

Bride Valley News

**February
2008**



A picture of St. Mary's Church, Litton Cheney, produced by digitally enhancing a panoramic photograph.

The process replicates what you might see if you took a large, polished ball bearing with you when you go sightseeing.

Picture by Simon Nobes of Litton Cheney

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February 14th is St Valentine's day. You may think that this is stating the obvious, but it's surprising how many gentlemen of age, wisdom and experience manage, to their cost, to overlook this important date. And so this rehearsal of the blindingly obvious is a reminder given in the interests of the domestic harmony of the Bride Valley. Chaps, please take note and do something about it now, because we all know how these dates do creep up on one. Ladies, out of the charity of your heart, leave this copy of the BVN lying about ostentatiously open at this page.

Now, the St Valentine of St Valentine's day may be one of two or three Saints of that name. No one has ever quite figured out which. The most likely candidate was a monk of a rather grumpy disposition, who was martyred in the 4th century, or some such time ago. It may seem strange that such a fellow is taken as the name of romance, as he never married nor even was likely to, but he himself is not the point.

The point is that St Valentine's day is the day when all the birds start making their nests, or so it was believed in years gone by, we are told, before the invention of ornithology. Nowadays, of course we know so much about the nesting habits of birds that we are in danger of forgetting the date of St Valentine's day. But time was when a Maid and her Swain, noting the billing and cooing in the cottage garden, would, we fondly imagine, gaze into each others eyes and wonder whether the whole of nature in its rejoicing was not telling them that it was time to put up the banns. Thus was the Valentine card industry born.

So here we have it. As unromantic a monk as one can imagine, whose name day happens to be that of a bit of natural nonsense, is the basis of our tender remembrances. A word of warning: do not, gentlemen, think of this line of argument as being a reason to overlook the feast. Do not count on this as being any sort of an excuse. Such a plea would go down badly, I fear. Best not to forget in the first place is my strong advice to you. Rather, consider how wonderful it is that from such an unlikely source spring words of love and gestures of gallant devotion. We might even be so



bold as to conclude that if love is found here, it may be found anywhere, or even everywhere if the spirit of St Valentine's day were to carry us to such a point of folly.

And ladies, please, be as kind and generous as you ever are. Be as true to the spirit of love as you could wish yourself to be. And when he murmurs gently in you ear the truly astonishing question, "How could I ever forget?" believe him. In such a way may God have mercy on us all.

LENT SERIES

A reminder that the Lent series this year will be held in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, on Wednesday evenings. The first is on the 13th February; then 20th and 27th February, 5th March and lastly 12th March. We will be looking at the 12 minor prophets, as they are called – the ones that come at the very end of the books of the Old Testament. The history of the times, poetry, politics, ethics, stories, and all about God in the life of the people; we will be turning over these things in the light of the way we live, and most needfully, I am sure, saying our prayers. The sessions start at 7.30 pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY 6TH FEBRUARY

Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes will take place at:

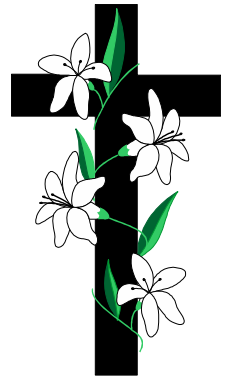
Swyre: 10.00am followed by coffee in church

Burton Bradstock: 7.00pm followed by coffee in the Rectory

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

The funeral of Dorothy Mabel Percy, wife of the late Harold Percy, whose funeral was recorded in last month's BVN, was held on Monday 10th November, just a week after that of her beloved husband. She was laid to rest with him in the cemetery at Burton Bradstock. The service, held in St Mary's Church, included a tribute and readings by her three sons, David, Richard and Douglas. The hymns, "The day thou gavest" and "Dear Lord and Father of mankind," were sung. The service sheet began with the words of R.L.Stevenson "So long as we love, we serve. So long as we are loved by others, I would say we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend." Her many friends were present to give thanks for the gift of her life.



On Monday December 10th , the Funeral was held in St Mary's Church, Puncknowle of Beryl Janet Truscott. She was borne from her house to the Church, followed by many family and friends. The Church itself was full to overflowing with those who remembered a kind and loving friend and neighbour. Her strong Christian faith was witnessed in the service of Holy Communion at which her husband Geoff told of her life; the struggles she underwent, to be succeeded by the happiness she found. Joseph, and friends from his school, played handbells. Prayers of thankful memory were made, and flowers carried to her coffin as people came to receive Communion. Many followed again to the cemetery where she was laid to rest.

