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# FROM THE RECTORY

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Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and omega the last. An Alpha course is so called as to be the first step in a journey of faith. It is an introduction to Christianity that works in different ways, and all of them together are the way. There is food and fellowship, and there is learning together of what God has done for us. All in one we are invited to experience what it is like to know God, body and soul.

This is the important bit really. Often in the past the Churches have tried to explain what their words mean and how they should be understood when we speak of God. People tackle me from time to time, mostly in pubs now I come to think of it, to give me the benefit of their thoughts and opinions about God. All as if walking with him in life were a matter of right thinking – that this God business can be sorted out in one's head.

It is something of an arrogance to assume that this God business is in any way sortable in the first place – he who spread the stars across the heavens, and he who types this letter with me. But it is silliness on top of arrogance to assume that the boastful brain is the best place to try to do the sorting – it is even worse to assume that it is the only place.

Because God is understood in things. The start of spirituality is in the physical, as when we are babies, and that truth holds good in our growing. The things that are our life; food, warmth, water, air are the most immediate. We can learn God simply through the basics of existence. Family and friendship are another means by which we learn; through our feelings and our sense of belonging or of not belonging. It is when these are beginning to work that we can give the arrogant mind its head; so that we can know things and that our learning may serve the rest of our lives.

And this is what Alpha does. It is a course that welcomes us as people, treats us as friends, feeds us in body and mind and in all of these nourishes our soul. The Alpha course begins in September. Don't think about it – do it.



*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.  
To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life freely."*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

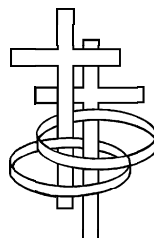
### BAPTISMS



What a lovely baby, we all say and it was never more true of Lily **Agnes Flora Richards**, the daughter of Catherine and Andrew, and grand daughter of the Spurriers, who was baptised at St Mary's, Litton Cheney, on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The hymns All thing bright and beautiful, and O Jesus I have promised were sung to the glory of God for her benefit, and she was perfectly composed throughout the ordeal. The baptism itself she suffered with great dignity, and underwent the trial by flash photography betraying a style and fortitude well beyond her tender months. A happy and delightful occasion.

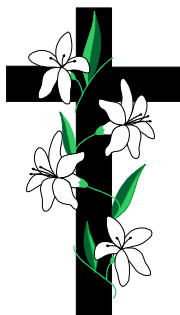
### WEDDINGS

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May, the first of the marriages of 2007 in the Valley was solemnised at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. The bride, **Christie Hallett** processed into a Church full of flowers to be greeted by her groom, **Simon Hartley**. Family and guests witnessed the happy marriage, which was, we prayed, the first day of many long years of happiness for them.



### FUNERALS

On Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May the funeral of **Percy Porter** was held at Weymouth Crematorium. Percy and his wife, Jean, had moved down to Burton Bradstock from Bromsgrove when their daughter Diane and her husband Rob moved to the village. Percy was a great sportsman in his youth, but in the last couple of years had suffered from diabetes. In life he was a man of long and loyal friendship to many. The funeral was attended by many friends, neighbours and members of the Charmouth bowls club of which he was a keen member. Psalms were said, hymns were sung and prayers were made in thankful remembrance of a good man.



The ashes of **Eireen Hack** were interred in St Mary's, Butron Bradstock on 4<sup>th</sup> June. She was laid to rest near the stone commemorating her parents, under the yew trees on the Western side of the churchyard. The family had lived in the village many years ago, and there were among the

mourners those who remembered being at the school and playing in the village. Upon her stone were placed scented old fashioned roses from her garden, which she loved, and the birds sang which was her great delight in life.

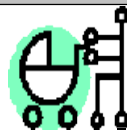
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June, was also the sad farewell to baby **Oscar Elliot Lamble**. He lived only a short time, to be held by his family, to be held by God in Baptism and to be received by Him in heaven. Many friends and family came to St Mary's, Burton Bradstock to join the family, Chris, Julie, Jack and Samuel (Cody) in their grief. During the service a letter was read from the family to Oscar, a copy of which was placed with him, calling him a special angel and saying how glad the family were to have known him even for so short a time, and how sorry they were to have missed the years of his growing. He was laid to rest in the cemetery in the sunshine and the warmth of a lovely early Summer afternoon.

## VALLEY NOTES

### TINY TOTS

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 11.00am. in St. Mary's church, Burton Bradstock. A short service for 0-5 year olds, everyone welcome.

*Yvette Smith 898219.*



### MOTHER'S UNION.



Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup>: Playgroup Tea-party, 10.00-12.00am at The Rectory, Burton Bradstock.

Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup>: MU Meeting, 2.30pm at The Rectory, Burton Bradstock.

Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>: WAVE OF PRAYER. 10.30 am at St. Catherine's Cross, Shipton Gorge.

*Yvette Smith 898219.*

### BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES LUNCH

The next 'Bring & Share' lunch will be taking place on SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY at 12.30pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Do join us if you can and bring along a savoury and/or sweet dish to put on the buffet table to share. Tea, coffee and squash will be provided. No charge.

We invite all from the Bride Valley Churches to come along and do bring a friend, the family and any visitors to your church. All will be most welcome.

Future dates for 'Bring & Share' lunches are - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

## PENTECOST



Sincere thanks to all from Littlebredy, Litton Cheney, Puncknowle, Shipton Gorge and Burton Bradstock (a cast of 46) who were involved in the Pentecost Drama, and to those who made costumes, played instruments, dealt with printing and publicity, provided refreshments, gave transport, attended rehearsals, learned their lines, brought friends and families, took photographs, and led the opening and closing worship. Thank you to all who came, and especially to our two soloists, Geoffrey Seward and Amy Van Zyl.

*Heather Rogers*

## QUIZZES

Children (6-11yrs) and young people from up and down the Bride valley have been working hard since January in readiness for the inter church/ community quizzes due to commence towards the end of September.



To date we have only two senior (11-18yrs) teams, so I am asking for any young adults to make up teams of 'Egg Heads' to make the contest more worthwhile in this age bracket. The teenagers should be well able to cope with people in their 20's! For you it would not involve training sessions, but the willingness to turn up on 3 or 4 mutually convenient occasions between September and Easter having carefully read St Mark chapters 1-3 beforehand. The questions will be on content not on interpretation. Please phone 897780 for more details or if you wish to take part.

For those not in the teams, please come and support your village, and where possible help by providing some light refreshments.

*Heather Rogers*



## CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS

Local people are soon to be invited to have their say on a series of studies into the future of some of West Dorset's most beautiful villages and towns.

West Dorset District Council has drafted 25 new conservation area appraisals covering:

Cerne Abbas, Charminster, Sydling St Nicholas, Godmanstone, Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Stinsford & Lower Bockhampton, Long Bredy, Portesham, Chickerell, Abbotsbury, Langton Herring, Puncknowle, Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney, Winterbourne Abbas, Shipton Gorge, Broadwindsor, Netherbury, Charmouth, Chideock, Bradpole,

## Bothenhampton, Walditch, Symondsburry

Conservation areas are places of special architectural or historic interest that are given protection to ensure that people can continue to enjoy their character for years to come.

West Dorset District Council is responsible for deciding which places should be conservation areas and for ensuring that they are preserved or enhanced.

The appraisals sum up what makes these areas special. Some also suggest that additional buildings be considered for listing or that the conservation areas be extended.

The appraisals will eventually be used in planning decisions alongside the new West Dorset District Local Plan.

Residents can have their say on the seven clusters of draft plans from 2 July to 24 August and a series of local information days has been arranged (see accompanying list for local details).

For more information e-mail [planning@westdorset-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning@westdorset-dc.gov.uk) or phone 01305 251010.

Litton Cheney	Church Hall	Wednesday 4 July, 1.30pm - 7pm
Burton Bradstock	Reading Room	Friday 6 July, 8.30am - 1pm
Puncknowle	Village Hall	Friday 6 July, 1.30pm-7pm
Long Bredy	Village hall	Thursday 26 July, 8.30am - 1pm
Shipton Gorge	Village hall	Thursday 26 July, 1.30pm - 7pm



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH)

Our next Branch Meeting will be held at Portesham Methodist Hall on Thursday, 28th June, 2007, commencing at 7.30 p.m. when the subject of a talk and video presentation will be the work of the "Dorset Road Safety Partnership".

Please note for your diary that the date of the Branch Annual BBQ on Portesham Village Hall Patio will be Friday 13th July, 2007.

