



THE RECTORY,
BURTON BRADSTOCK



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LITTON CHENEY

FROM THE CLERGY

And so we slip into September and the beginning of autumn. We've had quite a summer with a really late start, the hottest July on record, and August (?) – well, even Vicars can't look ahead that specifically, for I am writing this on 2nd August! Of course we should not be surprised by the change of season: the signs have been all around us. Bright green leaves greying-up, dahlias and chrysanthemums, ripening apples, evenings drawing in, using the headlights on our cars again, logs being stored, corn harvesting complete in many places. Autumn may mean a slowing down for nature, but it can be the very opposite for many of us. Holidays are over and schools are back, gardens need “putting to bed”, and meetings begin. In the life of the community, activities in the local hall pick up again, the Church plans its Harvest Thanksgiving, and may have Christmas arrangements in mind.

With all this going on, it's very easy in an attempt to take the pressure off, to look backwards. Remembering and reminiscing do not need any planning or commitment, just somebody with whom to exchange memories. Similarly to maintain the status quo needs minimal research, the quickest decision and no action. There is quite rightly a big drive going on to reduce energy consumption, or put slightly differently, to make more efficient use of existing energy. This is looking ahead and endeavouring to secure the future for humankind. It will involve switching things off whenever possible rather than leaving them on, reusing and adapting rather than making new, and especially thought before action. All rather difficult when it's so much easier just to carry on as we are, hiding behind science not proven and keeping up with other wasteful or developing nations. “This is the way things are, we've always done it like this” we say,

“There’s no need to look ahead, just enjoy the past”.

All this, I think, points us to spending much more time looking forwards, much less to looking backwards. We are trying to build a better world, and energy to do this is wasted if we concentrate instead on retaining the past. The Christian is called to “honour” the past - that is to appreciate it and acknowledge it as a resource, but a resource from which we can learn and draw nearer to God. “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God” said Jesus, and seeking is active, exciting, challenging, and moving into the future.

Anthony Ashwell

The first of the Church fetes of 2006 now seem to be a long time ago, and will be the more so by the time this goes into circulation. But it was a memorable year, meaning that for many of us each one of the fetes stands clear in the memory.

Litton Cheney held the first in its lovely setting in the sunshine. There are always some good little games as well as a variety of stalls. More than welcome tea in the shade, before back and around for another look. Again this year it was held on the same day as the Burton Bradstock Village Hall fete, and again both got on very well for all that the other was just down the road.

Shipton Gorge was as jolly as ever. Another even hotter day and a warm exertion for those either going up the tower or riding the bicycle course. There are many excellent stalls at Shipton Gorge. Being away from the sea it attracts fewer visitors, and as such is the most 'villagy' of all of the fetes. Everyone knows everyone, and strangers are likely to be those who left the village years ago, and who have come back for the occasion. A lovely atmosphere.

Long Bredy fete was almost too hot, if that is possible. While the children were doing the maypole, and the dancers dancing, we all took to the shade under the high hedges of the gardens of Kingston

Russell House – many thanks again to the Carter family for the use of their property. Tea by the pool was a necessity, and they do very good teas at Long Bredy fete.

Puncknowle fete, by contrast had us all looking to the heavens for one reason or another. It rained in the morning and we thought that was it. Then it rained at the start of the fete and we were seriously worried. But the Lyme Bay Junior Band blew away the clouds, and the people turned out to a fine afternoon – yet more thanks to the Wilde family for the use of their garden. This fete was a big part of Puncknowle's efforts, but by no means the whole of it. The two Churches of Swyre and Puncknowle, along with the Village Hall and the local fundraisers, have made a long weekend of it this year. Events filtered across the road to the pub, and all along the road, and very good it is that so many people are all working together for their various causes.

Which brings us to the last of the fetes of this year; Burton Bradstock at the beginning of August. The weather broke after a long month of searing heat, but nevertheless Burton managed to pluck one more sunny day from the surrounding clouds. This year was all about dinosaurs – models, biscuits fossils and the like. The Rectory garden was heaving with games and stalls, and the village hall a crush of teas. Far into the evening, to the delight of all concerned, the counters declared a record result of well over £5000.00.

All of which little reminders I hope will serve to have you join me in thanking all those who worked so very hard over many months to prepare our Bride Valley fetes. It is all done with great good will. As well as being work, it is fun but it all takes time and dedication. Our Churches would be very much the poorer in money terms without the efforts of these groups of helpers, but much poorer still without the continuing support and goodwill of people the length and breadth of the Bride Valley; those of the Church and those who are not, those who man the stalls and those who attend. Thank you all so very much.

Bob

From the Registers

Baptisms

On Sunday, the 23rd of July, during the 11.00 morning service at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock, Toby William Alexander Foulger was baptized. He and his family were over from Singapore for the occasion. A little nervous at first, as is only right and proper, he bravely, calmly and with great dignity went through the ceremony to the delight and admiration of the assembled congregation.

A month for foreign travel. Jonathan Greener made the adventure from Singapore with his Father, James and Mother, Jing. They were married some time ago in China, where they live, but were over in St Peter's Church, Long Bredy for a blessing upon their marriage combined with a Baptism service for young Jonathan. Many congratulations to all the family.

Funerals

On Thursday, the 20th of July, the funeral was held of Eileen Gubbins in St Mary's Church, Puncknowle. Eileen was bereaved shortly after arriving in Puncknowle, many years ago. She nevertheless bore her grief with great courage, as she did her last illness, made friends and took her place and her part in the community. Eileen was buried in the cemetery where Jan is also at rest. She is mourned by her children, Anthea, Sally and Tim, and their families.

