

# **Bride Valley** **News**



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## THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

ST MARY THE VIRGIN: Burton Bradstock      ST MARY: Litton Cheney

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy      Chilcombe (*dedication unknown*)

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

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## WEEKDAY SERVICES, MAY 2014

Thur	1	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	2	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	5	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	7	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	8	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	9	9.00am	Shipton
Mon	12	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	14	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	15	9.00am	Puncknowle
Fri	16	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Mon	19	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wed	21	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	22	9.00am	Swyre
Fri	23	9.00am	Shipton
Mon	26	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wed	28	9.00am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thur	29	9.00am	Puncknowle
		7.00pm	Burton Bradstock Ascension Day
Fri	30	9.00am	Litton Cheney

## FROM THE EDITOR

### THE REVD BOB THORN 10.07.55 – 07.04.14

This edition is being put together with a heavy heart a few days after the news of Bob's tragic death. We join with those many people who were touched by his life within the valley and far beyond in sending our deepest condolences and prayers to Jean and the family. We have lost a priest, pastor, musician and poet – a great character and a man of many talents. His love of ideas and language, and forming these into a type of poetry, whether in the pulpit or playing folk music in a pub, will be sorely missed. We will miss the bass notes of his BMW around the valley.

Rest in peace Bob.

## FROM THE ARCHDEACON

The last few weeks have obviously been very difficult for everyone in the Valley as we come to terms with Bob's death and his loss to us as parish priest and friend. Thank you for the love and care you are showing to Jean, Adam, Emily, Rachel, Tom, Bobby and Anys. They have some very hard times to go through and I know that the Bride Valley community will continue to give them all possible loving help and support.

Bob's funeral, falling as it did between Good Friday and Easter, spoke of the heart of the Christian truth, that the resurrection of Jesus is the measure of God's power over death, a power at work in us every day we live. Easter and Good Friday inextricably belong together. For Easter doesn't mean that suffering and death is suddenly banished, but that through the resurrection a new song and strength for life has entered. The moments when death raises its head become those very occasions for hope. Our failures become the occasion for repentance and renewal into life, and physical death is now accompanied by the sure work of God's new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our life is therefore filled with an array of possibilities, not simply waiting for us somewhere out in the future, but at work in all our frail and hesitant struggles here and now. And so St. Paul can declare to the Colossians: you were dead; but you have been raised to life with Christ. And so he can pray, in his letter to the Ephesians, that they might know with their whole being '...the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe...which he put to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead...' Bob knew this well, its truth sat at the heart of his own Christian life and journey, and it was in this context that we commended

him to his Lord and redeemer.

The huge number of people who attended Bob's funeral eucharist was in itself tribute to him and all he has given to so many. As a colleague, which he has been for me over ten years, I most appreciated his deep honesty and profound integrity. This meant that Bob would speak the truth in a way that was refreshing, as it invariably came from deeply held principles, and cut through the avoidance that we are all too prone to. Bob was of course no 'shrinking violet', but he was also someone who exuded genuine humility, combined with a deep commitment to those around him. Bob cared: about his faith and about his people.

As we know Bob believed passionately in the importance of pilgrimage, in journeys, where there is an abandoning of the securities and trappings of life, in order to be able to see God and our place in his world more clearly. Pilgrimages demand the courage to step out into the unknown. They remind us that Christianity is not a backwards looking faith but a forwards looking faith. Bob knew that Jesus calls us to step out into the future with confidence and hope, with the assurance that we will always have the accompaniment of 'One who goes there before us'. We commend Bob on the next stage of his journey in that confidence, and pray for ourselves that we also may step forward with that faith.

*Paul Taylor*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

Following cremation at Weymouth Crematorium earlier in the day, the funeral service for **Gerald Collins** was held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, at Holy Trinity Church, Swyre, followed by burial of his ashes in the churchyard. Gerald had lived in Puncknowle for about 40 years, and was 90 years old when he died. His widow, Eileen, was supported at the funeral by many family members and villagers. For as long as he was able Gerald had loved his garden, and his request for 'In an English Country Garden' to be played at his funeral was granted. May he find peace and comfort at the last.



## LYME BAY DEANERY EVENTS

**Deanery Discussion Group - Mondays, 28<sup>th</sup> April to 16<sup>th</sup> June 7.00-9.00pm** (including Bank Holidays) at **Bridport Christian Fellowship**, South Street Car Park.

The Screwtape Letters [C.S.Lewis] Short recordings by John Cleese, followed by discussion facilitated by the Rev'd Elfrida Savigear.

**'A Life in Church and Politics' - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm, St Mary's Church Beaminster.**

Talk by **Robert Key, MP** for Salisbury 1983-2010, Lay Chair of Diocesan Synod and Member of General Synod

**Bereavement Visiting Course - Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00-4.30pm, Symondsbur Church**

Ideal for honing skills of listening and support.

**Creative Writing course - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July , 10.00 -3.30pm, Eype Church.**

Led by local writer and artist **Jan Godfrey**. Bring along some of your own work. Beginners also welcome.

**Deanery Art Reflections – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm, St Mary's Church., Bridport**

**Silvia Dimitrova** – Artist and Iconographer. Silvia works in the traditional technique of icon painting egg tempura on wood and her work covers the whole spectrum of traditional Bulgarian icons, their colour and attention to detail bring the saints and mysteries of our faith to life in our own day.

Come and meet Silvia - All welcome!

More details on all these events from Rev Elfrida Savigear

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## SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

We were delighted to see the church full for the United Benefice Service for Mothering Sunday. It was the first opportunity to use the new oak chairs, and to utilise the extra space to enjoy coffee and Simnel Cake after the service.

If you have not yet seen the changes to the church do pop up and see the difference. There is still a little work to complete on the North Aisle, which we hope will be finished soon.

The PCC is unchanged after the APCM, Vicky and Kate will be going to Weymouth at the end of this month to be sworn in as Churchwardens.

Please watch out for notices of special services in the church, we will be marking the Centenary of World War One, as well as having a summer "event", details of these will be finalised soon.

Please remember that you are welcome to join us at any of the services in St.Martin's, and that we are happy for you to mark special dates, or special people in your lives, by lighting up the church in their honour, or by placing flowers in the memorial window of the church; ask any of the PCC about this.

Finally, we hope to have the church open during daylight hours each day, but we have very few volunteers to hold the key and might, occasionally, be unable to fulfil this. If you do find the church locked we apologise, if you are able to help by joining the band of key holders we would be very grateful.

