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FROM THE RECTORY

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“You must get pretty tired at Easter,” I am told. Of course. Easter is busy. It would be a dismal thing if it were not. All through Holy Week there are services to mark and to follow Jesus on his way to the cross and the grave. Then, just when he is all safely and tidily buried, the alarm clock goes at 4.30 in the morning to tell us it is time to stumble off through the dark to the Chapel in the Woods (the moon low on the sea as we chug along the coast road, the moonlight on the path through the low branched trees) to the early bird service at 6.00. Then there are lots of morning services, which in years past have been followed by a collapse into the White Horse at Litton Cheney to see the end of the duck race. The voice is tired, the feet are tired and a sleep would be welcome, sometime before or after a slap up hog roast.

But busy is just busy. The wearing, wearying bit is the stretch from one extreme of emotion to another at the opposite end of the scale. The false dawn of Palm Sunday is followed by the frighteningly quick decline through

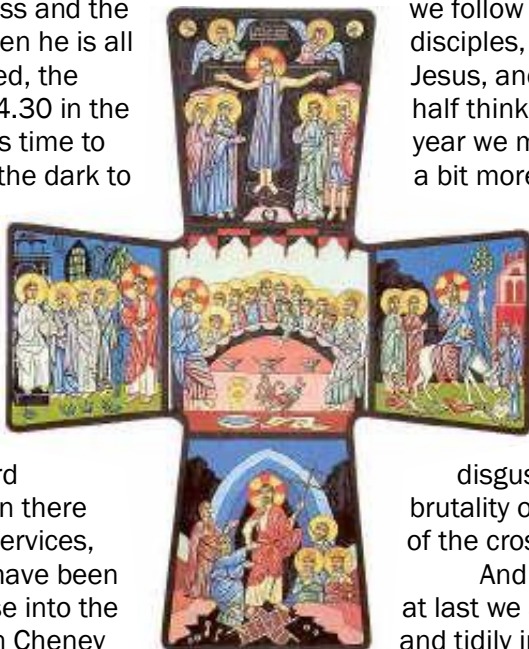
worry, fear, shock and revulsion to the last extremity of sorrow (through the shadowing streets, across the gloomy valley, the sun low over the city behind, the loose weight of a body awkwardly carried) Every year we follow the disciples, following Jesus, and every year, half thinking that this year we might stand a bit more on the

outside looking in, we turn in a moment to find ourselves back in the messy and

disgusting brutality of the story of the cross.

And then, when at last we are safely and tidily in a state of

mourning, the alarm clock goes at 4.30, crowing like a cockerel, to tell us that a day is coming that requires of our frayed and stunned emotions delight, wonder and tears of joy. Tired is not the word. It is difficult at that moment to register tired – that may come later. For the moment, a speechless voice cannot be tired; feet cannot hurt when they are not touching the floor.



SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



Holy Week is exceptionally early this year, beginning on Monday 17th of March and running to Easter Eve on Saturday 22nd March. Easter Sunday is 23rd of March, a fortnight and more before the date of Easter last year.

Because all this is so early, one or two of the items that follow are not fully announced, or may be changed:

1. The walk and stations of the cross: start and finish cannot be announced yet.
2. Easter at Shipton Gorge. The pattern of the service plan means a 6.30pm Evensong at Shipton Gorge. We are discussing making that a Communion service or making some other provision – but please bear in mind 4 below.
3. The 11.00am Morning Prayer at Burton Bradstock could become an Easter celebration similar to the Christmas day type of service if people would prefer that.
4. There are four 11.00am Communion services on Easter day. So far we have 3 priests to conduct them. Bob, Jean, and Vicky from Chickerell who at the beginning of February was doing a placement in the Bride Valley. We will have to see who goes where, and what can be done about the fourth 11.00am service. This is a Team Council matter, and will not be sorted until after the publication of this BVN.

THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY

MONDAY

7.00pm Prayers: a quiet time and Compline, Long Bredy
6.30pm Shortened Evening Prayer, Shipton Gorge

TUESDAY

7.00pm Prayers: a quiet time and Compline, Litton Cheney
6.30pm Shortened Evening Prayer, Shipton Gorge

WEDNESDAY

7.00pm Prayers: a quiet time and Compline, Puncknowle
6.30pm Shortened Evening Prayer, Shipton Gorge

THURSDAY

7.00pm Agape, Swyre
followed by
8.00 pm to 9.00pm Watch, for one hour, Swyre
6.30pm Shortened Evening Prayer, Shipton Gorge

GOOD FRIDAY

- 10.00am Litany, Shipton Gorge
10.00am Litany, Littlebredy
12.00 to 3.00 Three hours devotion, Burton Bradstock
12.00 to 3.00 Walk and stations of the cross, location TBA

HOLY SATURDAY

- 6.30pm Vigil, Chilcombe

EASTER SUNDAY

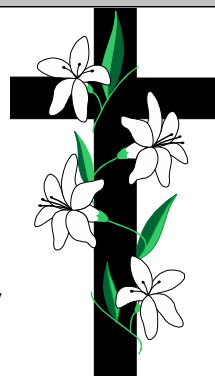
- 6.00pm Holy Communion, Chapel in the woods, Ashley Chase
8.00am Holy Communion,..Chilcombe
9.30am Holy Communion,..Burton Bradstock
9.30am Holy Communion,..Litton Cheney
11.00am Morning Prayer,..Burton Bradstock
11.00am Holy Communion,..Swyre
11.00am Holy Communion,..Puncknowle
11.00am Holy Communion,..Littlebredy
11.00am Holy Communion,..Long Bredy
6.30pm Evening Prayer ..Shipton Gorge
6.30pm Evening Prayer,..Burton Bradstock

FROM THE REGISTERS

On Saturday 12th of January the ashes were interred of the late Patricia Rose Bowden, whose funeral was in December of 2005. Her husband John, with their two sons attended the simple ceremony in the Churchyard of St Mary's Burton Bradstock.

The funeral of John Walter Robinson, lately the landlord of the White Horse at Litton Cheney, was held on Monday 14th of January. The village was shocked to hear the news of his sudden death in the new year. A ceremony at Weymouth crematorium was followed by a service of thanksgiving for his life at St Mary's Church in the afternoon. Tributes were given, including one by his son, describing his Father's humour, sense of adventure and love of the sea. From the Church a great gathering was made to the White Horse, where glasses were raised to toast John's memory. His partner, Cassie and members of the family will be continuing to run the pub in the future.

On 21st of January at Yeovil crematorium the funeral of Sylvia Wrigley was held. She had lived for a number of years in Shipton Gorge after her late husband, Arthur, had retired from running a garage on East St,



Bridport. Sylvia herself spent some of her earlier years in India, where her Father was an army bandmaster. She and Arthur were very keen golfers – Sylvia was Lady captain at the local club – and they both took part in charitable work for Rotary and Inner Wheel. Her son, Chris, led the mourning with his wife, Maggie. The congregation sang “Jerusalem” in memory of Sylvia’s long association with the W.I. during her years in Woking, and “Abide With Me”.

The ashes of the late Walter Harold Laughton were interred in the churchyard of St Martin’s, Shipton Gorge on the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd of January. Members of the family supported his wife Kit as the ceremony was held beneath the tower where Walter was a bell ringer for many years.

The funeral of Ann Jordan (formerly Etherington) was held in Holy Trinity Church, Swyre, on Friday 25th of January. She leaves her children, Jane, Simon, Dinah, Bronwen, Lucy and Fred, and a dynasty of Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Ann’s children had spent most of their growing years in West Bexington, where Ann continued to live until she was obliged to move into Bridport. She was a person of indomitable spirit and a great love of life. She loved riding and swimming, and adored classical music. At the service Josephine Pearce and a grand daughter, Alice, read poems. Nick Salmon read the lesson. Ann was laid to rest with her late husband, Tony, in the churchyard.

Peter Francis John Godfrey was buried in St Martin’s Church, Shipton Gorge on Wednesday, 30th of January. He was laid to rest with his late wife, Denise, on a lovely day of chill winter sunshine, following a service in the Church. Many years before Denise had lived in the village, but until her death in 2001 they had lived at West Bay, where Peter continued to live until his death. Their daughter Annaliese led the mourning, supported by the assembled friends of the family. The hymn, “Crimond”, was sung, and “The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended”.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCILS

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

PRECEPT FOR 2008/9

The precept is an annual additional charge on household Council Tax bills to provide the funding, together with other income sources, necessary to meet Parish Council expenditure. Burton Bradstock Parish Council has set and agreed a precept for 2008/9 of £19,000. This is considerably larger than the levels set in recent years when amounts between nothing and £10,000 have been applied.

2007/8 saw a substantial rise in Parish Council expenditure and this was associated with a number of problems which were not budgeted for. These included the Napoli incident which brought large numbers of sightseers to the beach, deteriorating the car park surface when it was particularly vulnerable (after a wet winter), problems with the Hive toilet pumping system, a poor summer for car park visitors and the costs of preparing the Post office to handle an expanded range of business. These unforeseen expenses have depleted the reserves which the Parish Council needs to maintain to meet such unplanned situations. The budget for 2008/9 has been prepared for a worse case scenario and a £19000 precept is required to balance projected income and expenditure. There are many unknowns, particularly summer weather, but we are hopeful that we might do better than the forecast and that the reserves can be rebuilt during 2008/9.

PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING

Will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th March at the Village Hall in Puncknowle. The Agenda for the meeting and draft minutes of the previous meeting are published on the Parish Council noticeboards in Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington at least one week before the meeting.

If you have any issues you wish to be considered, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Carolyn Buckland on 897726 or *e-mail* puncknowle@dorsetparishes.gov.uk

THE NAPPER CHARITY

Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the The Napper Charity, will be considering a motion to change the terms of the Trust so as to relate more to the present day whilst staying consistent with the spirit of its purpose. All residents with an interest are invited to attend to make any points about the proposed change. Details of the motion will be placed on the noticeboards as above.

HOMEWATCH

Would any local resident who is village-based during the day and has a computer be interested in taking on the role of Homewatch co-ordinator for the Parish – acting as a focal point for receipt and local distribution of any criminal activity identified by the police to named contacts around the community.

The role is voluntary, is not very demanding, but does provide you with an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to village life. Activity in the past suggests no more than an average one hour per

month. Please contact the Chairman, Tony Edwards, on 897435 if you can help. It provides a good way of meeting people. (*Sadly the previous co-ordinator, who has done an excellent job for over five years, has had to stand down due to health problems.*)

PLAYING FIELD TIDY-UP

We still plan to have a 'tidy-up' Sunday at the Playing Field in Puncknowle – our previous two dates in November and January having been rained off. Please contact Liz Slater on 897751 if you can help.

We will take the first 'dry' Sunday in March – and we will ring to confirm that we can proceed if the conditions are right at the Field. Our first 'attempt' will be for Sunday 9th starting at 10.30am. Come along with the children or without, join us for some tea and cake!

Tony Edwards

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Shipton Gorge Parish Council will take place at the Village Hall on Monday 17th March commencing at 7.30pm.

The annual Parish Meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd April commencing at 7.30pm.

Ernie Thomas – Parish Clerk

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL VILLAGE ASSEMBLY

The Annual Assembly will take place at Thorner's on Tuesday 11th March at 7.30 pm.

This is your opportunity to voice your opinions or concerns about village matters. There will be a presentation by the Western Area Transport Action Group (WATAG) whose objective is to seek and achieve sustainable improvement in local transport systems – this could be your chance to have your say about local transport.

The assembly will be followed by a meeting of the Parish Council.



A bus station is where a bus stops.

A train station is where a train stops.

On my desk I have a work station.....

VALLEY NOTES

BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES LUNCH

The first Bring & Share lunch of 2008 will take place on Mothering Sunday, 2nd March. We meet in Burton Bradstock Village Hall at 12.30pm. Please bring along a savoury and/or sweet dish to put onto the buffet table to be shared. Coffee, tea, squash and water will be provided. Do come along and join us for a time of food and fellowship. All welcome.

Lesley Dove

BRIDE VALLEY QUIZZES

The final fixture will be on Wednesday March 5th at 6.30 in Shipton Gorge Village Hall. Litton Cheney Junior team will be playing Burton Bradstock Juniors. After the interval for refreshments the Playgroup Mums team will be challenging the Bellringers.



This event should be a lot of fun, so please come and support it.

As soon as possible after Easter we are planning a quiz event for everyone to enjoy, with presentations to the winners, a show case match with the winning Junior team facing the winning Senior team, and also a schools derby between Thorners and Burton Bradstock.

More details in April's BVN.

FOUR "HEAD GARDENERS" IN THE ANDES

Steve Griffiths, Curator of Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens, is giving a presentation billed as a travel adventure exploring the Chilean National Parks, in Burton Bradstock Village hall at 7.30pm, on Friday 14th March.



He will also be running the London marathon in order to collect funds for The Stroke Association.

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

As Wednesday 19th March is the first meeting of the gardening club year we hope that we will get a good turnout from our members for this workshop. Please send in any problem you have in your garden which can be discussed and new ideas put forward. We hope that those of you who are not members will feel happy to come along too. The second meeting will be on Wednesday April 16th when we will have a speaker who will give practical advice on growing organic vegetables.



JOBS TO DO

Complete pruning of gooseberries. Sow herbs such as parsley and chervil outdoors. Early spring is an ideal time to plant and divide herbaceous plants. Prune established bush and standard roses.

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

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

Children, staff and parent/helpers all went out recently - between the rains - on another nature ramble. This time our object was to see the new play equipment in Litton Cheney Playing Field, and after trekking up the lane, across fields, through lots of mud, across the fast flowing stream - we made it! The equipment was thoroughly tested and enjoyed by all children present - climbing the steps and the wall, sliding down the pole and the slide - great physical play fun. On our way we saw new lambs and sheep, played "pooh sticks" under the bridge over the stream, and explored how deep the mud was in places! (Very!)



Our theme has continued via activities such as making collage tissue paper landscapes, putting together skeletons, drawing round our bodies, hand prints, cooking noodles to celebrate Chinese New Year - also making sweet and sour sauce to dip our crackers in. Fortune Cookies were supplied by Elfin's mum who helped out, and we also made paper lanterns, as well as Sonya reading the story of all the Chinese Animals. Our Dragon came out again - and after some running repairs by Maureen and some children, we did some dragon dancing in the school hall, and waved ribbons on sticks. We made a "Dinosaur World" for our toy dinosaurs to live in, - also drew round and cut out some big "Dino Feet". We joined in with Reception Class making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday - some children had two bite-sized portions - some at Snack Time and again in with Reception! Five of our pre-schoolers have attended School Assembly again - at their request - and again behaved very well indeed.

A charity Wine Tasting Evening, hosted by Mark Banham of Palmer's Wine Store, is to be held on Saturday 15th March at 7.30pm. It should be a fun, relaxed evening, tasting affordable wines which will be available to order at a discount on the night. Held at Thorner's School in Litton Cheney, the event is being organised by Bride Valley Fledglings Playgroup to raise funds towards the new school and community hall in Litton Cheney (LATCH). Limited numbers of tickets are now available from the school

office, Palmer's Wine Store, Burton Bradstock Post Office, The Manor Hotel at West Bexington and the White Horse Inn in Litton Cheney. So do come along and help us boost the funds!

For information about playgroup, do not hesitate to ring us at school on 482410, Rachel Maltby on 482246 or Carol Bennett on 897771.



Charity Commission No. 1042713

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP

The children have been very creative, making lots of lovely goodies.

A morning was spent painting using their hands, some brushes and plastic cars – the boys in particular enjoyed making paint tracks with the car wheels. There has been the usual cutting, sticking and playing with playdough, in addition the children have been making Chinese hats and Chinese dragon heads in celebration of the Chinese New Year.

With the improvement in the weather the children have had the opportunity to play 'hide and seek' in the Rectory garden. On our village walks they have had a chance to feed the ducks and see some of the daffodils that have started to make an appearance. When it has been too wet to go outside the children spent time dancing and using an assortment of instruments to make music.

There has also been pancake making and pancake eating which was enjoyed by everyone.

We had a visit from Chloe "the bunny", the children had to be very quiet so as not to frighten her and enjoyed stroking her and feeding her.

When we return after the half-term break the theme for the term will be growth and with Easter approaching quickly there will be lots of new things to make.

The Primary School PTA is holding their Duck Race on Sunday March 23rd and the Playgroup will have a stall on the day, so please come along and support us. We are also hoping to have an Easter Toddle, so keep an eye out for us as we walk around the village.

A special thank you to Heather and Ryder for hosting another 'pop-in' day, despite the appalling weather £60 was raised for the playgroup.

If you are interested in joining our playgroup Ann-Marie can be contacted on 07853 150467 or Audrey on 01308 897227

It was one of those perfect English autumnal days which occur more frequently in memory than in life.

P. D. James

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

The spring term has been particularly hectic this year, predominantly due to Easter being very early. This has effectively concertinaed twelve weeks into ten with all the usual events squashed in as best we can.

Our main concern at present is our need of lunchtime assistants for kitchen and playground duties. If any BVN readers are interested in either of these jobs please do get in touch with the school office – 897369. We would love to hear from you.

The PTA kindly paid for a travelling theatre company to perform 'Cinderella' for us as a new year treat, and a treat it was. The show was brilliant and the children had such a great time that they are clamouring for more.

Meanwhile the school choir has been steadily 'evolving' over the past year or so. On Mondays after school a group of between 15 and 20 children meet together to sing. We have a lot of fun and as well as an assortment of songs in a range of styles, we have also been learning a short cantata, 'Hamelin Town'. The children are looking forward to putting on a concert for parents, governors and volunteers in the school. It really is true that singing lifts the spirits and gets the endorphins going. For some reason I tend to find Mondays a struggle, yet finishing with choir can be a great way to end the day.

We have also seen the continuing spate of national headlines about the merits or otherwise of schools and standards. Perhaps the less I say about these the better. For those of us at the 'chalk face' it feels as if the policy makers and Ofsted are more out of touch than ever with their expectations of what is humanly possible within the hours we have. Mind you, they do have a wonderful sense of humour. For example, have you heard the one about 'life work balance'?

