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There are no weekday services in the valley throughout August



FROM THE RECTORY

BURTON BRADSTOCK, DT6 4QS

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AS I WRITE the rain is down and the floods are up – again. Having hardly seen a breath of Summer, I apologise for now writing of the end of September. But the purpose is a good one even if it fails in the fulfillment. It is to tell of a pilgrimage that is being planned. This is for hardy walkers, please to note.

It is likely to be hard work. For those not given to striding, you will still be able to derive much enjoyment when the time comes, from the thought of those who take part struggling through the wild and weather – in other words, please pray for us.

At one coastal end of Lyme Bay Deanery we have Littlebredy and the Church of St Michael and All Angels. At the western end of the Deanery there is St Michael the Archangel, Lyme Regis. The task is to bind the two in prayer, and some suffering, by walking the distance between them.

We plan to take two days. The first will be from Littlebredy to West Bay, where we will be begging



some floor space for sleeping bags for the night in St John's Church. The next day will be hard work, over Golden Cap and on through Charmouth to Lyme Regis. There will be stops for prayers on the way in the chapel in the woods at Ashley Chase, at St Gabriel's chapel at the foot of Golden Cap. There is the holy well nearby if we have the strength for the slope.



The days we have chosen to walk are Friday and Saturday, 28th and 29th September, which is



the feast day of St Michael and All Angels; known as Michelmas. It really works rather well this year with the next day, Sunday 30th, being a fifth Sunday in the month, when many of our benefices step out of a routine service pattern; a resting day of rest.

More details of this will follow. Times are of necessity restricted mainly to start times

on both days. Transport will be impossible to plan over the whole Deanery, and the encouragement will be for people to co-ordinate their own local arrangements. Food will be a light breakfast at Littlebredy, a pause at the Hive café



while passing, and fish and chips in the evening at West Bay. Next morning, early foraging, lunch on the hoof in Charmouth and so on to Lyme. We will need either to carry sleeping bags or to arrange for a friend to sherpa them in a car. We will need to carry water. Dogs are welcome to join us for holy walkies.

Just to get an idea of numbers I would appreciate it if those venturing would be kind enough to let me know. A message can be left on 01308 898799.



Bob Thorn

FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

On Sunday 24th June, **TOBY DEAN FERRETT**, son of Dean and Laura, was baptized in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. He managed this with calm and dignity, supported by his Godparents, Jemma Rowe and Tom Grinton, who were in turn encouraged by a goodly crowd of friends and family. It was a very happy ceremony.



By the month of August some of the notes from the registers from the beginning of July can be missed, and so I note in anticipation the Baptisms on the morning of Sunday 15th July of **STANLEY MACAULAY** and his two sisters, **MIMI** and **ROSIE**. Home for the three and their parents is near Los Angeles, and they are staying over in Long Bredy with family, gathering friends and Godparents from all quarters of the globe along the way.



That same day in the afternoon **GEORGE ELIOT RAWLINGS** will be Baptised in St Martin's Church, Shipton Gorge. He is quite a young child, by the custom of our times, being not quite three months old. With luck, for he is a bonny child, he may still be able to fit into a hundred year old Christening gown.

WEDDINGS



On Saturday, 23rd June, in St Mary's Church, Puncknowle, **DANIEL STRAWBRIDGE** and **KATIE FRY** were married. The weather was fine and the couple happy and handsome. The music was accompanied by organ and viola, ending with a rousing singing of Jerusalem. The family will be living not far away, near Beaminster.



Saturday 7th of July will be remembered for more than the rain and floods. It was also the wedding day of **FRENCESCA LOZOWSKI** and **ADAM GAUNT**, in St Michael and all angels' Church, Littlebredy. Huge efforts were made to ensure the wedding went ahead, all of which were more than rewarded by the sight of the radiant couple. There can be few weddings so brilliantly planned and organized as this. That it happened at all, in a marquee at the height of the storms, was remarkable, but that it did so in such style and to the evident delight of all, was a triumph. Those privileged to be there will not forget the occasion.

FUNERALS



On Friday 29th June, the ashes of **RHODA SUSANNA REID** were laid to rest in the churchyard of St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney. Her funeral had been held some time before in Edinburgh. Now, in a simple ceremony attended by her husband, Donald and their son we prayed for her soul in loving remembrance.



On Wednesday morning, July 4th, the funeral of **JENNY COX** was held in St Mary's. Litton Cheney. The Church was full with friends and people from the village who had come to pay their respects. Jenny and her Mother used to run the shop in the village having moved there to Grandmother's house from Burton Bradstock many years ago. A tribute was read, remembering Jenny's life, which account will be appearing on the Litton Cheney website. Later in the afternoon Jenny's nephew, Jim, conducted the ceremony for the cremation at Weymouth crematorium.



On 21st June, a number of people gathered at Litton Cheney church to celebrate the fascinating life of **INGEBORG ELSE MARIE FEIST** who died on 6th June 2012.

She was born on 22nd February 1932 in East Germany. After the death of her father, Inga, with her mother & brother, escaped into Czechoslovakia on foot, fleeing from the Russian invasion in 1945.

After the war she was reunited in Nuremburg with her childhood friend Albert, who had been a POW in Burton Bradstock. They chose to live and get married in Chilcombe working on two farms. Her 2 children were born, baptised & married in Chilcombe. She was widowed in 1967, and due to ill health moved to Vernons Court. Despite needing an oxygen cylinder at 85 she flew over Bridport in a 2 seater plane.

Inga's sense of adventure, courage, humour & personal faith never diminished.

She is survived by her 2 children Stephen & Wendy and her 5 grandchildren.

There remains a rest for the children of God.

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Superfast Dorset is part of a national programme. Delivery of the upgraded service will commence in January 2013 and should be complete by December 2014. The programme showing which parts of Dorset will get superfast first and what the exact timetable is, will only be known once a commercial partner has been chosen. When this information is available, it will be published on <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast-dorset>.



The overall intention is to provide access to superfast broadband to 95% of premises in Dorset by 2015. According to current projections, everyone in the Parishes comprising what we know as the Bride Valley, is expected to benefit from the new service.

When available, users will need to pay to be connected to the service as normal for any kind of broadband service, and users will need to sign up with an ISP (Internet Service Provider) or upgrade with your current ISP.

The project team is in the process of asking telecommunications companies to tender for the work required to put the necessary infrastructure in place, in a competitive and neutral way. The more demand from individuals and businesses that can be demonstrated, the more companies will be interested in carrying out this work and the more competitive the tendering process will be.

Everyone who is interested can help by registering their interest on line (*without obligation*). Log on to <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast-dorset/register-interest> and complete the survey. Your information will be anonymised and none of your personal details, including email address and other contact details, will be passed on to any third party.

To keep up to date with what is happening with superfast broadband in Dorset you can sign up for the Project Team's e-newsletter. For more information contact the Superfast Dorset team at <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast-dorset/contact>

For a short video giving some more background visit <http://www.uppermarshwoodcouncil.org/> - some of you might just be surprised as to who is the presenter!