PCC

## PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

**The village Spring Clean** in conjunction with Keep Britain Tidy will be held on **June 5th** starting at 6pm from the New Inn. We hope that carrying this out on what we hope will be a nice summer evening, may enable more people to help out so that we can have our village free of litter before the summer holidays and the judging of the Best Kept Village Competition.

## FINGERPOST PROJECT

Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is running a Fingerpost Project. The aim is to restore the traditional road signs found throughout Dorset using the correct materials and where necessary replacing the distinctive Roundels. We have six posts in Shipton Gorge all in need of varying degrees of work. Only one of these, outside Gullivers, has a Roundel.

The PC has decided to take part in this project and has applied for the grants available from Dorset AONB, but volunteers will be needed to assist with the restoration if costs are to be kept at an affordable level.

A start needs to be made ASAP whilst the weather is hopefully good. If anyone would like to offer their help in any way or has any suggestions for obtaining materials could they please contact **Christine Huxtable** 897519.

## NEW INN NEWS – SPRING 2014

I am pleased to say we now have a full-time chef - (see board for specials) and we are open all day Mondays. Pie nights are still running on Tuesday evenings from



6.30 p.m. onwards and the ever-popular quiz is on the second Thursday of each month, commencing 8.00 p.m. Future events will be advertised.

*Marilyn Hewitt*

## ANOTHER P.A.G.E FOR WEST BEXINGTON

On Sunday 4th May for one day only the annual **Puncknowle Art Group Exhibition & Plant Sale** will be held at "Patria", Beach Road, West Bexington, DT2 9DF from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. For more info visit the website: [puncknowleartgroup.blogspot.co.uk](http://puncknowleartgroup.blogspot.co.uk) or Tel: 01308 897088.

## VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB APRIL WINNERS

£20	No 82	Betty Shepherd
£10	No 35	Brian & Heather Puttock
£5	No 84	Jo Warren



## PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON



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## ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

### PUNCKNOWLE FETE SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 2:30PM

A traditional church fete, a fund raising event in aid of St Mary's Church, Puncknowle that has been staged every year for over 50 years. The Fete is part of the fabric of Puncknowle life which we want to thrive for the future benefit of our church and community.

### SIDESHOWS - STALLS - REFRESHMENTS

**Quality Curtains** will be here again; bring your measurements to get a bargain.

**Donations and/or ingredients for stalls** will be gratefully received as follows:

**Books** (in good condition)

**Bottle Tombola**

**Bric-a-Brac/Fancy Goods**

**Cakes**

homemade for sale

for Refreshments(ingredients)

**Chocolate Tombola**

Coo Jones 898553

Chris Robbins 898185

Ellie Pearson 897907

Pam Carter 898711

Linda Jeffries 897520

Julie 897178



**Clothes** (nearly new)  
**Produce/Plant** jams/veg/ingredients  
**Grand Draw prizes**  
**Toys/Games**

Lois Edwards 482605  
Liz Slater 897751  
Jackie Hunt 07785512546  
Sue Brown 897953

If you can give some time for Fete activities we would like to hear from you. Under 16's what would you like from the Fete? - run a football competition/ smack a rat/wheelbarrow race – let's hear your ideas, Thank you  
**Email: puncknowlefete@aol.com**      **Contact: Geoffrey Fry – 898068**

## PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

There will be an **EXHIBITON and PLANT SALE** on **May 4th** at 'Patria', Beach Road, West Bexington



## BOOK CLUB



In February we read Graham Greene's "Brighton Rock" book – which has been made into a film twice! Once in 1947 and again in 2010. It was quite a bleak story written in the 1930's about gangsters in Brighton, including the famous young one Pinkie Brown, and his girlfriend Rose.

Our latest book was non-fiction for a change about "The Secret Life of Bletchley Park", the WW2 code breaking centre, and the men & women who worked there, and how they cracked the German Enigma Code.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK

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## ST MARY'S BURTON BRADSTOCK ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church on **7th May 2014** at 7.00 pm. Please see the notice in the porch of St Mary's about this meeting.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held on **Friday, 16th May 2014** at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Burton Bradstock, to be followed by wine and light refreshments. All Members are cordially invited to attend.

In accordance with the Rules, nominations for the Committee must be received by the Hon. Secretary on or before the 12th May 2014. As previously mentioned, there is a **vacancy** on the Committee for the post of **Hon. Secretary** and if this is not filled then the Society will be unable to function. The Chairman is willing to continue, if re-elected, and we are hopeful that people are waiting in the wings to fill other posts. If you enjoy our Programme of Events and Flower & Produce Show, please do consider offering your services.



As you will see in your Programme card, our **Coffee Morning and Sale of Cakes** and plants takes place the next day, **Saturday 17th May** from 10.15 am to 12 noon, again in the Village Hall. The entrance is £1 to include a cup of coffee or tea and biscuits. Flowers shrubs and vegetable plants will be on sale so come along and stock up for the season ahead. Could I ask, please, for your usual generosity in donating cakes and plants to help raise funds for our Annual Flower & Produce Show in July. Please contact any Committee Member or bring along your contributions on the morning. Many thanks in advance.

And just a few more words from me (out of the horse's mouth). Please don't wait to be headhunted for the **Secretary's** job, it is very daunting when people keep saying "No!". I have thoroughly enjoyed being Hon. Sec. and it has enabled me to retain my secretarial skills and nourish my brain (if you don't use it, you lose it). I am only giving up because I feel the time has come to hand over to someone new (my 18 years is "The 3 year Rule" times 6). You do not need to serve nearly as long, but just make a contribution for a short while and the rewards will be there. There are Committee minutes to type about 5 times a year and these are all circulated electronically, unlike back in the old days when a fair amount of shoe leather was worn out delivering minutes to members. The present Committee comprises a great bunch of people and you really will enjoy it.

*Carol Lumley, Retiring Honorary Secretary*

## **SPEAKERS**

Many thanks to **Brian Jackman** who came along on Friday March 14th to the Village Society and showed us some stunning pictures of the Lions of Africa (with sound effects as well ! ) - a very enjoyable evening.



Our Speakers evenings have now finished until September but we have a special treat so put a date in your diary for **Saturday 5th of July**. Angela **Turner** has agreed to come along and talk to us

about how she helped to put together the **Flower Festival in Winchester Cathedral** that many of you saw on last years outing. She will also put together a few flower arrangements to help us along with our entries for our Flower and Produce Show the following week. More details to follow in next months B.V.N.

## COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR



To mark the Centenary of WWI this summer, I will be setting up a Commemorative Exhibition to take place in Burton Bradstock Library and Village Hall. The Exhibition will be in the Library during July and for two days in the Village Hall over the weekend of August 2nd and 3rd 2014. I am seeking

artefacts and family memories / letters related to the Great War.