Happy Easter

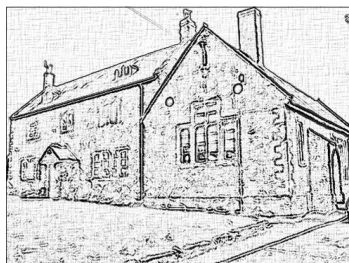
Mark Stratta

100 CLUB JANUARY

£20	William Barclay
£10	Mr B. Neale
£5	Jean Still

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Daffodils, primroses and crocuses are all in bloom and it looks like Spring but somehow it is still a long hard slog from Christmas until March and the fear is that the winds will come and batter the flowers before we have had a chance to appreciate them. The evenings are



much lighter though and even the dark mornings are attempting a little optimistic brightness a little earlier. We are fortunate to live in an area of such natural beauty and to be so aware of the changing seasons.

When I wrote in this slot previously, I mentioned the joy of watching the seasonal changes to the trees at the bottom of our school field and of wondering at the sight of small dead creatures brought into school by enthusiastic future biologists.

I have recently taken ownership of a Giant African Land Snail and knowing the fascination of young children with small living, preferably slimy things, I decided to make him/her (they are both you know) the focus of Key Stage 1 Literacy for a week or two. It was a great hit and Snail was very popular, giving us a good focus for some non-fiction investigation, and inspiring some lovely writing and drawing.

In the week beginning 10th March we shall hold our Annual Book Week with the usual popular activities such as Dressing-Up Day, Bedtime Story and a session with a visiting storyteller. This is always an enjoyable event in the school calendar and I may have just found inspiration for my costume this year...but how do I make the shell?!

Maggie Hooper

100 CLUB

February Winners:

£15 Mrs Alison Johnstone (just in time for half-term!)

£10 Mrs Sarah Nobes

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

Your continued support is much appreciated. Thank you to everyone. Any queries, please feel free to speak to Caroline Cox or contact school the office.

THORNERS SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

£350.00 was raised from our Christmas Bingo and this has been given to LATCH, with the proceeds of the Christmas Grand Draw going to the TSA.

Thanks again to everyone who supported us.

CURRENT FUND-RAISING

The "Sweet and Chocs" Quiz is available now from The Crown Puncknowle, White Horse Litton Cheney, Burton Bradstock Post Office, Bridport and Dorchester TICs and The Doctors surgery, Portesham.

Cost £1.00

First Prize £20.00

Closing date for entries, 31st March 2008.

FUTURE FUNDRAISING

Sponsored Swim, 10th May at Bridport Leisure Centre

Wacky Races: Build your own Go-Cart, and enter the race. More details to follow.

TSA Christmas Bingo, 21st November at Thorner's School (date to be confirmed).

ROLY, THE CHURCH'S JESTER

Roly is coming to St. Mary's, Litton Cheney, on Sunday 30th March 11am for our 5th Sunday United Service

He is an ordained priest and a full time itinerant clown. He has won many awards and has clowned all over the UK, across the USA, in Canada, Australia, Sweden, France, Belgium and Holland. - in churches, chapels, cathedrals, prisons, hospitals, schools, camps, conferences and clubs, halls, big tops and theatres!

When Roly was 8 he wrote about wanting to become a clown but ended up becoming a priest! While he was training he wrote a special sermon on 'Jesus the clown', - the importance of laughter and the need to embrace the ridiculous and the absurd. He went on to portray Jesus as the jester, the truth teller whose life ends in the cross and yet has the last laugh as he makes a mockery even of death in His resurrection.

Roly was ordained in 1978 and in 1982 he co-founded 'Holy Fools', a loose network of Christian clowns who work in groups or alone, in their local area. The aim of Holy Fools is to explore how clowning, miming, puppetry, dance, storytelling and allied arts can be used in ministry and worship and to help each other to develop their skills.

Roly went to clown school in Bristol in 1990 to develop his clowning and circus skills and has since encouraged many to think about what happens in their church services, introducing moments of play, moments of stillness, moments of absurdity and foolishness. He is best known for his slack rope routine which leads children and adults (especially adults) to a deeper understanding of 'the foolishness of the cross'. He retells popular Bible stories in his own clown style. All his routines have some Christian basis, story or punchline.





Wine Tasting

with

Mark Banham of Palmer's Wine Store

Saturday 15th March @ 7.30pm

Thorner's School, Litton Cheney

Tickets £10

available from Thorner's School and White Horse Inn in Litton Cheney, Burton Bradstock Post office, Manor Hotel at West Bexington

and Palmer's Wine Store or call 482154

Organised by Bride Valley Fledglings Playgroup

to raise funds towards the new hall (LATCH)

COME AND SING IN A MUSICAL

Churches Together in Bridport and District Invite you to sing in



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WILDFIRE

The story of Stephen

A Hope08 event

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

Roger Jones, the composer, and some soloists will be with us to rehearse in the daytime, and to perform in the evening.

We are also fortunate to have David Baldwin who will rehearse the choir on April 10, 17, 21 7 24 AT 7.30PM IN Bridport United Church, East Street, Bridport.

SOPRANOS, ALTOS, TENORS AND BASSES NEEDED

Further information from Bill Hancox,
01308 459018 or william.hancox1@virgin.net

LONG BREDY

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



EASTER SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 11:00am.

ELECTORAL ROLL – ST PETER'S

Anyone wishing to be added to the current list should contact me on 482250 before the end of March. This gives entitlement to vote at the AGM of the Parochial Church Council on 3rd April.

Valerie Shepherd

VILLAGE FETE

An important date for your diary: Sunday 13th July: – more details later.

PHYLLIS COLLYER

passed away aged 92, on 17th January. Having been Headmistress of a school in Surrey, she retired to Long Bredy 35 years ago, with her husband, George. Phyllis was a very active lady; she joined in all the functions in the village, often having coffee evenings in her home in aid of some good cause. She was a magistrate, keen pianist and organised the Bride Valley Choir in its early stages. She belonged to the French Society and also enjoyed the work of Thomas Hardy. Her interests included embroidery and making patchwork quilts.

Phyllis will be sadly missed by all her friends.



FAREWELL

to Jerry, Karen and family who have moved to a new farm in Ayrshire. We wish them well with their new life in Scotland.

WELCOME HOME

to Rene Hussey, who has had nineteen weeks in hospital. It must be wonderful to be home, especially in the springtime.

WELCOME TO LONG BREDY

Richard and Anna Baggs, who with Jo and Rosie have come to live at Long Bredy Farm. We hope they will really enjoy life in our lovely village.



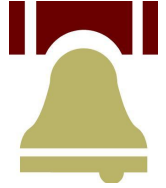


CONGRATULATIONS

to Dick Elliott on his 65th birthday this month.

THE LONG BREDY BELL RINGERS

would like to thank everyone who gave so generously, in every way to the Soup and Sale on Saturday, 2nd February. A profit of £316.40 was made, so again many thanks. Prize winners of the raffle for the bell rope sponsors were as follows: Bells Whiskey - Roger Sturrock; Print of St Peter's Church, Long Bredy - Karen Winsor; Bellflower hanging basket - Joan Sheldrake; Thorntons Chocolates - Shani Honeybun and a variety of Bellflower seeds - Ruth Cullingford.



The final total for the bell rope sponsorship is £660 which has enabled us to pay for the repairs to the ropes and purchase the necessary replacements. We are very grateful to everyone who sponsored a length of bell rope, a sally or a complete rope, our thanks to you all.

We hold our bell ringing practice on Thursday evenings between 7pm and 8pm. If you would like to join us ringing or just see what we do, please come along, we would be happy to see you. For further information please ring Gwen Kinghorn on 01308 482270.

LITTLEBREDY		
VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS:		
Email: pwbridehead@btinternet.com	Tel: 482232	

EASTER

The date of Easter is tied to that of the Vernal Equinox, which in turn is dictated by the phases of the moon. There may be a reader who can remember the formula, but, be that as it may, Easter Day this year is the earliest since that of 1913...

Easter Sunday falls on the 23rd March, which is the 4th Sunday in the month, so there will be the usual Holy Communion in Church at 11.00 a.m. This is usually the best-attended service of the year, and everyone is warmly invited to maintain that.

In preparation for Easter, on **Good Friday**, 21st March, the short Litany Service from the Prayer Book will be said in Church at 10.00 a.m. Visitors as well as regulars are very welcome to this simple but moving service.

CHURCH DECORATION

(without our guiding spirit of the past) will take place after that Good Friday service, and we hope there will be a good team of volunteers to help. It is also good to have as much help as possible with picking, bunching and

tying the primroses for the customary writing in the windows, which needs about 200 bunches of primroses of about 20 heads each. These should ideally be brought to the Hall or the Church from about 11.00 onwards on Good Friday, please.

FRUGAL LUNCH

Earlier in the month, Peter and Carrie Jackson have again kindly offered to host the Lent Frugal Lunch at Littlebredy Farmhouse at 1.00 p.m. on Friday 14th March. Soup, bread and cheese will be available in return for a donation to charity, and we hope this will be well supported.