There are still some seats available for our Annual Holiday to the Auvergne district of France starting on 15th September, 2007, but it is filling up: to obtain an itinerary contact the writer. This event is now open to non-members.

*Des Baker, Branch Vice Chairman 01305 871413*

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# SOUNDS OF SUMMER

with singers and instrumentalists

from

**The Broadoak Choir**



7.45p.m. Thursday 12th July, at the  
Othona Community

**The Broadoak Choir is getting quite a reputation for high class harmony. Their conductor is Chris Reynolds, a fine guitarist-turned-composer and sometime core member of the Othona Community. A concert of songs from the whole choir and instrumental music from smaller groups and individuals. A treat for a summer evening, in the beautiful setting of the Othona Chapel.**

Othona is on the coast road between Burton Bradstock and Swyre. This charity fundraising concert is free of charge. Donations gratefully received. Places limited - to reserve your seat call 01308 897130.

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## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The 24th AGM of the Gardening Club took place on the 14th May 2007 and was attended by 23 people. After approval of the 2006 Minutes, the presentation of the accounts by the Treasurer and the Chair's annual report, a lively discussion ensued about the future of the Club. The problem was that no-one had come forward to take over the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Programme Secretary and without these positions being filled it was impossible to carry on running the Club.



Membership was falling for various reasons. Attendance at meetings was dropping - many people belonged to other clubs or organisations or there was a reluctance to turn out on cold winter nights. Participation in and enthusiasm for the shows or sales had also declined. It was recognised that the way of life had changed since the inception of the gardening club bringing new priorities.

However, it was pointed out that this is an area where people are known to tend their gardens with pride and that we owe it to the valley to promote and maintain a community spirit through gardening. Several suggestions were made about new objectives such as job sharing, having summer meetings, a change of venue, more discussions on local gardening problems and how they were overcome, more emphasis on "green"

gardening and environmental improvements, efforts to be made to bring in more young members, liaising with other local gardening organisations.

It was eventually decided that rather than close the club immediately it would carry on for a few more months until the 2007 Christmas Party on Monday December 10th when a definite decision would be made. This would give the Committee a final chance to find replacements. Two names had already offered to share the job of Programme Secretary but without a Chair and Treasurer it would not be possible to continue. There will be meetings with speakers in October and November and members will be advised of the date, time and venue. As the club has been suspended for the time being no subscriptions will be collected and the current membership will remain valid until the end of the year. In the meantime, all suggestions for new aims for the club and any offers of help in replacing the vacant positions would be gratefully received.

*Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary.*  
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## BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP NEWS

A BIG welcome to Bobbie Saisi and Harrison Avery - two more under three's who have started at Playgroup and are settling in well.

Our gardening activity is bearing fruit - our peas, broad beans and onions are all growing - but most of the sunflowers were eaten as they came up - had to plant a few more! Children from Thorner's School Gardening Club have now planted them in a local garden nearby in a "Fledglings" Patch. We also made a "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary" garden picture for Swyre fete by cutting out and sticking flower and vegetable pictures. We have also visited the Conservation Garden again at school, with helping hands from Eggardon class, to look for creatures etc as part of our own "Springwatch" weeks. The real blue tit fledglings flew away during half term but we watched them being fed before they went.



Our topics have continued with Percy the Park Keeper, Tweenies, Lunar Jim, Postman Pat and Dora the Explorer - to bring us back to the Bride Valley where we live. Visitors have included P.C. Birch (Dorchester Community Policeman), Health Visitor Terri, Katy our Early Years Advisor, and Dental Debbie with her puppet and giant toothbrush.

Thanks again to Crown Puncknowle Fund Raisers for their splendid cheque presented to us at the pub on 19th May - for £200 (some from our Christmas stall) - it is very much appreciated. More happenings - Summer Outing to Kingston Mauward, our end of term/year Picnic in the Park with



presents for our leavers, and not forgetting the PROMISE AUCTION on Friday 6th JULY at the Crown Inn, Puncknowle at 7.30pm - plus BBQ. Please do come along to support Fledglings playgroup. Finally, for easy shopping there is our own website - [www.buy.at/bridevalleyfledglings](http://www.buy.at/bridevalleyfledglings)

*Carol Bennett (Playleader) 897771  
or contact Rachel (Chair) 482246*

## FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

We meet at Long Bredy Village Hall every Wednesday in term time, from 10am until 12noon.

The last meeting this term will be Wednesday 18th July. We will meet at 11am in Long Bredy playground - bring a picnic lunch.

We are an active friendly group with as many as 14 families attending each week. Parents and carers of all ages are welcome to join our Wednesday sessions and our regular (adults only) socials!

Come along on Wednesday mornings to make new friends and catch up with existing ones. There is a wide range of play equipment and toys to keep the little ones busy plus a healthy "snack" half way through the morning. The Health Visitor drops in the first Wednesday of each month to weigh babies and give advice as requested.

For further information contact Sam on 482315.



## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

First of all I apologise that the school submissions to the BVN for May and June did not appear. Unfortunately they are probably floating about in hyperspace somewhere. Hopefully we've now put the technicalities right and, therefore, as some form of compensation (depending upon the reader's point of view) this is a somewhat extended contribution for July.

### **May's Archive material:**

The football team's superb run in the Kenway Cup came to an abrupt end when we lost 6-2 to Broadwindsor. Whilst obviously disappointed there were lots of positives to come from the game. We never gave up, always trying to play good football. Callum Pattinson was 'Man of the Match'. Next year our young team will be largely the same, since only Callum will be missing as he moves on to Colfox. With some enthusiastic youngsters coming through the future looks promising.

Class 3 enjoyed a very successful trip to Leeson House when they engaged in a range of outdoor education activities. We are all most grateful to Mrs Lynnette Woodrow, Katie Woodrow, Mrs Ellen Denning and Miss

Rebecca Read for their hard work and support for the children during the visit.

Other highlights were Y3/4 children taking part in the Pyramid Dance Festival and Year 5 children contributing to the Pyramid choral concert at Sir John Colfox.

Finally, came our Easter Service in the church. This is always a fitting way to end the term and we were once again grateful to Bob and the churchwardens for their support and assistance.

### **June News:**

Just before the May Bank Holiday weekend Class 4 enjoyed a day at the Fossil Festival in Lyme Regis. This was our first visit and proved to be most informative and enjoyable. The children were able to participate in a variety of activities that really helped their knowledge and understanding of the Jurassic coast and global environmental issues. We all learnt a lot and would recommend a visit for anyone who has not yet done so, though you will have to wait for next year now!

June was a 'fun' month. Class 4 went off to London where they enjoyed an action packed three days and two nights. Visits included the Natural History museum, The National Gallery, a boat trip to Greenwich, a performance of 'Lion King', and a guided tour of St. Paul's Cathedral. We had a terrific time although are still recovering – mainly muscle fatigue from carrying risk assessments! Special thanks go to Mrs Sue Rattenbury, Mrs Maggie Barrett and Mr Mark Corbett for their assistance and support.

Whilst Class 4 were returning from London, the rest of the school were treated to a concert by the West Dorset Music Service. The children were thoroughly entertained by the woodwind quartet and also learned a lot about the instruments and music encountered.

The children also benefited from a multi-cultural day led by Dorset Education Development (DEED)

At time of writing we are yet to have our Summer Concert (21<sup>st</sup> June) though we are hopeful that this will be every bit as memorable as last year's 'first' in the Rectory garden. Our thanks go to Revs Bob & Jean for their hospitality again this year. Boats and Sails classes will no doubt be sharing some sea shanties with us – they have just enjoyed an afternoon of music with a 'Pirates' theme together with the Dorset Music Service.

Towards the end of June Year 6 children had their induction day and a French day at Colfox. Meanwhile, Hooke Court was the target destination for Year 2 as they relish a weekend of activities at this local venue. They always have a great time.

As you can see, there is never a dull moment and yet again we find ourselves towards the end of another academic year. We still have Sports Day and the Leavers' Service to look forward to.

Finally, I regularly receive briefs on latest research documents (automatically sent to schools). The latest batch contained some intriguing titles such as: 'Lifting the lid on the creative curriculum'; 'Getting out through the middle'; 'The strength of weak school ties'; 'Threads, knots and nets'. Unfortunately I now need to find an interpreter.

