*Heather Rogers (tel: 897780)*

## **ACTIVITIES IN THE OTHONA COMMUNITY.**

### **DRUMMING WORKSHOPS**

Core member Ali Bullivent is delighted to have been asked by several locals if she could run some African Djembe drumming workshops. Sessions last for around an hour followed by tea and biscuits and are suitable for beginners and those who have drummed a bit before. It's great fun and very therapeutic. Come along at 3pm in the chapel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of April. Suggested donation of £4 or £3 for concession.

Please let Ali know in advance if you are coming. If you would like more details, telephone 01308 897130 or email [AliB@othona-bb.org.uk](mailto:AliB@othona-bb.org.uk).

### **LOCALS' DAYS**

Join the Community from 10.00 to 4.00 for a day of a few shared jobs, simple worship, wholesome food, and stimulating conversation. It's helpful but not essential to let us know in advance if you're coming.

The dates for your diary are Thurs 24 April, Thurs 15 May, Tues 10 June, Mon 21 July, .

### **ONE WORLD WORSHIP**

This is our monthly open-to-all chapel service - always at 7.00p.m. on the first Sunday of the month and followed by a simple meal for all. Newcomers always welcome.

Date: 6th April - a song-filled evening with Ali Bullivent.



## **SINGING AT THE SPRINGING FORWARD WEEK: SAT 5TH - FRI 11TH APRIL**

We would like to invite locals to join us for singing workshops led by core member Ali during the *Springing Forward* week in April. Ali is a popular choir leader with a great repertoire of harmony songs from folk to gospel. You don't need to be 'a singer' to join in, so do come and sing in the spring with songs of celebration and joy!

Sun 6th, Mon 7th, Weds 9th, Thurs 10th April - *all sessions from 10am - 12.30pm*. Suggested donation of £5 per session (£4 concession).

## **BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB**

The Gardening Club's new programme is now well under way and should provide a stimulating season for all our members. Philip Gamble was due to lead a discussion on problem areas in your garden in March but this article is being written before this takes place so a report will be made in the May issue.



In the meantime, our programme for this year can be seen under the Valley Diary on page 67. All meetings will take place in the Puncknowle Village Hall on a Wednesday at 7.30pm except where stated differently. All meetings, except the July and August ones, are open to anyone who would like to come along. Members are free and visitors will be charged £2.

All are welcome so we hope to see you there.

### **JOBS TO DO**

Plant out second early potatoes in the first half of the month and maincrop in the second half.

All outdoor vegetable seeds can be sown now but sow herbs such as basil, parsley and coriander indoors.

Put supports in place for tall perennials.

Remove faded daffodil and tulip flowers but leave the foliage to die naturally.

Apply a thick layer of organic matter to rose and shrub beds to retain moisture and suppress weeds.

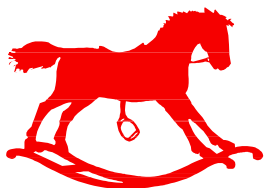
*Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary. e-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net : Tel: 01308 482240*

## **BRIDE VALLEY LADIES CHOIR & FRIENDS SPRING CONCERT**

This will take place in Bridport United Church on Saturday 19th April at 7.30pm. The programme consists of 19th and 20th century choral music, including the Requiem and Cantique de Racine by Gabriel Faure.

Entry by programme priced £7 (available from 1st April) from Janet Lane : tel 897241, or at the door.

Proceeds from the concert will be divided between Dorset Air Ambulance and the church.



## FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

Wide range of equipment & resources: Meet friends: Social evenings.

Wednesday mornings during term-time in Long Bredy Village Hall,; 9.30am till 11.45am.

0–4 yrs: No need to book; £1.50/session

All welcome, telephone 01308 482126 for more information

## BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

A big WELCOME to Emma Green from Puncknowle, who has joined our staff recently - nice to have you "on board", Emma.

Our new Theme is "Spring" which is very appropriate, so some of our activities are based around this - such as growing cress, visiting new lambs at Longbarrow Farm (thanks to Rachel and Bruce), visiting the school Conservation Garden with Reception Class, finding frog spawn and learning about the life cycle of the actual frog! We also went walkabout in the school front garden to see the snowdrops and daffodils, and played in the bushes.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the dads who worked to put up the lovely fence around our new outdoor play area - the children enjoyed their first experience of it, even with nothing inside it! Oh - they found some sawdust to play with. More next time about how we are going to use this area.

More goings on - we dressed up for Book Week on Tuesday March 11th and brought in our favourite books to read throughout the day (marathon task) and on Monday 17th March celebrated St. Patrick's Day by having a "green" day, making a rainbow, pot of gold, and looking for a 4 leafed clover. Pre-Easter, Hattie the Clown came in to read the Easter Story to the children plus Reception Class, and we decorated eggs and made "shreddie choc nests". Yummee!

For information about Playgroup, please ring us at school on 482410, Rachel Maltby on 482246, Sonya Morgan on 01300 320252 or Carol Bennett on 897771.



## BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP

In preparation for Valentine's Day the children made tasty heart-shaped biscuits and during their visit to church made beautiful 'heart cards' which



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they posted to someone they loved – these were a lovely surprise when they arrived on Valentine’s day.

While the Village hall was being used for the production of “All for One” the children had an opportunity to spend the morning at school. There is always great excitement about seeing the older children and having the chance to try out some of their toys in the playground. The children also spent time painting beautiful cards for Mother’s day.

It is a short term and Easter is approaching very quickly, the children will be making Easter gardens and other “special things” for Easter. The Mother’s Union has also given us a lovely new book which tells the Easter story – the children are enjoying having this story read to them. Our next visit to church will be a little different as the children will be remembering the story of Palm Sunday and will be making a procession to church with their palms and resident playgroup donkey (hobby horse).

A reminder that we will be having a stall and raffle at the PTA Duck Race so please do come along and support the playgroup. Thanks again to all our playgroup parents for the cookies, biscuits and cakes that were provided for our cake stall. A big thank you also to all the school children and their parents who always support our stall – we raised £57 towards our funds.

We have some places available and new children are always welcome.

If you would like to visit us we are open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am – 12 noon.

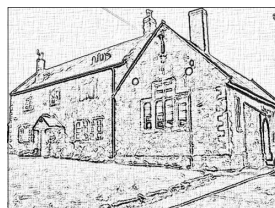
Our playgroup leader Ann-Marie can be contacted on 07853 150467 or Audrey on 01308 897227

## **THORNER’S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Having just had a very short term we are now embarking on a long summer term, this will hopefully enable us to have time between events rather than rush from one to another as we did last term.

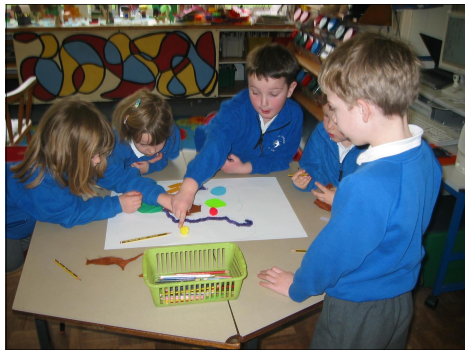
Children in Bredy and Chesil have enjoyed the time they spent with the Weymouth Outdoor Education staff learning skills to help with team building and finding the way around while Eggardon undertook an afternoon of orienteering within the school grounds. Mike Kite, of Loders, came over and set up the course, instructed the class in skills of map reading before setting them out on the course in small groups. They enjoyed it so much the class groaned when I said it was not going to be repeated the next Monday afternoon!