If you have anything you would like to contribute or loan, please telephone me on 01308 897673 or email 'thestablebb@gmail.com'.

*Susan Moores*

## CHESIL COURT COFFEE GROUP

A reminder to those who attend that we meet during May for coffee/tea and biscuits between 10.30am and 12 noon on **Thursday 8th May** at Chesil Court, South Annings. If you would like to know more about the group or would like a copy of the 2014 programme then please contact Lesley on 897695.



## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

**“200 CLUB”** WDDC LICENCE NO: SL0080

### April Draw

Congratulations to the winners:



1st	£44.40	No 158	Mr Julian & Mrs Irene Piper
2nd	£22.20	No 77	Mr Jim Rogers
3rd	£11.10	No 151	Mrs Jan Clark

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the May-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £8 – one pound for each of the remaining 8 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

## **VILLAGE FAYRE – MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY (2.00 PM - 4.30 PM)**

The hugely popular **Burton Bradstock Village Fayre** will be held in the delightful Rectory Walled Gardens from 2.00 pm to 4.30pm on **Monday 27th May**.

Described by visitors as a traditional English event “Straight out of Midsomer Murders” it’s an ideal afternoon out for all local and visiting families, with tests of skill for children and people of all ages, lots of stalls and games, ice creams, soft drinks, barbeque and renowned Dorset cream teas.

Your support in previous years has made this event a great success with the money raised contributing towards the preservation project which the Village Hall Committee continues to undertake.

There will be numerous stalls and games providing all the fun and interest you expect at a Fayre, plus children will be able to test their agility at some fun physical games and take part in some traditional sporting family favourites.

In order to make this event a success we need volunteers to help with the stalls and games and we need donations for the stalls, the General Raffle and Bottle Tombola.

If you can help in any way the people to contact are:

### **Fancy Goods – Carolyn James – Tel: 01308 898222**

Carolyn would be grateful for any soap, small pieces of china, costume jewellery, scarves, sewn items, embroidery etc. or anything suitable for a gift.

### **Children’s Stall – Irene Smith – Tel: 01308 897020**

Anne will be grateful for any donations. Any toys, books, games, soft toys, crayons etc. (new or used) must be clean, in good condition and safe for young children.

### **Plants and Produce – Pat Broomhead – Tel: 01308 897408**

Pat will be pleased to receive any plants or produce in the Rectory Gardens on the morning of the Fayre between 10.00am and midday.

### **Sweet Surprises – Joan Allan /Noreen Short – Tel: 01308 897511/ 898766**

Joan and Noreen would be grateful if you could donate wrapped sweets to fill plastic containers which will be provided.

### **Cakes and Preserves – Chris Clark – Tel: 01308 897118**

The WI is organising this stall and they would be grateful for any donation. These should be brought to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fayre and left on the table indicated in the Hall itself, not the Kitchen.

### **Animal & Birds Stall – Carolyn James – Tel 01308 897835**

Carolyn will be pleased to receive any china, books, puzzles or ornaments showing animal or birds.

### **Bottle Tombola – John Cullen – Tel: 01308 897137**

John would like donations of any bottles or cans of alcoholic or soft drinks. Donations can be taken to Granary Cottage, Shadrach or left at the Village Hall on the date indicated below.

### **White Elephant and Books – Richard Ferré– Tel: 01308 897648**

People willing to offer any items for the White Elephant Stall and the Books, CD & DVD Stall should contact Richard who will let them know time and place for delivery or collection (all reasonable items accepted). *There will be a box in the Library during the two weeks before the Fayre where you may leave any Books, CDs, and DVDs, but not White Elephant items. Alternatively see the note below on when to leave items for all stalls at the Village Hall.*

### **General Raffle – Jan Clark – Tel: 01308 897412**

Jan is organising the General Raffle and, along with needing stand alone items, it is hoped to put together hampers of food and fruit so tins of food, packets of tea, coffee etc. All donations will be much appreciated.

A lot of help will be needed to set up and take down on the day. If you are able to come to the **Rectory Gardens** at **9.00 am** to help set up the stalls and games, and also at around **5.00 pm** to help pack them away. Your help would be gratefully appreciated.

The Village Hall will be open from 9.30am to midday on Saturday **24th May** to receive items for any of the stalls, particularly White Elephant items, books and Bottle Tombola prizes.

Please contact the organiser, **Graham Moody** on 01308 897817 if you want to volunteer, are hoping to book a stall or have any queries.

## **COFFEE & CHAT MORNINGS.**



Several organisations in Burton Bradstock, in conjunction with the Village Hall Trust, have agreed to host “Coffee & Chat” mornings in the Village Hall during the quieter months of the year.

The Hall will be open to all (Villagers and passing visitors) on the dates below from 10:00 to 12:00 where a hot drink and a biscuit will be available for 50p. The organiser for the month may show some display of what their group does, but primarily the event is purely social.

Scheduled dates are as follows, all on a Wednesday from 10:00 to 12:00.

**May 21st June 25th Oct 22nd Nov 19th.**

A large board will be placed outside the hall on the morning to show the event is underway.

## VILLAGE FAYRE AND CHURCH FÊTE.

Over recent years the games that feature in the two village fêtes have become a little tired. The call went out for volunteers to help refurbish the games ready for the first event at the end of May. The response was excellent, as is typical of our village community. Enthusiasts gathered in the Village Hall to view the games and select their target for some TLC! Within a month the games were being returned, looking so much better for their “Spring Clean”. Other somewhat larger games and stands were left for a “PaintFest” held in early April. Our fellow parishioners have dedicated hours of work for our benefit. Thanks to their efforts, our fêtes will offer a better experience for our guests. We are very grateful and wish to express our sincere thanks to all those that have given their time for us all.

*Organising Teams of Village Fayre and Church Fête*



### STARLIGHT FILM SAT MAY 3RD



**PETER SELLERS** in ONLY TWO CAN PLAY film classic + 20 minutes of Jacques Tati (of Hulot fame) impersonations from Parade. Please phone 01308 897935 now for any remaining tickets, (not available on door). Profits to Starlight Children's Foundation. *John & Annie Grantham*

**Bridport**



**Choral Society**  
**Established circa 1900**

**BRIDPORT CHORAL SOCIETY** present “Spring Awakening” at 7.30 pm on **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May** in St Mary's Church, South Street, Bridport.

Come and enjoy a packed programme with choruses from favourite musicals including **West Side Story**, **Cats**, **Carousel** and **Joseph**. **The Battle Hymn of the Republic** will stir you, “**I believe**” will bring back memories. Along with **Abba**, we can sing “**Thank you for the Music**”.