### **100 Club May Winners**

£20 Samantha Van Zyl

£10 Harrison Ball

£5 Anna Southall

*Mark Stratta*

### **THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Thank you to everyone for all your good wishes, cards, flowers and prayers during my long absence from school. I'm pleased to report that I am recovered and enjoying being back, working with the children in particular.

What a lot has happened in my absence! The children have taken part in the Walk to School Week and are continuing each Wednesday morning this term. I particularly admire those who instigated and have undertaken the long walk from Long Bredy. Our school is not the easiest of villages to have a single route to collect pupils on the way as we are so spread out and many of the pupils arrive by school transport ... so well done to everyone for making the effort to start at the bus stop in the village or walk around the field once arriving in school as well as walking from Long Bredy (what time did you start out in the morning I wonder). This is one way of encouraging children to take exercise but also to notice the differences in their surroundings over a period of time.

Thorner's has also increased the opportunity for pupils to have hot meals, two courses, once a week there is a meal such as: lasagne, baked potato, sweet and sour pork or vegetables, meatballs or nuggets, pasta bake or savoury mince while another day the children can choose soup followed by a bake or fruit: carrot and coriander, lentil, orange carrot and mint, roasted vegetable or tomato and red pepper. There is always a vegetarian alternative available and as you can see the menu is very varied during the term. The first meal of lasagne was very well received, one pupil even asking for seconds just like 'Oliver'. If you have any suggestions of possible meals or ways to improve the service, do please add them in our comments book.

Earlier in the term we were very disappointed to learn that our application for a new hall from the Big Lottery fund had been turned down due to a larger than normal number of applications and the fact that our project did not represent as good value for money in comparison to other

projects. This seems very unfair to me as many projects are for inner city areas where the population is dense and many other improvement grants are available. I understand that the whole of Dorset has only received £8000 this round! Nevertheless we are determined to continue to raise funds to get a hall fit for school PE. The government is emphasising the need for pupils to exercise and we want to offer improved facilities and opportunities for everyone in our community.

Although we live in a small village we need to be aware of our changing culture and diversity and recently school has worked with the other schools in the cluster to highlight this area of the curriculum by: inviting an African dancer to work with our pupils for a day, organising a multicultural Arts week, hopefully many of you saw the displayed work during the LATCH Arts Exhibition weekend, workshops from DEED have helped the children understand differences and similarities, vital values in any society, questioning and exploring values, relationships and tolerances. We have celebrated diversity in classrooms and during assemblies. The cluster schools were successful in obtaining funds for staff training, resources and the childrens' workshops so all has been used to enhance the available school money.

I would also like to take this opportunity of saying a huge thank you to Pat Cunningham who took over my role in January at such short notice in school. It was not an easy task, especially with OFSTED looming! Pat arrived and took command immediately, cruising through and beyond OFSTED, along with all the other mundane tasks which arrive daily with what appeared to be effortless efficiency. In these two terms Pat has led the school admirably, she has worked extremely hard to ensure the least disruption for the pupils, taking it forward in many ways and we will be sorry to say 'Au revoir' at the end of term. We wish you well for the future and thank you for all you have done for Thorner's.

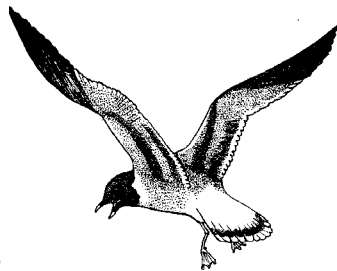
*Alison Johnstone, Headteacher*

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART**

**14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007**

**Village Hall and St Mary's Church**

David Juritz, our artistic director and Leader of the London Mozart Players, describes this year's festival as 'variety for our audience and a challenge to ourselves'. He thinks it is one of the most exciting and varied programmes yet with music ranging from Purcell and Bach to



Schubert, Brahms, Grieg, Elgar and Piazzolla and for something completely different; a ceilidh night when local musicians will play with the visiting classical players. Perhaps the most exciting and innovative concert will mix the wonderfully sensual music of the tango by Piazzolla with the songs of John Dowland and Handel and Purcell arias. The London Tango Quintet, formed by David last year, will be performing at this event.

We are fortunate that the superb guitarist, Craig Ogden, the accomplished mezzo-soprano Claire Bradshaw and the Serbian virtuoso accordionist Milos Milivojevic will be joining us and that great players like oboist Neil Black, cellist Adrian Bradbury, tenor James Oxley and pianist Caroline Dowdle will be back again. Those of you who were at the Spring Concert will have already heard the amazing playing of Milos. David Juritz will be playing late night solo Bach after three of the concerts. He will be recently returned to the UK after busking his way round the world to raise money for a charity, MUSEQUALITY, aimed at supporting communal music projects in developing countries.

Again this year, the Festival will be staging an exhibition where more artists than last year, over sixty, will be displaying their paintings and craft in the Village Hall from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

All in all this year's festival promises to be better than ever. Tickets have sold well so far and if you are thinking of attending and need information, please contact me, Mike Southgate on 01308 897487 for a leaflet with programme details and an order form. Tickets will also be on sale in the Post Office from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Mike Southgate 01308 89748



## Burton Bradstock ONLINE DIGITAL PHOTO COMPETITION 2007

Just to remind everyone of the competition  
You can win up to £100!

Three prizes for adults .Three prizes for under 16s.

**Theme: "Life in Burton Bradstock in 2007".**

*We want it to focus on people doing things!*

For full details of how to apply see [www.burtonbradstock.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk)

**Closing date: 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2007**

**OPEN TO ALLCOMERS WORLDWIDE!**

Ken Pett 897550

# SHIPTON GORGE CHURCH FETE



will be held on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2.00pm.

Stalls and events to suit the whole family

The tower will be open for the best views  
of the Bride Valley

Photo opportunities with an ancient bike built for two,

Book your slot for floodlighting the church  
on your special occasion!

Please take this opportunity to come and support  
the church.

# Promise Auction

## Lots to Include:

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| Tea for two at the House of Commons with Oliver Letwin MP |  |
| Jurassic Coast Cruise with Lyme Bay Rib Charters          |  |
| Half-day on a trials bike                                 | Farm walk plus farmhouse tea               |
| Celebration Cake  | Owners&Trainers tickets Newton Abbot       |
| Trailer load of logs                                      | Load of farmyard manure                    |
| Chimney Sweep   | Case of Fine Wine                          |
| 3 hours carpentry labour                                  | Tour of Palmer's Brewery                   |
| Dinner party desserts for 12                              | Home-bake Christmas Hamper                 |
| Pastel portrait of child                                  | 2 driving lessons                          |
| 4 Computer lessons  | <i>Look for full listing in July's BVN</i> |

Date: Friday 6th July

Venue: Crown Inn, Puncknowle

Time: 7.30pm

BBQ



in aid of Bride Valley Fledglings Playgroup and  
Kingfisher Children's Ward at Dorset County Hospital



## MODBURY FARM SHOP

hope to have their enlarged shop and tearooms ready for opening come late July/ early August. The shop will have a number of additional selling lines including several items under the heading "Things I forgot when I did my big shop in town."

Good luck, Tim and Julie.

# THE LONG BREDY VILLAGE FETE



*In the beautiful grounds of*

## **Kingston Russell House**

*By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Harold Carter*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30pm**

Grand draw first prize £100

The Lyme Regis Majorettes

Tombola Cakes Bouncy Castle Plants Coconut Shy

Bric-a-Bac Books Tapes CDs & More

Tea and cakes served around the pool

**ADMISSION £1.50 CHILDREN FREE**

**(INCLUDES FREE CAR PARKING)**

**(SORRY, NO DOGS IN THE GROUNDS)**

## **VILLAGE WEBSITES**

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



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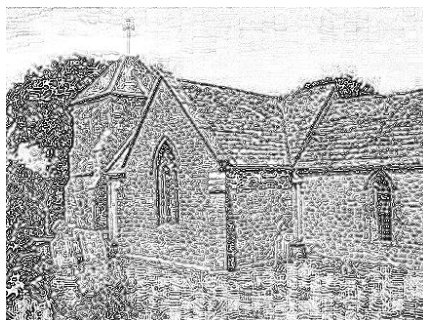
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# PUNCKNOWLE GARDEN FETE



(In aid of St. Mary's Church, Puncknowle)

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 2.30pm**

in the grounds of

**PUNCKNOWLE MANOR**

(By kind permission of Mr and Mrs James Wild)