THANK YOU

We would like to thank Philip and Catherine, the PCC and all our friends in Littlebredy for the lovely farewell party at Bridehead, for the gifts and good wishes, and for 18 very happy years of friendship. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to live and work in such beautiful surroundings, and we take away many happy memories to our new home in Somerset.

We also send our grateful thanks to our friends throughout the Valley for their kind support of the Scented Garden Open Days, sharing our pleasure in the gardens and helping various charitable causes along the way.-

Chris and Judy.

LITTON CHENEY

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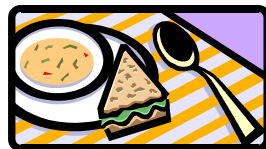


FROM ST. MARY'S PCC

Those of you who visit the Church regularly will know that the decorations are now finished and we would encourage all of you to visit the Church to see the bright and clean interior with everything restored to its usual place, all now beautifully polished and dusted.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

On Wednesday 5th March, Carol and Hugh Lindsay will be holding a Frugal Lent Lunch at The Old Rectory at 12.30 p.m. All are most welcome.



On Saturday 10th May the choir of Summer Fields School, Oxford, will be coming to Litton Cheney to give a concert in Church to raise funds for us.

The choir is of an extremely high standard and has performed across Europe and in New York. Definitely something not to be missed!

The following day, Sunday 11th May, the Summer Fields' Chaplain will be preaching at our morning service, with the choir enhancing our usual excellent music provided by Paul Cheater.

A reminder that the Annual Church Meeting, at which the Churchwardens and PCC members are elected, takes place on Thursday 10th April. To vote at this meeting and to be eligible to join the PCC you need to be included on the Church Electoral Roll by 27th March. You are entitled to go on the Electoral Roll if you are baptised, over 16, a member of the Church of England (or some other Churches) and resident in the parish. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and would like to join, please contact me for an application form.

And finally, The Church Fete will be on Monday 26th May at Court House. As the evenings get lighter our thoughts are turning to summer events and so we shall be holding our first planning meeting for the Fete on Thursday 6th March at 7.30 p.m. in Church. If you would like to help, please come along with lots of exciting ideas to make this year's Fete a really special one.

Wendy Taylor, PCC Secretary (482532)

LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL (LATCH)



The fundraising bandwagon rolls on and our target of £400,000 is no longer a dream. With the help of various benefactors and grant providers we are within £80,000 of the required funding. Much of the local funding has come through personal donations from village well-wishers. We have 39 donations and looking to reach 50 and you may wish to help us reach this number and indeed beyond (see below).

In addition to the personal donations, LATCH has received tremendous support from a large number of people in the village who have given up their time to help with fundraising and others who have applied their professional skills in getting this project up and running, who when asked to put in a bill have responded by saying "No charge". Thank you – your gesture is very much appreciated and will hasten the oncoming of the community hall.

Invitations to tender for the building of the community hall have now been sent out and we remain supremely optimistic that work will begin sometime in May. With good weather and a fair wind the prospect of having the community hall open before Christmas 2008 remains a distinct

possibility.

The final push for funds is now on. Please play your part. There will be a community hall so why not join the growing band of local residents who have contributed in many ways to this worthy community-led project.

For more information and to make a personal donations contact Ron Davidson (482661), David Taylor (482532), John Firrell (482313) or Freddie Spicer (482617).

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

LITTER PICK

Please note there is a change to our programme. The Litter Pick is now on Saturday March 8th. Meet at the bus shelter at 10am for a pre-Easter tidy up.



DUCK RACE



The ducks will be ready to set sail down Main Street at 12 noon on Sunday March 23rd. Ducks will be on sale on the day or prior to the event at the White Horse Inn or from members of the Social Committee. There will be prizes for those with winning ducks. Following the Duck Race the Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the White Horse Inn where burgers and other refreshments will be available

accompanied by live music. We look forward to seeing you there for a great day.

VILLAGE WALK

There will NOT now be a village walk on Saturday March 8th. It has been re-scheduled for Saturday April 12th.

Sheila Davison Secretary LCSC 482262

THE WHITE HORSE INN, LITTON CHENEY

March 23rd – Easter Sunday Duck Race Day BBQ 12.30 – 3.30, Live Music 2.00 – 4.00

March 4th – Curry Night 2 Courses £10 per head

March 9th – Sloe Gin Competition, Judged by the finest gin drinkers the Bride Valley can offer!!!

March 15th – St Patrick's Celebrations Live Music and Leprechauns, Irish Stew & Colcannon - £6.95 per head

March 20th – Village Lunch 2 Courses £8.95 per head

March 24th – Easter Monday Open All Day Food Available Lunch & Evening

Also Come and support various Litton (and surrounding areas) Ladies in their attempt to run, walk or crawl the Race for Life at Kingston

Maurward on Sunday 8th June. Sponsorship gratefully received at the White Horse Inn Litton Cheney. All proceeds to Breast cancer Research.

PRODUCERS' MARKET

The worst of the winter is over and signs of spring are unmistakable. With the onset of spring comes the first producers' market of the year on Saturday 17 May, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m..

We look forward to welcoming back our band of producers, followed by, we hope in large numbers, local Bride Valley residents and visitors intending to sample the best of what the valley and surrounding area has to offer.

Not long now. For more information and how to sell your wares at the market contact Wendy Taylor on 482532 or Sallie Firrell on 482313.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL – REVISION

The Church Electoral Roll is revised each year (except when a new roll is prepared every sixth year) in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. If your name is already included in the current roll, then no further action is required of you.

The revision period leading up to the annual meeting provides an ideal opportunity for those who wish to have their names added to the electoral roll to apply for enrolment, the requirements for which are very simple. You must be baptised (christened), a member of the Church of England or of a church in communion with it, be aged 16 or over, and either a resident in the parish or have regularly attended church there for at least six months.

Being on the electoral roll of the parish means you can attend Annual Parochial Church Meeting (to be held this year on Monday 21st April at 7pm) and vote in the elections to the Parochial Church Council or stand for election yourself if you are a communicant member of the Church of England. It enables you to have your voice heard at Deanery and Diocesan level as well as in your own parish.

Application forms for enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll will be available in church in the weeks leading up to the annual meeting. If you wish to contact me direct on Tel 897316 to discuss any aspect of enrolment I will be pleased to help.

Wendy Froy, Electoral Roll Officer, Burton Bradstock with Chilcombe

PCC TREASURER

Mike Read, Treasurer of the PCC, is standing down at the next AGM in April. The PCC would welcome contact with anyone who would be interested in taking over the post. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Mike Read (897455) or Bob Hynds (898339).

Bob Hynds, Secretary to the PCC

FRUGAL LENT LUNCH 2008

This year the lunch will be near the end of Lent on Saturday 15th March, from 12noon til 2.00pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, and your gifts will be divided between our two charities for this year - the Sailors Society and R.O.P.E. (Relief for Oppressed People Everywhere).

More information about these charities will be available at the lunch and on other occasions during the year.

If you wish to contribute food etc please complete the list in the South Transept. Please come and bring a friend.

ST MARY'S BURTON BRADSTOCK CHURCH FETE

7TH AUGUST 2008

The theme for this year's Fete is to be "Farming and the Countryside" and we hope to have some stalls and games which reflect this important aspect of our life in the village.

If anyone has any rurally linked ideas which could be included or would like to volunteer to help in anyway please let me or any member of the Working Party know. The members are Alan and Judy Clarke (897051), Susan Moores (897673), Susan Paul (897381), Pauline Woodford (898327), Sylvia Delves (897358) and Ian Wigglesworth (897083).

The main Fete proceedings will take place in the Rectory Garden and there will some Church related charities information and stalls in the Church and Churchyard.

The Church will also be the focus for a "Celebration of Flowers" which can be enjoyed by those who come to climb the Tower and /or to listen to the music.

Peter Broomhead Co-ordinator (01308 897408)

ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY FLOWERS COFFEE MORNING

Noreen will be holding her annual coffee morning in aid of Alzheimers on Thursday 13th March 10.30am till noon at Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

If you have any bric a brac, raffle prizes or homemade cakes, please bring them to Greenwich Cottage before the 13th.

Many thanks.

01308 897212



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TRAIDCRAFT – FAIR TRADE

A selection of Traidcraft items – mainly groceries- will be on sale in St. Mary’s Church, Burton Bradstock between the 9.30am and 11am services every second Sunday in the month.



A catalogue is available and orders are welcome. The stall will also be set up at the Bride Valley Bring and Share lunches and the Frugal Lent Lunch which is on March 15th this year in the Village Hall.

Traidcraft contact in Burton Bradstock is Elizabeth Orza 01308 897451

BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY



At last we are in a position to move forward on the issue of preserving the Burton Bradstock library building and maintaining the library service at the current level.

The Dorset County Council have offered Burton Bradstock Parish Council a 99 year lease at a peppercorn rent of the Burton Bradstock library building. In return the community will be required to fund the running costs of the building.

As has been stated previously in the BVN it is proposed to establish a Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL) (in the form of a charity) who would fund raise to help the Parish Council meet the annual running cost of the building. It would also provide volunteers to restore the cut in opening hours, from 10 to 6 hours a week, following the introduction by the County Library service of ‘core hours’ opening. It now seems likely that the core hours regime will start in September 2008.