Thorner’s ‘B’ football team had a very exciting and successful match against Loders ‘B’ team late in February as a follow up to the cluster



tournament held over from the Autumn term. A few of the 'A' team were eager to play as we were missing a few players but we were able to field a legal team consisting of year 5 or below with 1 girl on the field at all time. The rules have to be laid down before we play the matches as our cohorts are so small we have limited choices. This is going to be very obvious when we play the netball tournament later this month as Powerstock are unable to find a suitable set of girls! A situation which may arise for us in the near future with so many of our cohorts being boy heavy ... looks good for the football though. There are swings and roundabouts in all areas of life.

As I am writing this I am trying to think of a costume for Book Week, which we are celebrating next week. I know the children all enjoy the day (out of school uniform if nothing else) and parents will have put a lot of effort into costumes so thank you for all your support. It is a great delight to see the variety of characters as they come into school, trying to guess which pupils and which characters is a problem sometimes!



*Alison Johnstone, Headteacher*

### **100 CLUB WINNERS: MARCH**

- £15            Mrs J Baker ( Mrs Js daughter)
- £10            Mrs R Berrington (Nan of Jordan Neill)

Anyone who would like to join, please get in touch, or ask at the school office for a form. February renewals are on their way out and any new families will be sent a form, in the hope that they will support their school. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone.

Any queries, please feel free to speak to Caroline Cox or contact the school office.

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL**

The spring term was ridiculously short but we still managed to cram lots in. We were pleased to win the final of the cluster 'A' tournament against Loders. This was a particularly encouraging display after a disappointing heavy defeat to Bridport Primary in the Kenway Cup just before half term.

Class 4 took part in a 'Spanish Baroque' workshop organised by Abbotsbury Music. We joined 21 children from St.Mary's, Bridport making a total of 54 pupils. The children had a lovely time learning some flamenco rhythms and dance moves. They also enjoyed the refreshments during the

break! Later in the afternoon all pupils were able to show their newly learnt skills as part of the concert performance. Year 5 children had also painted some baroque style pictures which were on display in Bridport Arts Centre.

Now we can look forward to a more settled summer term although we remain in need of lunchtime assistants for kitchen and playground duties. If any BVN readers are interested in either of these jobs, even if only for a day or two per week, please do get in touch with the school office – 897369. We would love to hear from you.

April has unfortunate connotations for me – a girl called April gave me a hard time as a six-year old. We had our own little tin of wax crayons and she was always trying to replace her grotty broken ones with mine. Though I don't remember any physical assault, her withering look could crush me from a hundred yards. We were always taught that 'sticks and stones will break your bones but names will never hurt you', but really we know better – even looks can kill! One initiative that has been valuable is the SEAL project (social and emotional aspects of learning). We work really hard, as I am sure most schools do, to ensure that children learn to cope emotionally and socially in an ever complex world. Part of this is to explore the idea that 'we are all equally different'. With rights come responsibilities.

*Mark Stratta*

### 100 CLUB FEBRUARY

£20	Tamsin Loudon
£10	Sarah Harper
£5	Elaine Kenway

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# Bride Valley News

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The BVN team send their grateful thanks to Robert and Muriel Stroud who, for 17 years, have delivered the BVN to village distributors. Now they are ready to hand on to new volunteers.

If you have a little time to spare at the beginning of January and July to deliver the BVN and would like to take this opportunity to help your community and become part of a very supportive team please ring me on 01308 897281 for details.

*Cathy Lay-Flurrie*

## FROM THE PARISH COUNCILS

### SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April commencing at 7.30pm. *Ernie Thomas – Parish Clerk*

### BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Burton Bradstock **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The **Annual Village Spring Clean** will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2008. Meet at the Reading Room at 10.00am. Gloves and waste bags will be provided. *Fel Moore, Clerk to the Council.*

### PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

The next **Parish Council Meeting** is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April in the Village Hall in Puncknowle. Agenda for the meeting and draft minutes of the previous meeting are published on the Parish Council notice boards in Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington at least one week before the meeting.

If you have any issues you wish to be considered, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Carolyn Buckland on 897726 or by *e-mail* at [puncknowle@dorsetparishes.gov.uk](mailto:puncknowle@dorsetparishes.gov.uk)

**The Annual Assembly** will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall in Puncknowle. The programme and contents of the Assembly will be scheduled on the notice boards later in April. If you or your local organisation wish to show or present information at this Assembly, please contact Carolyn as above.

We still need to hear from any local resident who is village-based during the day, and has a computer, to take on the role of **Homewatch Co-ordinator** for the Parish – acting as a focal point for receipt and local distribution of any criminal activity identified by the police to named contacts around the community. The role is voluntary, is not very demanding, but does provide you with an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to village life. Activity in the past suggests no more than an average one hour per month.

Please contact the Chairman, Tony Edwards, on 897435 if you can help. It provides a good way of meeting people.

*(Unfortunately the previous co-ordinator, who has done an excellent job for over five years, has had to stand down due to health problems.)*

Finally, can I say a big thank you to all those who turned out on a windy Sunday morning in March for the ‘tidy-up’ at the **Playing Field** in Puncknowle. We achieved a great deal to make the area much safer and

more attractive. If you are out there feeling guilty that you couldn't make the March tidy-up, we shall probably be doing it again later in the year!

*Anthony Edwards*

## **LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Following the retirement of Gwen Kinghorn from the post of Clerk to the Parish Council in May, the Council seeks to appoint a new Clerk. If you take an interest in village matters, have a few hours available each month, would like to contribute something to the community and be paid for so doing, then please consider applying for the job.

Further details available from Gwen (482270) or the Chairman (Freddie Spicer 482617).



## **REFUSE COLLECTION**

Please note that as from 31<sup>st</sup> March there will be changes made to refuse collections in the Valley as follows:

Mondays - Shipton Gorge

Wednesdays - Burton Bradstock

Thursdays - Litton Cheney; Little Bredy; Long Bredy;

Puncknowle; Swyre; West Bexington.

Residents will be notified and sent a calendar of refuse and recycling collections with their Council Tax bills, which are due to go out shortly.

## **SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Shipton Gorge Conservation Area is designated in order to protect the landscape character and historical and architectural features of the village. Special restrictions on tree-work apply and residents of the Conservation Area may be interested in the following guidance received from West Dorset District Council.

Trees make an important contribution to the character of the local environment. The Town & Country Planning Act 1990 generally makes it a criminal offence to wilfully damage, destroy, fell, top, lop or uproot a tree within the Conservation Area without the District Council's consent. Anyone proposing to carry out such work on a tree in a conservation area, whether or not it is covered by a tree preservation order, has to give notice to the District Council. Though there are limited exemptions from this requirement, it is important to check with the Council before carrying out any such tree work. The authority can then consider the contribution the tree makes to the character of the area and if necessary make a tree preservation order to protect it.