**Featuring**

**\*\*QUALITY CLOTHING\*\***

**PUNCH & JUDY    PLANTS**

**COCONUT SHY    GRAND DRAW**

Many stalls and side shows including

**CAKES BOTTLES WHITE ELEPHANT. TEAS,**

**CAKES+ICE-CREAM 50p PER ITEM\***

**FREE PARKING**

**ADMISSION 50p**

**(children under 12 years free)**

# ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE

will take place around the Church  
and in the Rectory Garden, Burton Bradstock  
on

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2007**

Gates open: 2pm until 5pm

Watch the skills of local craftspeople at work

**THE FLYING FISH WILL BE THERE TO  
WELCOME YOU**

Refreshments in the Village Hall



**Cake Stall**

**Ice Cream**



**Punch & Judy**

**Auction**

**Grand Draw**

**Plant Sales**

**Stalls to Buy from**

**St Swithon's Band, Bridport**

**Face painting**

**Handbell Ringing**

**Organ playing**

**Games to Play**

ADMISSION: ADULTS 50P CHILDREN (12 and under) Free  
FREE CAR PARKING

**Why did God make mothers?**

1. She's the only one who knows where the cellotape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born

# BURTON BRADSTOCK

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## SALES FOR CHARITIES

The sale of home baked products, preserves, chutneys and garden produce will take place in the Reading Room on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August** at 10am till noon. We look forward to having many suppliers and many buyers!

The charities being supported are the Mission Aviation Fellowship (regd charity 1064598) which has been flying for fifty years to thousands more destinations than any other airline so that people in remote areas of developing countries can receive essential help. Also the Church Urban Fund ( regd charity 297483) which exists to stamp out the injustice of poverty throughout this country in rural as well as urban areas.

Those willing to produce home baked items for one or more of the sales please contact Heather Rogers (01308 897 780) as soon as possible. Those supporting these sales with provision of preserves, chutneys and garden produce, please bring these to the Reading Room soon after 9,30am on the day of the sale. If there are any queries please contact Hilary Mousley or any other member of the Mission Sub Committee.

Your support will be much appreciated by all concerned - those organising the venture and the charities which will benefit.  
Mission Sub Committee of St Mary's PCC.

## KITE FLYING FOR MAF Mission Aviation Fellowship (Regd. Charity 1064598)

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, from 2.30pm at Bindbarrow, Burton Bradstock. Come and fly your kites!!! Either bring your own or make one on the day, materials will be provided. Prize for the highest flying kite made on the day.

Teas will be served from 3pm: entry £1 with family concessions.

*This is part of St Marys, Burton Bradstock Charity Appeal 2007*

*All welcome*



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### How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

# BURTON BRADSTOCK CHURCH FETE 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2007

## A Special Event –not to be missed!

The Fete will be held in the Rectory Garden on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August opening at 2.00pm. It will have a nautical flavour and in addition to all the usual stalls and games and other activities we will have displays explaining about life in, on and by and relating to the sea. Amongst other attractions we will have a local fisherman explaining about his life and work and you can sponsor a fish to fly down from the Church tower.

We are most grateful for the offers of help and contributions already received but keep them coming please. These are the main ingredients which ensure the success of the event to which we need to add a good crowd and a fine day to complete the mixture.

## Items for the following stalls are still needed so if you can help please contact;

The Auction : Susan Moores (897673).

Grand Raffle : Pauline Woodford (898327)

Filled Jars: Margaret Oldridge or Gill Redford (897203)

Book Stall : Colin & Jan Clark (897412)

Cakes and Preserves : Betty Champkins (897419)

Cards and Crafts : Jane Stubbs (898002)

Children's Lucky Dip: Thelma Skues (898032)

Plant Sales :Jill Spinney (897835)

Produce Sales : Ken and Shiela Pett (897651)

Bottle Tombola : Kate and Bernard Chennels (897066) – bottles and cans a week in advance for labelling please.

Water to Wine : John and Cathy Lay – Flurrie (897281)

White Elephant : Pat Broomhead (897408) can collect and store items.

Volunteers are needed to help with the games and assist with running the stalls – please contact either Susan Paul (897381) or Peter Broomhead (897408) and please to set up the tables etc. at 8.30 am and to remove them at 5.00pm.

*Peter Broomhead Fete Co-ordinator*

## MISSION PARTNERS

What a joy it has been to meet our Mission Partners, Andy and Susie Hart and their little girls, Grace and Rosie, whom we are supporting by prayer and finance. We learned more about the work of Andy, a vet, and Susie, a textile designer and craft teacher. Susie started Neema Crafts with

young disabled adults whose beautiful jewellery and products from the hand made paper section were on display and available to buy.

Tanzania is the seventh poorest country in the world. Andy spoke of a doctor in a neighbouring village who was perplexed that patients he treated who repeatedly came back for treatment. It was then realised that they were not taking enough protein. The readily available bush bug was higher in protein than meat and so these bugs are now being prepared in different ways for consumption. We also learned that the guano from a certain type of bat made such a strong fertiliser that it had to be diluted and so a bat house is now under construction.



The family was due to return to Tanzania at the end of June and our thoughts and prayers are now with them as they continue God's work in that part of the world.



The collection in Burton Bradstock this year raised £499.68. Many thanks to all those who gave so generously.  
*Janet Proctor*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL (BBVH)

### 200 Club – June 2007 Draw – Congratulations to:

1st Prize: No. 265 Mrs Cathy Lay-Flurrie    £42.00  
2nd Prize:        No. 300 Mrs Anna Eastwood    £21.00  
3rd Prize: No. 235 Mr Mrs Jill Spinney    £10.50

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the July-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £6 – one pound for each of the remaining 6 draws in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

The Village Hall Trust is a trust registered with the local authority, the West Dorset District Council. Lotteries Licence No. LA005.

## VILLAGE FAYRE – THANK YOU

The Village Fayre was held in the Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday 28th May and although we had to battle against the cold, our prayers were answered and the rain held off. Once again the event was very well supported and raised £3,250 which will go towards the upkeep

and upgrading of the Village Hall and its facilities.

As usual, villagers responded to all pleas for help and support and many turned up in the morning to help with the setting up. Thanks also go to the sponsors and to the many individuals who contributed time, money and goods to ensure the success of the fete. It was pleasing to see so many families there and a new attraction, the 'Timed Obstacle Course', proved a great draw and as can be seen opposite 'Zac' certainly appeared to enjoy himself.



The Committee is enormously grateful to all visitors and residents who came and joined in the spirit of the afternoon and I would like to thank every single person who helped to stage the event – it was a tremendous effort by all and a great result.

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

## ARTSREACH

The autumn programme is now being negotiated and I shall give details next month. It will be of its usual high standard and professional quality.

In the meantime I would like to thank all the volunteers who help me to put on these first class performances. Thank you too to Burton Bradstock Cars for the raffle prizes for the recent show.



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> June the B.S.O. quartet 'Kokoro' played to a very warm but smaller than usual audience. The music was a delight - full of energy and vitality and far from obscure. Who said minimalist music was 'difficult'!

*Norman Saunders-White - Promoter for Artsreach - 01308 897214*

## BURTON BADSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



At the time of BVN deadline (9.6.07) we have not had the June meeting when we will hearing from David Hawkes on a "Diplomats Lot" - an interesting glimpse into an unknown world!

Currently we are planning for the annual barbeque to be held at Joan Allans in Beach Rd. on the 30th June - in a magnificent garden, this is usually a grand affair.

This month the Burton Browsers book group will have met to discuss "The Bonesetters Daughter" - mixed

reception/reviews on this from members. Also this is too early to comment on the Walkers group, but please check the Notice board outside hall for future dates of this group and the many others; Mahjong, Needlecraft, Burton Browers etc.

We have also to hear from the rep. who went to the Annual Womens Institute conf. in the Royal Albert Hall - alas our meeting is a week late for the deadline of the Bride Valley news.

The July Meeting will take place on 10th July when Nora Stone will speak on "Verse and Worse".

## BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

There is good news on the library front and a way forward.

Following the threat to close 13 libraries, including Burton Bradstock, a review was undertaken by Portfolio holder Cllr. David Crow Hurst and library boss Paul Leavers. In a report presented to the first meeting of the newly formed Community Overview Committee of Dorset County Council they made the following recommendations:

- All libraries will remain open
- The library buildings, where they are owned by the community, will be on offer for use by the community
- The costs of running and maintaining the building will be the responsibility of the community but they will have full use of it.
- The libraries will have funded professional staff at a lower level than at present. Additional hours will be provided by volunteers.
- The present book stock will stay and be managed through an IT system. The spend on new books will be reduced but children's and large print books will continue to be provided. Donated books will be acceptable.