Tickets cost £6.50 and are available at the door or from Bridport Music or the Tourist Office.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

At the Annual General Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April, President Noreen Short was re-elected. The Art trophy for watercolour was won by Daphne Hewlett; Joan Dady won the trophy for Any Other Medium with a painting in acrylics. The flower of the month was a beautiful striped camellia.



There will be home-made cakes at the WI stall at the Spring Fair on **26<sup>th</sup> May**, and the theme for the craft stall is Birds and Animals.

At the meeting on **13<sup>th</sup> May**, **Mrs Rachael Harding's** subject will be **"Rhinestones and Sequins - the memories of a Ballroom and Latin dancer"**. As well as the monthly meetings, there are plans afoot for new activities and events – come along to find out! New members welcome (contact secretary, 898484).

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

There are vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in being a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk or speak to a Councillor about the role. The Parish Plan consultation draft is available to view on the website ( [www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.com](http://www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.com) ). The Parish Council is forming working groups for specific projects in the Parish obtained from the Parish Plan:

- **Corncrake Project:** A working group to develop and implement conservation, improvement and leisure projects on Corncrake. Councillor Dave Dixon will be leading the group.
- **Pedestrian Safety and Speed:** A working group to examine how pedestrian safety might be improved in the village. Contact the Clerk
- **Sports and Recreation Working Group:** A group to look at the Sport and recreation facilities in the parish. Contact the Clerk

If you are interested any of these groups please contact the Clerk in the first instance to register your interest.

The Parish Council has now filled the allotments but will continue to maintain a waiting list. Please contact the Clerk to put your name on the list.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is the Annual meeting of the Parish Council to be held on **Wednesday 7th May 2014**. This will be held in the Reading Room at 7.30pm. The agenda will be available at least 3 clear days before the meeting, on the Parish Council notice boards (outside the Reading Room and the Library), and on the website.

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

You can contact the Council through the Parish Clerk, **Mrs Michele Harding**, by email on [burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:burtonbradstockparishclerk@gmail.com)

*Mrs Michele Harding  
Clerk to the Council*

## LITTLEBREDY

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It is good to see the scaffolding removed from the immaculate Yew Tree Cottages, and to wish the new residents all happiness in the newly renovated homes.

**Glenn and Mandy Wilkinson** with **Josh** and **Lewis** have moved back into their old home in No. 1. after living in Littlebride for the past year. They have made excellent ancillary foremen on site during that period, keeping the workmen up to scratch and on track with their timetable! We welcome **Kate Reeves** into No. 2. She is already familiar with the village, as her mother Joy is a regular helper in the walled garden. We wish all concerned well.

As can be seen in the enclosed flier, the Social Club’s May event is a **Bring & Share Curry Evening in the Village Hall from 7.00 p.m. onwards on Saturday 10th May. Please let Mandy Wilkinson know if you can come**, so that there will be enough rice and poppadoms (which will be provided) for all. Lager for burned throats will have to be bought at the bar.

There will also be a presentation during the evening by the organisers of an **Arts Festival** which will involve sites in and around the village in **September**, so that is another reason to attend and find out what is being planned.

**Joe Widen**, whose parents are Will and Natasha, was christened in Church on Palm Sunday among his relations and friends. Will is the son of Sir Philip’s sister Ruth, and they lived at Middle Lodge for the first few months of his life. He and Ruth have both been baptised here too in their day. Joe is a welcome new member of the Church both here and worldwide.

## Bob Thorn

We all wish to express shock and extend all sympathy to Jean and the family over the untimely death of Bob.



# LITTON CHENEY

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## ST. MARY'S CHURCH



### VILLAGE FETE IN AID OF THE UPKEEP OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH

**Bank Holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2.00pm at LATCH**

Come and enjoy an afternoon of Maypole dancing by Thorner's pupils, Bouncy Castle, teas and ice creams, coconut shy, games and wonderful stalls.

Entrance only £1 for adults, children **FREE**.

Grand Draw tickets are on sale throughout the village now and on the day with great prizes to be won.

We would be very grateful to receive items for the stalls:

**Cakes:** please bring on the day. Also tray bakes, scones & cakes for **Teas**.

**China, Glass & Gifts.**

**Provisions:** fresh vegetables and produce on the day, as well as preserves &c.

**Books.**

**Plants:** please label them so we know what they are!

**White Elephant, DIY & Garden Tools.**

**Toys:** clean, complete and in working order.

**Bottle Tombola:** collection round the village during the week before the fete.

Queries, offers of help or requests for items to be collected to **Richard Jones** (482602 or [skephouse@virginmedia.com](mailto:skephouse@virginmedia.com)) please.

Looking forward to seeing you on the day!

**The Frugal Lunch** on 19th March raised £393 for Hope and Homes for Children. Many thanks to all who gave so generously and for the offerings of cheese and soup.

### LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE GATHERING AND ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 7 P.M. LATCH.

Every year around this time Litton Cheney Parish Council holds its annual meeting when it elects officers for the coming year. Prior to that meeting a Village Gathering/Assembly is held to allow those on the electoral role to exercise their democratic right (if they so wish) and raise matters they

consider worthy of the Parish Council's attention and response. Just to get you in the mood we have arranged for the team from the Dorset Waste Partnership to come and talk "A Load of Rubbish" and guide us through the new arrangements for collection of rubbish which start in October. Dorset Waste Partnership briefings were held recently to explain to town and parish councils about the new set up. They are now visiting Litton Cheney to explain arrangements to local residents and perhaps more importantly to answer your questions. We hope to see you there.

## LET'S TALK "A LOAD OF RUBBISH" at the Litton Cheney Village Meeting on Tuesday 13th May

It might sound like rubbish but it is important that YOU know about the new waste and recycling collection service which will be introduced to Litton Cheney and other parts of the Bride Valley on October 20th this year. Dorset Waste Partnership who have been tasked with introducing this new regime to Dorset will make a presentation on what the new service will mean to you – amongst the changes are that plastics, including milk bottles, will now be included in the doorstep collection. There are a number of reasons why you might need a non-standard collection service (currently registered for assisted collection, larger bin needed to accommodate disposable nappies, need to use bags instead of wheeled bin for general waste, etc) and the deadline for registering for this is June 19th. We are assured that all households will shortly receive information from the Dorset Waste Partnership about the new scheme (you may have received this already); the Village Assembly (7 pm on Tuesday 13th May) is also an opportunity to view the assortment of collection containers on offer and talk about practical aspects of the new service. Don't waste this opportunity ..... corny, but very apt.