Fuller guidance on the rules can be obtained on the Dorset For You web site ([www.dorsetforyou.com/index.jsp?articleid=364463](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/index.jsp?articleid=364463)) or by contacting Graham Cox on 01305 252511.

*Ernie Thomas - Parish Clerk*

## LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS:

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There are various newcomers to welcome to the village this month:-

**Jason Pitcher** and **Natasha Roots** moved into 2, Punchbowl Cottages over Easter weekend. They are already familiar with the

valley, having lived in Litton Cheney till now, and we hope this move is a happy and successful chapter in their lives.

Whereas Chris and Judy Yates concentrated all their efforts into the walled garden, their successors are taking over the whole area of the old kitchen gardens, from the village hill westwards, so their activities should in due course be a bit more visible to neighbours. These intrepid gardeners are a team consisting of **Liz Eaton**, **Chris Burr**, and **Julie Stevens**, from Radipole, and we wish them all fulfilment in the challenge of making the desert bloom. Their main access into the gardens area will be from the bottom, rather than along the Gardens Cottage driveway, so there will be a slight increase in traffic in the village as a result.

There have recently been Book Launches in London and Bridport, and excellent reviews in the national press, for the new volume "**Pepper**", which has been written by **Christine McFadden**.

Congratulations to her, and we trust her efforts will be rewarded by great success for the book.

The **SOCIAL CLUB** is organising two events in the Village Hall during April:-

**"Swinging 60's Fancy Dress Evening"** from 7.00pm onwards on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. In the words of the committee: "Get out those flares and rah-rah skirts". Let's hope for a good attendance for that.

Later in the month, the Club will be open for a General Social, including snacks and a raffle, from 7.00 p.m. onwards on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April. It will be a **"Recognise the Photo?"** evening, so please dig out those old baby photographs, or pictures of embarrassing haircuts, buck teeth, etc., bring them along, and join in...

All these Club activities need more organisation than sometimes meets the eye. So the committee would welcome occasional help with events as they are announced. Please could any volunteers get in touch with Ed McFadden (482784) or Sheila Prideaux (482460).

## LITTON CHENEY

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## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

### VILLAGE WALK

The next village walk is on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the bus shelter at 10.00 am weather permitting.

### FUTURE EVENTS

The AGM is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Thorners School at 7.30pm. David Barnikel will be sharing more of his adventures with us in a slide presentation on his recent visit to China.

### THEATRE TRIPS

It has been suggested that we organise a trip to a theatre such as the Octagon in Yeovil, the Lighthouse in Poole or maybe a London show. If you are interested in such a trip call Lois on 482605 so that we can get some idea of what sort of play or concert would be popular.

*Sheila Davison Secretary LCSC 482262*

## LITTON CHENEY ALLOTMENTS

Some of you will have noticed a flurry of activity taking place at the far end of the Litton Cheney Playing Fields. Indeed, by the time you read this, we hope the purpose of all this hard work will be clear for all to see.

After many years of dreaming, Litton Cheney can finally now offer allotments to local residents. This is thanks to the Parish Council, and in particular to Brian Prentice and Freddie Spicer, for getting the ball rolling and giving lots of encouragement.

At present we have established ten plots of around 80 metres square behind the football pitch. Already word has spread and all ten plots are spoken for, so we are marking out another three plots at the very end of the field, which will also be used, we hope, for a communal tool shed, composting area etc. The PC have been very supportive throughout in relocating fencing, tidying hedges and ditches etc (which will benefit the whole space), with an incredible amount of help from good neighbours John Perrin and Pete Collis.

Those of us already involved are thrilled to see these ten households getting together, helping each other prepare the plots, with children and grandparents joining in. We hope soon to have a productive, tidy area which will be a valued addition to our local community activities and expand the use made of this lovely communal space.

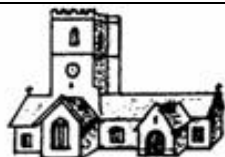
If you too are experiencing spring fever combined with despair at the size of your own garden, why not get in touch with David Bowen (Chair) on 482 166, or Alison Dunbar (Secretary) on 482 376. Otherwise please do feel free to wander down and offer encouragement or advice!

## PARISH COUNCIL

See entry in the "From the Parish Councils" section

### **BURTON BRADSTOCK**

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### **AGM OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)**

#### **ST MARY'S CHURCH BURTON BRADSTOCK**

The Annual General Meeting of the PCC will take place at 7.00pm on Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> in St Mary's church. It will be preceded by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at which two Church Wardens will be elected.

In the AGM 8 members of the PCC will be elected and 3 members of the Deanery Synod. Sidesmen will also be appointed.

Nomination papers for the positions of Church Wardens and membership of the PCC will be in St. Mary's church from the 7<sup>th</sup>. April. Nominations for Church Wardens must be received before the meetings. All nominations should be forwarded to the Secretary of the PCC.

*R.J. Hynds, Secretary of the PCC*

### **BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY**

There must have been a near record crowd at the village hall on 8<sup>th</sup> February to hear Paul Atterbury give a talk entitled 'Behind the Scenes on the Antique Road Show'.

The show was started in 1977 and the BBC thought it would be a short lived affair! It could be described as a very private conversation between two people, overheard by up to ten million people, recorded in one take with no script and hardly any preparation. An average show can see up to 2000 people in one day, on spec, bringing along up to 10,000 objects where a maximum of 50 will be filmed with about 15 objects making it onto the programme. The average queuing time is 3 hours. Many objects are unfilmable or worthless and the experts have to be good at giving bad news to owners all day with loads of tears or dealing with uncontrolled jumping for joy.

Despite all of this, the programme is very successful and has become an early Sunday evening TV institution for us all. Very often, it is the stories



behind the objects that are more interesting than the objects themselves and our excellent speaker gave us some both moving and outrageously funny episodes from his time with the show. It was very important to have clean finger nails and be dressed appropriately. Some visitors had been known to rush off to change clothes and have a hair makeover before filming.

Altogether a thoroughly entertaining evening- we did not want him to stop!

The last talk of the season is on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April when Bonny Sartin, a member of the Yetties folk group for 45 years, will be speaking on “The Banks of Newfoundland”, which were exploited by Dorset fishermen for hundreds of years and led to the growth of Poole as a port. His talk will be illustrated by quotes, songs and poems.

The Village Society programme concludes with the AGM on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, after which John Lay-Flurrie will let us in on his guilty secret.

The season of talks will restart in September with a Spanish evening focusing on Flamenco. Other speakers lined up for 2008-9 include Anna Pavord, author and gardening correspondent to “The Independent”. Jason Lewis who recently pedalled his way around the world, Peter Knight, author of books on ancient stones of Dorset, and Clive Farrell, creator of the new “Butterfly World” centre.



## **BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE GROUP**

Burton Bradstock Bridge Group will be meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesdays at 2pm from 4<sup>th</sup> March until June. For further information please phone 898117.

## **FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)**

The inaugural meeting of the FBBL will take place at 8 pm on April 9<sup>th</sup>. in the Village Hall. A note explaining the role of the FBBL, and an enrolment form are inserts in this month's BVN. Please come to support us in this very important endeavour.