"The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you

And give you peace"

VALLEY NOTES

BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES BRING & SHARE LUNCHES

St Mary's Burton Bradstock will once again be hosting a series of Bring & Share lunches throughout 2008 in Burton Village Hall. The dates for this year are:

Sunday 2nd March (Mothering Sunday)

Sunday 4th May

Sunday 6th July

Sunday 14th September

Sunday 2nd November

Please do join us after your church services. We begin lunch at 12.30pm.

There is no charge, all we ask is that you bring along a savoury or sweet item to put onto the buffet table. Tea, coffee, squash and water will be provided. All welcome.

Lesley Dove

BRIDE VALLEY BIBLE QUIZZES



The most exciting 'cliff-hanger' yet happened on January 7th. when West Bexington Juniors beat Little Bredy Juniors by a whisker. With a game each, the third could have gone either way as both teams were so good. The audience were sitting on the edge of their seats biting their nails when West Bexington clinched their victory by just 5 points. After the interval Burton Bradstock beat Shipton Gorge seniors 2-1.

The next 2 games are February 3rd at Littlebredy (3.00pm) and March 5th at Shipton Gorge (6.30pm).

Please watch the notice boards at the churches throughout the valley and in the two schools for further details - and come and support these last two games

Heather Rogers

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Our 2008 programme is now well under way and being finalised with some exciting new ideas. The first meeting which will take place on Wednesday 19th March at the Puncknowle Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. will be a garden design workshop led by our new Chair, Pauline Jones and another expert. Do you have a problem area in your garden – a damp dark corner, a dry spot under a wall, etc.? Please let the Secretary or Chair know your problem before the meeting and the panel will discuss and make practical suggestions. Everybody, member and non-member, is welcome.



JOBS TO DO:

Think about your plan for crop-rotation in the vegetable bed. Sow glasshouse tomatoes from mid-February onwards. Cut back ornamental grasses and other perennials left for winter interest.. Start pruning summer-flowering deciduous shrubs such as buddleia that flower on current year's growth.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Wednesday 19th March, Garden Design Workshop, 7.30 p.m. in Puncknowle Village Hall

*Pauline Jones, Chair. e-mail:pauline.j@virgin.net tel:01308 482588
Valerie Cameron, Secretary. e-mail:secretary.bvgc@virgin.net tel: 01308 482240*

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS' 'ALL FOR ONE'



The musical play 'All for One' to be staged this month by Burton Bradstock Players is based on Dumas' 'The Three Musketeers' and promises to be light hearted action packed entertainment ideal for all the family.

Performances will take place from Saturday 23rd February until Saturday 1st March in Burton Bradstock's Village Hall. The first performance on Saturday 23rd February is a matinee starting at 2pm. All other performances will start at 7.30pm every evening from Monday 25th February until Saturday 1st March.

Tickets will be on sale in the Reading Room in Burton Bradstock between 10am and 12.30pm every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday until

Thursday 21st February. The Reading Room is on the main coast road a few doors up the hill from the Three Horseshoes.
For more information telephone 01308 897879.

FIRST STEPS

It's great to see so many new families, babies & young children moving into the Bride Valley. Our Wednesday meetings are often busy with as many as 17 adults and 20+ babies/toddlers socialising and making new friends.



Our Christmas celebrations were a tremendous success. Gary & Sandra at the New Inn, Shipton Gorge hosted and catered for our Christmas party of 15 mums/carers on the night of 14th December. If you haven't already visited the New Inn then do so - the food was excellent and the recently refurbished venue maintains its "Olde Worlde" appeal.

For the children's Christmas Party we visited Jungle Jungle in Yeovil - a great place during these cold winter months for the little ones to burn off excess energy.

The regular Wednesday morning drop-in have resumed as usual at Long Bredy Village Hall 9.30-11.45. The Health Visitor visits us the 1st Wednesday of each month for weighing babies and general chats with those who have any concerns. Any queries, contact Barbara 482126.

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP



Charity Commission No. 1042713

The children returned to the playgroup today after the excitement of their Christmas holidays. A special thank you to everyone who made our Christmas party such a success.

Thanks to 'Hattie the clown' and her wonderful bubbles, John Lay-Flurrie and our special guest Father Christmas. Debbie kindly organised a raffle and we raised a total of £53 towards our playgroup funds. Thanks also to Ann-Marie, Audrey and Heather for organising the morning's activities, a highlight of which was the children's nativity play, this was thoroughly enjoyed by visiting parents, grand-parents and siblings. We were also joined by the Sails class from school.

The theme for this term is pets. We will be setting up a veterinary clinic in our home corner and various pets will be brought into playgroup for the children to meet.

Our lunch club starts again this term and will take place on Wednesdays from 12 noon - 1pm.

We have some places available and new children are always welcome. If you would like to visit us we are open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am – 12 noon.