DR PONCEY RETIRES:

Dr Catherine Pouncey from Portesham Surgery retired at the end of June after 27 years looking after the residents of the Bride Valley and the coastal villages. Patients were invited to a feast of cakes and sandwiches at Portesham Village Hall on Friday 29th June, where Dr Pouncey was presented, amongst other things, with a bouquet of flowers, a gift voucher for a balloon flight, and a host of individual cards, flowers and gifts from patients and well-wishers.

Dr Baird also hosted a party on Saturday for staff past and present.

Her incredible work ethic, gentle patience and tireless pursuit of excellence will be sorely missed by patients and staff. Happily she will still be working one day a week from September, which is when the Surgery will also be welcoming Dr Louise Beale as the new third Partner.

Meanwhile Dr Baird and Dr Fowler have some excellent locums helping them during the summer monsoon period!

Alison Dunbar, Practice Manager, Portesham Surgery

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



We had a lovely talk in June from Dinah Lindon-Critchley on Roses Old and New when she enthused about many different roses, particularly those which maintained a lovely scent.

Then at the end of the month we had another successful Flower Show. Everyone was looking anxiously at the weather forecast for several days beforehand, but in the event the sun shone and the exhibits were colourful and plentiful, although the vegetables were few this year with all the exhibitors complaining that the weather had not been kind to them. The refreshments were excellent and enjoyed by all.

The Fry Cup for the overall winner was won by Maureen Miller, the Floral Cup for all the Floral classes was won by Helen Jones, the Barker Bowl for the combined Fruit and Vegetable classes was won by Maureen Miller,

and the May Tankard for the combined Annual and Perennial classes was won by Ann Miles. The W.I. cup for the best Pot Plant was won by Mike Shepherd, the W.I. cup for the best Rose was won by Sylvia Delves and the W.I. cup for the best Table Arrangement was won by Margaret Elliot.

Other winners were: Ann Miles for best Annuals; Sue Taylor for best Perennials; Ken Martin for best Shrub; Janet Jackson for best Sweet Pea; Sue Taylor for best Jubilee Mini Table Arrangement; Jan Morrison for best Herbs; Mike Shepherd for best Fruit; Ed Atyeo for best Vegetables; Maureen Miller for best Vegetable Display and Valerie Cameron for best Photograph.

We are now having a summer break in August and will be looking forward to Diana Guy talking to us in September about the Garden in Winter.

JOBS TO DO

Give houseplants such as Cymbidium a spell outdoors in a shady sheltered position during warmer weather. Trim lavender to remove old flower spikes and encourage compact growth. Plant winter brassicas. Plant autumn bulbs such as Colchicum and Nerine.

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



BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

Unfortunately the Summer Barbeque had to be cancelled because of the weather.

Jenny and Andy Clarke had a difficult journey as roads were still closed after the floods, but they did eventually reach our July meeting to talk about “Woofability”, the charity which trains assistance dogs for disabled people. Jenny herself is in a wheelchair and she put her own assistance dog, Jet, through his paces for us. They had also brought Jerry, a puppy they are currently training. Both dogs stole some hearts in the audience! A collection was well supported.



Thomas Hardy’s “A Pair of Blue Eyes” is the book of the month for the Reading group.

There will be no meeting in August.

Any woman living locally is welcome to come to some meetings before deciding whether to become a member (contact secretary, 898484).

BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART

The Festival will open with a Tea Party on the Rectory lawns. Residents of Burton Bradstock and the Bride Valley are invited to join the musicians and organisers of the Burton Bradstock Music Festival at 3.00pm on 19th August for an impromptu performance on the lawns of Burton Bradstock Rectory gardens. Cream tea will be available for a modest charge and visitors will also be able to see the exhibition of paintings, textiles and craft work in the village hall.

An eclectic mix of musical treats follow during the Festival week from 20th to 24th August. The programme includes concerts, lunchtime and late night recitals. Acclaimed violinist David Juritz heads the stellar cast of international musicians who will perform classical, jazz and regional music in the village's tiny church and at Norburton Hall. Download the brochure from www.burtonbradstock.org.uk. For tickets, please contact Gill Redford on 01308 897203.

Released on behalf of the Burton Bradstock Music Festival. For further information, please contact Colette Hill (07971 557690) or colette@hillpost.co.uk.

THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

Our **Farewell Tea** for the staff leaving us was very well attended and included, as well as current staff, parents and governors, two ex Headteachers – Mr Mason and Mrs Johnstone - and several ex- staff, ex-parents and ex-pupils. The mood was lightened by a quiz on music spanning the last six decades. Two of the teachers leaving - Mrs Hooper and Mrs Gundry - have taught children at Thorner's for about 20 years. We shall miss them all and look forward to their visits.



We had an exciting **Science Week!** The children learned about beekeeping and fossils, and planted pollinators in the Discovery Area. The Mary Anning Theatre came to Thorner's for stories and workshops and we had a 'WOW' visit by a Science teacher from Woodroffe. The children carried out scientific investigations, including Bredy learning about sedimentary layers - using chocolate!

Celebration Assemblies: Eggardon played music and displayed their work, ranging from poems and stories to artwork and sculpture made from flotsam and jetsam! They also displayed the first prize they won in a photography competition.

Chesil displayed their musical abilities and writing. It is wonderful to see the children's growing confidence, performing and speaking to an audience.

We know it's the summer term because we have so many visits and visitors! Chesil and Litton visited **Portland Castle**. Eggardon went to **Melbury Estate** and **Firewise Safety Centre** at Weymouth. Year 5 children have been visiting **Colfox** for their festival and various other events. Year 6 went to Colfox for their Induction Day and a French Focus Day.

Visitors: PC Sarah talked to the children about road safety. **Lal Hitchcock** brought in flotsam and jetsam collected on Dorset beaches for the children to make sculptures. Bredy and Eggardon produced some wonderful animals and other 'things'! Staff from the **Bridport Library** talked to the children about the benefits of joining a library and about the Summer Reading Challenge – Story Lab.



A special visitor, Anthony Knight, told the children the inspiring story of his great grandfather. **Matthew Knight** was born in Litton Cheney and lived in Court Cottages. In 1853, at the age of 14, he walked to London and, within 7 years, became a prosperous butcher. Anthony set off from Thorner's on his 11 day walk to London, retracing his great grandfather's journey. He sent us a postcard telling us of his safe arrival at Smithfield Meat Market.

Music: There was an informal concert in LATCH, at which children learning music demonstrated their learning and skills. Our choir recorded a song they had written; this will be broadcast in September.

Sports: Our **Sports Day** was based on an Olympics theme with the 5 teams wearing shirts of the colours of the Olympic rings – the red team won! The following day we had a **Flag Carnival**, processing through the village carrying flags of countries from around the world. Our Year 6 children rang the bells as we walked and the TSA kindly provided squash and biscuits.