Following a long debate, a motion to support this approach was passed unanimously with the additional recommendation that this approach be considered for all 34 libraries. It now goes to the cabinet for consideration and action and for individual libraries to negotiate their own position with the framework as proposed.

DCC will make savings by

- employing fewer paid staff

- reduced cost of maintenance
- lower cost of IT and
- reduced cost of new books.

I am delighted with the outcome so far. If all goes well, it will mean that Burton Bradstock should be able to have full use of the library building and with so much goodwill shown the library should become an even more welcoming and helpful place. Much of the credit for the progress should go to Bob Hynds and his working party who have been very much in the lead during the DCC review and have drawn up an excellent plan for the future of the library. It is a wonderful example of how a community such as Burton Bradstock can work together and take control of their local services and also, perhaps, an example of the success which can be achieved when councillors listen to the people they represent and act in the best interests of the community.

*Ronald Coatsworth  
Councillor for Bride Valley Division*

## HOME WATCH, BURTON BRADSTOCK

### The future is .....Red!

I passed to the Trading Standards Office a summary of the very many reports of concern from you about often aggressively-speaking commission-based doorstep sellers, and am pleased to say there is a new printing by TSO of quality small red notices for us all to be able to use, stating:

*“No Doorstep Traders. Don’t Ring. Don’t Knock.”*

...with the Dorset County Council logo on.

Many of the cards we presently have up are quite old, frayed and often discoloured. We would like to get a good showing of the new red ones – with your help – in homes throughout Burton, so that would-be doorstep sellers are aware of the blaze of red in no time and see this is not a good place to try to sell. The notices should be available during July, so the chances are that your local Home Watch Representative - we have 19 of them - will be in touch with you to offer you one this month. (The notices are postcard size and adhere by vacuum - *not* adhesive - and work like a plastic road tax licence holder does on a car-screen. There is a sample on our window at September Cottage, Middle Street.)

*John Grantham*

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**SERMON** A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked.

"Why, God tells me," replied his father, hoping to teach the boy about listening faith.

"Oh. Then why do you keep crossing things out?"





On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June we had a super outing to the 'Tithe Barn' in Abbotsbury. The weather was lovely and the children had a chance to feed the animals, ride on the ponies and generally have a great time. Thanks to the children, parents and carers who were able to join us.

With the lovely sunny weather we are making use of the Rectory garden, playing with sand and water and making use of our climbing frame.

The focus for this term is preparing our older children who start Primary School in September ensuring that this transition is a smooth and happy one. The children have enjoyed the opportunity to wear their school uniforms to playgroup. Thanks again to Burton school for allowing us to use their facilities.

**On July 4<sup>th</sup>** Heather Rodgers is very kindly hosting a 'pop-in' day **from 11am-4pm**. All are welcome to 'pop-in' to 25 Bindbarrow for a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits in the morning, rolls at lunch and cakes in the afternoon. All funds raised will be for the playgroup.

Our cake sale raised £36.30, thanks to all who provided delicious goodies to sell. Thanks to the Anchor Pub for their continued support, it is greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to a trip to the Sea Life Centre in Weymouth, and our end of year Garden Party, more about these events in the next edition of the BVN.

Feel free to visit us during one of our morning sessions:

Mon, Wed, or Fri 9.30-12.00.

We also run a lunch club on:

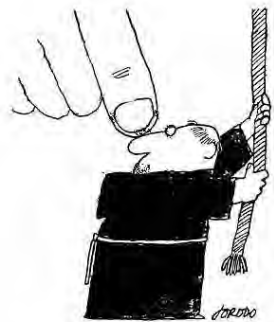
Mon and Fri 12.00-1.00.

Any enquiries please contact Ann Marie on 07814316963 or 01308 788221

## BELLRINGERS CELEBRATE 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

West Dorset Bell ringer, Basil Dent, hopes that everyone will help Salisbury Diocesan Bellringers celebrate their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by supporting their Grand Fete at Melbury Osmond (Off the A37 Dorchester to Yeovil Road) on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July between 2pm and 5.30pm.

Funds raised will be used to support Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Free entry and parking



"You Rang?"

# BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our Annual General Meeting was held in the village hall on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Following the opening address by our President, Nancy Bushell, we received reports from our chairman, Peter Colbert, finance report from our Hon. Treasurer, Valerie McRobert, and presentation from our Hon. Secretary Carol Lumley. It has been a very successful year with excellent talks very well attended, terrific flower show and a satisfactory financial state of affairs.

However, at the election of committee members stage, we received four resignations from Graham Rees (vice chairman), Margaret Holmes (catering), John Grantham (programme secretary) and from Peter Colbert (chairman). All retiring members were thanked for their efforts and presented with a token of our esteem and later, Peter Colbert was made a life member for his tireless devotion to the society since 1994.

Three new members were elected to the committee which now reads:

President:	Nancy Bushell
Chair:	Valerie McRobert
Vice Chair:	Peter Broomhead
Hon. Treasurer:	Chris Clarke
Hon Secretary	Carol Lumley
Flower Show:	Sandy Adderley
Publicity:	Peter Dutton
Programme Secretary:	Philip Howse
Catering:	Lillian Brown
Raffle:	Maureen Miller

We have one other vacancy to be filled so if there is anyone who is interested in coming onto the committee, please contact any of the above members.

I'm sure you would all join me in offering our sincere thanks and gratitude to our retired chairman , Peter Colbert for all the sterling work he has done for the society together with his great enthusiasm and concern for village life in general. However I'm sure that our new chair, Valerie McRobert will carry on the task with great success.

Now, I thought I'd give you all a run down on the forthcoming talks for 2007, so that you can put these dates in your diaries;

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	A Panoramic View of Art Nouveau by Dr Carole Bourne-Taylor
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	BRIXMIS-Britain's Most Daring Cold War Spy Mission. By Lt Col Simon Cleveland MBE.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov

1,000 Years History of the London Hospitals in one Hour. By Bob Ayers.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

My Life at the BBC, Part 2 (Video clips and commentary), By David Taylor

All to start at 7.30 p.m.

## **LONG BREDY**

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: MRS ELINOR FROST  
BRIDELANDS, LONG BREDY



### **LONG BREDY PARISH NEWS JULY 2007**

We have a wedding in Long Bredy on July 14<sup>th</sup>: Briony Lee and James Holmes. The church will be at its best.

The Sunday service on the 15<sup>th</sup> is cancelled as it is Fete day. We hope for a fine weekend.

### **LONG BREDY PLAYING FIELD**

Thanks to a generous donation to playing field funds from Ashley Chase Cheese Dairy, children in Long Bredy now have some new play equipment. Springy seats have been purchased and installed which will provide both exercise and entertainment for youngsters for many years to come. With the number of children increasing in the village the playing field provides a safe and secure place for them to play and exercise.

Offers of help with maintenance and upkeep of the play area are always welcomed and any member of the Parish Council can be contacted in order to co-ordinate such work.

### **CHURCH FETE - SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Our entertainment at the Fete this year is by the Lyme Regis Majorettes. A really colourful and lively display it will be. We hope you will be stocking up for the stalls which are:

Books, tapes, CDs – David and Jane Peretz,

Collection point at Juniper's garage

Cakes – June and Roy Clewlow

Bric-a-Brac – Alan Kinghorn and Rick Cook

Teas – Jackie Cain and team

Tombola – Jonathan Cook and Paul Sainsbury

Gifts, Craft and Jewellery – Margaret Elliott

Plants – Rosemarie and Albert Pitcher

Prizes for the draw would be welcome (to Elinor)

There will be games and competitions for all the family.

For setting up, could we meet at Kingston Russell House at 10:00am.  
All hands to the deck please!

## ARCHEOLOGICAL 'DIG'

Peter Northover of Oxford originally from Swyre, is planning to do a 'dig' in Long Bredy at the end of July. He would be delighted to have anyone interested join in. The excavation site will be Northover's Cottage next to the existing Bottle Knapp Cottage in Friday Lane and should be open to the public from 21<sup>st</sup> July. He is also willing to assess any old pieces of pottery that you have, if you bring them along.

He can be contacted by email or telephone.

[peter.northover@materials.oxford.ac.uk](mailto:peter.northover@materials.oxford.ac.uk)

Tel: 01865 820543 and 07785 501745

## PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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## PUNCKNOWLE FETE - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30 pm

In aid of St Mary's Church: in the grounds of Puncknowle Manor (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs James Wild).