Our playgroup leader Ann-Marie can be contacted on 07853 150467 or Audrey on 01308 897227

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

Welcome to 2 more little girls who joined the playgroup in January - Phoebe Smith and Ruby Betteridge.

Also a Big Welcome to Sonya Morgan who also joined us as part of our staff team, and new playleader working 3 days per week. Sonya comes with a wealth of experience from her days working at Bovingdon Nursery School.



This half term, we are learning all about ourselves - our bodies, where we live, our planet - even going to Outer Space! Activities so far have included family trees, photos of friends and pets, our houses where we live, and we will be celebrating the Year of the Rat for Chinese New Year. Our Dragon will be coming out of the school loft again!

Six of our children now have hot lunches on Tuesdays, provided via Thorner's School - and very tasty they are too. Most of our children stay to Lunch Club every day, bringing a packed lunch from home if they are not having the hot lunch option.

Our "Nestlings" sessions have started again on Thursday afternoons at 1.45pm in Fledglings Room at the school for younger children - these provide a bridge between Toddler Group and starting at the playgroup, when children and parents can become familiar with our environment and staff. A warm welcome awaits anyone who wants to drop in with their little one, and join in activities on offer - at only £1.50 per session including a snack and a drink.

For any information about the playgroup - please do not hesitate to contact us at school on 482410, or Carol Bennett on 897771, or Rachel Maltby on 482246.

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

February half term, at least for me, marks the real start of the New Year. It probably has something to do with the beginnings of lighter evenings and mornings and the feeling that Spring is hopefully not too far away. Last month the Life Education Van joined us for two days; Class 4 visited Salisbury Cathedral as part of their RE topic; the football team

played at home to Maiden Newton in the next round of the Kenway Cup (score unknown at time of going to print); and the PTA ran a quiz evening at Freshwater – always popular. Thus life is as full as ever.

It is always difficult to predict the future though one certainty is a continuation of the endless stream of government ‘initiatives’. As we face the challenges of the coming months I am again reminded of the Chinese proverb, “Better to have tried and failed than not to have tried at all.” None of us are robots so we shall simply do all that is humanly possible and realistic in the circumstances. If that is not good enough – too bad!

Mark Stratta

100 CLUB DECEMBER

£20 - Margaret & Tom Holmes

£10 - Jean Bowles

£5 - Mandy Burwood

£10 - Phillip & Barbara Fry

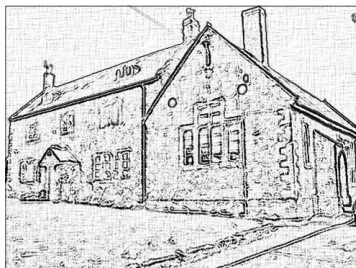
£10 - Mrs Starkey

£10 - M. Stroud

£10 - Sam VanZyl

THORNER’S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

This half-term Bredy, that is pupils aged 7,8,9, will be taking a trip to Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre to undertake some activities on orienteering and team building. Staff from the centre will be visiting the school to work with Chesil, our youngest pupils, activities will be based on early map reading skills and orienteering. These activities both at the centre and here in the school, are very



practical and hands-on fun based. I can remember one year when I entered the classroom to discover it more like a spiders web with ropes all around joining tables and chairs and the children were crawling and climbing to follow a path. It was lovely to hear all the chatter and feel the fun they were having; it was as if they were thinking, “This is not work, what is our teacher thinking about, calling this learning?”

Pupils in Eggardon, 9, 10, 11 year olds will be making weekly trips to Bridport Leisure Centre to make use of the swimming pool and other facilities such as trampolining, squash, badminton and handball. During the summer term we use our swimming pool for lessons but most of the children in Eggardon are competent swimmers and they need to be challenged so deeper water and longer lengths provide that opportunity.

100 CLUB WINNERS

DECEMBER	£15 Bridget Wetherall (friend of school) £10 Sharon Parrott
JANUARY	£15 Pauline Macauley (Governor) £10 Pam Massey

The money for this year has been used to purchase a weather station for the school. If I have missed anyone who would like to join, please get in touch, or ask at the school office for a form. Your continued support is much appreciated. Thank you to everyone.

Any queries, please feel free to speak to Caroline Cox or contact the school office.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In our January meeting with an excellent turnout of over 50+ members plus 4 guests, we heard Nick Tomlinson from RSPB Weymouth Reserves of Radipole and Lodmoor, with an excellent back up of slides illustrating some of the rare birds on these urban sites. Nick was so enthusiastic most of us were spellbound - he told of the sedge and reed warblers, the small egret, the migrant teal, the tern, kingfisher, grebe, the rare pochard and the very rare bittern that can be seen in the reed beds there. There are guided walks, but also you can visit yourselves - with binoculars, might be worth the visit.