An inaugural meeting of the FBBL will be held at 8 pm on Wednesday the 9th. of April in the Village Hall. Please come and help us set-up the Friends to preserve the building and maintain our current, and much valued, library service. Additional details will appear in the April edition of the BVN

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

HOME WATCH, BURTON BRADSTOCK, MARCH



Good news for anyone who has not yet returned their questionnaire on the “Cold Calling Control Zone”

introduction....the deadline for replies has been relaxed to Saturday March 8th, so be sure please to make your voice heard now if you have not yet. Incidentally, if you haven’t

yet heard about this important ‘zone’ idea, or haven’t perhaps received a Trading Standards Service questionnaire form on it, please phone Alistair Bristol right away on 01308-897905.

John Grantham

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



In glorious summer sunshine we had our February meeting with 43 members hearing Mark Stainer - Head Gardener, talk on Margery Fish and the Gardens of East Lambrook in Somerset, together with slides from her original garden.

She was a true advocate of Cottage Gardens and gardening and in her late 40s moved from London with her husband, to transform this garden to the place it is today. She had certain rules, one of which was to make things simple, to have many evergreens, so the garden looked good in Winter and that her terraced beds looked good from 4 angles. She liked a tapestry of flowers: Penstemons, Papaver, Salvias, Euphorbias, Pinks, Nepita and Clematis were amongst her favourites. She enjoyed being known as a "Jungle gardener".

We have had 7 new members this year and we are very pleased to welcome them from Burton, West Bexington and Little Bredy - the Committee welcomes new blood into our thriving Insitute with its many Groups throughout the months.

The March Meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th March at the Summer time of 7.30pm when our Speaker will be Andy Violet talking on "Devon Pottery". The various groups, Creative Writing, the Reading Group the Walking group, the Mahjong group, the Art workshop and the Tapestry group will all be taking place. Please check on the notice board outside the Hall for dates and venues.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

200 CLUB

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the March-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £10 – one pound for each of the remaining 10 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.



February 2008 Draw.

Congratulations to:

1st Prize:	No.	554	Mr. Brian Neale	£39.20
2nd Prize:	No.	567	Mrs. Constance Coutts	£19.60
3rd Prize:	No.	629	G & J S Roberts	£ 9.80

Alan Clarke - Promoter for 200 Club - 01308 897051

BARN DANCE

David Powell & The Bride Valley Band will be returning to the Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 8 March 2008. Come along and enjoy what has become a fun experience at the Village Hall and see your friends attempt to keep up with David's calling!

Tickets will cost - £6.00 Adult, £3.00 U14 and are available from Burton Bradstock Post Office. You will need to move quickly to buy your tickets – last year's event was an early sell out.



VILLAGE FAYRE

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will once again be held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday 26 May (2.00 pm to 4.30 pm). Your support last year made this event a great success and the money raised has allowed the Village Hall Committee to maintain and upgrade the hall and facilities. Help will again be needed to organise, set up and run stalls; anyone who wishes to volunteer should contact Susan Moores on 01308 897673.

Other Dates for your 2008 Diary at Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

Quiz Night Saturday 19 April

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE DIARY 2008

Please remember that if you are organising a village event in Burton Bradstock, there is a diary kept in Burton Bradstock Post Office in which you can enter details. This should help to prevent people arranging events of a similar nature in quick succession.

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

TALKS

The programme of talks this year has proved a great attraction, often filling the Village Hall to capacity, and we must thank John Graham for his efforts in tracking down so many exceptionally good speakers. The two remaining talks promise to be every bit as fascinating as the previous ones.

On Friday the 7th of March, Bob Mizon from Wimborne, a well-known lecturer who operates the Mizar Travelling Planetarium, will talk on “The Vital Role of the Sun re-visited” followed by brief information on “Astronomical developments to look out for in the next 2 years”.

Don't miss the last talk of the season on the 11th of April, which will be given by Bonny Sartin, a member of the Yetties folk group for 45 years. He will be speaking on “The Banks of Newfoundland”, which were exploited by Dorset fishermen for hundreds of years and led to the growth of Poole as a port. His talk will be illustrated by quotes, songs and poems.

BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE GROUP

Burton Bradstock Bridge Group will be meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesdays at 2pm from 4th March until June.

For further information please phone 898117.



RESULTS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK ONLINE DIGITAL PHOTO COMPETITION 2007

1st Prize – Adults



1st Prize – Under 16s



The Digital Photo Competition awards were made on Friday 11th January, 2008 at the Burton Bradstock Village Society evening by judges Mike Southgate (Chairman of the Judges) and David Barnikel.

Comments by Mike Southgate: " The judges had some good photographs to consider amongst the entries for the 2007 competition in both sections, but the majority were of beach and coastal scenes. We were disappointed that there were so few of activities in the village. We are hoping that this year's "Wild Life" topic will generate a wider range of subject matter; so have a go and get those pictures entered."

The results were as follows:

Adults:

1st Prize: £100 'One more cast before dark' - Sue Kirby

2nd Prize: £50 'Walking the dog along the Burton Cliff footpath'

Robert Belbin

3rd Prize: £25 'Delivery' - Mark Pike

Highly Commended: 'Watching the sunset from a bench on

Burton Cliff' Robert Belbin

'An afternoon stroll' - Simon Kirby

Under 16s:

1st Prize: £50 'Mum skimming' - James Suter

2nd Prize: £25 'My Dad Mackerel Fishing' - Charlotte Toms

3rd Prize: £15 'Dancing off to the Moon' - Toula Kanellaki
Highly Commended: 'Burton Wind Power' - Toula Kanellaki
'Teddy on the beach' - Lorna Farrell

Mike Southgate announced a new Digital Photo Competition for 2008 with the theme "Wildlife in Burton Bradstock in 2008". Full details are to be found of all entries, the above winners and the new competition at www.burtonbradstock.org.uk.

N.B. Although photos must be taken in Burton Bradstock, the competition is open to anyone, wherever they live!

Ken Pett - Burton Bradstock ONLINE - 897550

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

I am sure we all know by now that whenever David Barnikel shows us his slides of his overseas travels, we are all in for a treat and this time was no exception when he gave us a presentation on Friday 11th January entitled 'Images of China'.

He went to China on an organised tour in December, travelling with Saga! We saw dramatic photographs showing many aspects of life in the new China. Altogether a fascinating insight into a country which up until recent times has remained a bit of a curiosity.

Our next meeting is on 7th March when Bob Mizon will be telling us all about the vital roll of the Sun on our planet and what developments to look out for in the next two years.



THE GREAT ANNUAL BURTON BRADSTOCK

PTA DUCK RACE

EASTER SUNDAY

23rd MARCH

BURTON BRADSTOCK ON THE GREEN

Ducks away 2.00pm from the bridge

Easter Bonnet Competition, The Best Tombola in Town

Many stalls. Ice Cream

Stalls open from 1.30

Prizes for winning ducks & best Easter Bonnet

Buy your ducks early to avoid disappointment

from Burton Bradstock School, Post Office or Garage from February 25th.

£1 only

SHIPTON GORGE

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES at St MARTIN'S CHURCH

There will be a service of shortened Evensong at 6pm from Monday 17th to Thursday 20th March. On Good Friday March 21st the service will be The Litany at 10am with readings and hymns.

All are welcome.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th April at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Elections will be held for the following positions: Church Wardens, PCC Secretary, Deanery Synod Representatives and members of the PCC committee. Anybody interested in any of these positions please contact Bob Thorn, the Church Warden or any member of the PCC.

DOGS AND THE CHURCHYARD

I have had several people contact me regarding dogs being allowed to roam free whilst being exercised in the churchyard consequently fouling the graves.

This is extremely distressing for the people attending the graves, distasteful for the people who work hard keeping our churchyard looking so well kept, and shows a shocking lack of good manners on the part of the people allowing this. Please remember that the churchyard is sacred ground and should be treated as such.

If you walk your dog through St Martin's churchyard please keep it on a lead, and clean up after your pet.

Gillian Maxfield – Churchwarden



CLEAN IT UP!

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Jonathan Marshall, accompanied by several of his birds of prey, will be giving a talk on Falconry and Birds of Prey in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th March starting at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Sally at £5 each.

EASTER PARTY

On Saturday 22nd March there will be an Easter party for all the children of Shipton Gorge in the Village Hall. The party will start at 3pm

continuing until 5pm with entertainment by Grayham Rosamond. Any other children staying with residents of Shipton will be welcome but please ring Sally for more information.

OVER 60'S LUNCH CLUB

This takes place on a weekly basis on Thursdays at the New Inn. Starting at 12pm it is an ideal way to catch up with old friends and to make new ones. There is a choice of menu and starting at 12pm it is an ideal way to catch up with old friends, and to make new ones. All over 60's are welcome but places must be booked in advance. Ring Sally for full details including transport to the New Inn if necessary.

Sally Parker 897168

TAUNTON RACES

This trip is on Friday 18th April leaving the New Inn at 3.45pm. First race 5.20pm with the last race at 8pm. Returning at 9.15 for a Casserole & Dumpling Supper at the New Inn. Tickets £25 all inclusive. Please sign the list at the New Inn.