Stalls, Quality Clothing, Games, Punch and July, Teas, Ice Cream, £50 Grand Draw. Entry 50p. Under 12's free.

Please help by donating goods to the following stalls:

Books, Bottle Tombola, Clothing, Fancy Goods, Bric-a-Brac,  
Scarves, Toys, Ties and Jewellery

Please deliver all items for the above to:

Ruth Brierley, Dairy House, 898283

or Ann Roberts, Burwell Cottage, 897716

Chocolate products for Chocolate Tombola - Julie

Plants, Debbie Legge 898506

Produce, Liz Slater – sugar and/or fruit for jam much appreciated

Is anyone able to make fudge to sell or would like how to make fudge?

Posters/Car Stickers/Tickets for Grand Draw now available.

Further offers of help would be much appreciated, contact Ruth (898283) or Ann (897716)

## PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

At the opening of our new exhibition we welcomed William and Mary from 'Shelterbox', our chosen charity for this year. They brought with them one of their boxes and some of the usual contents. Each box has a number, the progress of which can be tracked across the world on the internet.



The rain held off for our trip to Olya's at West Bay to see her lovely silk paintings.

Dates for July

Friday 6, 10.30am

a visit to Maureen's at Slape

Friday 20, 10.30am

The Crown – last meeting before the holidays

## PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Council is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3 July at the Village Hall in Puncknowle. 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.

*Tony Edwards, Chairman,  
Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council*



## PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL.

Do not forget the monthly Quiz on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Entry costs £5 per table (four on a table). We look forward to seeing you there.

*Sid Marshall 897318  
Yvonne Buckland 898492*



The collection in Puncknowle this year raised £172.03, for which many thanks, both to those who gave, and those who collected.

Collections in the whole of Bridport and District for this year, together with proceeds from

Lent Lunches, coffee mornings etc amounted to some £7,837, with more still to come in. A bumper year!

*Pam Coventry*

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## What does your mum do in her spare time?

- 1 My mum says she don't do spare time.
- 2 Nothing. She pays bills all day long.

# SWYRE

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smarshall@which. net tel: 897318



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

### TRINITY WEEKEND.

After months of planning and preparation the weekend arrived, with beautiful weather, and lots of happy people. The Fayre on Saturday attracted a good crowd who were persuaded to part with their money, and together with fundraising at The Bull, raised around £1500.

On Sunday the church was full for the concert, refreshments and special service. It was a real treat to have the building filled with music and song. This made another £228.

All this was possible due to the efforts of so many people. If you were one of them, we thank you very much for your contribution to the weekend.

A percentage of the money raised at the Fayre will be given to the Village Hall, as was traditional when Swyre had a combined Fete with Puncknowle. The rest will be used for the improvements to Holy Trinity Church.

The Chancellor has granted permission for us to go ahead with the alterations to the rear of the church nave, and the work is due to start in September.

### SATURDAY 14TH JULY, from 10am

Churchyard working party.

### SUNDAY 29TH JULY at 7.30pm - SONGS OF PRAISE

These will be held weekly as usual for 5 weeks until 26th August. Do come and join us for a good sing of our favourite hymns.

*Yvonne Buckland and Vera Hirst, Church wardens*

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### What's the difference between mums & dads?

1. Mum works at work and works at home & dad just go to work at work.
2. Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but mums have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.
4. Mums have magic; they make you feel better without medicine.

## LITTON CHENEY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: VACANT



**Josie Belasco, time village correspondent for Litton Cheney has now moved and we need to find somebody to take over in time for the August edition.**

**ANY VOLUNTEERS, please contact the editor.**

## LITTON CHENEY FETE

By the time this comes out, the Fete will be a distant memory, but each year I miss many of the dear ladies who bring cakes and scones for the cream teas at the annual Fete, and I don't want another year to go by. So, knowing how much planning of time, the effort, the skill, and the ingredients go in to producing the delicious cakes and scones which various ladies leave, I can't thank you enough.

As we know, the Fete is such a good community activity, as well as fund raiser, and nothing is more British than having a chat with neighbours over a cup of tea. Long may it last, and again, a heartfelt 'Thank you' from Lady Coville and the Team, to those special ladies who give so generously and anonymously.

*Irene Coville*

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

An enjoyable evening was had by all who attended the Annual Meeting. David's talk on Trekking in Nepal was an eye opener and very interesting, thank you David.

Most disappointingly only five people came to the whist drive – at least everyone won a prize!!

Our next event is the **Village Walk on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July**, meet at the Bus Shelter at 10am for a walk of about 5 miles.

The Committee is looking for extra members: We meet about four or five times a year. Are you new to the village? Joining us is a great way to get to know everyone.

Do you have some good ideas for our programme of events next year or would you like to help organise the events? Sound interesting? If so, please ring me, or Ron 482661 or Eddy 482260.

*Kathy Kourik LCSC 482552*

## LATCH NEWS & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

It was indeed a disappointment that our lottery grant application was turned down but this only makes us more determined to achieve the necessary funding from other sources in order to build our much needed new community hall.



We are aware that the amount of lottery funding made available to Dorset as a whole was lamentably small and that the huge number of applications received from organizations anxious to get their bid in before the pot empties, and funds are diverted to the 2012 Olympics, was always going to make life more difficult. However, we are greatly heartened by the continued messages of encouragement from local residents and donors.

We are actively looking at alternative funding and streamlining the design of the hall so we obtain the best value for money. On the basis that one door closes and another one opens we believe we remain on course to build a community hall within the next two years.

Fast on the heels of our Open Weekend/Art Exhibition in June which at the time of writing has not yet happened but a big thank you to all who contributed, we have two events beginning to firm up. A **Photographic Competition** has been organized (details in below), the results of which will be exhibited in **September** and provide material for a **2008 Bride Valley Calendar**.

Coming soon – **An Auction of Promises** – Your chance to bid for the attractive, the weird, the beautiful, the unusual, the useful, the bargain of a lifetime, and help at the same time to finance the new community hall.

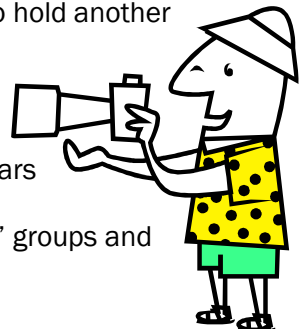
“Litton Cooks” recipe books and attractive BV postcards are available at attractive prices from members of the LATCH committee or call John Firrell on 482313

### LATCH PHOTO COMPETITION

As part of the fundraising effort it is planned to hold another photograph competition this year

The rules are simple:

- Up to five entries per person
- Three age groups – 5 to 11 years, 12 to 16 years and 17 and over.
- Entry fee – 50p per entry for the two childrens’ groups and £1 per entry for adults





- Subject of your entry must have a connection with the Bride Valley or the surrounding area
- All entries must be as a print between 7 x 5 and 10 x 8 inches unframed and submitted by 14<sup>th</sup> September 2007

A condition of entry is that LATCH may copy, publish or use any entry without charge and that original negatives, slides or digital files must be made available

All proceeds, including from subsequent use of the entries, will go to the Litton and Thorners Community Hall (LATCH) fund-raising project

For further information and details of prizes contact Steve Kourik (01308 482552 or e-mail: [skourik@toucansurf.com](mailto:skourik@toucansurf.com))

## **PRODUCERS' MARKET SATURDAY 21 JULY, THE WHITE HORSE INN**

Writing this at the beginning of June in time for the BVN deadline, it is a trifle alarming to find we are referring to an event that is in the latter half of this year already.

Our third market of 2007 falls on Saturday 21 July at The White Horse, Litton Cheney. Several of our regular stall holders who missed the first two markets are returning to the fold, and with the help of a lovely summer's day and a good crowd we look forward to a busy and enjoyable event.

If you would like to know more about the markets, would like to help or have a worthy product to sell, please contact Wendy Taylor (482532) or John Firrell (482313)

## **THE RIVER**

Three men were hiking through a forest when they came upon a large, raging violent river.

Needing to get on the other side, the first man prayed, "God, please give me the strength to cross the river." Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs and he was able to swim across in about two hours, having almost drowned twice.

After witnessing that, the second man prayed, "God, please give me strength - and some tools to cross the river." Poof! God gave him a rowboat and strong arms and strong legs and he was able to row across in about an hour after almost capsizing once.