We had a **swimming gala** in school so that the children could display their learning and confidence since we started swimming in school after the half term break. Some Key Stage 2 children participated in a Beaminster and Bridport schools athletics tournament – **Quad Kids**. The whole school had **Landance** workshops which included rolling down the grassy banks outside LATCH! Children in our after school gym club participated in a **gymnastics competition** in Beaminster.

Jane Hutchins led a whole school Zumba on Thursday, 21 June as part of the TSA Playground Challenge (to raise funds for our playground equipment). We raised about £50 – thank you all. The TSA presented a

cheque for £2900 to Hucknets for the new **playground equipment**, which will be installed over the summer holidays. Well done to all our children, parents and friends who have worked so hard all year to raise this incredible amount. THANK YOU!!

Big Thank You Card to the Queen: we sent some pictures for a Salisbury Diocese competition to design a card for the Queen; they received 150 entries and shortlisted 15. We are very pleased that a picture by one of our children was in the shortlist and he received a letter from the Bishop of Salisbury for his effort.



Fledglings 'A Bit of a Do' was a superb and very well attended event and raised a huge £1035! Thank you, all.

By the time you read this, term will be over. All our Year 6 children have already been getting ready for their new school, as have the children joining Reception.

I wish you all a good, DRY summer!

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

100 CLUB

May winners were Mrs Sheila Barnes and Mrs Jo Lee, and June winners were Mrs Jane Hutchins and Mrs M Wheller.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

As a result of the Portugal Tour run by Des & Jean Baker in May, they were able to donate £530 to the Poppy Appeal.

In June we visited the National RNLI HQ College, West Quay, Poole, and had a guided tour of this very sophisticated facility which trains of Lifeboat crews and Beach Life Guards. The weather held fine whilst we traversed Poole Harbour and up the Wareham River where we were lucky enough to spot an otter in broad daylight.

The branch will not meet in August due to the Olympics etcetera.

A 6-Day Tour of Kent has been arranged (by Des & Jean Baker) starting on Sunday 23rd September, based on the Sevenoaks area, with half board at the 4* Holiday Inn, taking in such sites as Canterbury Cathedral, Chatham Historic Dockyard, Leeds Castle, Chartwell, Down House, Maidstone Carriage Museum and a cruise on the River Medway. Cost per person based on a shared room is only £489 including admission charges. Proceeds to the Poppy Appeal & Dors to India. Ask for a full itinerary without obligation.

We invite new branch members; it is neither necessary to live in the

Chesil Bank area, nor to have served in HM Forces to become eligible. We produce eight Branch Newsletters a year and Members also receive quarterly "Legion" magazines. Only Members and Standard Bearers are entitled to attend the evening performance of the "RBL Festival of Remembrance" at the Royal Albert Hall - an event worth experiencing at least once in a lifetime. By joining now you will get up to fourteen months membership for the price of twelve. Contact the writer for an application form.

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



BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH.

There is no social evening in August so the next **SOCIAL EVENING** will be on Monday September 24th at the Three Horseshoes. Please let Jim Reeves or Basil Dent know if you are attending. (897091 or 897125)

The Poppy Day Appeal **BAND CONCERT** will be held on Friday 26th October in Burton Bradstock Village Hall

The **ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING** will be held on Thursday November 8th at 10.30 am in Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

The **AGM** of the Bride Valley Branch will be held on December 3rd at a venue still to be arranged

Membership of The Legion is not restricted to ex-Servicemen and women, it is open to all and you are welcomed to join us. Please contact Jim Reeves, or Basil Dent, 897091 or 897125 for more details.

Malcolm Lawrence Secretary (898616)



NCI LYME BAY

The NCI Lyme Bay station was opened in a temporary location at Burton Cliff in July 2010 and after less than two years we have now gained the award of Declared Facility Status, and are now officially part of the UK search and rescue service. At present we have less than thirty fully-trained volunteer watchkeepers, so we can only operate Friday to Monday inclusive, but we have more volunteers undergoing training and when these are qualified, hopefully by the coming main summer season, we will be able to operate seven days a week,

To achieve DFS, a station is subject to an all day assessment which includes a number of exercises designed to prove that it can demonstrate its competency in carrying out the core tasks of “Spotting, Plotting and Reporting” and thereby ensure that the highest standards of watchkeeping are maintained. It is then considered by HM Coastguard as an integral part of the Search and Rescue (SAR) organisation.

From our look-out at Burton Bradstock we monitor weather and sea conditions and provide information for mariners, fishermen, walkers and other users of the sea and coast. We work closely with our partners, HM Coastguard, the RNLI, HM Customs and Excise, the Police and all the emergency services. At the same time we safeguard the environment by observing coastal and marine life.

Our most important objective now though is to find a permanent location for our Look-Out when we have to vacate our present temporary site at Burton Cliff this coming autumn. We are hoping to move, subject to planning permission, to a permanent location on the western esplanade at West Bay having had to withdraw our original proposal to move to the east pier as a consequence of objections on environmental conservation grounds.

THE QUEEN’S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE (QAVS)

As if achieving DFS wasn’t enough it’s just been officially announced that, along with the three other NCI Stations in Dorset - at Portland Bill, St Albans Head and Swanage - NCI Lyme Bay are to be presented with the hugely prestigious Queens Award for Voluntary Service!

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate the anniversary of the Queen's coronation. It is the MBE for volunteer groups.

The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service, the MBE for volunteer groups, recognises the outstanding contributions made to local communities by groups in the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man voluntarily devoting their time for the benefit of others. This is the highest national honour that can be bestowed upon groups of this kind. As such, The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service not only serves to provide recognition of volunteer groups, but also demonstrates the high respect in which volunteering is held.



To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom,
one must observe.

Marilyn vos Savant

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Saturday, 8th September 2012

Cycle or walk to Dorset's beautiful churches and raise money for the Trust and your own church at the same time! Alternatively, consider becoming a sponsor of a participant!



For further information, please contact your parish organiser:-

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Littlebredy	Sir Philip Williams	482232
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Long Bredy	Mrs. Elinor Frost	482269
Puncknowle	Miss. Ann Roberts	897716
Shipton Gorge	Mrs. Janet Lane	897241
Swyre	Mr. Tony Taylor	898523



FLEDGLINGS NEWS

June and July were fun times with all sorts of activities - after the Jubilee party etc. There was a Rock and Fossil Hunting day on 25th June which involved making plaster casts and digging for fossils in the sand pit. Next was a Teddy Bears' Picnic on 5th July which, due to bad weather, had to be indoors. Next was an outing to Monkey World on Monday 8th July, for which the weather stayed dry, but the journey there was very difficult after all the flooding. Everyone enjoyed their visit and got home safely.

The Summer display was finished with the children making their versions of sunflowers, and also a lovely big Sparkles display made by all to look at during their rest time after lunch. The children were unable to take part in School Sports Day - due to rain again, for which they had practised. They did also make some spectacular Olympic torches so maybe did some running with them.