*R.J. Hynds, Chairman of Burton Bradstock Library Working Group*

## **HOME WATCH**

A big thank you to those of you who took the time and trouble to fill out and send off the Cold Calling Control Zone questionnaire. In order to let you know the results, we will be having an open meeting for anyone who wishes to discuss them with the Trading Standards Officers some time in



late May or early June, hopefully in the Reading Room. May's BVN will have the accurate date. Thank you once again.

*Alistair Bristol.*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

Thank you to everyone who helped with the last production, 'All for One'. The next production will be Lord Arthur Savile's Crime on 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September:

Reading: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7.45 pm, in the Hall  
Auditions: Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 7.45 pm, in the Hall  
Rehearsals: start 19<sup>th</sup> June, mainly on Tuesdays

and Thursdays but not always in the Village Hall

If anyone is interested in auditioning but unable to attend, please contact the Director, Mike Read on 01308 897445



*Karen Venn*

There will be a series of playreadings in the Reading Room, Burton Bradstock, at 7.15pm on Thursday evenings for 4 weeks, starting on 10<sup>th</sup> April. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy reading a play, or just to listen.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

*For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222*

### 200 CLUB – MARCH 2008 DRAW

Congratulations to:

1st Prize:	No. 508	
	Mrs Mary Saint	£39.20
2nd Prize:	No. 665	
	Mrs Maureen Miller	£19.60
3rd Prize:	No. 595	Mrs Jane Stubbs £ 9.80



Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the April-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £9 – one pound for each of the remaining 9 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw. The Village Hall Trust is a trust registered with the local authority, the West Dorset District Council. Lotteries Licence No. LA005.

*Alan Clarke - Promoter for 200 Club - 01308 897051*

### QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

There will be a Quiz Night in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Either bring along a team of 8, or join a team on the night and enjoy not only a fun quiz but also a Fish and Chip Supper. Ticket

cost will be £6.50 (to include the supper). Tickets will be available from Burton Bradstock Post Office from Saturday 5 April until Thursday 17 April. Further details will appear on posters around the village.

*Susan Moores - Secretary, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee*

### **VILLAGE FAYRE – Monday 26 May 2008 (2.00 pm to 4.30 pm)**

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will once again be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday 26 May from 2.00 to 4.30pm. Your support last year made this event a great success and the money raised has allowed the Village Hall Committee to maintain and upgrade the hall and facilities.

Help will again be needed to organise, set up and run stalls; anyone who wishes to volunteer should contact Susan Moores on 01308 897673. Details of all other contact numbers will be in the May edition of the BVN.

*Susan Moores – Secretary, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee – 01308 897673*

### **BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL**

Planning is well underway for this year's festival. The programme, bigger and better, now extends from Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August and should include an exciting and ever more diverse range of music, song, words and art.

David Juritz, our artistic director is working hard, amongst his many other commitments as leader of the London Mozart Players, to bring to Burton a group of outstanding performers, including many of our friends who have delighted us in previous years. The music will range from the baroque classics through the exhilarating tango music of Piazzolla to jazz.

Very young musicians will be able to participate in a workshop with these professional top class soloists in the expectation that they may perform together in a family evening concert. There will be an evening of words, both prose and verse, interspersed with songs by the Occasional Singers. The Lendvai String Trio under the auspices of the Kirkman Concert Society will give a concert.

The week will also include the usual evening and lunchtime concerts and late night recitals. It will end with a ceilidh led by Bridget Pearse and her group with folk music and dancing and a fork supper. This programme is in the formative stage but shortly we hope to send out a brochure to all on the mailing list with full details.

### **SPRING CONCERT**

As the usual precursor to the Festival, there will be a spring concert on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. The programme is not yet fixed but David Juritz and Caroline Dowdle will certainly be performing that evening. Tickets will be £10 and initially can be obtained from me, Mike

Southgate, on 897487 from 14<sup>th</sup> April when the full programme will be available. Plan to come that evening if you want to get the best seats for the events during the Festival week, as the box office will open then for the first time from 6pm, during the interval and afterwards.

*MIKE SOUTHGATE. Chairman, Burton Bradstock Festival Committee (897487)*

## **SHIPTON GORGE**

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: **BARBARA CHAMBERS**  
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bjc39@btinternet.com TEL: 01308 897482



## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING ST MARTIN'S CHURCH**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Elections will be held for the following positions: Church Wardens, PCC Secretary, Deanery Synod Representatives and members of the PCC committee.

Anyone interested in standing for any of these positions please contact Bob Thorn, the Church Warden or any member of the PCC.

*Gillian Maxfield*

## **TREE WORK IN THE SHIPTON GORGE CONSERVATION AREA**

See entry under the "From the Parish Councils" section.

## **SHIPTON GORGE LTD**

We were very happy to have completed the planting of the first twelve trees in The Orchard on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Our grateful thanks to all those who came along to help with the digging and planting and to the crowd of villagers who came along to watch it all taking shape. Especial thanks go to David Squirrell from the Symondsburly Apple Project who has guided us along the way, and also to Joe Murless from Little Fones Landscaping who drew up the planting plan and stayed throughout the morning to make sure that all the trees were properly planted by the volunteers.

A plan showing the varieties and location of the trees has been posted on the notice board outside the entrance to The Orchard.

We are also very pleased that Chris and Sue Brown have kindly agreed to oversee and carry out the implementation of our Conservation Management Plan in conjunction with Dorset Wildlife Trust, and thank them for taking on this important work.

Since the footpath in The Orchard is now being used so frequently we

have noticed an increase in the amount of dog poo on the land and we would please ask all dog owners to clear up after their dogs when walking them through the property. We shall shortly be erecting a dog poo bin on the land – so there will be no excuse in future!



In order to raise some funds towards the cost of the bin we are holding a COFFEE MORNING and BRING & BUY SALE in the Village Hall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30am. We would welcome any home made cakes, plants or other items for sale and these can either be brought along to the hall on the Saturday morning or left with Barbara Chambers at West Court the day before.

*Mary Boughton*

## SHIPTON GORGE RAMBLERS

This month we will be enjoying our annual bluebell walk around Shipton Hill, so come and join us on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April for a lovely morning ramble. We meet at 10.30am by the telephone kiosk in Brook Street.

*Vicky & Janet*

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

### 100 CLUB, MARCH DRAW

£10	No 22	Jo Boughton
£20	No 64	Valerie Stephenson

## PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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1, LITTON CLOSE, PUNCKNOWLE

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## ST MARY'S, PUNCKNOWLE, A.P.C.M. & P.C.C. A.G.M.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church after the 5.00pm service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, at which the two Churchwardens will be elected. This will be followed by the AGM of the Parochial Church Council, when members of the PCC, representatives to the Deanery Synod and sidespersons will be elected.

Nominations for the positions of Churchwardens and membership of the PCC nominations should be forwarded to the Secretary of the PCC, preferably in advance of the meeting.

*Liz Slater, Secretary to PCC, tel 897751*



**The  
Children's  
Society**

## CHILDRENS' SOCIETY

Our grateful thanks to all box-holders, who faithfully, year after year, contribute to the work of

the Society.