Seeing what happened to the first two men, the third man prayed: "God, please give me the strength, the tools and the intelligence to cross this river." Poof! He was turned into a woman. She checked the map, hiked one hundred yards up stream and walked across the bridge.

# SHIPTON GORGE

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## CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

We would like very much to floodlight the church in the evening during the winter, as in previous years. The cost is £5 per week. To book your week(s) please contact me as soon as possible to ensure that you reserve that special date. Also I shall be “selling” weeks at the church fete on 14<sup>th</sup> July.

*Bob White*

## SHIPTON GORGE CHURCH FETE

The annual Church Fete will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm. Please take this opportunity to come and support your church. The tower will be open for the best views of the Bride Valley, photo opportunities with an ancient bike built for two, and don't miss the chance to book your slot for floodlighting the church on your special occasion! Help with stalls and events is appreciated. Please contact the church wardens:

*Gillian Maxfield – 01308 897346*

*Phyl Webster – 01308 898657*

## PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 7.30pm.

*Ernie Thomas – Parish Clerk*

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY FLOWER SHOW

This will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July at the Village Hall. Please bring your exhibits between 8.45am and 11.00am. Judging will start at 11.15am. There is no charge for entries. Trophies for winning entries, with certificates for runners-up. Doors will be open again at 2pm when tea and cakes will be available for £1.50.

Please come and show us bits of your garden! This will be a fun event rather than a competition, with the emphasis on participation and not just winning. We want to encourage entries from our youngest to the most senior of our residents, and from experts and amateurs alike. We hope that this is reflected in our schedule. Our judges include Gary and John Parsons

from the village, nobody with an “ology” from the RHS, but nevertheless they are very knowledgeable and keen to share their experience.

Would all residents who have trophies from last year’s Summer Show please return them to Sally Parker at 12 Peas Hill as soon as possible.

## VILLAGE FETE

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August, in and around the Village Hall, starting at 2.00pm. Donations for stalls and offers of help will not be refused! New ideas for activities and attractions would be most welcome. A further update will be in next month’s BVN.

## HANGING BASKET COMPETITION

It was difficult to judge the 28 hanging baskets entered for the competition at the New Inn on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June as the standard was so high. Gary and Sandra eventually announced that Steve Larcombe and David Smith were joint winners. All the baskets are superb – thank you all so much for your participation.

We now have a very colourful display outside the pub providing a great welcome to visitors to the village.

*Ann Hunt – New Inn Support Ltd*

## SHIPTON AQUABOX

Thank you to everyone in Shipton who helped to fill our second Aquabox. The box, which acts as a water purification system, has been packed full of essential welfare items to help people survive after a disaster. It has been returned to the UK depot and is waiting to be dispatched to help bring relief to a family in the aftermath of a man made or natural disaster. More information about Aquaboxes can be found on their website [www.aquabox.org](http://www.aquabox.org).

*Alice Giles-Townsend & Chris Hewlett*



## SHIPTON GORGE LTD – UPDATE

The Household and Garden Items Sale held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May raised £330.25. Several further fundraising events, to cover costs and the repayment of loans, are planned for the summer and autumn.

Clearance of the land below the church (The Orchard, Brook Street) is now nearly complete. Most brambles, the laurels and sycamore saplings have been removed, and the land has been rotovated and sown with grass seed. Planning permission has been given by the District Council for





removal of the four remaining self-sown sycamore trees, which, if left would soon grow considerably higher, and obscure the view of the church even more. The plan is to remove them some time in the early autumn, which will give the grass time to establish itself. The Tree Planning Committee will be deciding on the varieties of apple tree which will be suitable for planting on the land, and will not grow nearly as high.

*The Directors*

## VILLAGE ORCHARD

I will be taking good quality bric a brac and books to various car boot sales over the summer to raise money for the village orchard. If you have anything you think would sell please drop it in to Greenways or give me a call on 897278 and I will collect it. Alternatively, if you fancy taking the items to a car boot yourself to sell for the orchard, please give me a call.

*Chris Hewlett*

## SHIPTON GORGE RAMBLERS FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY

We meet at the telephone kiosk in Brook Street at 10.30am, sharing transport to West Bexington. Our ramble takes us to the Swannery at Abbotsbury, returning to West Bexington by approximately 1.00pm. This should be an interesting morning taking in the flora and fauna of the area, so come and join our friendly group on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Vicky & Janet*



## THANK YOU

1. Dear Friends. Thank you for making 3<sup>rd</sup> June such a special day for both of us.

*Pam & Peter Bates*

2 Regarding the OPEN GARDEN at Church View, Shipton Gorge on the 5<sup>th</sup> June – very many thanks to everyone who supported us and especially to all those who helped. We raised the sum of £393 for St Martin's Church.

*Robert & Elizabeth Langran*

3 When you guys throw a party, you really know how to throw a party! I just want to say thank you to everyone for all the lovely presents and cards you gave me on my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday – I loved all of them. Most of all, to all of you who came, I was really chuffed and it really made my day special and definitely one to remember, so THANK YOU EVERYONE. All my love

*Vikki x.*

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB JUNE DRAW

£50	No 81	Jane Evans
£20	No 42	John Epplestone
£10	No 7	Tony Boughton
£10	No 61	Eddie Buck

### LITTLEBREDY

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We welcome young **Ben Lavers** (nearly 3) to Littlebredy. He has come from South Wales to live with his Uncle, Aunt and cousins, Steve and Kerrie Peck and their family, at No. 2, White Hill Cottages. Every best wish to them all in their enlarged household.

In mentioning Annette Hallett's bowls in the last edition, it should have been mentioned that Phil is this year's Captain of the Dorchester Indoors Bowls Club. Apologies for the omission, and congratulations to him.

There will be another television crew in the village soon. Ian and Denise Bell (who incidentally thank all their neighbours for the warm welcome they've received here) have reached the second stage of TV's "Britain's Best Dish" competition, which means filming in July of the life and husbandry at Foxholes Farm for transmission later on, in the context of a cookery competition in London. May the sun shine on the filming and best of luck Denise in your haute cuisine when the time comes.

May the sun also shine on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July. As usual, the valley Churches mark the fifth Sunday in the month with a United Service, which will be held here at 11.00am. that day, followed by a "bring and share" al fresco lunchtime picnic - weather permitting, we hope - for anyone who wants to join in beside the lake. All are welcome to that, whether they've been in Church or not.

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### Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mum doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such an idiot.
2. Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mum is, but only because she has a lot more to do than Dad.

# BACON SANDWICHES AND SALVATION

By Adrian Plass, £7.99 ISBN-10: 1850787239

Pub.: Authentic Lifestyle (9 Feb 2007)

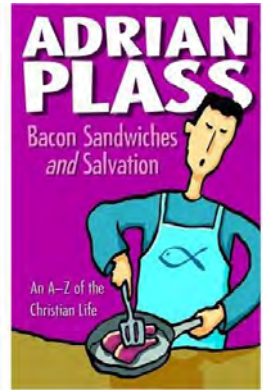
Adrian Plass works through the alphabet, combining one-line definitions with more thoughtful pieces - a laugh-out-loud book on Christians and Christian culture.

What are the two most important things in the universe? Bacon sandwiches and salvation, according to Adrian Plass. In this book, he combines one-line definitions with more thoughtful pieces, producing a volume that will make you laugh, cry - and reflect.

Examples:

- 'Doubt: more or less frequent visitor who should be allowed in when he knocks at the door and sat firmly down in a corner. As long as he is neither fed nor entertained he will usually get bored after a while and go away.'
- 'Ineffable: cannot be expressed in words (2) cannot be sworn at.'
- 'Oblivion: nothing to worry about.'
- 'Go in peace: (1) injunction to the congregation at the end of communion  
(2) something that is only possible for those blessed with an en-suite bathroom and toilet.'
- 'Pillar of the church: big thick thing that holds everything up and restricts vision.'

Adrian Plass is one of today's most successful Christian authors. He has written over twenty books in the last eighteen years, including 'The Son of God is Dancing'.



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## What kind of little girl was your mum?