The last day of term for Fledglings children, was Tuesday 17th July, when the Leavers' Party was held in the afternoon - with face painting and a bouncy castle, games and presentations to those children moving up in to Thorner's Reception class in September. However a Big Welcome to new children - Archie, Ed, Kitt and Sophia who are settling in well.

Our Spring Fund-Raiser was "A Bit of a Do" when the rain held off miraculously, and a marvellous amount was raised from the cream teas and refreshments, entrance money, all the stalls etc - the Rex Trevett Big Band music and song was entertaining, as were the vintage cars that attended, - there was face painting, and Hattie the Clown entertained the children with balloons. Total amount raised was £1035!! Brilliant!! - each year the total

has gone up - so well done and many thanks to all who contributed in any way , big or small. It was a lovely afternoon.

The next Fund raiser will be in the Autumn - an Auction of Promises evening - date to be finalised as yet. We wish to thank the Wallis family of Litton Cheney for a donation of lovely Playdoh toys.

Staff had a clean up day on Thursday 19th July, also to plan and get ready for next term - the first day of term will be Thursday 6th September.

The Fledglings AGM will be held on Tuesday 9th October at LATCH with cheese and wine.

Fledglings Pre-School will be open for 4 days every week starting in September - for further information and/or to look around our dedicated playroom and outdoor facilities, please contact Manager, Fiona Evans on 01308 482410.

Our website address is <http://www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk/>



FUNDRAISING BARN DANCE

There will be a fundraising Barn Dance with David Powell and his band in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 6th October. Tickets will cost £8 (to include a Ploughman's Supper) and will be on sale as from 1st September. More details next month.

Lesley Dove (897695)

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

As a busy academic year draws to a close, we stop and think of all the wonderful things we have achieved as individuals and as a school community. The children have taken part in some great activities and reading each child's end of year report it is great to celebrate their achievements and progress.



The terrible weather that we have had during the second half of the term has meant that original plans have had to be changed at the last minute. Such as our Summer Music Concert moving indoors to the Church instead of in the Rectory Gardens - although the wet weather didn't dampen people's spirits and the children performed brilliantly.

However, there was worse to come in the shape of the terrible storms that hit Burton Bradstock on Saturday 7th July. Although we were very lucky that the school was not affected by the flood our sympathy goes out to those homes that were. Our Sports Day, which was due to take place on the 12th July in celebration of the Olympic Torch passing through the village, was cancelled because of the flood on the playing field. As I write this report we

have our fingers crossed for fine weather during the last week of term so that Sports Day can take place!

With the last week ahead of us we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. They are in the middle of rehearsing for the Leavers' Service which takes place on the last day of term. We wish them all the very best for the future and hope that they build on the successes they have achieved during their time at our school.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and children of the school I wish you all a very happy, and hopefully sunny, Summer holiday!

Claire Staple, Headteacher

BEEKEEPING MONTH BY MONTH

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



WHY WE KEEP BEES

– AND HAVE DONE FOR OVER 30 YEARS

Beekeeping is an unusual hobby for all sorts of reasons, but I suppose that one of the key aspects is that it is an opportunity to get close to, and work with, a totally wild creature. It presents a challenge to be able to understand the honeybee and work to



enhance its natural abilities to the benefit of the bee itself, our environment and ourselves. It is remarkable that this little insect is so intelligent. At the individual bee level, it is capable of giving directional instructions to its fellow nest mates – something that no other creature except mankind can do. And at the colony level, it is capable of collective decisions on where to house itself and on what to forage. It is a wonderful example of colonial democracy at work.

You may, by now, have formed the opinion that we are rather (or even totally) besotted by these little insects and you would be right, because of the constant learning opportunities which keeping honeybees offers. In addition to understanding the natural history and dynamics of a colony and learning husbandry skills to maximise their welfare, we also learn so much

about so many other disciplines. We learn about anatomy and biology as a part of our understanding of the bee and this involves using microscopy, which is also useful for disease diagnosis and pollen analysis. Pollen analysis allows us to have a greater understanding of botany as plants are often very particular about which type of soil they grow on. And once we start looking at different soils, we are moving into the additional disciplines of geology and geography. An acquaintance of ours, who was a Professor in a Swedish university, managed to pay his way as a student through university by using honeybees to carry out prospecting work for a mineral company. He took his bees to the various areas that the mineral company were interested in and then analysed the pollens in the honey which the bees collected to identify the minerals present in it. This allowed him to prepare a more accurate profile of the mineral content of the soil than analysis of the soil alone - all courtesy of his bees!

We have added so much to our school understanding of chemistry by learning about the content of honey and the structure of various sugars and this is important as there are a number of legal constraints on the make-up of honey. There is also an increasing number of legal imperatives over the sale of honey; for example, the jar in which our honey is packed and sold is considered to be “primary” packaging and, as such, we are not allowed to recycle them even though they may go through the same cleansing and preparation regime as new jars. And so we also learn a bit about marketing – there is little point preparing a high quality product if it sits on the shelf because of unattractive packaging – many years ago, at one of the National Garden Festivals, we learnt by observation that honey with a red label did not appeal to purchasers.

At the beginning of our beekeeping careers we both benefitted from the generosity of other beekeepers who gave freely of their time to help us to understand the intricacies of the craft. We try, through formal teaching and informal advice and mentoring, to continue this spirit by helping beginners and improvers to understand how they can move their own beekeeping forward. We have both found that continuing our education through beekeeping examinations and assessments and through studying for and attaining teaching certificates has helped in this endeavour.

We hope that many of you will have found this series of short articles of interest and that they have provided an insight into our activities month by month. 2012 is proving to be one of the more challenging years for beekeepers, mainly as a result of the dramatic variability we are seeing in the weather; this adds to the challenge of the viruses and diseases which can affect honeybees in the UK. However, we are determined to answer the question posed by Rupert Brooke one hundred years ago this year in his poem “The Old Vicarage, Grantchester” when he asked “And is there honey

still for tea?" Most definitely there is and will be as long as we are still fit enough to lift the hives!!

Ruth & Ian Homer



You will have gathered that this is the last of the scheduled contributions from the Homers. Many thanks to them for an insight into their world: it is a great deal more complicated and technical than I had imagined. Nowadays, when working my way down a jar of honey I am more aware of the trials and tribulations of the bee keeper's work. - but it certainly doesn't make it any less enjoyable! Ed.

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ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters

from 'Uncle Eustace:'

*The Rectory
St. James the Least*

My dear Nephew Darren

The offer to bring in your team of visiting evangelists in order to call on every home on our new housing estate was most generous. I know it would have committed us to accommodating your party of 25 visitors and that there would have to be a residential training weekend for our own members of the team. I accept that we would have to produce a visiting pack listing all our church organisations, giving contact names and numbers and a short resume of what each group did, along with their "mission statements". You also suggested we should include a supplement outlining our stewardship scheme and telling the householders that there would be a further visit from those running that programme.