The sum raised this year amounted to £133.75. Well done, and thank you again.

*Pam Coventry*

## ART CLUB

Thank you to Pam for her talk on the Russell-Cotes Museum in Bournemouth. There was more to see than could be viewed properly in a few hours. The house is full of paintings, statues and china and entry is free. At Doreen's suggestion we took a watercolour to the following meeting in order to enhance the picture with ink. On April 11<sup>th</sup> we will meet at The Crown to do a still life and on the 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a visit to Bridport for the Fra Newbery trail.

*Christine Molony*

## FAMILY HISTORY/LOCAL HISTORY

Are you interested in family history/local history? The next meeting will be at Puncknowle Village Hall, where we will discuss the history projects that we would like to do in relation to Puncknowle. We will also make this our AGM and set out a more formal structure to the group.

The meeting is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. All in the Bride valley welcome.

*Debbie Legge on 898506 or debbielegge@aol.com*

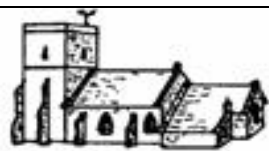
## P.S.W.B VILLAGE HALL

### 100 CLUB

The Village Hall 100 Club will begin in April. The first draw will take place during the monthly Quiz Evening (last Friday of every month) to be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April. For more information, see the village notice boards

## SWYRE

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: SID MARSHALL  
1 GREEN BARTON, SWYRE  
smarshall@which.net tel: 897318



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The APCM will follow 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April. If your name is on the Church Electoral Roll please try to attend.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April from 10am – Churchyard Working Party. As I am writing this it is looking unlikely that the weather will be kind to us for the March working party, so April's may be the first for 2008, and there will be much to do! Any help will be very much appreciated.

*Churchwardens Vera Hirst and Yvonne Buckland*

## SWYRE FAYRE 2008

This will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May at Swyre Church following the very successful event last year. We hope that all who come will enjoy the afternoon.

Stalls and games for all will be there including: BBQ, Afternoon teas, Produce, Tombola, Cakes galore, Plants, the famous woodlice races and many more attractions. I am reliably informed the woodlice are already in training.

Organisers would be most grateful for donations of wares to the various stalls. There will be meetings to discuss the details of the event so if anyone is interested in helping in any way please let us know and all will be welcome at the meetings. The next meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 in Swyre Church. Please contact Valerie or David for more information.

*Valerie Pye, 01308 897426 & David Buckland 01308 898492*

### LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: MRS ELINOR FROST  
BRIDELANDS, LONG BREDY  
TEL: 482269



***Congratulations*** to the **Horsley family**, firstly to Stuart and Helen on their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 30<sup>th</sup> April and also to Kevin on his BSc in Computing at Oxford Brookes.

***The Frugal Lunch*** in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance raised £183. Thank you to all who made soup and supported this event, and to Juniper who hosted it.

***Welcome*** to **Bruce Douglas** and **Ros Kayes** with **Kate** and **Callum**, plus pets, who have come to live at Honeylands, Long Bredy. We hope they will enjoy life in the village.

***Good wishes*** to **Margaret Elliott** who is recovering after her recent hip operation.

### LONG BREDY BELLS - HELP REQUIRED

If you are over 18, fit, healthy, would like to earn some money and are free for part of May, you could just be what we are looking for.

The overhaul and maintenance of the St Peter's Church bells in Long Bredy will take place in May (5<sup>th</sup> May for 5/6 days; 26<sup>th</sup> May 2/3 days) and we are looking for someone to help with the work. If you are interested and

would like further information, please ring Gwen Kinghorn on 01308 482270. Please leave a message if necessary and she will get back to you.

**Please remember** to put these dates in your diary:

**Long Bredy Open Gardens** – Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June

**Barn Dance with spit roast supper** at Longlands Farm, Little Bredy – Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July

## BEYOND THE VALLEY



# ON

14th February, the Dorset County Council met and "enthusiastically" endorsed Cllr Ron Coatsworth's motion regarding the cancellation of BBC Radio Dorset. As a result, the council has now written to Sir Michael Lyons (Chairman of



the BBC Trust) with a copy to Professor Lord Currie (Chairman of Ofcom) - below are the contents of the letter:

*"Dear Sir Michael,*

*At the meeting of Dorset County Council on 14th February, a motion was submitted by County Councillor Ronald Coatsworth about radio coverage in Dorset.*

*Following debate, during which elected members from across political groups expressed their support for a single radio station for the County, the County Council resolved unanimously:-*

*"That this Council deplores the decision of the BBC Trust not to proceed with the re-launch of BBC Radio Dorset, supports the Dorset Broadcasting Action Group (DorBAG) in their efforts to secure our own County cover of news and activities on radio and terrestrial television in Dorset and improved reception coverage."*

*I should be grateful if the Trust could reconsider in the light of the strongly held views of Dorset County Council and many others in Dorset. We are keen to be engaged in this important issue and are very happy to contribute in any way we can.*

*With best regards,*

*Yours sincerely,*

*David Jenkins - Chief Executive"*

DorBAG looks forward to working closely with the County Council in fighting for proper services for the County of Dorset. Watch this space!

*The DorBAG team: [www.dorbag.org.uk](http://www.dorbag.org.uk)*



## THE MILL SINGERS

Age Concern Dorchester is presenting a concert by this highly talented, versatile and acclaimed male voice choir from North Dorset, under the musical direction of Peter Lattimer, on Saturday April 26 at 7.30 p.m. in St Mary's Church, Edward Road, Dorchester

**AGE**  
*Concern*

Tickets, £7.50 (including Buffet), will be on sale at Age Concern Dorchester, Rowan Cottage, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester DT1 1PW in April, or may be purchased at the door.

### Concert of Sacred Anthems

*By members of the London Concert Choir  
Saturday 12th April 2008 at 7.00pm*



Church of Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs,  
& St. Ignatius, Chideock

*Early booking is advisable as seating in the Church is limited*

Tickets £12 in advance only,  
to include a glass of wine at interval,  
in aid of Church funds.

*Available from:*

Bridport Record Centre, South Street, tel 01308 425707  
Dierdre Coates, 01297 489890, Gill Robertson 01308 897097



### COME AND SING IN A MUSICAL

Churches Together in Bridport & District Invite you to sing in

### WILDFIRE - the story of Stephen

*A Hope08 event*

**On Saturday April 26th at St. Mary's Church, Bridport**

Roger Jones, the composer, and some soloists will be with us to rehearse in the daytime, and to perform in the evening. We are also fortunate to have David Baldwin who will rehearse the choir on April 10, 17, 21 & 24 at 7.30pm in Bridport United Church, East Street, Bridport.

**SOPRANOS, ALTOS, TENORS AND BASSES NEEDED**

Further information from Bill Hancox, 01308 459018 or [william.hancox1@virgin.net](mailto:william.hancox1@virgin.net)

# THE AGM AND THE PCC

## - SHOULD YOU STAND FOR ELECTION?

This is the month when you must decide: is God calling you to use your gifts to serve us, your local church? Is it time that you became a lay leader?