This year the New Year party has had to be cancelled due to lack of support - possibly something later in the year.

On 12th February at 2.30pm, we have Mark Stainer, a Head Gardener who will be talking on "Cottage Gardens and the History of Margaret Fish".

The usual groups will take place during the month - the Walking Group, the Reading Group, the Bridge group, the Mahjong group and the Embroidery group: as there are so many it is better to check the notice board outside the hall to check you have the right date and venue.

DIGITAL PHOTO COMPETITION for 2008:

It has been decided once again to run a competition as follows:

Topic "Wildlife in Burton Bradstock in 2008".

The parish is particularly rich in wildlife and we welcome pictures of all species ideally shown in their local context. **QUALITY & ORIGINALITY** will score highest points!!

Prizes: Adults: £100, £50 and £25: Under 16s £50, £25 and £15



Under 16s must be under 16 at 16th Sept. 2008 and supply their date of birth with their entries

Entries will be accepted up to 16th September 2008 inclusive: open to anyone, anywhere, including holiday makers, visitors etc., but excluding Burton Bradstock ONLINE & Burton Bradstock Village Web Site Committee members.

'Wildlife' means all non-domesticated plants, animals, and other organisms

Max number of pictures - 10 per person

Photographs must be original work of the sender & be taken after 1st January 2008. Remember to respect wildlife and do not disturb or remove any specimens to make your entries.

For full details go to <http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk/AAA%20photo%20competition%202008/Photocompetition%202008.html>

A parallel inter-class competition will again be held at Burton Bradstock School sponsored by Burton Bradstock ONLINE.

Ken Pett 897550



OPEN GARDENS

The garden of the Old Rectory, Litton Cheney will be open on Saturday and Sunday February 2 & 3 from 2.00-4.30pm for snowdrops and hellebores, in aid of the National Gardens Scheme.

Entry £3, accompanied children free.

Carol Lindsay

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

For the past forty years Greta Heal has been the local representative of the Children's Society, organising the home box scheme, the Christingle Service at St.Mary's and the carol singing around the village. Each year she has raised hundreds of pounds for this very special charity and she is owed a very big "Thank You" for all she has done for the Children's Society.

Pauline Woodford has now agreed to take over from Greta and will be organising the fund raising events in the future, so if you have not yet received a Children's Society box, please contact her on 01308 898327 and she will be pleased to arrange one for you. In addition, the Children's Society are asking for any old mobile phones that you no longer need. Each phone they receive, with or without the power supply, will mean extra funds for the Society. They are also asking for any old foreign coins you might have lying in a drawer... Old Spanish Pesetas, French



With children, for children, with you

Francs, Greek Drachmas as well euros and dollars – they’re all needed and will make a difference to some child, somewhere. Hunt them out now and contact Pauline who will arrange to deliver them to the Society.

THE DORSET BLIND ASSOCIATION

Hi, my name is Karen , and I am the new Home visiting coordinator for the Dorset Blind Association.

There are few guarantees in life, but growing old is one of them. For some of us, that also means coping with those annoying little ailments or a more serious illness, loss of a loved one or perhaps a disability.

Any sensory loss can be devastating and it can be desperately isolating.

At the Dorset Blind Association our 2,000 visually impaired or blind members benefit from all year round support provided by a great team of volunteers.

Taking ones sight for granted is easy.... When you loose it, it can be daunting and life can suddenly be a different and difficult place! Imagine.. Close your eyes, wander around the house you know so well. Experience the darkness.

There are over 6,500 blind or visually impaired people in Dorset alone, and we are here to help them, but we can’t do it without YOU. We need more volunteers

We provide training and support for all our volunteers and there is a choice of fulfilling roles to choose from, we also pay mileage and expenses. It’s fun and rewarding and you will meet some pretty amazing people. If you have a few hours to spare, why not become part of our local team?

Please call Kaz on 01308 898726

Don’t take things for granted, and give a little back! Make 2008 a brighter year.



FOUR “HEAD GARDENERS” IN THE ANDES

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



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

Computers are useless. They can only give you answers.

Pablo Picasso

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S, BURTON BRADSTOCK

CHURCH FETE 7TH AUGUST 2008

An Important Date to note in your diary – the Church Fete this year will take place in the Rectory Garden on Thursday 7th of August.