You seem convinced that there should be an opening Service to which all the newcomers would be invited and apparently even think that we might fly in some world-renowned speaker for the occasion. All of this would have required a finance committee to set budgets and organise fund raising. What you seem to have missed is that our new estate I referred to contains four houses. They would not have felt visited, but invaded.

We had thought of something a little more low-key: an invitation to sherry after Mattins, where we could find out which of them play golf and who may like to join the Bridge Club. Our idea of evangelism is a little broader than yours, it appears. Time will come when we can find out who will be prepared to go on the brass cleaning, flower arranging and grass cutting rotas, which are the traditionally recognised signs of committed Christians.

Inevitably, this means that some of our people will not be joining your own team to see how it is done, as you visit the residents of the new tower block in your parish. Most of our

congregation abandoned attempting stairs some years ago and their polite enquiries about which Hunt residents belong to and where they stable their horses may lead to a rather stilted conversation.

You may be all prepared to welcome your new residents with enthusiasm, excitement and frenetic activity; our policy of polite indifference and brief conversations about the weather should soon help ours to settle in in no time.

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH CHURCH FETE

Our fete took place at the end of June in glorious weather. We were so fortunate, and many people came along to the Village Hall to enjoy the event which raised £700 for the church funds. Many, many thanks to you all for your generous support, and special thanks to all those who helped in so many ways to make the afternoon such a success.

Churchwardens

PARISH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Two new parish councillors were co-opted at our July meeting; Stuart Thomson of Rosamond Avenue and Ben Boughton-White from Gullivers Orchard. Due to commitments that will take him away from the village a great deal, Duncan McShee has resigned as a councillor and we thank him for his contribution during his time on the council. This vacancy will be filled by co-option and if you feel you could give your time and take on the role of Parish Councillor, please contact either the Parish Clerk, Paula Biss, on 898088 or the Chairman, Mary Boughton, on 897958 for further details.

PLAYING FIELD

The new shelter in the Playing Field has now been completed and during recent wet weather has proved to be a very welcome asset. We hope that the owl box that is incorporated into the design of the structure will be occupied during the coming months. We are grateful to those villagers who

gave their time to help with some general maintenance work in the field at the end of June where we were pleased that a fair amount was achieved.

MEETINGS

We were pleased to see so many members of the public at our July meeting where among other items it was agreed that the new Playing Field Shelter would be suitably inscribed to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was also agreed that it was not feasible for a proposal to erect a Skateboard Ramp in the field to be pursued.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th September at 7.30pm.

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE LTD

At the suggestion of the trustees and with the unanimous agreement of the members, the charity that owns and manages the Orchard in Shipton Gorge, has been renamed Shipton Gorge Heritage Ltd with effect from the 1st August 2012. This change has been implemented as it is felt that the new name more accurately represents the aims and objectives of the charity.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Due to rearranging our 2012 Schedule of Events in order not to clash with other organisations within the Village, we have no events planned for this month..

For your early information, our next events are both in September. These are :

The Village Walk is on Saturday 1st September where we will be meeting at 10.30am in The New Inn car park.

We are currently arranging a **Saturday Race Night** in the Village Hall. Full confirmed details of this Event will follow both in the September BVN and on the website shiptongorge.org .

BEST DORSET VILLAGE COMPETITION 2012

By the time Shipton Gorge parishioners receive this edition of the BVN the judging period for the Dorset Best Village Competition will have passed. From Shipton Gorge Village Society Committee may we thank everyone for their efforts, large and small, to show this superb village at its best despite a constant battering by the weather! Everyone has helped and the SGVS is very grateful for all the efforts. Thank you.

The Best Village Competition results and presentations will take place on Friday 21st September at Corfe Mullen Village Hall. (Shipton Gorge is entered in the 'Best Previous Winners' category and the People's Project (The New Inn).

In the event of this August edition of the BVN arriving early, we hope to see you all at the Shipton Gorge Village Show on Saturday 28th July in the Village Hall commencing at 2.00pm. *Terry Diver - Chairman SGVS*

SHIPTON GORGE WEB SITE

I was contacted some months ago by Barbara Montgomery, great niece of Alexander William ('Will') Sanders, one of the Shipton men who was killed in the Great War (1914-18) and is commemorated on the memorial in the Parish Church. As a result, I have recently added to the Shipton Gorge web site (www.shiptongorge.org.uk) an article about Will Sanders, who died aged 21 in May 1915 together with around 130 other members of the 1st Battalion of the Dorsetshire Regiment, following a German gas attack at Hill 60 in the Ypres Salient.

The article includes some poignant pictures, both of Will and of a school group outside Shipton Gorge School taken around 1900. Barbara recently wrote to me to say: *'Thank you - the article is just lovely. I feel in some small way that we've been able to give Will back something of his identity and that's quite a moving thought.'*

I hope that readers of BVN will visit the web site and read the article in remembrance of this brave young man. It can be accessed through the 'Village Characters' link on the left-hand menu of the home page as well as through the 'Latest News' menu in the top right-hand corner.

Ernie Thomas - Webmaster

TUDOR WOMEN FUNDRAISING TALK

A third really successful event raising funds for Womankind Worldwide was held in Shipton Gorge Village Hall on June 27th. Suzannah Dunn, author of four novels about women at the Tudor Court gave a riveting talk on Mary Tudor, holding the audience of more than 40 rapt for almost an hour and a half. Suzannah writes parts of her novels in a cottage in Shipton Gorge, so has a special relationship with the village. The event - which included a second hand bookstall, a second-hand jewellery stall and a raffle - raised a brilliant £340 for the charity Womankind Worldwide, making a grand total of over £3,600 raised since the group started 2 years ago. If you would like to know more about this fund-raising group or would maybe like to get involved, do contact us at dorsetwomankind@hotmail.co.uk or ring 01308-897295

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

£20	No 77	Dawn Symes
£10	No 58	Yvette Smith
£ 5	No 76	John & Kate Kent

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT VACANCY.

As I have now taken over as Advertising Manager for the BVN, Burton Bradstock needs a new volunteer Village Correspondent *before 7th August* so their name can appear in the September issue.

To volunteer or to enquire please contact me or the editor to ask about the role.

Ian Ibbotson

TO THE LADIES OF THE CHESIL COURT COFFEE GROUP

We who come each month to Chesil and enjoy coffee and chat, some tunes, a lunch or an outing and a Christmas dinner, would like to thank you so very much for your help and kindness and for all you do.

Thank you so much - from all of us.



RAY AND PAULINE WEST

Ray and Pauline West have moved to pastures new and would like to thank all the friends and neighbours for their friendship and support during their eighteen years living in Burton Bradstock. What a fun and happy time it was.

We have had a very succesful move and were lucky to have chosen the only two days of sunshine in June. We are settling in well and have already been to two shows at Chichester theatre.