## EVENTS AT LATCH FOR MAY

**Watercolour classes** start on Thursday 1st 1.30 - 4.00 pm

**Yoga** continues on Fridays 10.00 - 11.30 am

Tuesday 6th - **AGM Night** 7.00 pm

Wednesday 7th - Film Club "**Philomena**" Film starts 8.00 pm

Sunday 11th - "**A Bit of a Do**" from 2.00 pm

Tuesday 13th - **Village Assembly** 7.00 pm

Saturday 17th - **Village Café** run by the Scouts 9.30 - 11.30 am

Thursday 22nd - **Polling Station** in Meeting room for **European Parliamentary Election**

Friday 23rd - **Bingo** Evening in aid of TSA/LATCH Eyes down 7.00 pm

Monday 26th - **Village Fete** in aid of St Mary's Church from 2.00 pm



## BRIDE VALLEY FILMS at Litton Cheney Community Hall (LATCH).

Wednesday 7 May. **"PHILOMENA"** 'a fantastic film of a tough subject'. Cert. 12 1.5 hrs.

Falling pregnant as a teenager in Ireland in 1952, Philomena Lee was sent to the convent of Roscrea to be looked after as a "fallen woman". When her baby was only a toddler, he was whisked away by the nuns to America for adoption.



Philomena (**Judi Dench**) spent the next fifty years searching for him in vain. Then she met Martin Sixsmith (**Steve Coogan**), a world-weary journalist as cynical as Philomena was trusting. Together they set off for America on a journey that would not only reveal the extraordinary story of Philomena's son, but also the powerful bond that grew up between Philomena and Martin – a surprising relationship that was both profoundly moving and very funny.

**Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)**

Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

## IMPORTANT NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY :

Audience numbers have left us rather out of pocket for our last films, so thinking that viewers may well be in the garden or on the beach(?) on June evenings we have decided to delay the screening of **"Saving Mr Banks"** until **September**. Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.



## A Festival of AGMs

Rather like buses, you wait an age for an AGM and then three come along at once! Litton and Thorner's Community Hall (**LATCH**), Litton Cheney Social Committee (**LCSC**) and the Litton Cheney Web Group (**LCWG**) have combined to present their AGM's on the same day. That day is **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm**. Arrangements are in hand to bring in a couple of Hollywood A-Listers to provide the entertainment, refreshments will be on hand and you will leave the gathering far better informed than when you walked in. We hope you can join us.

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE



The annual **BRIDE VALLEY NAVIGATIONAL CHALLENGE** is on **THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY** starting at 6.45 prompt from The White Horse. We suggest that you aim to be down by 6.15 pm to sign in and receive your information sheets.

Bring OS Landranger maps 194 and 193 if you have them, although photocopies of relevant sections will be available, plus a pen and £5 each to pay for the buffet snack.

We all should be back by 9.00pm to quench our thirst and have a bite whilst waiting for Clive, Bob and David to mark our sheets before announcing the winners.

To join in the fun please contact Clive or Lois on 01038 482605 or by Email to [clivecgedwards@gmail.com](mailto:clivecgedwards@gmail.com) by **WEDNESDAY 21st MAY** at the latest. Do come along, and if it is your first time think of a name for your entry. Previous examples have included ARGY BARGIES, ROBBIE WILLIAMS, TOP DRAW, AND D2.

For further details go to the Village Website and look under village events. Good luck to everyone.

Before the above we hope to have had a **BLUEBELL WALK** so do keep a watch on the notice boards and website or phone 482661, 482,552. I have already seen a clump almost already to flower so they may be early this year.



The **SUMMER BBQ** is on Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>. It was virtually sold out last year so do make a note on your calendar.

*Ron Davidson LCSC 482661*

## LONG BREDY

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## BOB THORN

The villagers of Long Bredy would like to send their sincere condolences to Jean and family. Bob will be greatly missed by us all. What a loss to the community.

## HELP WANTED WITH CHURCHYARD

We are appealing to anyone who would be willing to help care for the Churchyard this Summer. We would like to have a two week rota, the more people who offer, the less time on the rota! We can provide mowers etc. If you can offer to help care for this beautiful place contact **Jackie Cain** on 482379. Thank you.

## 100 CLUB WINNERS - MARCH 2014

£25	No.34	Helen Horsley
£15	No.120	Guy Schwinge
£5	No.11	Giles Maltby



## VALLEY NOTES

### THE BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE

Are you motivated and well driven?

Do you sometimes feel that you would like to offer a little more to our local community? Are you a safe car driver with a clean licence? If the answer to each of those questions is 'yes', then there may well be a way in which you can assist with the provision of invaluable support.



The Bride Valley Car Service is looking for volunteer drivers who could join an already superb team and could offer one or two local journeys each month to transport patients to their various medical appointments. In particular, we are looking for drivers who are based in **Burton Bradstock, Swyre** and **Puncknowle**. If you were able to help, it would involve driving them to hospitals in the locality, doctors', dentists' or physiotherapists' surgeries. Some people are very cut off from public transport and so the Bride Valley Car Service is an essential and greatly-appreciated facility.

Volunteer drivers are able to claim for their travel expenses at prescribed rate, and they drive patients to their appointments only at times that are convenient for them. If you feel that you may be able to help and you would like more information about this important service, please ring either **Virginia McShane** (01308 425591), or **Diana Cheater** (1308 482223).



**PHILOMENA**  
Wednesday 7 May  
Litton Cheney Village Hall  
See Litton Cheney Section for  
further details



## DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2014

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

**For further information, please contact your parish organiser:-**

Burton Bradstock:	Mr. Howard Bongers	898029
Littlebredy:	Sir Philip Williams	482232
Litton Cheney:	Mr. Freddie Spicer	482617
Long Bredy:	Mrs. Elinor Frost	482269
Puncknowle:	Mrs. Katharine Jones	898553
Shipton Gorge:	Mrs. Kate Drew	898437
Swyre:	Mr. Tony Taylor	898523
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### SPRING TIDE FOOD FESTIVAL

This is taking place at **Hive Beach**, Burton Bradstock again this year on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** **May**. Organised by the National Trust, it is open between 10am and 4pm on both days. More than 40



stalls selling the very best of local food, drink and craft. Further information at [www.spring-tide.org.uk](http://www.spring-tide.org.uk)

### JOURNEYING: RETREATS, PILGRIMAGE, HOLIDAYS

This is the **Good Books** theme for May when we’ll have books, resources and ideas on where to travel and what to do. At our **Open House** on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**, Maggie Hooper and Hilary Joyce will join us around 11am to talk about **Hilfield Friary** and **St Wite’s shrine** at Whitchurch Canonicorum, local places of retreat and pilgrimage. There will also be tasty home-made refreshments from 10am-2pm.