The Anglican Church has not always welcomed laity in positions of leadership. Before the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, the administration and finances of a parish were, in law, almost entirely in the hands of the incumbent and his churchwardens. The parishioners had little or no say in anything that went on, except to help in appointing churchwardens. While church councils had been set up in many urban parishes, they existed only at the whim of the incumbent, and could be dissolved at any time.

But the fact that these early PCCs existed at all was proof of how much the laity wanted to share the burdens of parochial administration, and proof also that the clergy wanted to include them!

Things changed in 1919, when Parochial Church Councils were given a legal status for the first time. Rules as to who should be on a PCC, and how its meetings should be conducted soon followed. Down the years since then, there have been many revisions and fine-tunings of the system.

So how does a PCC get there in the first place? Well, the basis of the whole scheme is the electoral roll.

There is an electoral roll in every parish. It is simply a list of people who are qualified electors in any given parish and who have asked to be on that list. To qualify for the electoral roll in a parish, you have to be:

- ◆ over 16
- ◆ baptised
- ◆ a communicant member of the C of E, or at least of a Church in communion with the C of E
- ◆ a resident in the parish, or be registered as a non-resident elector.

But how do you get from the electoral roll to the PCC? Well, this all happens at the Annual General Meeting.

The Rules state that an 'Annual Parochial Church Meeting' must be held not later than the 30th April every year, at which the Churchwardens are elected for the next year. Everyone whose name is on the electoral roll of the parish is invited to attend.

Generally, this meeting is followed immediately by the AGM of the Parochial Church Council. This AGM is most important: it elects lay members of the parochial church council. (These lay members must also be on the electoral roll, be actual communicants, and at least 17 years old.)

The AGM has other business as well:



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

- ◆ the election (triennially) of lay representatives to the deanery synod,
- ◆ the election of sidesmen,
- ◆ the receiving of parochial and other reports, and the general discussion of church and parochial affairs.

So when you attend the AGM, should you stand also for the PCC this year? This is something to pray about, and to consider before God whether your gifts might not be of use to the local church.

Your PCC has a number of duties and responsibilities: it must look after the financial affairs of the church, the care, maintenance and insurance of the fabric of the church and its goods and ornaments, and the care and maintenance of the churchyard. So we need people with talent and skills!

The PCC also has the power to buy and manage property for purposes that affect our parish, the power to frame an annual budget of money in order to maintain the church's work, and the responsibility to contact the bishop with regard to any matter that affects the welfare of our church.

If you think this might be you, please contact the Rector for further details.

## St James the Least of All

*(The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace')*

### ***When guitars and amplifiers meet choral Mattins***

*The Rectory  
St. James the Least*

*My dear Nephew Darren*

*It was kind of you to send your music group to us last Sunday morning while our choir had a Sunday off for its celebratory lunch. Miss Timmins' ninety-fourth birthday brought the combined choir's age to 1,000; which is quite a distinction for twelve people. Clearly a Sunday commitment to 'Hymns Ancient and Modern', consumption of industrial quantities of peppermints and pleasant naps during sermons has a positive effect on longevity.*

*I had rather looked forward - naively in retrospect - to hearing some Bach motets from your group, but now have learned that guitars, drums and choral Mattins is not a marriage made in heaven. All your group lacked was a drum majorette leading the procession up the aisle.*

*It was quite obvious the music was going to be a little different when I arrived to see that the lectern, Lady Tadcaster's flower arrangement and the vergers had all disappeared behind amplifiers. The only person not disconcerted by this was the vergers, who realised it presented an excellent opportunity to do the crossword unobserved during Divine Worship. That would not have been too bad if he had not wandered over to me during the Bible, reading to ask if I knew the answer to 12 down.*

*Your display of the hymns on a screen (but did it have to be in front of the pulpit? I had to balance on several kneelers to be seen over it, and throughout the sermon could only think of how to look dignified should the whole pile collapse mid-sentence) left the congregation paralysed in fear. For the first time in their lives they had nothing to hold and hadn't a clue what to do with their hands. You could see them experimentally stuffing them in pockets, holding on to the pew, searching for handkerchiefs, totally at a loss with this unwanted freedom of limbs. Perhaps even worse, they were obliged to look up rather than stare at the floor. I fear some may be traumatised for life.*

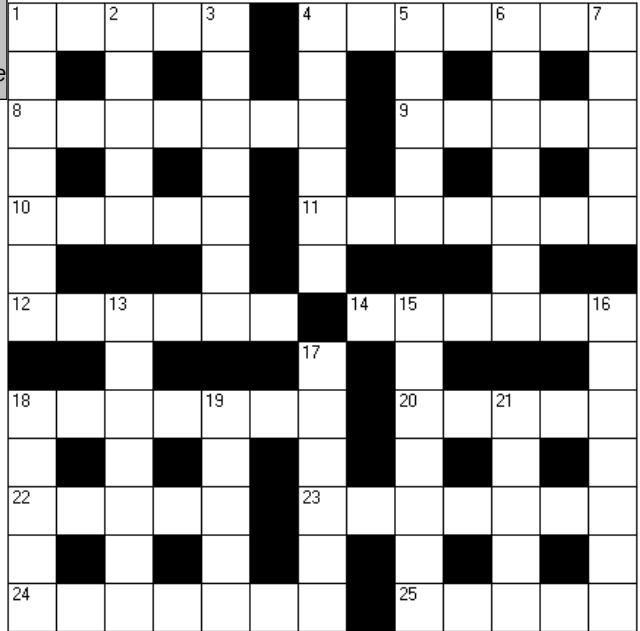
*But the worst moment was when the group gave its 'solo number' - couldn't it have been called an 'anthem'? Half way through, dear Mrs Ffitch, who has always been somewhat excitable, felt called to contribute with a spontaneous religious dance in the aisle. The congregation froze in horror and we all found varying devices for not catching her eye after the Service. But the greatest social problem is how we react when we see her in the village tomorrow morning. I have advised those who asked my opinion that we all stay indoors for a few days.*

*Perhaps your music group could visit us again when our choir holds its two-thousandth anniversary - when I suspect it will still consist of the same people, as they are all tenacious of note, opinion and age.*

*Your loving uncle,  
Eustace*

# CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible



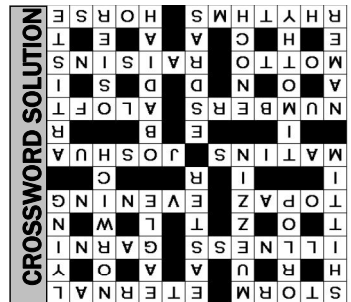
## ACROSS

- 1 Violent tempest in Jonah ch. 1 (5)
- 4 Description of the queen in Isaiah ch. 47 (7)
- 8 Ailment suffered by Hezekiah in 2 Kings ch. 20 (7)
- 9 Bouquet \_\_\_\_\_, small bundle of herbs (5)
- 10 Jewel of Cush in Job ch. 28 (5)
- 11 Time of day for evensong (7)
- 12 Morning service (6)
- 14 He succeeded Moses as leader of the Israelites (6)
- 18 4th book of the OT (7)
- 20 Far above the ground (5)
- 22 Maxim (5)
- 23 Fruit comprising certain cakes in 2 Samuel ch 16 (7)
- 24 Patterns of sound (7)
- 25 Red animal ridden in Zechariah ch. 1 (5)