On Monday, the 24th of July, the funeral took place of Wyn Webber. In the morning the ceremony of commendation and committal took place at Weymouth crematorium. In the afternoon there was a service of thanks giving in her memory and for her life at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock. Trish and Graham her children, supported Norman, their Father, in prayers for her soul. They all were upheld by the presence

of many from the community who remembered Wyn before God as a woman of great strength, and as good friend and neighbour.

Burial of Ashes

The Cremated Remains of Elaine Radcliffe, late of West Bexington, were laid to rest in Puncknowle Churchyard on 8th July 2006, where they joined those of her husband Keppel.

Valley Notes

First Steps Toddler Group

The first meeting of the new school year will be Wednesday 6th September. We meet on a Wednesday, every week in term time, at Long Bredy Village Hall, 10am - 12 noon. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents with preschool children. Let the little ones enjoy the wide range of toys and play equipment while you to meet or make friends.

The Health Visitor joins us on the first Wednesday of each month; for September that is the first session back on 6th. Hope to see you there!

Bride Valley Fledglings Playgroup

First - welcome to Lauren Poynton from Swyre who has been with us on Mondays for a short while. Second - au revoir to our pre-school leavers - Max Jones, Jordan Neill, Clara Jevons, Anna Cleden, Callum Wallis, and Daniel Laver who are all starting at Thorner's School - plus Connor Pullin who is starting school in Winterbourne Abbas and Ethan Pattinson who is starting school in Burton Bradstock - Very Best Wishes to them all.

We saw them off at our end of term Picnic in Puncknowle Playing

Field with the Bouncy Castle to play on - and the weather was not too hot - previously we enjoyed our outing to Weymouth Sea Life Centre - seeing the variety of animals and sea creatures - penguins swam very fast! - using play area and pool - with another picnic lunch. The weather was hot! In both cases it was nice to see some Dads as well as Mums, and siblings joining in the fun.

Fledglings now has its own Website thanks to the kindness of John Lockett, and it is linked to the Litton Cheney Website - thanks John. So please take a look.

At the last meetings the Committee adopted a new Constitution for September, decided on session changes, fees, staffing and next fund-raising event - a stall at Puncknowle Fete Day - Toy Tombola. Hope some of you bought a ticket. We hope to welcome back Michelle Ward to help on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our Sessions will be as follows:

Monday	9:15-12:00am	Lunch Club	12:00-1:00	Monday	1:00-3:30pm
Tuesday	9:15-12:00am	Lunch Club	12:00-1:00	Tuesday	1:00-3:30pm
Thursday	9:15-12:00am	Lunch Club	12:00-1:00	Thursday	1:00-3:30pm

Nestlings sessions will move from Friday afternoon to Thursday afternoon

Playgroup will be open on MONDAY 4th September even though school children return on Tuesday 5th. Parents - our AGM date is MONDAY 11th September at Thorner's School - time 7.30pm.

Finally please do not forget our SUMMER QUIZ - now on sale in the usual places - as in the Bridport News! Only £1.

Carol Bennett (Playleader)
01308 897771 or in term time 01308 482410

Thorner's CE VA Primary School

A few days left before we start a new academic year and new term... refreshed and enthusiastic. What a fantastic summer it has been - well, as long as you were not caught out by the high level security flights scare that is. We welcome a new cohort of pupils into school and a few new children who have recently moved into the catchment area. We hope that you enjoy your time here at Thorner's and fulfil your potential. We are a very friendly school and look forward to getting to know you and all your families, do feel free to come and visit your children's classroom at the end of the day.

We invite you to join the Thorner's School Association meetings - you are automatically members! Many events are planned for the coming year. I hope that you have got Thursday September 21st booked, even bought your tickets for the event of the term. TSA is staging a fashion show so that you can purchase all your clothes for the coming autumn and winter. Tickets still available via village reps or the school office.

The start of a new year is a time when pupils have to get used to new routines, maybe new members of staff. We are lucky this year as there are no changes of staff; a few of the Teaching Assistants have changed the age groups they work with. We are looking forward to the challenges each new cohort and each new year brings.

The government often impose changes on us and one of these is lifting the necessity of holding an Annual Governor Report to Parents this term. In your governor questionnaire you will be asked your opinions; do you want the opportunity to question governors or not? To replace the annual report we are required to complete a school profile which the governors have been working on over the last few weeks, it will be interesting to see if you find this more informative. Further information will be sent home via newsletters so do keep looking for it.

Alison Johnstone

World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Following last year's successful event, St Mary's Church in Burton Bradstock are once again hosting a coffee morning in support of this most worthwhile charity. It will take place on Saturday 23rd September between 10.30am and 12 noon inside St Mary's Church. Please do call in to have a cup of coffee or tea served with home-made biscuits and a chat with friends, neighbours and visitors. All donations will be sent to Macmillan Cancer Support. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lesley Dove

Bride Valley Gardening Club

Jobs to do now:

Vegetables – plant out cabbages for spring cutting, lift and store carrots and beetroot.

Fruit – Thin out weak raspberry canes.

Flowers – Try collecting ripened seeds from some of your annuals and store in paper bags – not plastic as this would prevent the tissue from drying out properly and encourage the growth of moulds. Alternatively take cuttings from bedding plants, particularly geraniums. Start planting bulbs for spring flowering.

Don't forget our first meeting on the 9th October when Anna Pavord will be giving us a talk.

Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary.

E-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net

(please note new e-mail address)

Dianne Ffoulkes, Chair. Tel: 01308 482420



BURTON BRADSTOCK ONLINE DIGITAL PHOTO COMPETITION

Last chance!
Competition closes on
30th September!

£150 to be won!

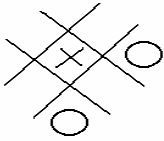
We need your photos soon – don't be late!