Good Books stocks a wide range of greetings cards for all occasions at keen prices, including locally handmade cards as well as the very popular Hannah Dunnnett cards. There are always some cards at bargain prices too. For more details: Good Books 01308 420483.

  
**BURTON BRADSTOCK**  
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## SPRING CONCERT 7 PM ON FRIDAY 30TH MAY VILLAGE HALL

**David Juritz** (violin) **Caroline Dowdle** (piano) **Milos Milivojevic** (Accordion)  
**George Frideric Handel** Sonata in G minor Op.1 no.6, 1. Larghetto 2. Allegro  
3. Adagio 4. Allegro  
**Heikki Valpola** 'Marilyn' for Accordion and Piano 1. Preludio 2. Energico 3.  
Teneramente 4. Misterioso  
**Edward Elgar** Sonata for Violin and Piano in E minor Op.82 1. Allegro -  
risoluto 2. Romance - Andante 3. Allegro non troppo  
**Maurice Ravel** Mother Goose Suite extracts  
**Fritz Kreisler** Viennese Rhapsodic Fantasietta  
**Richard Strauss** Waltzes from the Rosenkavalier  
**Henryk Wieniawski** Scherzo Tarentelle

This should be a wonderful concert for a May evening so please come and join us. Tickets £10 from BB Post Office or Gill **Redford** 01308 897203 from Friday May 2nd.

The Ticket Sales Day for the main August Festival is Wednesday 14th May 9 am in the Village Hall.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

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

**May 19th** note the date this is the 3rd Monday  
**June 30th**



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

**Other events:-**

**Visit to the Gurkha Museum Winchester Thursday May 22nd**

Museum visit (includes film & talk) with Nepalese Curry lunch. Plus opportunity to visit the nearby Kings Royal Hussars Museum (Charge of the Light Brigade) and/or spend the afternoon in Winchester.  
Phone **Bernard Chennells** 897066 or **Tom James** 898222

**Friday October 24th**

Annual Band Concert in Burton  
Bradstock Village Hall

**Thursday November 6th**

Coffee morning in Burton Bradstock  
Village Hall

**Saturday November 8th**

Wreath laying in the Bride Valley

**Sunday November 9th**

Remembrance Service at St Mary's  
Church Burton Bradstock

This year is the 100th anniversary of the start of the 1st world war and there is a parade at 10.30 in Bridport and a Church Service at 11.00 at St Mary's Church in South Street Bridport

*Membership of The Legion is not restricted to ex-Servicemen and women it is open to all and you are welcome to join us*

Please contact myself or Basil Dent on the above telephone number for more details.

*Malcolm Lawrence Secretary (898616)*

## **ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH**



The privately run April 6-Day Tour of **Suffolk** was supported by 40 members and friends, and raised funds for the RBL Poppy Appeal and The Chelsea Hospital.

Our next meeting is at 7.30 pm Thursday 15 May in the Ron Doble room of Portesham Village Hall when **Ian Brooke** will tell us about the important work of the charity "**Shelterbox**".

On 5 June we will run a coach to **Rev. Gilbert White's House & Garden, Selborne**, Hants. followed by lunch at The Swan Inn Alresford. In the afternoon we shall take a ride on the "**Watercress Line**" **Steam Railway**, to and from Alton. Non-members are welcome to join us (£2.50 booking fee). Contact the writer to book together with £21 per person advance payment. Meals taken will be at your own expense and the coach fare is extra and payable on the day.

The previously advertised Tour of Stockholm is cancelled due to lack of support.

**Welfare.** If you need assistance or advice (or are concerned for someone you know) from the Royal British Legion, you should dial **0808-802-8080**. This is the regional 'Call Centre' which will deal with your call quickly and efficiently.

*Des Baker  
Chairman, Social Fund (automatically open to all local Legion members)  
01305 267617 or email [aveswood@sky.com](mailto:aveswood@sky.com).*



## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's 2014 season began in March with a talk on seed sowing by **James Foster-Pegg** from **Poundbury Garden Centre**. He gave us advice on good practice and introduced us to sundry aids available to assist us, while offering very practical solutions which didn't necessarily involve buying new equipment!



On May 19th our speaker will be **Sam Saines**, Head Gardener at **Horn Park**, Beaminster. He will be telling us about the gardens prior to our visit there in June. On June 16th **Clive Russell**, from **The Iris Garden**, Pilsdon, will be talking on Bearded Irises

### Jobs To Do in May

Feed spring bulbs, take cuttings from tender perennials e.g. pelargoniums and fuchsias Plant up hanging baskets, providing you can keep them frost-free. Prune spring-flowering shrubs once they've finished flowering. Sow and plant out tender vegetables at the end of the month. Protect crops from carrot root fly. Pinch out the tops from broad beans when they flower to discourage blackfly. Lift and divide mint plants. Remove runners from strawberries or peg them into small pots of compost buried in the ground if new plants are wanted.

*Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473*

A colorful promotional poster for an event. At the top left is a circular logo for 'BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PRE-SCHOOL' featuring a cartoon bird. The main title 'A Bit of A Do' is in large, green, stylized letters. Below it, the event details are listed: 'Sunday 11th May at 2pm - 4:30pm' and 'LATCH, Village Hall, Litton Cheney'. A subtitle reads 'An Afternoon of Cream Teas, Vintage Stalls, Cakes and a Live Jazz band.' The central illustration shows two cartoon birds, one blue and one orange, standing on a grassy field with a basket of fruit between them. The bottom of the poster features a border of various colorful flowers. Text at the bottom right says 'ONLY £1 ENTRY' and 'Children Free'. At the very bottom, it provides a website and a closing message: 'More information at www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk' and 'We Look Forward to Seeing You There!'.

## FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

We would like to invite any parents, grandparents or carers of children from babies until 4 years old along to our lovely toddler group. We have a good selection of toys and soft play equipment. We provide snacks and tea or coffee for the bargain price of £2! Please come along and support the group as we only have a small number at the moment. We meet **every Wednesday (term time) 9.45am until 11.15am in LATCH** (Litton Cheney Hall). Contact **Claire Gauden** for more info: **01308 898728** email: [claire.gauden@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:claire.gauden@yahoo.co.uk).



## TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE



An informal friendly service for all tots, babies and bumps and their parents/carers is held at **St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock** on the second Friday of each month (except August) at **2.15 pm**. It includes singing, activities, storytime, refreshments and playtime. You're all welcome to the services held on **Friday 9th May, Friday 13th June and Friday 11th July**. For any questions please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.

## TEMPORARY ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – LOOKE LANE, PUNCKNOWLE

The edge of the road by **Looke Farm Bridge** in Looke Lane just south of Litton Cheney has been badly eroded due to the recent floods and we will be carrying out repair work. In order to carry out the work the road will be closed for four days, from **Tue 6th May until Fri 9th May 2014** and a signed diversion route will be put up to enable traffic to travel around the closed section.

The road will be open to traffic at the end of each working day provided that it is in a safe condition to do so.

The detail of the section of road affected and the diversion route is on the attached plan.





## Bride Valley Fledglings

**Open** Mon – Thurs 9:00am – 3:15pm  
(Friday from September if there is enough interest)

**Ages** 2 ½ - school age

Bride Valley Fledglings Pre-School is a friendly and supportive environment for children from the age of 2 ½ to school age. The staff are well qualified and maintain great standards of education through play. As the setting is situated on the grounds of Thorner's CE VA Primary School, the children have excellent access to resources and outdoor facilities. Bride Valley Fledglings Pre-School is a very safe and enjoyable setting for your child.

*Open Day 22 May 9:30 - 2pm*

*Please come along. You will be incredibly pleased you did.*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

As I write this report we are coming to the end of the Spring Term. Although the Spring term is shorter than the others in length it always seems to be the busiest - maybe because we try to pack in as much in 12 weeks as we do in 15 weeks!



Some of the activities the school has been involved in over March include a Circus Workshop at the school. The children had a wonderful day with Circus Berzercus learning the skills of juggling and plate spinning. At the end of the week children in Class 4 went to the Arts Centre to take part in a performance with other schools in the area.

We have also supported **Sport Relief** this month. The children who were trained as Bronze Ambassadors for the school organised and led a sponsored mile event, where everyone from Reception to Year 6 ran around the school playground 11 times. Although everyone was exhausted at the end they all enjoyed themselves and raised a staggering **£1,200** for Sport Relief.

Also this half term Class 3 attended their Residential trip to Leeson House. As always they had a fantastic time and were involved in a number of activities, some of which included a night-time walk where we spotted a

barn owl, orienteering, visiting Durlleston Castle and a visit to the Tank Museum as part of their work on World War II. It was an enjoyable trip made all the better because of the fantastic weather!

On the last day of term we all went to the Church for our Easter Service. The whole service was led by the children and we enjoyed finding out why children in the Sails class like Spring flowers, what the children in Boats class know about Easter eggs, Class 3 told us about the time leading up to Easter and Class 4 shared what Easter means to them. This was interspersed with beautiful singing and recorder playing.

*Claire Staple, Headteacher*

## THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL



Eggardon completed their **Victorian history topic** in fine form. The classroom was set up with tables in rows, Victorian style, and an old fashioned blackboard. Mr Sitch ensured

that he was well prepared to teach in Victorian times – with a dunce cap and a cane!



Our children filled the hall with music at our **Easter Concert**. The choir started the evening with two Bride Valley Songs, which they have been rehearsing with David Powell. The Fisherman's Song was given an unrehearsed accompaniment by the rest of the school – the children obviously have the Bride Valley rhythm in their blood! Litton and Chesil followed with a 'rubbish' band and song. Bredy played their clarinets and Eggardon sang. The guitar and ukulele group was followed by a confident violin duet, and then by the orchestra. The concert ended with a whole school 'Sign2sing'.

The event was a wholly uplifting experience and it was wonderful to see the confident performance and musical skills of the children. A parent commented: 'It was the best Easter concert I have ever attended.' A big thank you to our staff and volunteer helpers, without whom we could not put on such a superb event. Our retiring collection raised £45 for the **Rainbow Trust Children's Charity**.

Our **Easter church service** was very well attended – thank you to all who helped set up and walked with us to church. Our bellringers did a splendid job, the orchestra provided superb accompaniment to the hymns, some of the Eggardon children did an impromptu role-play (dressed in their Victorian

clothes!) and we all came back to school for well-deserved hot cross buns and drinks, kindly provided by the TSA.

On the first Friday of every month, the **Forest School** run activities in our Discovery Area. The Litton children have been joining them and learning a range of practical, fun outdoor skills including sawing and drilling to make wooden objects, planting bulbs and pond dipping.



Wednesday 2 April saw the launch of **Thorner's Flash**, a new termly magazine. The initiative was Miss Batchelor's, who got together an editorial team of Eggardon children. The results are superb and the magazine has upstaged my newsletter! Please let us know if you would like a copy, available at 20p.

Our **football** team played a really great game against St Mary's Bridport and won 7-0! We supported **Sports Relief** with an afternoon of sport ranging from dance to hoola hoops and marbles.

**Bag 2 School:** We are pleased to confirm that a massive 240kg of items were collected which will raise £120 for the TSA. Thank you all very much.

The **100 Club winners** for March are:

1st prize: Elizabeth Kingston

2nd prize: Debbie Legge

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher



## ST James THE LEAST OF ALL

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters From 'Uncle Eustace':*

*On the perils of building a kitchen in church*

*The Rectory  
St. James the Least*

*My dear Nephew Darren*

*It never fails to amaze me how in church life, an issue can suddenly become an Issue. In the last month, we have acquired an Issue: a proposal to convert a space at the back of church into a kitchen. Inevitably, battle lines have been drawn and trenches dug. Attendance at church council meetings have soared and unofficial sub-committees meet in the car park after Services.*

*It's obvious that feelings are running high, because people have become remarkably polite to one another.*

*Some who are wildly in favour see it as an opportunity of being able to leave the pews ten minutes early in order to get ready for the rush for weak coffee and damp biscuits. I can already hear in my mind the final hymn being drowned by kettles being filled, biscuit tins opened, cups thunderingly placed on saucers, while the volunteers discuss the dress sense of others in the congregation in deafening whispers.*

*I was a little surprised to hear that Colonel Wainwright was all in favour - until I realised that it would give him a place to totter into to read his newspaper once he got bored with my sermon, which usually seems to happen in the first minute. Naturally, smaller turf wars have broken out alongside the major battle. There is conflict about whether we should get Maltby new crockery, what colour carpeting tiles would look right - and most importantly of all, who will take charge of the coffee rota.*

*Others are totally against the project: the treasurer dreads the thought of signing yet more cheques, the churchwardens worry about removing pews which have quietly hidden the dry rot, and the theologically angst-ridden agonise about the fact that St. Paul never mentioned coffee after Sabbath worship.*