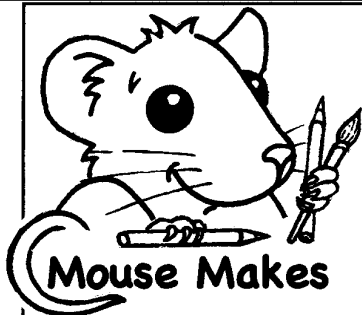
- 5 Bird that stirs up its nest in Deuteronomy ch. 32 (5)
- 6 East Anglian diocese (7)
- 7 Untruthful, like the tongues in Psalm 109 (5)
- 13 Paul wrote two epistles to him (7)
- 15 OT book and prophet (7)
- 16 Performer (7)
- 17 Two books of the Apocrypha (6)
- 18 Person giving a name (5)
- 19 Father of Methuselah (5)
- 21 Willow used in basketry (5)

## DOWN

- The spies in Joshua ch. 2 were from here (7)
- 2 Lowest deck of a ship (5)
- 3 Muslim official who calls the faithful to prayer (7)
- 4 Major Christian festival (6)



# FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



God gave Moses **ten** laws to **help** and **guide** his people and it is still important for God's people to keep these commandments today.

*The first four commandments are to do with our friendship with God. The last six are to do with our friendships with one another.*

**Read**  
Deuteronomy  
5: 1-22

<p><b>GOD'S LAWS FOR LIFE</b></p> <p>The Ten Commandments</p>	<p><b>1. WORSHIP NO GOD BUT ME</b></p> <p>Put God first</p>	<p><b>2. DO NOT MAKE OR WORSHIP IDOLS</b></p>	<p><b>3. DO NOT MISUSE GOD'S NAME</b></p> <p>Watch what you say!</p>
<p><b>4. OBSERVE THE SABBATH AND KEEP IT HOLY</b></p> <p>Keep a special day to rest and worship</p>	<p><b>5. RESPECT YOUR PARENTS</b></p>	<p><b>6. DO NOT MURDER</b></p> <p>Don't take away someone's life</p>	<p><b>7. DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY</b></p> <p>Don't take away someone's husband or wife</p>
<p><b>8. DO NOT STEAL</b></p> <p>Don't take something that is not yours</p>	<p><b>9. DO NOT ACCUSE ANYONE FALSELY</b></p> <p>Don't tell lies about others</p>	<p><b>10. DO NOT COVET</b></p> <p>Don't be jealous of what belongs to others</p>	<p>Jesus' summary of the law:</p> <p><b>LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF</b></p> <p>Matthew 22:39</p>

Glue onto the back of 4

Glue onto the back of 8

**Make a mini book of God's Commandments:**

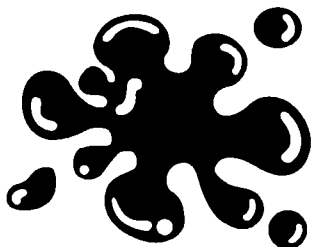
Cut out the strips then glue them together to make one long strip. Zig-zag fold along the dotted lines





## APRIL FOOL!

April 1<sup>st</sup> is All Fools Day, the day when people play tricks on each other. We are not sure just how it started but one idea is that it started when in 1564 the French decreed that the New Year began on January 1<sup>st</sup> as instead of on April 1<sup>st</sup>. So that the traditional New Year gifts and cards were now sent in January. For a joke some people continued to send mock gifts and cards, silly things, on April 1<sup>st</sup>. In Scotland the April Fool is an April Noddy, a cuckoo or a gowk: the same day is Boob's Day in Spain, Fish Day in France and Doll's Day in Japan.



All round the world people are busy kidding their friends that their shoelaces are undone or someone is sent to buy a pot of striped paint - but every joke has to stop at midday. After that the joker becomes the fool.

## WHAT IS IT?

There are some very strange, not to say peculiar, words in the Bible - and I'm not kidding you.

1. Is a BATH
  - a) something with bubbles, or
  - b) a liquid measure
2. Is BAANA
  - a) a mis-spelt fruit, or
  - b) an official from Megiddo?
3. Is NISSAN
  - a) the first month of the year, or
  - b) a form of transport?
4. Are OREB and ZEEB
  - a) cartoon characters used to tell modern versions of Bible stories on channel TV, or
  - b) two princes killed in battle?
5. Is KAB
  - a) a measure, or
  - b) part of a chariot?

Guess first and then look them up - answers at the bottom of this page.



**How do you part the Red Sea?**  
With a sea-saw.

Answers - look them up in 1) Ezekiel 45:11; 2) 1 Kings 4:12; 3) Esther 3:7; 4) Psalm 83:11; 5) 2 Kings 6:25.

# Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

## Dinosaur Dream Recipe

### Ingredients:

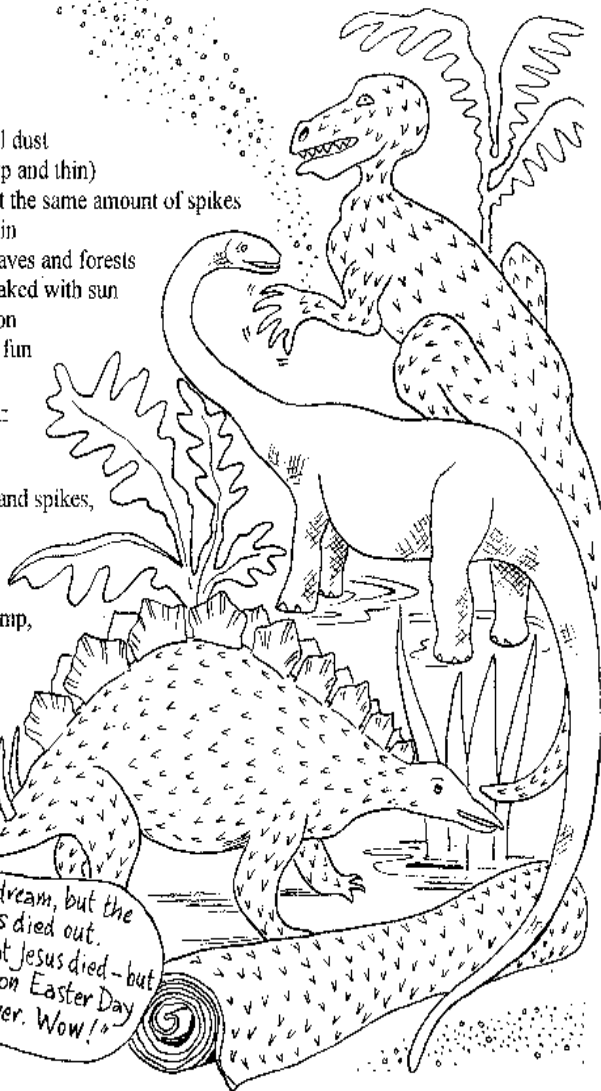
A handful of prehistoric fossil dust  
A sprinkling of teeth (all sharp and thin)  
A scattering of scales and just the same amount of spikes  
A roll of best quality dried skin  
1 landscape of swamps and caves and forests  
1 climate, warm and misty, baked with sun  
Shake in your own imagination  
Season well with fantasy and fun

### How to make your dinosaurs:-

Stir the fossil dust  
And add the teeth and scales and spikes,  
Wrap loosely in the skin  
And brush with sun,  
Turn them in the heat  
And then dip them in the swamp,  
Dream them into life  
Then turn and RUN!