Burton Bradstock ONLINE's digital photo competition closes for applications at the end of this month! It is still open to everyone, anywhere in the world - not just villagers, *but time is short!*

- Photos can be on any subject/topic, ***but they must evoke a sense of Burton Bradstock (10 photos per person max).***
- Two prizes: £100 for adults' entries and £50 for under 16s' winner.
- Digital photos only – must be e-mailed to Burton Bradstock ONLINE photocompetition@burtonbradstockonline.org
- A selection of pictures is on the PHOTO GALLERY at www.burtonbradstockonline.org and will be added to as the competition progresses. Full competition rules to be found on the web site.

Don't miss this fun opportunity to have a go!

Ken Pett 01308 897550



Coming Soon

..... details about inter-church/community quizzes for children (up to and including 11 years old) and for young people (11-18 inclusive)

Trainers and 'quizzers' are getting geared up to start preparations and team planning in January in readiness for the criss-cross quizzes to run from September 2007 to Easter 2008

More details in the October Bride Valley News

The Bride Valley Thursday Housegroup

We meet every Thursday for either prayer and praise or alternately bible study and discussion. Please phone Paul on 01308 482346 for information on dates and venues. Our first meeting will be at 6 Baglake on Thursday 7th September.

Mothers' Union

The Bride Valley Mothers' Union meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 2:30pm.

For further details and venue please contact any of the following:-

Yvette Smith 01308 898219

Ann Read 01308 897445

Elizabeth Slater 01308 897751

BURTON BRADSTOCK



Village Correspondent: Still Vacant

Burton Bradstock Church Fete

A glorious afternoon on the 3rd of August and a splendid attendance resulted in a record result of over £5700 for Church funds.

Great fun was had by all.

The Auction and the White Elephant stall in particular produced major sums and all the activities from tombola to teas combined to ensure that the visitors had a most enjoyable experience.

The presence of the St Swithuns Band and Punch and Judy helped to provide a quintessentially English Village experience.

The Jurassic Coast theme was much in evidence with an information stand, dinosaurs wandering through the Rectory garden, perched on a pergola and descending from the Church Tower.

Enormous thanks are due to everyone who organised matters beforehand, those who helped on the day and those who provided the goods for sale. They are now enjoying a well deserved rest before looking forward to doing it all again next year!!

*Peter Broomhead
Fete Co-ordinator*

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

200 Club – August 2006 Draw – Congratulations to:

1st Prize:	No.97	Miss Gayle Acors	£36.00
2nd Prize:	No.136	Mr Richard Seebohm	£18.00
3rd Prize:	No.99	Mrs Sheila Spencer-Smith	£9.00

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the September-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £4 – one pound for each of the remaining 4 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.

Forthcoming Events

Fashion Show – Thursday 21 September 2006

A Fashion Show entitled ‘After a Fashion’ covering fashions during the 80 Years of the Queen’s life will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 21 September with the doors opening at 7.00 pm for a prompt start at 7.30 pm. It is being organised by Terri Weller who has a collection of costumes spanning the whole of the 20th Century and models will wear clothes from each of the decades of the Queen’s life from the 1920’s onwards. Many of you will remember Terri’s shows from the past and she has kindly agreed to ‘come out of retirement’ to do a show for us, the proceeds of which will be split between the Village Hall and Terri’s chosen charity ‘Life Education’ which concentrates on young people. Tickets will be £5.00 each and are on sale now at Burton Bradstock Post Office. There will be a

Cash Bar and Raffle and posters around the village will give further details.

Susan Moores

Secretary, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee, 01308 897673

Artsreach – Sid Kipper – Friday 13 October

On Friday 13th October at 7.30pm Sid Kipper is coming to Burton Bradstock Hall! You may not have heard of him but he has a great reputation on the Artsreach circuit. Sid Kipper is a Norfolk entertainer whose last tour for Artsreach in Dorset, "Cod and Ships", hilariously entertained large and appreciative audiences. His new show entitled "Kipperfield to Kipperling" explores some literary gems from his collection, not least the borrowings from the mobile library - although his idea of borrowing is not the same as ours as it seems to lack the concept of returning! His new show presents the freshest and finest of his repertoire of readings and stories - such classics as "David Kipperfield" and songs like "Arrividerci Cromer". With old instruments, lively songs and a chorus or two this promises to be a very special and hilarious evening. Suitable for all the family, but maybe a little saucy, therefore better suited to older children.

Make a note of the date and time - Friday 13th October at 7.30pm. Tickets will be; Adults £7 and Children (under18) £5. With Family tickets available at £22 (family of four, maximum two adults).

Watch for the posters. Tickets, when available, will be obtainable from the Post Office or from me.

Norman Saunders-White

Promoter for Artsreach - 01308 897214

Village Hall Toilets

The Village Hall Committee has had outline plans drawn up for the refurbishment of all the toilet facilities in the Hall to include a disabled toilet. The proposal is now going forward for consultation

with all User Groups and villagers are invited to comment on the proposals. A copy of the plans has been on the Notice Board outside the Hall during August and is now displayed on boards inside the Hall. The Committee needs feedback by 30 September 2006 and your comments should go to Alistair Bristoll by telephone (01308 897905)

Moviola – Saturday 11 November 2006

‘Memoirs of a Geisha’ will be shown at 7.30pm on Saturday 11 November 2006 in the Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Tickets will be £4.50 each and will be on sale from the middle of October at Burton Bradstock Post Office or from Susan Moores – 01308 897673. There will be a Cash Bar and Raffle and posters around the village will give further details.

This is our first ‘Moviola’ event and it has been arranged following many requests from villagers to hold such an evening. It would good to have a large turnout on the night.

Susan Moores

Secretary, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Committee, 01308 897673

Bride Valley Supper Club at New Inn, Shipton Gorge

Over 60 responses in 12 days! Thanks to all who have dropped me a note to say you wish to join the Bride Valley Supper Club at the New Inn, Shipton Gorge – you’re on the Register. Anyone else interested in joining the Supper Club, (no joining fee) with the aim of meeting people from *around* the Bride Valley over an evening meal, and wishing to support the re-launch of the New Inn under local management, please drop me a note to September Cottage, 32 Middle Street, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QR: I will contact you by 20th September with news of a date at the end September/early October, and with more dates before the end of October, so all can start to participate before end October.