Regards, Ray

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

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

“200 CLUB”

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners of the July 2012 Draw

1 st	£41.20	No 191:	Miss Gayle Acors
2 nd	£20.60	No 41:	Mrs Sheila Pett
3 rd	£10.30	No 109:	Mrs Jill Harper

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





FROM CELIA AT GROVE

A big thank you to everyone for their very kind cards, messages, presents and prayers after the recent operation. Being back home & in the village is all the care I need now.

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS GROW YOUR OWN IN BURTON BRADSTOCK

The Parish Council has several vacant allotment plots for hire at very reasonable prices.

For details please contact Fel Moore, Parish Clerk, on 01308 459001.

THE OLYMPIC TORCH PASSES THROUGH BURTON BRADSTOCK

The team of Torch Ambassadors marshalling the event huddled in The Three Horseshoes until led out into the heavy rain by organiser Jenny Malyon. Recruited from the village and local Rotary Clubs, they took up positions in an apparently deserted village.



Then the people began to arrive, neighbours, people from Dorset, from Bristol, from the Czech Republic, from America and across the world to see the Olympic Torch burning almost underwater.

The arrangements went well. Some motorists, (where have they been living) were surprised to be stopped for half an hour, “I have to be in Lyme for 5 o’clock”. But they obeyed. BBC budget cuts were all too apparent; their correspondent had to write his notes on the back of his hand.

It’s done, despite the weather, we can relax, no one more so than Jenny Malyon whose team have worked so hard to ensure that it all happened smoothly.

Thank you Jenny.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY OUTING

The entire village set off, at the crack of dawn, leaving the Village to burglars (once again), to visit the SS Great Britain, Brunel’s amazing monster, cleverly tethered there (it looks like a floater, but is in dry dock) and then to Tyntesfield, that exciting long-term project that the National Trust is undertaking in Wraxall, Somerset.

There is something rather nice about undertaking these outings alone, for one is obliged to take pot luck as one picks a seat on the charabanc: such journeys are long enough to make new or better friends. Although Peter Broomhead organised everything to a “T”, it was a pity that he forgot to chalk raffle numbers on the coach tyre: that would have made the day perfect!

The *Great Britain* is a children’s delight and therefore appealed to everyone; but in no time we began to realise just how Spartan life was for passengers in those days, with only two baths for the first class and nothing much for the rest: what must be a complete contrast to the cruises most Villagers seem to undertake for probably only a hundred times more. The *faux* food looked really appetising (so did the real *McCoy* at the restaurant) and one was able to almost sense the smells of the kitchens, laundry and livestock - of which there seem to have been as many as passengers.

Further along the quayside there was the local museum, too, then off we went for what was for some, the highlight of the outing: Tyntesfield. Particularly those who had already visited this great house on an earlier



occasion and were interested to find out how things were getting on. It could be said that these houses are all similar: they are, but Tyntesfield is so over-the-top that it is remarkable. A truly wonderful house that seems almost to have

been built just yesterday.

There is clearly still much work to be done and it was helpful to have vociferous guides in almost every room: they are great stuff, these National Trust volunteers – probably absolute bores at home, but rattling through their repertoire left many of us only thankful that our investment on the guidebook would be justified when we showed it off to those unfortunate not to have been there. Your correspondent particularly enjoyed the gardens and being able to watch student stonemasons at their work on the orangery, which is so much improved that it shames the original rather cheapskate building that was knocked-up in the late nineteenth century.

One of those community days that more than justifies the premium one pays for living in Burton Bradstock!

LONG BREDY

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FESTIVAL OF WEDDINGS

Anyone willing to lend wedding dresses would be appreciated. We also need tailors' dummies to display the dresses. We will also need help with decorating the church on Friday 24th August.

Light refreshments will be available on both days (26th & 27th August). Entry will be by donations in aid of the church tower.

Anyone able to help in any way, please contact Jackie Cain - 482379 or Elinor Frost - 482269

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The bell ringers of St Peter's Church, Long Bredy are holding a Harvest Supper on the evening of Saturday, 8th September in aid of the Tower Fund. Bonny Sartin will entertain us after supper with humorous poems and songs with Dorset connections. Bonny was a member of 'The Yetties' before they retired and is a superb raconteur, a treat for all.

100 CLUB

Winners for June

£25 Mark Banham

£15 Lavinia Palm

£ 5 Carol Randell

LITTLEBREDY

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LAST MONTH

we expressed a hope that the sun would shine on the wedding day of **FRANCESCA LOZOWSKI** and **ADAM GAUNT**. Instead, West Dorset suffered its wettest day for years. But the Church service and the reception went ahead in good spirits, thanks to the herculean efforts of many of their relations and neighbours in somehow getting then keeping the marquee reasonably dry (till late at night at least), ferrying guests to the Church by circuitous routes which were clear of floodwater, and performing myriad other tasks to save the day. Especial thanks and praise to Bob

Thorn, who, while the local news was full of the dire tidings of Burton Bradstock being cut off from the outside world, proved that it wasn't by getting here to officiate at the (belated) service. The bride looked gorgeous, and her wellington boots set off the ensemble perfectly!

THE AFTERMATH of the rainfall produced fantastic effects in the village, where fortunately little damage was done. The lake level rose by several inches, the waterfall thundered whitely as seldom before, and the river reverted to its natural course along the road south of the walled garden. It also rose several hundred yards east of its

usual source, in the cricket ground in fact, and for two days flowed overground down the Bridehead drive and across the lawns before spilling into the lake. A phenomenon very seldom known before. At the time of writing there is more



heavy rainfall forecast, but let us hope that the worst of its dire effects on our neighbouring villages and roads is now over.

FOR SOME unaccountable reason, the route of the Olympic Torch omitted Littlebredy on its recent tour of the country. However, two of the torchbearers and a busload of their supporters on their way to carry the torch in Bridport knew of the village's attractions, and stopped for a picnic in the Bridehead grounds on Thursday 12th July en route for their big moment. (However, that is one of the days where we have been warned to expect more heavy rain – possibly causing a diversion of the torch's route - so the picnic may not have happened after all.)

THERE WILL be no Social Club event in August, but the committee can give early notice at this stage that the next event will be a **CAR TREASURE HUNT** followed by a Village Hall supper on Saturday 8th September. All further details will appear in next month's magazine, but please note the date in your diary and join in if you can.



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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Every Sunday at 7.30pm from 29th July until 26th

August. Everyone welcome to come and have a good sing of hymns chosen and presented by our congregation and their

friends or family, accompanied by the organ played by Paul Cheater. These will be the only services at Swyre Church during this time.

In September we resume our normal services starting with Evening Prayer at 6.30pm on 2nd September.

FREE COMPOST!

There is plenty of compost from the grass cuttings available to anyone who would like to collect it. Bring a compost bag or wheelbarrow and help yourself from the pile in the south west corner of the churchyard. For more information speak to David - tel. 898 492.

Enjoy your summer, whatever the weather!

Yvonne

OUR PARISH CHURCH.