As always new ideas and plenty of volunteers are needed so, if you can help in any way, please make contact. (01308 897408)

Peter Broomhead Co-ordinator

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES



The Children's Society

With children, for children, with you

Despite a very cold evening, thanks to Roy we had a lovely jolly crowd to help with the carol singing around the village. As usual we had our wonderful little collectors Holly & Joe helping granddad, although we did miss Basil, and also Wynn with her lovely voice. Dear Val and Derek sent round a basket of goodies for the singers as they always do each year, and our lovely couple up at Howarths Close got out the mulled wine, a nice warmer to help us on our way! Archie Mackie kept us in line, and at the end of the evening, for the first time we were invited to The Three Horseshoes by Pam and Paul, who laid on super eats and lots of hot punch. My many thanks to everyone who helped to make this evening a success, we collected £160 for the Children's Society, which has been sent to our local centre in Weymouth. We also sent the proceeds from the Christingle, £68, which sadly is our lowest to date. A further £414.01 was sent to the Children's Society headquarters from our charity box contributors. Many thanks to them all for their regular support.

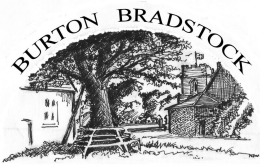
It is with a little sadness, but also relief that I tell you it was my last year of being the Honorary Secretary, Pauline Woodford is kindly taking over from me. I hope you will give her the support you have always given me for the last 40 years. Without your regular help at Sales, Coffee mornings and Cream teas etc etc. I couldn't have managed without you all. A VERY BIG THANKYOU.

Greta Heal

BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE GROUP

The only meeting in the Village Hall will be on Tuesday 5th February at 2pm. For further information please phone 898117





BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

The December Meeting saw a welcome return of David Taylor who, ably assisted by his wife Wendy, gave us an insight into programme making at the BBC.

He described his career on the studio floor working on programmes as diverse as *Panorama*, the last *Billy Cotton Bandshow* and *Dad's Army*.

We were told of the origins of such catch phrases as "They don't like it up em", "Don't panic" and "Stupid Boy"

He explained about his work as the Director of *Blankety Blank* and *Bob's Full House* and some of the *Paul Daniel's* magic tricks,

The real highlights, however, came from the *Generation Game* which David produced for several years. These were shown on video clips and had everyone roaring with laughter. None of us can possibly forget the lady making a duck face, or the antics after a show when contestants had to remove wet suits. There were so many funny happenings to appreciate, that we were totally exhausted!!

We understand that there may be still more in David's archives as yet unseen in Burton Bradstock so hopefully there may be another opportunity in 2008.

We were able to recover from our aching sides with mulled wine and delicious mince pies which were very much appreciated.

FUTURE MEETINGS

On Friday, 8th of February (check your diaries, I mistakenly billed it for the 4th last time), Paul Atterbury, well-known to regular TV viewers, will present "Behind the scenes at the Antique Road Show". His recent talk in the Eype Centre for the Arts attracted a full house and was both amusing and informative. Please do not, however, bring things for him to look at.

Following that, on Friday the 7th of March, Bob Mizon from Wimborne, a well-known lecturer who operates the Mizar Travelling Planetarium, will talk on "The Importance of the Sun" followed by brief information on "Astronomical developments to look out for".

BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

This is an update on where the Burton Bradstock Library Working Group (BBLWG) have got to with our efforts to keep the Library building in Burton Bradstock and maintain the present opening hours.

In September the Dorset County Council (DCC) invited the 13 rural libraries, threatened with closure, to consider taking over their library buildings and accepting



responsibility for their operating costs. In some cases this might be on the basis of a long lease at a peppercorn rent or through purchase of the building at the estimated "community use" valuation. In either case the building would continue to operate as a library although the DCC would encourage other community activities which were compatible. This was a welcomed breakthrough since it meant the library building would remain a community facility for the foreseeable future.

Three of the 13 libraries have expressed an interest: Burton Bradstock, Charmouth and Colehill. All three have attended a meeting with the DCC on 29th January to explore these proposals. Burton Bradstock was represented by Mike Southgate, Chairman of the Parish Council, Archie Mackie Chairman of the Finance sub-committee and myself, representing the BBLWG.

Since last September the BBLWG has been doing a "due diligence" exercise to establish what the estimated costs would be of running the library building. This has been established and was discussed with the Chairman of the Parish Council and the Finance sub-committee on 22 November. A provisional business plan is being worked out to establish how these costs would be met.

Currently the DCC proposes to spread the cuts to opening hours across the library service. Burton Bradstock's hours would be reduced from 10 to 6 hours per week, although this is now unlikely to take place before the autumn. There has been a further complication which may delay things. The Dorset Library Service considers the current on-line system is too complex to be used by volunteers (a view not shared by everyone) and that a new (and expensive) self-service system needs to be introduced before volunteers can be involved. In January, representatives of the 13 libraries, of whom I am one, attended demonstrations of the Library on-line system and of the self service technology system already installed in Salisbury Library. Hopefully some sort of consensus will emerge that will enable a realistic time scale to be established.