1. My mum has always been my mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

## If you could change one thing about your mum, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head



# CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible

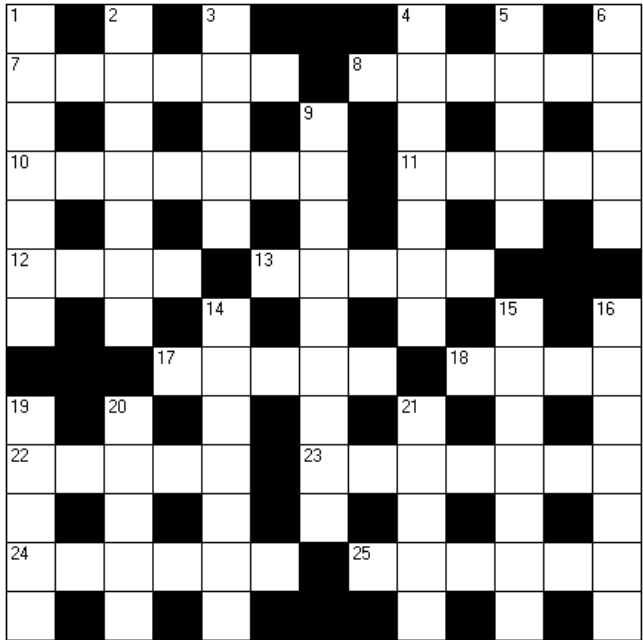
## Across

- 7 Decaying, like the wood in Job ch. 41 (6)
- 8 Description of the ceremony held by the Egyptians in Genesis ch. 50 (6)
- 10 OT book which tells of a census (7)
- 11 ..a Jew of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Benjamin (Esth 2.5) (5)
- 12 Garden home of Adam and Eve (4)

- 13 Father of David in 1 Samuel ch. 17 (5)
- 17 Container of oil in 1 Samuel ch. 10 (5)
- 18 Buddhist priest in Tibet (4)
- 22 Devotional song (5)
- 23 Ahab summoned him in 1 Kings ch. 18 (7)
- 24 His \_\_\_\_\_ are a fraud (Jer 10.14) (6)
- 25 Group of lines of verse (6)

## Down

- 1 Archbishop of Canterbury 1533-1556 (7)
- 2 Dismissed by the wicket-keeper (7)
- 3 Lips that speak knowledge are a rare one according to Proverbs ch. 20 (5)
- 4 Woman entertaining a guest or guests without payment (7)
- 5 King of Eglon in Joshua ch. 10 (5)
- 6 South American mountain range



- (5)
- 9 Christian festival ten days before Whitsunday (9)
- 14 Sleep, like the King of Assyria's shepherds in Nahum ch. 3 (7)
- 15 Countries (7)
- 16 Double veil worn by Moslem women in public (7)
- 19 Paul spoke of visiting here in Romans ch. 15 (5)
- 20 Watercourse in Daniel ch. 8 (5)
- 21 Religion (5)



# DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES JULY 2007

## July

Sun	1	Bride Valley Churches Lunch	Burton Bradstock Village Hall	12.30pm
		One World Worship	Othona Community	7.00pm
Tue	3	<b>ST THOMAS</b>		
		Lithe Litton Ladies	Litton Cheney Church Hall	4.30pm
		Parish Council Meeting	Puncknowle Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed	4	First Steps Toddler Group	Long Bredy Village Hall	10.00am
		Pop-in Day, BB Playgroup	Bindbarrow, Burton Bradstock	11.00am
		Conservation Area Consultation	Litton Cheney Church Hall	1.30pm
Thur	5	Thursday Fellowship		7.30pm
Fri	6	Conservation Area Consultation	Burton Bradstock Reading Rm	8.30am
		Puncknowle Art Group visit	Snape	10.30am
		Conservation Area Consultation	Pucknowle/Swyre Village Hall	1.30pm
		Fledgelings Promises Auction	Crown Inn, Puncknowle	7.30pm
		First Friday Christian Y C	Rectory, Burton Bradstock	6.30pm
Tue	10	WI "Verse & Worse"	Burton Bradstock Village Hall	
		Lithe Litton Ladies	Litton Cheney Church Hall	4.30pm
Wed	11	First Steps Toddler Group	Long Bredy Village Hall	10.00am
		Parish Council Meeting	Shipton Gorge Village Hall	7.30pm
		<b>Village Correspondents' Deadline for August BVN</b>		
Thur	12	Locals Day	Othona Community	10.30am
		Thursday Fellowship		7.30pm
		Sounds of Summer	Orthona Community	7.45pm
Fri	13	Tiny Tots Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock	10.00am
		RBL Annual BBQ	Portesham Village Hall	
		<b>Editor's Deadline for August BVN</b>		
Sat	14	Churchyard Working Party	Holy Trinity, Swyre	10.00am
		Village Walk	Litton Cheney Bus Shelter	10.00am
		Shipton Gorge Village Fete	St Martins, Shipton Gorge	2.00pm
Sun	15	Long Bredy Village Fete	Kingston Russell House	2.30pm
Tue	17	Lithe Litton Ladies	Litton Cheney Church Hall	4.30pm
Wed	18	First Steps Toddler Group	Long Bredy Village Hall	10.00am
		Playgroup Party	Rectory, Burton Bradstock	2.30pm
Thur	19	Thursday Fellowship		7.30pm
Fri	20	Puncknowle Art Group meeting	Crown Inn, Puncknowle	10.30am
		Shipton Gorge Ramblers	Brooke St Telephone Kiosk	10.30am
Sat	21	Archaeological Dig	Northover Cott. Long Bredy	
		Producers' Market	White Horse, Litton Cheney	9.30am

Sun	22	<b>ST MARY MAGDELENE</b>		
		Bellringers Anniversary Fete	Melbury Osmond	2.00pm
		Kite Flying for MAF	Bindbarrow, Burton Bradstock	2.30pm
Mon	23	Tickets for Burton Bradstock Music Festival	go on sale	
Tue	24	Lithe Litton Ladies	Litton Cheney Church Hall	4.30pm
Wed	25	<b>ST JAMES</b>		
		First Steps Toddler Group	Long Bredy Village Hall	10.00am
Thur	26	Conservation Area Consultation	Long Bredy Village Hall	8.30am
		Conservation Area Consultation	Shipton Gorge Village Hall	1.30pm
		MU Meeting	Rectory, Burton Bradstock	2.30pm
		Thursday Fellowship		7.30pm
Sat	28	Shipton Gorge Flower Show	Shipton Gorge Village Hall	8.45am
		Puncknowle Garden Fete	Puncknowle Manor	2.30pm
		RBL Branch Mtg	Portesham Methodist Hall	7.30pm
Sun	29	United Valley Service/Lunch	Littlebredy	11.00am
		Songs of Praise	Holy Trinity, Swyre	7.30pm
Mon	30	MU Wave Of Prayer	St Catherine's Cross, Shipton Gorge	10.30am

### August

Thur	2	Burton Bradstock Church Fete	Rectory, Burton Bradstock	2.00pm
Sun	5	One World Worship	Othona Community	7.00pm
	14-20	Burton Bradstock Music Festival		

### September

Sun	2	One World Worship	Othona Community	7.00pm
Sun	9	Bride Valley Churches Lunch	Burton Bradstock Village Hall	12.30pm
Sun	16	Closing date for entries, Burton Bradstock Digital Photo Competition		

### November

Sun	4	Bride Valley Churches Lunch	Burton Bradstock Village Hall	12.30pm
Sun		One World Worship	Othona Community	7.00pm

## *From the Editor:*

*some general observations, as Tony Blair steps down this month - from which you should draw no conclusions about anything.....*

Politics: The career of plundering and blundering – *Disraeli*

Politician: A fellow who shakes your hand before the election and shakes you after the election.

Nothing is politically right which is morally wrong. - *Daniel O'Connell*

War: a racket - *Major General Smedley D Butler.*

Truth: the first casualty in war - *Boake Carter*

## A MARRIAGE TO BE MADE IN HEAVEN

*On their way to get married, a young couple was involved in a fatal car crash. They found themselves outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven. While waiting, they begin to wonder: Could they possibly get married in Heaven?*

*When St. Peter showed up, they asked him. St. Peter said: "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out," and he left.*

*The couple sat and waited. Two months passed, and the couple were still waiting. As they waited, they discussed that IF they were allowed to get married in Heaven, SHOULD they? "What if it doesn't work?" they wondered. "Are we stuck together FOREVER?"*

*Finally St. Peter returned, looking somewhat ragged. "Yes," he informs the couple, "you CAN get married in Heaven.*

*"Great!" said the couple, "but we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?"*

*St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slammed his clipboard onto the ground. "OH, COME ON!" he shouted. "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have ANY idea how long it'll take me to find a solicitor?"*

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