Strong interest in a Luncheon Club too (help!), so pencilled in from early November!

John Grantham

Sales in Aid of Charities

Our warmest thanks go to all who in any way were involved in the sales in the Reading Room on Thursday mornings during the holiday season. As this goes to press the first sale has taken place and has raised £186 - and we have every expectation that succeeding ones will be just as successful.

It's only through such generosity, high standard of goods supplied, and time given, that success is achieved and the chosen charities - the Pilsdon Community (offering a refuge to people in crisis), the Leprosy Mission (working to stamp out this disease), and the Salisbury Diocese/Sudan Link (alleviating suffering through the Medical Link) - have benefited and gratefully received the monetary assistance for their work.

To our customers (such an essential part of the enterprise - for where would be without them?) a very big Thank You. We hope you enjoyed the items you bought, and that those on holiday had a very happy time in our beautiful locality.

*The Mission Sub-Committee
of Burton Bradstock PCC*

Home Watch Report for Burton Bradstock – September 2006

AND AFTER THE HEATWAVE...

Many people may have been tempted during August to leave front doors open or on the latch, and to leave the odd window downstairs open when going out.....

The heat-wave is probably over as we run through September and there is another chance for us all *not* to leave the most open invitation of all to a would-be burglar...so let's *always* keep our front doors closed securely. (This includes porch doors – there are reports from elsewhere in the UK that burglars who can enter porches do so, and are less conspicuous as they then break in through the front door: let's keep them *out* of porches in the first place!)

And let's close every window as we go out – of course a would-be burglar only needs *one* open in order to enter!

Yes, apologies, the above *is* obvious, but open front doors/windows

are also the main way in which burglaries happen...let's keep Burton's relatively good record intact....

John Grantham

Burton Bradstock Players

Our February 2007 production will be "The Railway Children", a musical adaptation from the well-known book. Please note that the Reading will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th September in the Village Hall. Auditions will be held at 7.45pm on Tuesday 19th September, also in the Hall. If you are interested in taking part, do come along on the above dates.

Also, we will be holding play-readings once a month for the next few months, making them a part of our new social events calendar. The dates will be:

Thursday 7th September

Tuesday 3rd October

Tuesday 14th November

Tuesday 5th December (+ mulled wine and mince pies!)

They all start at 7.15 pm in the Reading Room, Burton Bradstock.

We're looking for men! If you think you've got the muscle, strength, energy ... well, at least if you can hold a screwdriver ... The Players need strong men (or women!) who are prepared to be put on a list and contacted in connection with our productions to help with stage and/or set build when necessary. I'm waiting to take your calls!! We look forward to our 2006/7 season and very much hope you will continue to support us.

Daphne Ekins (Hon. Secretary) 897415

RNLI

Grateful thanks to all who gave so willingly during the recent house to house collection in Burton Bradstock. A total of £424.65 was raised for the RNLI. A further £50.19 was collected in Bridport by a Burton Bradstock resident.



Mirë se Vini (Welcome)

Please note the change of time for our Albanian Evening: 7.00pm on Friday September 15th at the Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

Admission is Free, but there will be a retiring offering for Mission (ie The Leprosy Mission, The Salisbury/Sudan Link and The Pilsdon Community). Albanian Crafts will be on sale to benefit 16 poor Albanian families.

Come and enjoy an evening of visual presentations, sketches, quizzes and ‘nibbles’. Coffee, tea, and soft drinks will be available during the interval. Come as a family, or on your own, and enjoy an evening together. All are welcome.

Ryder & Heather Rogers

St Mary’s Harvest Supper & Barn Dance
Saturday 30th September, 6.30 – 9.45pm, Burton Bradstock
Village Hall

Tickets (£4.50 to include first drink) will be available from
Burton Bradstock Post Office or Susan Paul (Old Walls, Mill
Street) from the 1st September

As in the past we are asking you to bring either a sweet or savory dish; your ticket will be marked according to your choice. We are delighted that David Powell will again be playing and calling for the dancing; we are most grateful to him. This is an occasion for all the family and everyone in the village is very welcome to join us.

St Mary’s P.C.C.

Burton Bradstock Bridge Group

Play resumes on Tuesdays from 12th September in the Village Hall at 2pm.

New members welcome (a little experience necessary).

For further information telephone Chris Clarke on 01308 898117

Burton Bradstock Village Society

Please make a note in your diaries of the forthcoming talks to be given to the society in the village hall - start at 7.00pm.

29th Sept 06 - **'Town & Country'** by Lucy Pinney.

20th Oct 06 - **'2000 years' History of London'** by Bob Ayers

17th Nov 06 - **' Communications between the Crimean War & World War One'** by Cliff Walters.

8th Dec 06 - **' My Life at the BBC'** by David Taylor.

12th Jan 07 - **'The Spirit Within and Our Life in Canada'** by John & Barbara Ivall.

9th Feb 07 - **'Bridport : My Kind of Town'** by Margery Hookings

9th March 07 - **'Roman Dorchester: It's Roman Baths & Fort'**

20th April 07 - **'Crime Writing and Crime'** by Minette Walters.

These are all not to be missed so come along and support the society.

Peter Dutton

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Lesley Dove

Tiny Tots/Pram Service

Friday 8th September at St Mary's church, Burton Bradstock, at 11:00am.

All are welcome to join us.

Yvette Smith, 898219

Wyn Webber, who died on 13 July 2006, aged 86.