R.J. Hynds Chairman of BBLWG

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 898222

ARTSREACH – Saturday 16 February 2008

"THE POLISH PLAY" which has been touring to great acclaim is coming to Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday February 16th. It is a unique piece of theatre and storytelling that begins in a W.I. Hall and ends in a Village Dance. It is more an event than a play and is a funny, affectionate and touching story about belonging. Told with



live music it will appeal to all over the age of seven.

Carol Zepanski dreams of returning to the village where 60 years ago his father, a Polish Air Force Officer met his mother at a village dance. Basha Zepanski, his wife, searches for the ideal sausage...!

"It is telling Poland's stories - and we are listening, entranced" - Somerset Village Promoter.

Tickets can be obtained by ringing 01308 897214 and from Burton Bradstock Post Office. Prices are £7 adult, £5 under 18 and £20 family ticket (two adult and two children).

Norman Saunders-White - Promoter for Artsreach - 01308 897214

FUTURE DATES for your 2008 Diary at Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

Barn Dance – Saturday 8 March

Quiz Night – Saturday 19 April

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

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL “200 CLUB”

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

January 2008 Draw

1 st	£39.20	No 633	Mr C R Harrington
2 nd	£19.60	No 695	Miss G Acors
3 rd	£ 9.80	No 634	Mrs M Bailey

Congratulations to the winners:

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the February-December draws should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £11 – one pound for each of the remaining 11 draws in the year.

There are double prizes in the December draw.

BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL 2008

ADVANCE NOTICE

To help with holiday planning for those of you who might like to attend this year's festival, it will take place during the week 18th to 23rd August.

Mike Southgate, Chairman BB Festival Committee. (897487)

DOG FOULING IS AGAINST THE LAW

Thank you to all those responsible dog owners who clear up after their dogs.

For the few who don't, when taking your DOGS for a walk, please remember to pick up your poo

PLEASE TAKE YOUR PARCELS HOME THANK YOU

Residents of 12-15 Grove Orchard



CLEAN IT UP!



HOME WATCH

COLD CALLING CONTROL ZONE

Just a reminder to all Burton Bradstock residents that you should by now have received or are about to receive a short questionnaire giving some details to do with what this scheme is trying to achieve in addition to asking one or two questions about doorstep trading. It is to your benefit that the Home Watch Team get a clear understanding of your views on cold callers, uninvited traders, your rights and the level of support you would be willing to give this scheme. Once again, if you have any questions about this crime reducing project you can contact me on 897905 or email on AlistairBristoll@aol.com

Home Watch Team

THE GREAT ANNUAL BURTON BRADSTOCK



PTA DUCK RACE

EASTER SUNDAY

23rd MARCH

BURTON BRADSTOCK ON THE GREEN

Ducks away 2.00pm from the bridge

Easter Bonnet Competition, The Best Tombola in Town

Many stalls. Ice Cream

Stalls open from 1.30

Prizes for winning ducks & best Easter Bonnet

Buy your ducks early to avoid disappointment

from Burton Bradstock School, Post Office or Garage from

February 25th. £1 only

Skill without imagination is craftsmanship and gives us many useful objects such as wickerwork picnic baskets. Imagination without skill gives us modern art.

Tom Stoppard, "Artist Descending a Staircase"

LONG BREDY

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BRIDELANDS, LONG BREDY
TEL: 482269



THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, held on 15th December with Captain Stupid and Father Christmas, was a very happy occasion. Thanks to everyone involved.

THE BELL FUNDRAISING for Long Bredy Church is progressing. On Saturday 2nd February there will be Soup and Sale in the Village Hall 12 – 2:30pm. The draw for tickets on the bell-rope will take place and there are many good prizes. So, do come and join us for this village gathering.



The annual Frugal Lunch will be on 14th February at Langebride at 12:45pm. The Charity this year is The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.



A FIRST GRANDCHILD for Mervyn and Rachel Hayes: Layla Ella, a daughter for Mark and Roxanne. Congratulations to them all.

FAREWELL to two of our village artists, Jim Sage and Jane Ashcombe, who have left Bottle Knap Cottage, having lived in Long Bredy for many years.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to raise just under £40 (£51.28 with Gift Aid) for the NSPCC by making a donation for the mistletoe from our garden for their Christmas decorations.

Mike and Valerie Shepherd

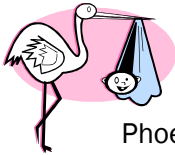
LITTLEBREDY

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MANY THANKS for all the generosity shown by all those who brought contributions to the farewell supper in honour of Chris and Judy Yates at Bridehead on the 11th January. It was a fine Littlebredy occasion, and an opportunity to express appreciation for all they have done here over the years. We hope they felt duly gratified by the event, and will have happy recollections to remember us all by.