In common with many other properties in the Valley the Church suffered a flood. The water table was so high that the soakaways could not drain the volume of water, and consequently rain water seeped into the Church. Fortunately the flood was discovered whilst it was still raining and we managed to bail out the water,



although as fast as we bailed the water poured in. The carpet was soaked and the underlay ruined and as I write the carpet is still drying out. We shall be able to relay the carpet but we shall have to replace the underlay. It does not seem that we have any other obvious damage. Unless any further damage presents itself in the future we shall not make an Insurance claim as the cost of the underlay does not exceed the excess clause in the

premiums. If any villager feels able to make a small contribution to the cost of replacing the underlay we shall of course be very grateful.

Services have been held at the Tower end of the Church and we continue as we usually do. We shall be dried out in time to celebrate with Songs of Praise.

Madeline

JUBILEE IN PUNCKNOWLE

Omitted last month - but to celebrate the Royal Diamond Jubilee in Puncknowle, we had a tasty Fish and Chip Supper with Jubilee Quiz on Saturday 2nd June, followed the next day by an excellent Street Party in Hoopers Lane organised by Debbie Legge, with help from other residents - loads of food was brought along to share plus music and games. Some children dressed up and looked the part of little kings and princesses - and it did not rain!



However it did lash down on the Tuesday Bank Holiday when Afternoon Teas were again available in the village hall - with masses of cakes donated.

Thank you to all who made them and to all who came along.



BOOK CLUB

Last month's book "The Betrayal" was gripping and scary - the sheer amount of detail in it, though often painful to read, made it come alive. The gradual development of the plot and characters built up the tension and suspense towards the end (thanks Chris). Apparently it was a sequel to "The Siege" about the siege of Leningrad, also the setting for this book. Our next choice is called "The Long Song" by Andrea Levy which is set in Jamaica during the last turbulent years of slavery there, and the early years of freedom that followed. Interesting!

PUNCKNOWLE ART CLUB

We were lucky to have a dry morning for our meeting at Jennifer's. The wildlife along the river also seemed to be enjoying the day. At the village hall we set up the most colourful still life with very pleasing results. There are no meetings in August but we meet again on 7th Sept. to look at our holiday sketches and paintings.



Christine Molony



AFTERNOON TEA



There will be no afternoon tea at the beginning of August. A fair number of people have taken the opportunity to call into the village hall for a cup of tea (or coffee), a cake and a good old natter, so the teas will continue - the next one being on September 4th from 3.30 to 5.00pm

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB



There is no meeting of the Lunch Club in August, the next lunch being on September 18th. Nevertheless those who wish to have lunch on that day, and who have not already done so, need to ensure te they have ordered their lunches in advance - telephone 897622.

The September menu is a choice of chicken breast with a sweet red pepper sauce or tomato and basil tart, followed by a choice of rice pudding with apple sauce or summer pudding - plus of course, the usual fruit juices, vegetables/salad, cheese & biscuits and tea or coffee.

Anybody who would like to join us but is not yet a member of the club (membership costs £1, each lunch costs £4.00) should telephone the same number to join. Anybody over 50 years old, who lives or used to live in one of the three villages, is eligible to join.

PSWB VILLAGE HALL



MAY 2012

Joyce Hardy £15
Christine Reeks £10

JUNE 2012

Vera Hirst £15
Mary Fitzpatrick £10

If you are interested in joining the 100 Club please contact me on 897318 or at 3 Green Barton, Swyre. Cost is £18 per year (by cheque please).

WHIST DRIVE

A Whist Drive will be held in the Village Hall in Puncknowle, on 21st August at 7.30pm sharp! Everyone is welcome. Please contact Jenny Parr on 897351 for further details.



If a man is offered a fact which goes against his instincts, he will scrutinize it closely, and unless the evidence is overwhelming, he will refuse to believe it. If, on the other hand, he is offered something which affords a reason for acting in accordance to his instincts, he will accept it even on the slightest evidence. The origin of myths is explained in this way.

Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)

LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The next churchyard working party will be on Thursday morning, 2nd August. If you can help for an hour or so you would be very welcome. Refreshments provided.

VILLAGE CAFE

St. Mary's will be hosting the Village Café at LATCH on Saturday 18th August from 10.30am to 12.30pm. We hope lots of you will come along for coffee, bacon butties and homemade cakes, and to browse around the stalls - produce, bric-a-brac and bottle tombola as well as the usual books, cards and raffle. Proceeds will be for the upkeep of the Church. See you there!



AT LATCH

See the Last Night of the Proms on the Big Screen, live from London on Saturday 8th September at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. Doors open 6.00pm when we shall be joining the crowds in Hyde Park for Proms in the Park, featuring Alfie Boe, Kylie, Il Divo, Björn Again, The Chicago Blues Brothers, The Gypsy Queens, and the cast of Let It Be.

Later we shall join the promenaders at The Royal Albert Hall for the traditional second half of the concert, featuring all the usual favourites, so bring your flags and join in the singing! Bring your own food, but buy your wine and beer from our bar.

To reserve a table for 8 (£6), ring 482532, or just pay £1 on the door on the night.

No admission after 8.30pm.

JENNY COX

Thank you to the many people who came to Litton church to attend Jenny's funeral service. We are touched by the affection for Jenny shown by so many neighbours and friends. Beyond our personal loss, Jenny's death marks the end of a chapter for us as a family so it was a poignant event.

WHAT'S ON AT LATCH IN AUGUST

Zumba: Every Thursday 5.30 -

First Steps Toddlers: Wednesdays 9.30am, 8th, 22nd and 29th



Summer Art Course with Lynda Connolly; 10.00am Thursday 2nd & 9th

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS AT LATCH

Annual Wine Tasting with Wine God Steven Spurrier on Saturday 20th October. Crushed grape slurping for the discerning, this event is always well attended so tickets (£30) should be obtained early.

Contact Freddie Spicer 482617, Ron Davidson 482661, John Firrell 482313 or David/Wendy Taylor 482532.

Strings Attached? The New Rope String Band - Saturday 27th October - "once seen, never forgotten, combining superb musicianship with side-splitting comic genius."

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The **Village Walk** is on Saturday August 11th; tear yourself away from the Olympics for a couple of hours and stretch those legs!

The **Summer BBQ** is on **Sunday August 19TH**, 5.30 for 6.00 at the Hall. Tickets are on sale from late July so please buy yours early as it helps our planning and makes sure **YOU** can come as it has been sold out for the past couple of years. Usual great food, drinks, and Disco. Don't worry if our "typical" summer weather continues as we can move into the Hall which we did very successfully last year!

Do come along, bring your friends, family and neighbours, but most of all Yourselfes!

Ron Davidson LCSC 482661

KHAKI CAMPBELL DUCK EGGS!

Our two tame Khaki Campbell ducks lay virtually every day throughout the year so we always have eggs to spare. If you haven't tried duck eggs before they are similar to hens' eggs but with firmer whites and lovely creamy yolks which are great fried, poached, boiled or in cakes. If you would like some to try please give me a ring and I will put some out for you to collect, or we can deliver them to Litton Cheney or Long Bredy.