May I express my sincere and grateful thanks to all those who have sent cards and letters of sympathy over the passing of Wyn. I should also like to thank the many friends and neighbours who have helped me in many ways over the past year or so, in particular the carers and nurses who have made Wyn's stay at home possible - which was very much as she wished.

I am sure she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Yours sincerely,
Norman Webber

Congratulations to two couples who celebrated in August, Anne & Mike Southgate, their Golden Wedding, and Ryder and Heather Rogers their Ruby Wedding.

Susan

SHIPTON GORGE



Village Correspondent: Mrs Barbara Chambers
Stonacre, Shipton Gorge – Tel 01308 897482

The New Inn At Shipton Gorge Is Now Open

We re-opened Bank Holiday weekend!

The renovation work is complete costing in the region of £40,000 which included a very welcome grant of £12,000 from DEFRA.

Thank you all for your support, especially to those of you who have

given so much of your time in the past six weeks in getting the pub ready. The hours given to preparation, painting, woodwork, cleaning, gardening and curtain-making have been staggering and we could not have opened in time without you.

The bridge afternoon was very enjoyable with a sum of £240 being raised. All cakes were donated by villagers and we received flattering comments from the players about the tea that was served. Our thanks to Jo Warren.

Jo Adams did complete her swim of 14kms of the Thames and raised over £500, a sterling effort.

The goodwill that this project has engendered has been amazing. Your attendance at all the fund-raising events, and your contributions, has been overwhelming. We also thank those of you in the surrounding villages for showing such interest and we sincerely hope to see you at the Bride Valley luncheon club which we are sure will become a popular event.

Please continue to support the New Inn, our village pub. We are sure you will join us in welcoming Gary and Sandra to the Bride Valley wishing them every happiness and success in Shipton Gorge.

*Ann Hunt – New Inn Support Ltd
01308 89830*

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Thanksgiving will take place in St Martin's church on Sunday 1st October at 11am, and will be a Family Communion service. The church will be decorated on Saturday morning, 30th September, and any gifts of produce or other food items will be most welcome.

The Harvest Supper, Wednesday, 4TH October, 7.30pm

Make a note in your diary of this popular event which will take place in the Village Hall. Seating is limited, and early booking is advisable. Tickets, price £5 can be obtained from Doris Benselin 897562, Gillian Maxfield 897346 or Janet Lane 897241.

Anyone requiring a vegetarian option should contact Gillian as soon as possible please.

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Ann Hunt – New Inn Support Ltd – 01308 898301

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Please note that this event will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 28th October, a month later than usual. Details will appear in the October issue.

St Martin's Church Summer Fete

Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this such an enjoyable and successful afternoon and we are very grateful to the Jones and Sorrell families for again allowing us the use of their land for stalls and games.

This year we raised £1,098.76 this includes donations for the Church Tower Winter Lighting scheme. Well done everybody!

Dorset Historic Churches Trust Great Cycle Ride

Saturday 9th September

This is a reminder of our annual ride along the Bride Valley from St Martin's to St Michael and All Angels in the parish of Little Bredy. There is still time to collect a sponsor form from me – 'phone me on 897241.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the day at 10am outside the church – it will be a great day with lots of sunshine!

Janet Lane, Parish Organiser

Shipton Gorge Show

On a hot day last July many imaginative and talented folk amassed 130 entries in the Shipton Gorge Show. Gardeners and florists mingled amicably with artists, chefs, photographers and poets of all ages, many of their entries being focussed on Shipton Hill. Herewith the winning poem by Sandy Warnes:

SHIPTON HILL

How I do love thee Shipton Hill
Tall, majestic, calm and still
Upon you I gaze each night and day
And all life's cares just drift away

Above you float the clear blue skies
 And at your feet the village lies
 If you could speak: what would you tell?
 Of stories old; some new as well?

So many lives have you watched over
 Your grassy banks, your fields of clover
 And yet, unchanging, timeless, still,
 Oh wonderful, wonderful, Shipton Hill

Visitors delighted in choosing the best in each class by posting straws into cups, which were then counted to give the following list of winners:

POTATOES	Chris Hewlett	POT PLANT	John Parsons
POEM	Sandy Warnes	ONIONS	Walter Laughton
ANNUALS	Sandy Adderley	COURGETTES	Brian Shaw
SCONES	Janet Lane	MAN IN KITCHEN	Brian Lane
ROSE	Jan Shaw	TOMATOES	Steve Larcombe
SWEET PEAS	Sandy Adderley	FACE	Eric & Nigel Robertshaw
SHRUB	Doris Benselin	PHOTOGRAPHY	Chris Brown
CLIMBER	Sally Parker	DAHLIAS	Brian Shaw
PERENNIALS	Sandy Adderley	ANY OTHER VEG	Brian Shaw
NAMED HERBS	Jean Ayres	FUNNY VEG	Steve Larcombe
CHOCOLATE CAKE	Janet Lane	BEANS	Geoff Adderley
BI-COLOUR F.A.	Sandy Adderley	ART	Geoff Robertshaw
CIRCULAR F.A.	Jean Ayres		

All entrants, judges and helpers alike are to be congratulated on making it such a fine show and an enjoyable day.

Sue Brown

Parish Council Matters

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th September 2006 commencing at 7.30pm. Subsequent meetings will be held on 8th November, 10th January, 14th March and 9th May.

Ernie Thomas, Parish Clerk

Shipton Gorge Village Hall 100 Club August Draw

£20	No.91	Robert Langran
£10	No.3	Pam Bates

SWYRE



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Holy Trinity Church, Swyre Fete 2006

You will find a full report on the fete elsewhere in the BVN. We would just like to thank all the people of Swyre who contributed to the success of the day in any way. We hope that those who were experiencing the Puncknowle and Swyre fete for the first time will have found it not only a memorable experience, but one which they

will want to repeat in future years! It was good to have you with us. The full accounts will be available at the "wash-up" meeting which is due to be held on the 6th September.