CONGRATULATIONS to Jonathan and Amy at Winterbourne Lodge on the safe birth of Phoenix around Christmas time, a new brother for Jaego. Welcome to Phoenix, and may their family life be enriched by the new arrival.

AND WELCOME in another sense too to Lucie Milner, from Burton Bradstock, who has moved her “Fresh Face” business to The Old Forge, next to Phil Hallett’s workshop. This is not a cosmetics concern, as it may sound, but she gives a new look and lease of life to faded or tired furniture. If adverts – well, plugs anyway – are allowed in this editorial section, no doubt she will welcome enquiries from near at hand, if anyone drops in to make themselves known.

Most people will already know that the Social Club’s **BINGO EVENING**, planned for January 18th, has had to be postponed, and will now take place in the Village Hall on Friday 15th February instead. The bar will be open from 7.00 p.m., and the kick-off (or eyes down, rather, as it is apparently technically known) will be at 7.30 p.m. Let us hope for a good level of support for the new committee.



Finally, talking of plugs, it would be good to think that England’s National Bowls selectors are avid readers of the “Echo” and heed the advice of its bowls correspondent, who went into print earlier this month, advocating a national trial for **ANNETTE HALLETT** on the strength of her local performances. We’re all rooting for you now, Annette!

<p>LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: JOHN YATES 2, SUNNYSIDE COTTAGE, LITTON CHENEY yjohnyates@aol.com Tel: 01308 482585</p>	
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FROM ST. MARY’S PCC - ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE

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

Wendy Taylor, PCC Secretary Tel: 482532 taylor@bridevalley.com

THANKYOU

Cassie, Kyle, Callum and Rosie would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, cards and and consideration following our recent loss. The kindness and prayers of regulars and others is appreciated.

Cassie Williamson. White Horse Inn"

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

CAROL SINGING

Carol singing around the village raised £270 for Julia's House charity. Thank you to Chris and Irene Coville and to David Bethel for providing warming and welcome refreshments to sustain the singers. Friday evening ended at the White Horse where Cassie provided mince pies and mulled wine and those assembled joined in for more carols and Christmas songs. Thank you to everyone for your support and generosity.

FUTURE EVENTS

The next village walk, weather permitting, will be on Saturday 9th February. Meet at the bus shelter at 10am.

REFLECTIONS ON 2007

Many events in 2007 proved to be popular and highly successful - the Duck Race, Village Voices (never have so many people been on a Litter Pick), the BBQ (reportedly the best ever) the Barn Dance and of course the Village Walks. Thank you to everyone for your support throughout the year.

If you would like to help with the organisation of the above events, have ideas for new events or wish to join the committee please contact Ron Davidson on 482661 or Sheila Davison on 482262. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sheila Davison Secretary LCSC 482262

LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL (LATCH) NEWS

Since our last update further funds in excess of £10,000 have flowed into the community fund and we are within catching distance of our goal of £400,000.

As we speak tender documentation for building the community hall is being prepared and plans are in place for construction work to begin in the spring. All being well this will mean a new community hall will be standing proudly adjacent to the school come the end of 2008. We do however still need your continued support and donations and we hope that will be forthcoming in the various fundraising events that are being arranged in 2008.

Please visit www.littoncheney.org.uk for updated news, fund barometer and details of how you can contribute to LATCH funds when purchasing goods online and at no additional cost to yourself.



For more information on LATCH and how you can contribute please contact Ron Davidson (482661) or John Firrell (482313). Many thanks.



A NEW SEASON OF PRODUCERS' MARKETS IN LITTON CHENEY

The batteries have been recharged, the enthusiasm re-ignited and dates have been set for this year's markets.

Saturday 17th May will be the first market of the year, and allows for our local food producers and their products to emerge from winter into spring, and bring you the very best in local, seasonal, sometimes organic, invariably free range and ethical produce.

Further markets will be held on the third Saturday of June, July, August, September, October and November and we remain hopeful that November's Christmas Producers' Market will be in the new community hall.

The Litton Retailers Association who put the markets together are a small, dedicated and hard working band of friendly people but they would like to be bigger number-wise. If you would like to help and add to their numbers, they would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Sallie Firrell (482313) or Wendy Taylor (482532).

Wendy would also like to hear from any aspiring or established local producers who would like to participate in the markets. We are constantly hearing how popular farmers'/producers' markets are becoming and there is tremendous potential in making your products available via this avenue. Thank you for your continued support in 2008.