SHIPTON GORGE LTD

We are delighted that the sign to The Orchard is now erected on the new gates and our grateful thanks to John Hall, ably assisted by Pam Graham, who arranged, directed, collected and erected the sign for us.



Many congratulations to Ann White from Cairnhill who won our Christmas Quiz Competition, scoring a magnificent 16½ points out of a possible 20. Very well done to her, and we hope that all of you who entered enjoyed searching out the answers over the holiday period.

Thanks also to all of you who support us by using the www.easyfundraising.co.uk website to raise money for Shipton Gorge Ltd when you purchase items on the internet. You raised over £50 this way in the last quarter of 2007 and we are already on the way to a similar amount for the first three months of this year. This is a great help towards our maintenance costs and anyone can do it, so if you purchase things by internet please register on the site and help us to raise even more!

As you read this it is hoped that 12 apple trees, including Tom Putt, Court of Wick – a West Country apple dating from 1790 – Devonshire Quarrendon, dating from 1676 and Beauty of Bath will have been planted in the top third of The Orchard. These are all bush trees and grafted onto a dwarfing rootstock so will not grow taller than 8-12 feet, thus preserving the view of the church from Brook Street. Should weather conditions have

been unfavourable for planting at the end of February the trees will be planted as soon as possible in early March.

SHIPTON GORGE RAMBLERS

Welcome to a fresh new season of lovely walks! This year we will be exploring areas of beauty and interest outside West Dorset as well as some of our favourite ones, so do check us out on the Shipton Gorge website for more details. If you would like to join us itineraries are available from Janet 897241 or from Vicky 898648.



This month we are meeting on 14th March to walk around Branscombe and enjoy the Spring flowers. We start from the telephone kiosk in Brook Street at 10am – shared transport – and please bring some refreshment (or use the beach café at Branscombe Mouth).

We look forward to seeing you all again!

Janet & Vicky

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

FEBRUARY DRAW

£10	No 11	Gillian Maxfield
£20	No 25	Jenny Burt

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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CHURCH DECORATION FOR EASTER

Saturday 22 March from 10am. Please come along and help to decorate the Church on Easter Saturday at 10am.

Contributions of flowers and greenery would be most useful. Also many bunches of primroses for the chancel arch please.

EASTER SUNDAY

23 March: Family Holy Communion at 11am.



ART CLUB

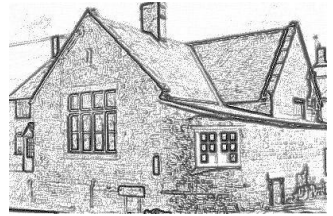
The AGM was well attended and there were many suggestions for this year's programme. We look forward to a year full of workshops, talks and visits. Thanks to Sallie who led an interesting session on making a 'jigsaw' type picture between all the members of the group. We look forward to

our first workshop of the year in the village hall, led by Rosie Britton on March 7th. Three weeks later on March 28th we have a workshop at Patria.
Christine Molony

PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

QUIZ EVENINGS

The next Quiz Evening will be on Friday 28th March at 7.30 for 8pm commencement.



FAMILY EASTER BINGO EVENING

We will be holding a BINGO Evening on Saturday the 8th March at 7.30 for an 8pm start.

100 CLUB

Arrangements for the 100 Club are now in hand. Please look out for further details shortly.

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON LUNCHEON CLUB

We are very pleased to say that the Club now has 43 members and usually between 35 and 40 have lunch each month on the 3rd Tuesday, in the Village Hall.

We do need more cooks and if anyone would like to volunteer to help out we should be very pleased to meet with them, and explain what is needed.

Please telephone Ken & Valerie Martin on 897622, or drop in to the next lunch on the 18th March.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Just a reminder that the next meeting is on Monday 3rd March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.



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

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

- www.burtonbradstock.org.uk
- www.littoncheney.org.uk
- www.shiptongorge.org.uk
- www.puncknowle.net
- www.swyre.org.uk
- www.westbexington.org.uk

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

FLOWERS FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

Meet at church Saturday 1st March to collect primroses etc. from churchyard and make posies to give to ladies in church on Sunday. Children and adults welcome as well as any small flowers you may have in your garden to add to those we pick.



MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 2nd March at 3.30pm to be followed by tea and cake. Everyone is welcome.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Saturday 8th March from 10am - . This is the first for 2008, so we hope the weather will be kind, so that we can tidy the churchyard after the winter. There are jobs for everyone to do. Please bring your gardening gloves, secateurs, weeding tools etc.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

20th March - Agape Meal at 7pm to be followed by Watch at 8pm. The meal is to be a "bring and share" supper in the rear of the church, and we will move to the pews at the front for the watch. Please contact me if you will be coming so that I have an idea of numbers and food. (Yvonne Buckland - 898 492).

EASTER DAY DECORATIONS

Saturday 22nd March from 10am - decorate the church for Easter day. Any help, flowers and greenery will be much appreciated. You don't have to be an expert flower arranger to be involved!

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM will be held on Sunday 6th April following 6.30pm Evening Prayer. This is when the Churchwardens and PCC members are elected and reports are presented about the work of the PCC over the past year. All those on the church electoral roll are entitled to vote at this meeting and are eligible to join the PCC.

Please consider whether you could become a member of our Church Council. We are a friendly group who work hard to keep Swyre Church alive for the community, but we do need your support!

Even if you would not wish to join the PCC, would you be prepared to help out on occasions, as some of you already do?

Occasionally we need car drivers to bring people to church for services or other events.

The church has to be dusted, polished, swept and hoovered regularly and spring cleaned annually.

Flower arrangers and flowers and foliage are always welcome.

Help with providing refreshments at special services.

General maintenance of church and churchyard.

Fundraising events.

Do have a word with Vera or myself if you could help out, maybe once a month or so, in any way.

Yvonne Buckland and Vera Hirst, Churchwardens.

THANK YOU

To all who helped me celebrate my 60th Birthday on 19th January. It was very special to me to have you all there. Also many thanks for all the cards and gifts, which was very kind and much appreciated.

Peter May

BEYOND THE VALLEY

THE DORSET REGIMENT GREAT WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

The aim of this project is to provide a lasting memorial to the officers and men of the Dorset Regiment who died in the Great War. 27000 officers and men served in the Dorset Regiment, of whom 3,929 died on active service, some 15%. It is proposed to place the memorial on the Somme battlefield where many of the regiment made the supreme sacrifice.

The target is to raise £25,000 to cover the expense of production, erection, the cost of negotiations with the French and the formation of a fund for long-term maintenance. It is intended that the memorial shall be of classic design but the actual complexity and size will be determined by the amount of money raised.

Those in the Valley who would like to contribute to this project, individuals or corporate bodies (e.g. The Royal British Legion) should send their contributions, before the end of March, direct to the Treasurer, The Dorset Great War Memorial Project, c/o The Military Museum, Bridport Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1RN. Cheques



should be made payable to 'The Dorset Great War Memorial – The Keep Museum'. To make a credit card donation, please contact the Keep Museum by telephone (01305 264066) or on-line: www.keepmilitarymuseum.org

Further details (a leaflet is available) are available from the Military Museum, Dorchester.

FRIENDS OF AGE CONCERN DORCHESTER “100 CLUB”

In order to raise funds to support activities for older people in the Dorchester area, we are proposing to set up a 'Friends of Age Concern Dorchester 100 CLUB'.

For a small amount, possibly £2 a month payable by standing order, you would receive a personal number which would be entered into a monthly draw. We hope to be able to offer at least one prize each month, with possibly a single large prize twice a year.

If you would like to join this scheme, please let us know by contacting:

The Promoter
Age Concern Dorchester,
Rowan Cottage,
Prince of Wales Road,
Dorchester DT1 1PW, 01305 269444

AGE
Concern

Community
Legal Service



or e-mail us at info@acdorchester.org



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH)

Our Annual Dinner takes place in the presence of the County President, Maj.Gen R.C. Keightley C.B. at Upwey's Wishing Well Restaurant at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, on Friday 28th March, by kind permission of Peter and Pauline Waring. The event is open to non-members, but all seats must be booked in advance through me.

Coach pick-ups are as follows: Abbotsbury Square 6.25pm, Fry's Close, Portesham 6.30pm, Bramdon Lane Bus Shelter, Portesham 6.37pm Steepleton Pond (if required) at 6.45pm and Martinstown at 6.50 pm

The April meeting will be combined with the Women's Section at 7.30pm on Monday 14th April, at Portesham Village Hall, when the speaker Mr. T. Toop will be recalling his visit to North African War Cemeteries.

If you know of any serving or ex-serviceman or their families who require advice or assistance, please inform Neville Jones (01305 871120) our Branch Welfare Chairman.

St James the Least of All

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

On how to survive a parish retreat

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

So, your vicar has appointed you magazine editor; I wonder what you have done to so offend him. Our own magazine editor has only held her post for the last 30 years because she is deaf, has no phone and always spends the fortnight after the publication of each issue on a remote Scottish island.

I think that your hope of now being in charge of an organ that will convert the entire parish to Christianity within a couple of editions may be a little optimistic. Most recipients of the magazine use it for finding the phone number of the local plumber or undertaker - or both if there is a major burst in the pipe.