Songs of Praise

As at the time of writing we have had two very successful Songs of Praise evenings. The second evening concluded with an enjoyable celebration of Vera's very special birthday. There are three more evenings still to come, which will each be special in their own way.

Sunday Worship

There will be a slight change to our Sunday worship from this month. Along with other churches in the valley we will be introducing a service of "Morning Worship for Ordinary Time", and for us this will be at 11am on the fourth Sunday of the month (24th September). We do hope that you will enjoy this new service format. The first three Sundays in the month will remain as they have been.

Harvest Festival

On Sunday 1st October at 6.30pm we will celebrate the harvest at Evensong. This will be followed by Cheese and Wine to which you are all invited.

As usual the church will be decorated on the Saturday morning from 10am, and gifts of flowers, greenery, fruit and vegetables, as well as help and encouragement with the decorating would be very much appreciated. It is always a good time when we get together to make our church particularly beautiful for special occasions. Any harvest offerings can also be received on the Saturday or the Sunday, and they will be distributed to those less fortunate than ourselves as soon as possible after the service.

We hope that you will want to share this weekend of thanksgiving with us.

Churchyard Working Party

Saturday 9th September from 10am to 12noon. We will have another churchyard working party, and would appreciate any help that you can offer. Please bring your own tools and gloves according to the type of job you would prefer to do - i.e. weeding, cutting back etc.

Yvonne Buckland and Vera Hirst, Church Wardens

Swyre Hello and Goodbye

In August we said goodbye to Julie, Ivor, Rebecca and David Lewis who have moved to Marshwood - we wish them well in their new home. We welcome Tony and Sue Taylor and their family to Green Barton, and hope that they will have many happy years in the Village.



PUNCKNOWLE SWYRE WEST BEXINGTON

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Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall in Puncknowle on September 5th 2006.

The first item on the agenda will be a visit from Mr Neil Allsopp, West Dorset District Council, who will be speaking and answering questions on the West Bexington Car park Structural Options appraisal Report. Villagers from West Bexington in particular are urged to attend and to ask as many questions as they choose. The five

options considered are:-

1. "Do-nothing"
2. On going maintenance to retain the existing situation
3. Partial structural improvements (rock armour)
4. Minor/major structural improvement works (gabion baskets)
5. Major improvement works (King Piles)

On initial viewing, the consultants consider that scenario no 5 (to drive King Piles on approximately the same seaward edge as existing) would seem the preferred option since it maintains fairly closely the current alignment of the seaward edge and, since rock armour is not incorporated within the option, is the least visually intrusive.

There have been many problems in the car park throughout the summer which need to be aired whilst Mr Allsopp is with us.

Madeline Marshall

Chair Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council

Puncknowle and Swyre Fete

The fete on the 29th July was another success in spite of all that the weather could throw at us. This year we expanded to a weekend with activities not only in the Manor Grounds, with many thanks to Jim and Sarah Wild for their hospitality, but also in the Crown pub garden. I and the entire organising group would wish to thank all our volunteer helpers for the efforts over the weekend - without you all this annual event could not take place.

The net takings at present stand at £5,100 and I am aware that a little more is to come. Once the figures are agreed with bankings the proceeds will be divided between the four groups, Puncknowle and Swyre Churches, the Village Hall charity and the Fundraisers.

Next year the fete date will be Saturday 28th July 2007 so please note your diaries. We want to make the event bigger and better each year so ideas and comments would be most welcome. The organisers will be meeting in early September to review this year and start planning for next year.

David Buckland, Treasurer

Fete Stalls and Sideshows

Very many thanks to all those who ran the sideshows and their helpers. Also everyone who donated items for the stalls making it a very happy and successful afternoon.

Ghris Gregory and Ann Roberts

Puncknowle



The Dorset Historic Churches Cycle Ride, Saturday 9 September. Meet at St Mary's Church Puncknowle at midday bringing a picnic lunch. Some people might want to start earlier in the day. The sponsorship money raised is divided equally between your local church and The Trust. Sponsor forms may be obtained from Ann Roberts, Burwell Cottage, Puncknowle. Tel: 987716

Ann Roberts

Homewatch

Just a reminder that there will be a meeting of all Homewatch representatives on Thursday 7th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Andy Marshall

Harvest festival – 24 September

The Harvest Family Service will take place on Sunday 24 September at 11.00am and will be followed by a harvest lunch in the hall from noon onwards. Everyone, especially children, from Puncknowle, Swyre, West Bexington and the Bride Valley, is most welcome. Drinks will be provided. A plate of food or donation would be welcome. A notice will be put up in the Church porch nearer the time for people to indicate what they will be bringing. This is an invitation to all in the Bride Valley, whether you go to church or not, to celebrate our harvest. So please make a note in your Diary and join us. For further information please contact Sue Brown on 897953 or Ruth Brierley on 898283. Family Service Committee

The Napper Charity – Puncknowle

The Napper Charity is for the “relief of the poor of Puncknowle”. We have a small fund available for distribution at Christmas. Any person who considers themselves eligible may make an application for a share of these funds. People on Income Support or Guaranteed Pension Credit will be given priority but other applications are likely to be considered. Anyone wishing to apply for Relief should apply “in confidence” to the Clerk of Puncknowle Parish Council (Mrs C Buckland, West Mill Farm, Puncknowle, Dorchester, Dorset. DT2 9BU. Telephone : 01308 – 897726) by Tuesday 31 October 2006.

Puncknowle Art Group

We are every grateful to Maureen who once again cooked wonderful food for us all on our painting day at Slape. The weather was fine for our outdoor talk by Peter Lightfoot. We then had a practical sketching session when he was able to give individual advice. Dates for September are, Friday 8th - competition on 'focus' and Friday 22nd. October Friday 6th.