Alison Dunbar 482376

In the late 19th century Evanston, Illinois, nicknamed "Heavenston" by Frances Willard, was a Methodist-minded town, so pious that the town fathers, resenting the dissipating influence of the soda fountain, passed an ordinance forbidding the sale of ice cream sodas on Sunday. Some ingenious confectioners, obeying the law, served ice cream with syrup but no soda. This sodaless soda was the Sunday soda, and became so popular that orders for "Sundays" crossed the counter everyday of the week. When objection was raised to christening the dish after the Sabbath, the spelling was changed to Sundae, and so developed one of America's most characteristic dishes.

William Lyon Phelps

FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE



RUTH

The Book of Ruth is one of the shortest books in the Old Testament and it tells the story of a girl who came from Moab. Ruth married one of 2 brothers, both of whom died. Her husband's mother decided to leave Moab and to return home to Bethlehem. Orpah, the wife of the other brother, stayed in Moab but rather than leave Naomi old and alone Ruth went with her saying, 'Where you go, I will go; your people shall be my people, and your God my God'.

Ruth and Naomi were poor and had to search for food but were protected by Naomi's relative Boaz. In time Boaz married Ruth and they had a son called Obed who in turn was grandfather to King David the founder of the royal line which led to the birth of a another baby boy at Bethlehem, Jesus.

Naomi and Ruth both knew what it was to be a stranger in a foreign land but they supported each other. The story of Ruth shows us the love and loyalty that can hold a single family together.

RELATIVELY....

How are these people in the Bible related to each other?

Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Simon and Andrew (Mark, chapter 1)
2. Miriam, Aaron and Moses (Exodus, chapter 2)
3. Eunice and Timothy (Acts, chapter 16)
4. Lazarus, Mary and Martha (John, chapter 11)
5. Boaz and Ruth (Ruth)
6. Cain and Abel (Genesis, chapter 4)
7. Elizabeth and Zechariah ((Luke, chapter 1)
8. Ham and Noah (Genesis, chapter 5)

Did you hear about the little boy they named after his father?

They called him dad!

1. brothers 2. sister & brothers 3. mother & son 4. brother & sisters 5. married 6. brothers 7. married 8. father & son

Sporting hero!

Healthy living: Look after your mind!

Human body fun fact

The average person's body contains enough sulphur to kill all the fleas on an average dog; carbon to make 900 pencils; potassium to fire a toy cannon; fat to make seven bars of soap; phosphorus to make 2200 match heads and water to fill a ten-gallon tank.

Colour the picture below. (Find the story in 2 Samuel 6:12-23.)



Place today's memory verse (Psalm 86:10) in the crossword grid.

'You perform great wonders because you alone are God.'

Look after your body—it's got to last a lifetime!

Cross out what David isn't!

- David is:
- a musician
 - a great shot with a sling
 - a big head
 - a songwriter
 - a giant killer
 - a lion tamer
 - a shepherd
 - a weakling
 - a man of God
 - a show off
 - a king

'Sporting hero!' word search

Find the words below in the grid.

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| David | chest |
| captured | God |
| the | is |
| sacred | king |



Lives & work transformed!

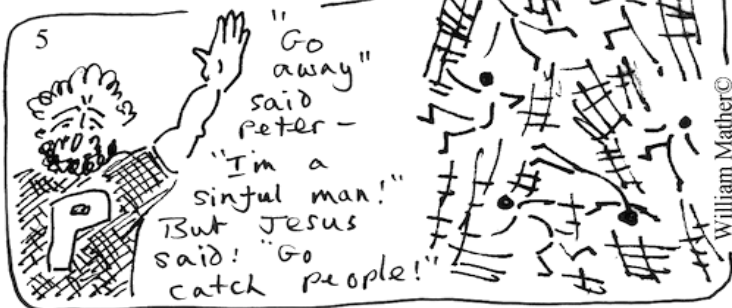
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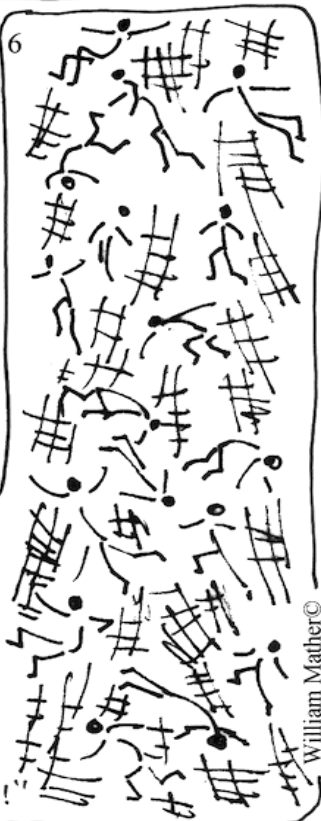
They crowded round listening to Jesus. He sat in a boat to tell them more. Lives and work were transformed – a huge catch of fish! "Go away" said Peter, "I'm a sinner!"



"Follow me" said Jesus and you'll catch people. Just follow me." And he did!



Read more in Luke 5: 1-11



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Festival of Weddings in St Peter's Church, Long Bredy

*Sunday 26th and Monday 27th
August, 11.00 - 18.00*

*An Exhibition of flowers, dresses and
accessories from brides in Long Bredy*



*Light refreshments, Parking available
Entrance by donation
To the St Peters Church Tower Fund*

Letting your customers set your standards is a dangerous game, because the race to the bottom is pretty easy to win.

Setting your own standards--and living up to them--is a better way to profit. Not to mention a better way to make your day worth all the effort you put into it.

Seth Godin

DIARY OF EVENTS: AUGUST 2012

Thu	2	9.30 Church Working Party	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
		10.00 Watercolour Summer School Landscape	LATCH
		13.30 Watercolour Summer School Landscape	LATCH
		14.30 BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Sun	5	19.00 One World Worship	Othona Community
Wed	7	19.30 Book Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	9	13.00 Watercolour Summer School Landscape	LATCH
		13.30 Watercolour Summer School Landscape	LATCH
Thu	16	14.30 BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Mon	16	19.30 The Garden in Winter by Diana Guy	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Sun	19	15.00 Family Afternoon Service	LATCH
Tue	21	12.30 Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		19.30 Whist Drive	Village Hall, Puncknowle



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: August 2012

	1st Sunday 5 August Transfiguration	2nd Sunday 12 August Trinity 10	3rd Sunday 19 August Trinity 11	4th Sunday 26 August Trinity 12
Burton Bradstock	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 with Baptism 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion (by Extension) 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion (by Extension)	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion (by Extension)	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship 6.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer	
Swyre	7.30 Songs of Praise	7.30 Songs of Praise	7.30 Songs of Praise	7.30 Songs of Praise
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion (by Extension)	11.00 Family Communion (by Extension) 5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (by Extension)
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion (by Extension)		11.00 Holy Communion