If you want to keep any piece of information utterly confidential, then publish it in the magazine; that will ensure that everyone will remain wholly ignorant of it. On the other hand, if you accidentally transpose the names of the ladies responsible for the altar pedestal and lectern on the flower rota, it will be spotted within seconds of publication. It is also helpful to people who need to consult the staffing rota, to find out who took the collection a little too aggressively at Evensong the previous Sunday. The reports of the meetings of the monthly groups are also useful for reminding those who attended what happened, as they slept blissfully through most of it.

I would suggest you keep the first page which lists all the church officers with their phone numbers - although do omit your own number, so that complaints will have to go to someone else. It also seems to be a tradition that while all the digits of every number will be there, they are generally published in an incorrect order. This gets people to talk to one another as they phone round trying to find out the correct number for the treasurer.

If you submit any articles yourself, then I would suggest that your final paragraph does little other than repeat the penultimate paragraph, since when it is printed, the final few lines of any article are invariably accidentally omitted. My final piece of advice is to omit any deadline for submission for the following month. Such information only ensures that everything will be sent in the week after your requested date.

I wish you many happy hours deciphering illegible script and checking up on tea rotas.

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

CROSSWORD

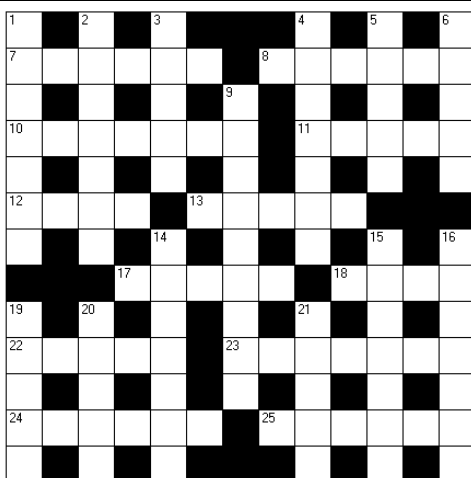
Use the NIV Bible

Across

- 7 Bigger (6)
 8 9 down having charge of a diocese (6)
 10 eg Rome or Lisbon (7)
 11 Mother-in-law of Ruth (5)
 12 Garden home of Adam and Eve (4)
 13 Christian symbol (5)
 17 She _____ no-one (Zeph 3.2) (5)
 18 Description of the horse ridden by 3 across in Revelation ch. 6 (4)
 22 ..they _____ the winepresses (Job 24.11) (5)
 23 City where the disciples were first called Christians in Acts ch. 11 (7)
 24 Country (6)
 25 More hallowed (6)

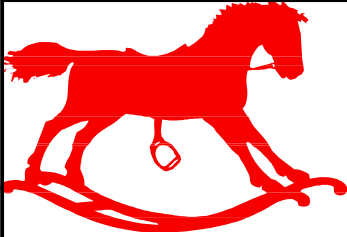
Down

- 1 Darken (7)
 2 Fell like the bindings on Samson's hands in Judges ch. 15 (7)
 3 A king's wrath is its messenger, according to Proverbs ch. 16 (5)
 4 Animal whose cubs are scattered in Job ch. 4 (7)
 5 Fire an arrow like Jehoash in 2 Kings ch. 13 (5)



- 6 24 across whose 10 across is Madrid (5)
 9 Priest (9)
 14 Angel of the Abyss in Revelation ch. 9 (7)
 15 Included in the canon of the bible (7)
 16 Ropes for fastening animals (7)
 19 ..the basin with its _____ (Ex 31.9) (5)
 20 God (5)
 21 ..observe them on the delivery _____ (Ex 1.16) (5)

Solution on page 15



**Wide range of
equipment & resources**

Meet friends

Social evenings

First Steps Toddler Group

Long Bredy Village Hall

9.30am till 11.45am

Wednesday mornings during term-time

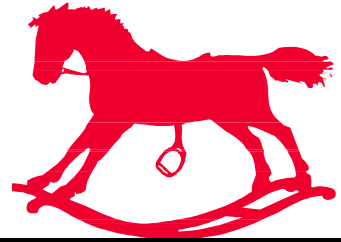
0—4 yrs No need to book

£1.50/session

All welcome

01308 482126

for more information



ONLY IN BRITAIN.....

do supermarkets make sick people walk all the way to the back of the shop to get their prescriptions, while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

*do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a **DIET** coke.*

do banks leave both doors open and chain the pens to the counters.

do we leave cars worth thousands of pounds on the drive and put our junk and cheap lawn mower in the garage.

can we buy hot dogs in packs of ten and buns in packs of eight.

do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place

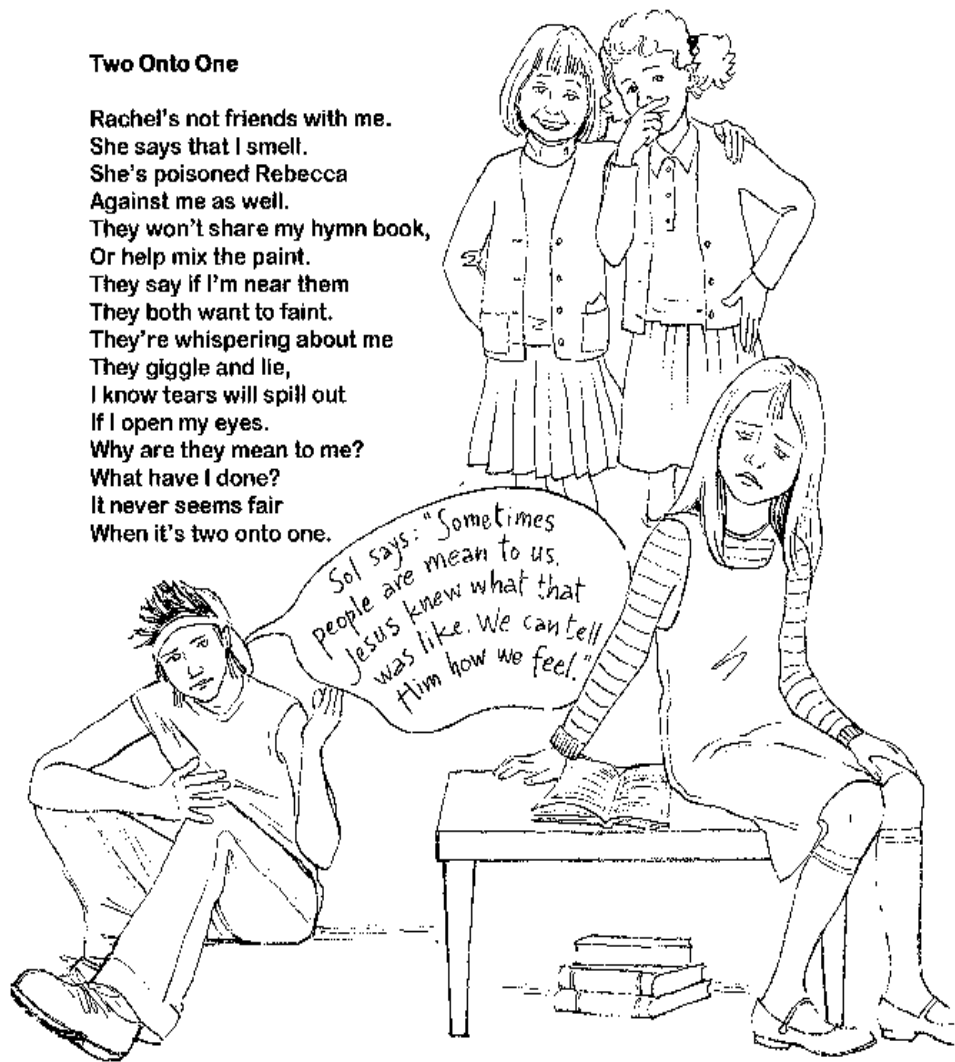


Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

Two Onto One

Rachel's not friends with me.
She says that I smell.
She's poisoned Rebecca
Against me as well.
They won't share my hymn book,
Or help mix the paint.
They say if I'm near them
They both want to faint.
They're whispering about me
They giggle and lie,
I know tears will spill out
If I open my eyes.
Why are they mean to me?
What have I done?
It never seems fair
When it's two onto one.



Do for others what you would like them to do for you. Mt7:12(NLT)

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



MOTHERING SUNDAY 2nd March

The old Gospel reading for this Sunday was about the feeding of the five thousand so it was called Refreshment Sunday. Over time this Sunday became associated with family reunions and gatherings and became Mothering Sunday.

Mother's Day, which in this country is on the same day as Mothering Sunday, is an American invention which was started in 1906. Mother's Day is about the mother of a family but Mothering Sunday is more connected with Mother Church, the family meaning has been added on.



Whatever we think about commercial inventions, it is still good to thank those who care for us, no matter how old we are.

MOTHER'S DAY CARD

Nice cards for Mother's Day can be rather expensive so why don't you make your own? You don't have to be artistic to make this simple lacy card. You will need some coloured card, glue and a paper lace doily.

Cut a piece of card twice as big as the card you want and fold it in half. Then cut up the doily to make the decoration – some have lovely patterns of harts, flowers and leaves.



Put a very small amount of glue on the back of the 'lace' and press it onto the card. Finish off the card by writing a nice message inside.