Christine Molony

LITTON CHENEY



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Producers' Market – Saturday 16th September 2006

September's market will surely reflect nature's ability to produce a bountiful harvest as we nudge our way towards autumn. Whilst we

would claim all our markets are special, this one would perhaps have some very worthy credentials as it is being held in conjunction with a Car Boot Sale, a series of Duck Races and family games, with the whole affair concluding at The White Horse around lunchtime (See LATCH article for more details).

We would be delighted to see you at our September market on Saturday 16 September from 9.30am to 12.30pm. There are now a huge variety of producers, and certainly on the food front there is something for everybody. Please support your local food, we do. To find out more about the markets call Wendy Taylor on 482532 or Sallie Firrell on 482313.

Stand by for the Village Shop Survey delivered to a letterbox near you.

Litton and Thorner's Community Hall (LATCH) Fundraising

On Friday 8 September at 6pm, there will be an Open Garden Evening at Tithe Barn House in Chalk Pit Lane. Tickets, both in advance and on the night, will be £5 per person and include a glass of wine.

On Saturday 16 September from 9.30am until 12.30pm, and in conjunction with the Producers Market, LATCH are organising A Morning of Fun, Food and Bargains. There will be a Car Boot Sale in an adjacent field to the market, a series of Duck Races from The Cheesehouse to The White Horse and an assortment of family/children's games. Something to please everyone in the family! If you wish to sell at the car boot sale, it will cost you £5 per car but normal car parking is of course free. There are cash prizes to be won at the duck races, bargains to be had and plenty of fun with the games. See you there!

Have you been busy with your camera yet? Details of the photo

competition were issued with last months BVN and can also be found on the new Litton website www.littoncheney.org.uk. Your entry could be part of the 2007 Litton/Bride Valley calendar. Entries will be displayed at Thorner's School on Saturday 30 September. Happy Snapping.

Thank you to everyone who submitted recipes to Lesley and Kathy who are putting together a Recipe/Cookery Book. It is hoped to have the book available for purchase by the end of the year and in time for Christmas. If that elusive recipe that you meant to send has now come to hand contact Lesley on 482170 or recipe@salvetti.co.uk, or Kathy on 482552, skourik@toucansurf.com

Last but not least please keep collecting your copper change ready for the Copper Trail.

Your LATCH contact is John Firrell (Secretary) on 482313 should you require any further information. Thank you.

Litton Cheney Social Committee

Our next village walk is on Saturday 9th September. Meet at the Bus Shelter at 10am weather permitting, for a circular walk of between 4 and 6 miles.

Saturday 7th October, Harvest Supper 7.00pm Thorner's School. We look forward to seeing you at this event and will be visiting you to sell tickets at £6.00 per adult and £3.00 for children under 14. Please remember to bring your own cutlery.

Kathy Kourik
Secretary
LCSC 482552

Lithe Litton Ladies

This progressive exercise class is open to all. Held on Monday evenings from 6-7.30pm in the Church Hall it can be summed up as 'yoga with a twist—or two'!

Alex, our trainer, has many years experience and, as the number of us who regularly attend can confirm, her efforts to increase our suppleness and strength pay dividends in improving general health as well.

LONG BREDY



Village Correspondent: Mrs Elinor Frost

Bridelands, Longbredy (482269)

Our Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday 17th September at 11:00am, followed by a Ploughman's Lunch at the Village Hall. The service will be for families, and the gifts brought to the service will be given to Chancery House Day Centre in Bridport. Refer to the separate sheet in the magazine for the lunch.

Please come and decorate the church on the Saturday; fruit, vegetables and flowers will be most welcome.

Congratulations to James and Jing Greener, who had their marriage blessed and their son, Jonathan christened at Sunday's service, 6th August: a wonderful grandson for Juniper.

Although the Fete seems a while ago we had the most successful day. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Carter and to all who helped in so many

ways. The sun shone, there was lots to buy, lovely teas, games and competitions. The sum of £2,756 was raised. Thank you all.

Congratulations to the following young people from our village: Elizabeth Cain, who graduated in Medicine in July and will be working as a doctor in the Bristol area. Also to her sister Victoria, who graduated in Physiotherapy and is hoping to practise as a physiotherapist soon. Well done to Nicola Toogood on gaining a 1-1 in Biology at Nottingham Trent University.

Elizabeth and Trevor Toogood have a granddaughter, Ashleigh Elizabeth, a daughter for Kimberley: congratulations.

Welcome to Jon and Amanda Ross, James aged ten, plus two dogs, who have come to live at No.8 Long Bredy.

Moviola Monday 16th October 8:00pm

The nights are beginning to draw in again so, what better way to spend the evening than to watch a light-hearted film and enjoy a good laugh.

Our film will be **Last Holiday**, a comedy-drama, certificate 12A. In morte veritas: Georgia Byrd is a shop assistant in a New Orleans department store who defers pleasure, eats frugally, has savings but has never left Louisiana. All that changes when an MRI discloses she has three weeks to live. She cashes her savings and heads for Europe where her fellow luxury hotel guests include powerful people. She has nothing to lose, so she tells them what she thinks. It is all great fun in a well-directed film.

Tickets £4.50 in advance or £5 at the door. Availability to be advised in October's BVN.

LITTLEBREDY



A big welcome to Michael Peck, who was born on the 24th July and is Littlebredy's youngest resident by far. Congratulations to Steve and Kerrie, and may family life at No. 2, White Hill Cottages be enhanced by the new arrival. We wish Michael a long, happy and fulfilled life.

The Quincey family will move back from the Longlands Cottages to Pitcombe, where they lived previously for many years, during September. As Longlands is technically in Winterbourne Abbas parish, they deserve a welcome back to Littlebredy too.