*Naturally, I encourage all sides, especially if it will bring any possibility of progress to a halt. I proposed bringing in flasks of coffee, thus stopping anyone being able to escape before the end of the Service; I suggested drinks being brought to people in the pews, thus ruining the Colonel's hopes of finding a safe haven; I organised a group to study High Priestly attitudes to refreshments in the Temple in Jerusalem in Leviticus.*

*I am sure that by the time all these groups have come up with their conclusions, we will have safely moved on to fight the next Issue.*

*Your loving uncle,  
Eustace*



## JULIAN of NORWICH

Julian was a woman who lived in Norwich, and in 1373, on the 13<sup>th</sup> May, she had a series of visions of Jesus that were so important to her that she spent the next 20 years learning to read and write so that she could share these visions with others. Imagine the hard work and trouble that must have caused because it was very rare for any woman to read and write at that time, let alone an unimportant countrywoman. Julian lived most of her life in a small room that joined onto one wall of St Julian's Church in Norwich. And you can actually visit the room (it was bombed during the Second World War but rebuilt).

Dame Julian wrote about the love of God and you can still read her book 'The Revelations of Divine Love' today. The book ends with the words "before God made us, he loved us". Before we were born, God chose us for the work we are to do. And as we know, God doesn't make mistakes. He chose you and me, and he loves us. What a wonderful promise!

## NOR - PUZZLE

All the answers start with the letters NOR. Answers at the bottom of the page.

What NOR is....

1. The language of the Vikings.
2. A compass point.
3. Three English counties.
4. A country.
5. A man's name and a style of church building.
6. The town where Julian lived.
7. It's not unusual.

What do you get if you cross a Viking and a detective?

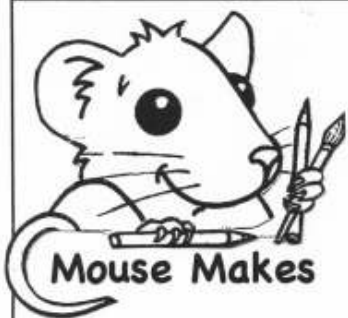
Inspector Norse.



What do Eric the Red and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

They have the same middle name.

**Answers:** 1. Norse 2. North 3. Northumberland, Norfolk and Northamptonshire 4. Norway 5. Norman 6. Norwich 7. normal



### THE ASCENSION

Forty days after his resurrection JESUS led his disciples out to Bethany and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. As he blessed them he was taken up into heaven.

*"Christ Jesus is the one who died for us and was raised to life again for us and is sitting in the place of highest honour next to God, pleading for us there in heaven"* Romans 8:34

"For there is only one God and there is only one way that people can reach God. That way is through Christ Jesus"  
1 Timothy 2:5



### THE LORD HEARS YOUR PRAYERS



Write your prayers to GOD in the prayer hands above knowing that JESUS is in heaven at God's right hand speaking to God for us





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## VILLAGE WEBSITES

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



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

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

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

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

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

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# DIARY, MAY 2014

Thur	1	14.30	G of H Prayer / Meditation Group	Othona Community House
Fri	2	10.15	Art Club	Patria
Sat	3	19.30	Film "Only Two Can Play" with Peter Sellers	Burton Village Hall
Sun	4	12.30	Bring & Share lunch	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Sun	4	10.00	Art Exhibition & Sale	Patria
Mon	5	10.00	Julian Group	Holy Trinity, Swyre
Mon	5	19.00	Deanery Discussion Group - Screwtape	Bridport Christian Fellowship
Tue	6	19.00	Robert Key MP - Life in Church & Politics	St Mary's Beaminster
Tue	6	19.00	Litton Triple AGM	LATCH
Wed	7	19.00	St Mary's P C C Annual General Meeting	St Mary's Church, Burton
Wed	7	20.00	Bride Valley Films - Philomena	LATCH
Thur	8	10.30	Chesil Court Coffee meeting	Chesil Court, Burton
Fri	9	14.15	Tots & Pram Service	St Mary's Church Burton
Sat	10	19.30	Bridport Choral Society -Spring Awakening	St Mary's Church Bridport
Sun	11	14.00	"A Bit of a Do" Cream Teas, Jazz & Stalls	LATCH
Mon	12	20.00	Deanery Discussion Group - Screwtape	Bridport Christian Fellowship
Tue	13	19.00	Village Gathering & APC Mtg	LATCH
Tue	13	19.30	Burton WI - Rhinestones & Sequins	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Wed	14	19.30	Shipton Gorge PC Meeting	Village Hall, Shipton
Thur	15	10.00	Guild of Health Quiet Day	Othona Community House
Fri	16	10.15	Art Club	Sketching-Eype Ch
Fri	16	19.30	Village Society Annual General Meeting	Burton Village Hall
Sat	17	10.15	Village Society Coffee morning	Burton Village Hall
Mon	19	19.00	Deanery Discussion Group - Screwtape	Bridport Christian Fellowship
Mon	19	19.30	Bride Valley British Legion social	Three Horseshoes, Burton
Mon	19	19.30	BV Gardening Club - Horn Park/Sam Saines	Puncknowle Village Hall
Wed	21	10.00	Coffee & Chat	Village Hall, Burton Bradstock
Thur	22	9.30	Bride Valley Fledglings Open Day	Thorner's School
Mon	26	14.00	St Mary's Litton Cheney Village Fete	LATCH
Mon	26	19.00	Deanery Discussion Group - Screwtape	Bridport Christian Fellowship
Mon	27	14.00	Village Hall Trust Annual Fayre	Rectory Garden/Village Hall Burton
Wed	28	19.00	Deanery Art Reflections - S Dimitrova	St Mary's Bridport
Thur	29	18.15	Bride Valley Navigational Challenge	White Horse, Litton Cheney
Fri	30	10.15	Art Club	Visits
Fri	30	19.00	Music Festival - Spring Concert	Burton Village Hall



## SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES MAY 2014

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 4 May Easter 3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11 May Christian Aid Wk Begins	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 18 May Easter 5	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 25 May Easter 6	29 May Ascension Day
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service  6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	19.00 Ascension Day Service
<b>Chilcombe</b>			6.30 Evening Prayer		
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship 5.30 Evening Prayer	
<b>Swyre</b>	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion by Ext	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	
<b>Puncknowle</b>	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 All Age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service	
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	
<b>Long Bredy</b>	11.00 Holy Communion	.	9.30 Morning Worship		
<b>Littlebredy</b>		9.30 Holy Communion by Ext		11.00 Holy Communion	