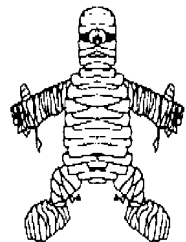
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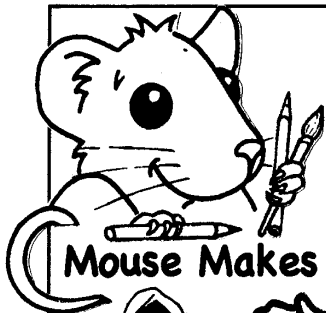
Why do mummies tell no secrets?

Because they keep everything under wraps.

How can you tell when a mummy is angry?

He flips his lid.

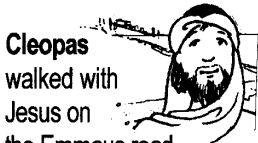




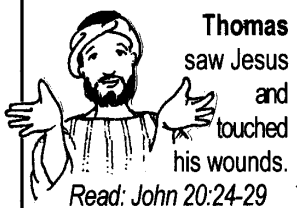
Mouse Makes



Mary talked to Jesus by the empty tomb.
Read: John 20:10-18



Cleopas walked with Jesus on the Emmaus road.
Read: Luke:24:13-35

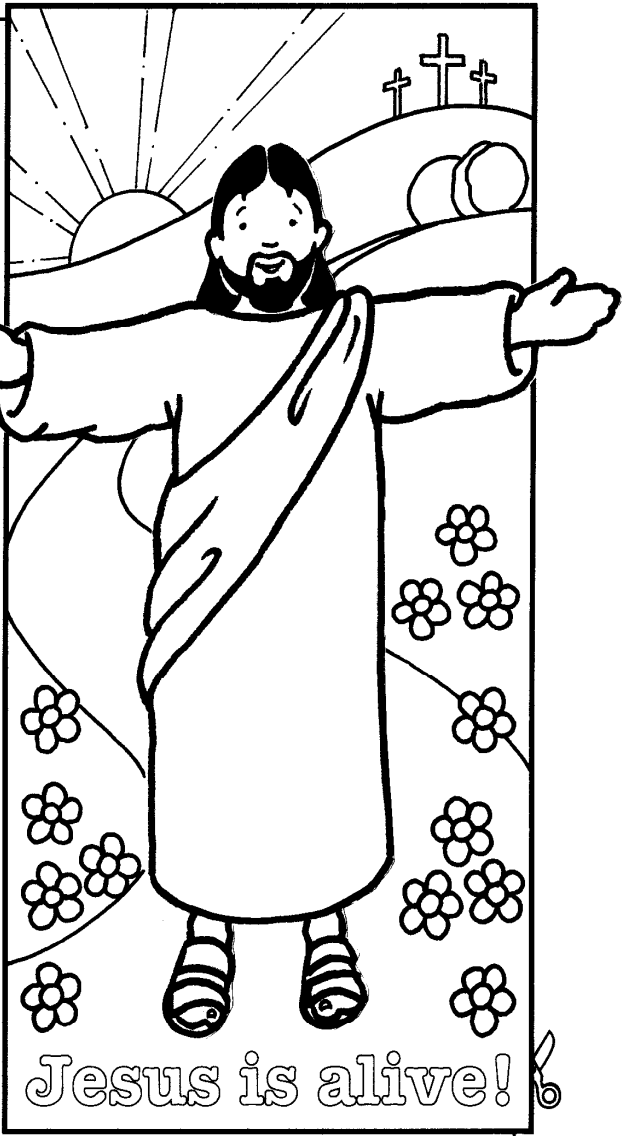


Thomas saw Jesus and touched his wounds.
Read: John 20:24-29



Peter ate with Jesus by the Sea of Galilee.
Read: John 21:1-14

Thank you Jesus for being my Saviour and my friend.
Amen



Jesus is alive!



Colour this picture then carefully cut out. Glue onto card to make an Easter greetings card or a window hanging.



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DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES: FEBRUARY 2008

MARCH

Sat	1	Flowers for Mothering Sunday	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sun	2	12.30pm Bride Valley Churches Lunch	BB Village Hall
Mon	3	7.30pm Village Hall Committee Meeting	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	4	2.00pm Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
Tue	4	7.30pm Parish Council meeting	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	4	7.30pm WI "Devon Pottery"	BB Village Hall
Wed	5	12.30pm Frugal Lunch	Old Rectory, Litton Cheney
Wed	5	6.30pm Bride Valley Quiz	SG Village Hall
Thu	6	10.00am MU Spring Council Meeting	Sturminster Newton
Thu	6	12.00noon Over 60's Lunch Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
Thu	6	3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Gp	Othona Community
Fri	7	10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	PSWB Village Hall
Fri	7	Talk "Role of Sun Revisited"	BB Village Hall
Sat	8	10.00am Litter Pick	Bus Shelter, Litton Cheney
Sat	8	Barn Dance	BB Village Hall
Sat	8	Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sat	8	7.30pm Family Bingo Evening	PSWB Village Hall
Sun	9	10.30am Playing Field Tidy Up	Puncknowle Playing Field
Tue	11	2.00pm Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
Thu	13	10.30am Alzheimers Soc Flowers/Coffee	Greenwich Cottage, BB
Thu	13	12.00noon Over 65's Lunch Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
Fri	14	10.00am SG Ramblers	Telephone Kiosk, Brooke St, SG
Fri	14	1.00pm Frugal Lunch	Littlebredy Farm House
Fri	14	7.30pm Talk "4 Head Gardeners...."	BB Village Hall
Sat	15	12.00noon Frugal Lunch	BB Village Hall
Sat	15	7.30pm Wine Tasting	Thorner's School
Mon	17	10.30am MU Prayers for Ireland	The Scrubbings, Puncknowle
Mon	17	7.30pm Parish Council meeting	SG Village Hall
Tue	18	2.00pm Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
Wed	19	7.30pm BVGC "Garden Design"	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	19	7.30pm Talk "Falconry & Birds of Prey"	BB Village Hall
Thu	20	3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Gp	Othona Community
Thu	20	12.00noon Over 60's Lunch Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge

LC: Litton Cheney
Lb: Littlebredy

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

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

MARCH

Sat	22	10.00am	Church Decoration for Easter	St Mary's, Puncknowle
Sat	22	10.00am	Church Decoration for Easter	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Sat	22	3.00pm	Children's Easter Party	SG Village Hall
			Annual Duck Race/Easter Egg	
Sun	23	12.00noon	Hunt	Main Street & White Horse, LC
Sun	23	2.00pm	Annual Duck Race	BB Green
Sun	23	2.00pm	Annual Duck Race	BB Village Green
Tue	25	2.00pm	Bridge Club	BB Village Hall
Thu	27	12.00noon	Over 65's Lunch Club	New Inn, Shipton Gorge
Sun	28	7.30pm	Quiz Evening	PSWB Village Hall
Fri	28	10.30am	Puncknowle Art Club	Patria
Fri	28	7.00pm	RBL (Ab'bury) Annual Dinner	Wishing Well, Upwey
Fri	28	7.30pm	Quiz Evening	PSWB Village Hall
Mon	31	2.00pm	MU Deanery Ladyday Service	Beaminster

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES:

APRIL/MAY 2008

APRIL

Thu	3	3.00pm	Guild of Health Meditation Gp	Othona Community
Sun	6	7.15pm	APCM	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Wed	9	8.00pm	Friends of BB Library meeting	BB Village Hall
Wed	9	7.00pm	APCM, St Martin's	SG Village Hall
Tue	10		APCM	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Sat	10		Quiz Night	BB Village Hall
			Talk "The Banks of	
Fri	11		Newfoundland"	BB Village Hall
Wed	16	7.30pm	BVGC "Vegetables"	PSWB Village Hall
Thu	17	3.00pm	Guild of Health Meditation Gp	Othona Community
Fri	18	3.45pm	Taunton Races Outing	New Inn, Shipton Gorgw
Mon	21		APCM	St Mary's, Litton Cheney

MAY

Thu	1	3.00pm	Guild of Health Meditation Gp	Othona Community
	10		Thorner's Sch Sponsored Swim	Bridport leisure Centre
	10		Summerfields Sch Choir Concert	St Mary's Litton Cheney
Thu	15	3.00pm	Guild of Health Meditation Gp	Othona Community
	26		St Mary's Church Fete	Court House, Litton Cheney
	26	2.00pm	Village Fayre	The Rectory, Burton Bradstock

MARCH 30th,

5th Sunday Service at
St Mary's Litton Cheney, a visit from



Church	Date	1st Sunday 2nd March Mothering Sunday	2nd Sunday 9th March Passion Sunday	3rd Sunday 16th March Palm Sunday	4th Sunday 23rd March Easter Sunday
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	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family service 11.00 Holy Communion (By extension) 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge		11.00 All age Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe					8.00 Holy Communion
Swyre		3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Morning Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion
Puncknowle		9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	6.00 Holy Communion (Chapel in the woods) 11.00 Family Service (Holy Communion)
Litton Cheney		9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	?
Littlebredy			11.00 Family Service. (Communion by extension)		11.00 Holy Communion

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