A big thank you to the team who provided Cream Teas in the Village Hall on the Tuesdays in June and July, in conjunction with the Scented Garden Openings. They know who they are, so it would be invidious to name names, but as a result of their efforts, over £1,000 will be split between Church and Village Hall funds. Congratulations to them all, and thanks again too to Chris and Judy Yates for providing this fundraising opportunity in the village.

There is no particular themed event planned for the Village Hall this month, but there will be a Social around the bar with supper provided for Club Members and guests on **Friday 8th September, from about 7.00pm** onwards. N.B. This is the 2nd Friday in the month, not the customary 1st Friday, but it gives readers more time to read this and put the date in their diary.

Further academic progressions to record are the move of Jack Armstrong and Kieran Baxter from Thorner's to Colfox School, where we hope they will both thrive.

There have been no exhortations to take part in the annual Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride in these notes this year, because no paperwork about it has been received in the village by the time of writing (11th August) and there will presumably not be time to raise sponsorship between reading this and the official date of the event. But if anyone would like to take part on a different day, please contact Bridehead (482232) for some home-made paperwork about it.

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Diary of Events for all Parishes September 2006

Mon	4	Lithe Litton Ladies	Litton Church Hall	6:00pm
	4	Fledglings Playgroup	Start again today	
Tue	5	Parish Council Meeting	P&S Village Hall	7:30pm
Wed	6	First Steps Toddler Group	Long Bredy Village Hall	10:00am
	6	Wash-up Meeting	Holy Trinity Church, Swyre	
Thu	7	Home Watch Meeting	Puncknowle	7:30pm
	7	BV Thursday Housegroup		
	7	BB Players, play reading	The Reading Room, BB	7:15pm
Fri	8	Puncknowle Art Group	The Crown	10:30
	8	Open Garden Evening	Tithe Barn House	6:00pm
	8	Tiny Tots/Pram Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock	11:00am
	8	Littlebredy Social Night	Village Hall	7:00pm
Sat	9	Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity Church, Swyre	10:00am
	9	DHCT Cycle Ride	Various locations	10:00am
	9	Village Walk	Litton Bus Shelter	10:00am
Sun	10	Deadline For BVN items to Village Correspondents		
Mon	11	Lithe Litton Ladies	Litton Church Hall	6:00pm
	11	Fledglings AGM	Thorner's School	7:30pm
Tue	12	Deadline For October BVN		
	12	Burton Bradstock WI	BB Village Hall	7:30pm
	12	BB Bridge Group	BB Village Hall	2:00pm
Wed	13	First Steps Toddler Group	Long Bredy Village Hall	10:00am
Thu	14	BV Thursday Housegroup		
	14	BB Players, 2007 reading	Village Hall	7:30pm
Fri	15	Albanian Evening	BB Village Hall	7:00pm
Sat	16	Producers' Market	Litton Cheney	9:30am
	16	LATCH Morning of Fun	Litton Cheney	9:30am
Sun	17	Harvest Festival	St Peters, Long Bredy	11:00am
Mon	18	Lithe Litton Ladies	Litton Church Hall	6:00pm

Tue	19	BB Bridge Group	BB Village Hall	2:00pm
	19	BB Players - Auditions	Village Hall	7:45pm
Wed	20	First Steps Toddler Group	Long Bredy Village Hall	10:00am
Thu	21	Fashion Show	BB Village Hall	7:00pm
	21	BV Thursday Housegroup		
Fri	22	Puncknowle Art Group		10:30
Sat	23	Coffee Morning, MacMillan	St Mary's, BB	10:30am
Sun	24	Morning Worship for Ordinary Time	Holy Trinity Church, Swyre	11:00am
	24	Harvest Festival	St Mary's, Puncknowle	11:00am
Mon	25	Lithe Litton Ladies	Litton Church Hall	6:00pm
Tue	26	BB Bridge Group	BB Village Hall	2:00pm
Wed	27	First Steps Toddler Group	Long Bredy Village Hall	10:00am
Thu	28	BV Thursday Housegroup		
Fri	29	BB Village Society Talks	BB Village Hall	7:00pm
Sat	30	Harvest Supper/Barn Dance	St Mary's, BB	6:30pm
	30	BB Digital Photo Comp	Closes Today	

October

Sun	1	Harvest Festival	Holy Trinity Church, Swyre	10:00am
	1	Harvest Festival	St Martin's, Shipton Gorge	11:00am
Mon	2	Lithe Litton Ladies	Litton Church Hall	6:00pm
Tue	3	BB Bridge Group	BB Village Hall	2:00pm
	3	BB Players, play reading	The Reading Room, BB	7:15pm
Wed	4	First Steps Toddler Group	Long Bredy Village Hall	10:00am
	4	Harvest Supper	Shipton Gorge Village Hall	7:30pm
Fri	6	Puncknowle Art Group		10:30
Sat	7	Harvest Supper	Thorner's School	7:00pm
Mon	9	BV Gardening Club	Thorner's School	7:30pm
Wed	11	First Steps Toddler Group	Long Bredy Village Hall	10:00am

Poets' Corner

Summer

Spring has gone and summer's here
Before we know it – Christmas cheer!
The chairs are out, the roses bloom
Lots to do with shears and broom



Dogs start barking and cows are asking
for their milk to be collected
A morning shower waters the flowers
short and quite unexpected

The raucous caws of the waking rooks
Will soon become annoying
The lawnmower's engine is warming up
loud and peace destroying

Folk in sunhats asleep in the shade
Children and grandparents with bucket and spade
To flick the wasp could be a mistake
Why do they need to share our cake?

It goes so fast, so much to do
Garden party and that barbeque
If it's warm we shall go for a swim
Although a challenge to actually get in

To weed, deadhead and tie back shoots
We put on the sandals and forget the boots
Fruit on the trees in need of picking
Can't hang about – the clock is ticking

Claire

Village Websites

Giving details of events, news, history, photographs

www.burtonbradstockonline.org

www.littoncheney.org.uk