Sol says: "Good dream, but the fact is dinosaurs died out. Another fact is that Jesus died - but came alive again on Easter Day and is alive forever. Wow!"



*Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!*  
Luke 24:5b-6(NIV)

Poem by Daphne Kitching, Picture by Elaine Hill, Coloured by .....





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Bride Valley News  
**IN COLOUR**, on the  
Burton Bradstock website*

## VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES: APRIL 2008

Tue	1	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	2	3.00pm	Drumming Workshop	Othona Community
Thu	3	2.00pm	Bride Vally Crafters	PSWB Village Hall
		3.00pm	Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
Fri	4	7.00pm	Swinging 60's Evening	Lb Village Hall
Sun	6	10.00am	Springing Forward	Othona Community
		7.00pm	One World Worship	Othona Community
		7.45pm	BB Players - Reading, next production	BB Village Hall
		c.7.00pm	Holy Trinity APCM	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Mon	7	10.00am	Springing Forward	Othona Community
Tue	8	2.00pm	Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
		7.45pm	Auditions for next production	BB Village Hall
		3.00pm	Drumming Workshop	Othona Community
Wed	9	10.00am	Springing Forward	Othona Community
		7.30pm	St Martin's APCM	SG Village Hall
		7.30pm	Bible Quiz Finals	Thorners
		8.00pm	Friends of BB Library meeting	BB Village Hall
Thu	10	10.00am	Springing Forward	Othona Community
		7.15pm	BB Players - play reading	BB Reading Room
Fri	11	<b>EDITOR'S DEADLINE FOR BVN</b>		
		10.30am	Puncknowle Art Group Talk "The Banks of Newfoundland"	Crown Inn, Puncknowel BB Village Hall
Sat	12	10.00am	Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		10.00am	Village Walk	LC Bus Shelter
		7.00pm	Concert of Sacred Anthems	Ss Mary & Ignatius, Chideock
Sun	13	c.5.30pm	St Mary's APCM	St Mary's, Puncknowle
Tue	15	2.00pm	Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
Wed	16	7.30pm	BVGC "Vegetables"	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	17	3.00pm	Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
		7.15pm	BB Players - play reading	BB Reading Room
Fri	18	10.30am	SG Ramblers	Brooke St telephone kiosk
		3.45pm	Taunton Races Outing	New Inn, Shipton Gorgw
		7.30pm	Local History Group	PSWB Village Hall
Sat	19	10.30am	SG Ltd Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy	SG Village Hall
			Quiz/Fish & Chip Supper	BB Village Hall
Mon	21	<b>St ANSELM, ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY</b>		
		7.00pm	PCC AGM St Mary's APCM	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Tue	22	2.00pm	Bridge Club	BB Village Hall

LC: Litton Cheney  
Lb: Littlebredy

SG: Shipton Gorge  
PSWB: Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington  
BVGC: Bride Valley Gardening Club

BB: Burton Bradstock  
LB: Long Bredy  
BV: Bride Valley

Wed	23	<b>St GEORGE</b>		
		7.30pm	Parish Council Annual Meeting	SG Village Hall
		8.00pm	BV Ladies Choir Concert	Bridport United Church
Thu	24	10.00am	Locals Day	Othona Community
		7.15pm	BB Players - play reading	BB Reading Room
			Mothers' Union	Clayhanger Buhgalow, Berwick
Fri	25		<b>St MARK the EVANGELIST</b>	
			Puncknowle Art Group	Bridport
		7.00pm	Recognise the Photo Evening	Lb Village Hall
		7.30pm	Quiz Night including	
			Village Hall 100 Club First Draw	PSWB Village Hall
Sat	26	2.00pm	BB Village Fair	Rectory Garden
		7.30pm	Wildfire - the story of Stephen	St Mary's, Bridport
Tue	29	2.00pm	Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
		7.30pm	Mill Singers Concert (Age Concern)	St Mary's, Dorchester
		7.30pm	Parish Council Annual Assembly	PSWB Village Hall

## DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES:

## MAY 2008

	11/17TH	CHRISTIAN AID WEEK		
Thu	1	3.00pm	Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
		7.15pm	BB Players - play reading	BB Reading Room
Fri	9		Spring Concert	BB Village Hall
Sat	10		Thorner's School Sponsored Swim	Bridport leisure Centre
			Summerfields School Choir Concert	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Tue	13	2.00pm	Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
Thu	15	10.00am	Locals Day	Othona Community
		3.00pm	Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
Fri	16		BB Village Hall Soc AGM	BB Village Hall
Sat	17		Swyre Fayre	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Tue	20	2.00pm	Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
Thu	22		Litton Cheney Social Committee AGM	Thorners
Mon	26	2.00pm	BB Village Fayre	The Rectory, Burton Bradstock
			St Mary's Church Fete	Court House, Litton Cheney

## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB CALENDAR 2008

All meetings will take place in the Puncknowle Village Hall on a Wednesday at 7.30pm except where stated differently, and, except the July and August ones, are open to all. Members free of charge, visitors £2.

April 16th	Anita de Greef will be talking on growing organic vegetables
May 21st	The Club's A.G.M. followed with wine and nibbles and a plant identification quiz.
June 18th	Ann Vincent will giving a talk on cut flowers in the garden
June 28th	The Club's Mini Flower show when all visitors will have the chance to make
(Saturday)	their own choice of winners in each class.
16th July	Members' local evening outing to Knowle Farm at Loders
20th August	Members' barbecue
17th September	Wildlife planting in the garden by Joy Wallis from the Dorset Wildlife Trust.
15th October	Trees in the garden, speaker to be advised later.
22nd October	Full day's outing to Westonbirt Arboretum.

# CHURCH SERVICES

## THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

April 2008

Church	Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of April 6 <sup>th</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Easter (2 <sup>nd</sup> after Easter)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of April 13 <sup>th</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup> of Easter (3 <sup>rd</sup> after Easter)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of April 20 <sup>th</sup> April 5 <sup>th</sup> of Easter (4 <sup>th</sup> after Easter)	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of April 27 <sup>th</sup> April 6 <sup>th</sup> of Easter (5 <sup>th</sup> after Easter)
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>		8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family service 11.00 Songs of Praise  6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion  6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family service 11.00 Holy Communion (By extension)	9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer  6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Skipton Gorge</b>		11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer
<b>Chilcombe</b>				6.30 Evening Prayer	
<b>Swyre</b>		6.30 Evening Prayer Followed by annual meeting	11.00 Morning Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship
<b>Puncknowle</b>		9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer Followed by annual meeting	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
<b>Litton Cheney</b>		9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (By extension)
<b>Long Bredy</b>		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	
<b>Littlebredy</b>			11.00 Family service (Communion by extension)		11.00 Holy Communion

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