SHIPTON GORGE

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PARISH PLAN 2008-2200

To assist with the production of the Parish Plan for Shipton Gorge it will be useful to update information gathered for the last Village Appraisal in 2003/4. Any family that has moved into the village since 2003 and did not complete an appraisal form at that time is invited to collect a form from the New Inn. On completion the form can be returned to the New Inn.

Please note that the completed forms will be treated in the strictest confidence and information drawn from them will not be attributable to any individual or property.

VILLAGE SOCIETY

The Village Society AGM will be in the Village Hall on Monday 4th February starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

There will be a **Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper** in the Village Hall on Friday 29th February starting at 7pm. Tickets £6.50 available from Sally Parker.

Falconry and Birds of Prey will be the subject of a talk being given by Jonathan Marshall in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th March starting at 7.30pm. Jonathan will be bringing several of his birds of prey with him. Tickets £5 available from Sally Parker.



Taunton Races. This trip will be on 18th April leaving the New Inn at 3.45pm in time for the first race at 5.20pm. The last race is at 8.00pm and the return from Taunton will be at 9.15pm back to the New Inn for a Casserole and Dumpling Supper. £25 all inclusive.

Please sign list at the New Inn.

Sally Parker 897168



ARTSREACH THE MAD WOMAN IN THE ATTIC WEDNESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

This show is by the Boiling Theatre Company and is set in a rural community in Somerset. It is a humorous, poignant play that challenges preconceptions about “senior citizens” in a world dominated by youth culture. It will strike a chord with anyone who is going grey and give their younger friends and relations a new perspective! Granny getting to grips with technology produces some surprising results!

This show will be seated in the traditional theatre style with tickets at £6 each available from Doris Benselin on 897562.

Please support Artsreach and the wonderful theatre that these performers bring to our village.

VILLAGE CAROL SINGERS

Many thanks to the happy band of singers who braved the cold on the 19th December last year to raise funds for Save the Children. We managed to fill our collecting boxes with £132.64 – a very good effort, and well done everyone. It was a great evening out, especially as we ended up in the New Inn where we thawed out and enjoyed some liquid refreshment!

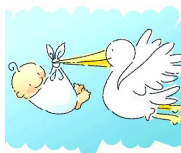


Janet Lane

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

JANUARY DRAW

£10	No 17	Ambrose Smith
£20	No 39	Brenda Lavelle



NEW ARRIVAL

Pete and Sue Bowditch are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their fourth grandchild to Stephen and Sam. Oliver Reuben, who weighed in at 6lb 3oz, was born at Dorchester County Hospital on Friday 21st December 2007 at 11.50pm. Congratulations from proud grandparents.

SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY – ASH WEDNESDAY.

10.00am service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes.

The ceremony of ashes, a sign of repentance and a symbol of mortality, is an option within the service for members of the congregation.

Everyone is welcome to this service and to stay for coffee afterwards.

THURSDAY 7TH FEBRUARY - 2.30PM

PCC meeting at Hollybush.

SUNDAY 2ND MARCH IS MOTHERING SUNDAY.

On Saturday 1st from 10am we will be collecting flowers in the churchyard and making posies to give to the ladies of the church on Sunday. Children and adults will be most welcome to come along and help with this. If you have any small spring flowers in your garden we would appreciate them, as there may not be many in the churchyard so early in the year!

On Sunday 2nd our Mothering Sunday Service will be at 3.30pm and will be followed by tea and cake. All will be most welcome to join us.

Yvonne Buckland and Vera Hirst, Churchwardens.

There is a theory which states that if ever anybody discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There is another theory which states that this has already happened. **Douglas Adams** (science fiction novelist 1952 - 2001)

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

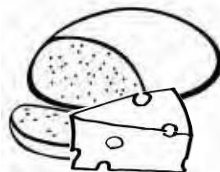
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LENT FRUGAL LUNCH

This will be held on Wednesday 27 February in the Hall from 12.30pm. Come and join us for home made soup, bread and cheese. The collection will be for a practical project for helping the Third World through help in restocking their livestock.

Ann Roberts



ART CLUB

We must thank Sallie for a very interesting talk on her visit to a special exhibition in France on the 100th anniversary of the death of Cézanne. His studio was just as he left it. We were treated to photos and paintings of the area.

Our last meeting of the year was a Quiz set by Sallie, followed by Xmas lunch. A merry time was had by all.

On Feb 8th and 22nd we hope to meet at The Crown but should this change, members who may have missed meetings are free to check with me.



CAROL SINGING ROUND THE VILLAGE

This raised £200 for the children's charity 'Life Education Dorset'. This provides support for schools providing health and drug education to children of primary school age. Very many thanks to all who sang and contributed.



Ann Roberts.

BRIDE VALLEY CRAFTERS

The Bride Valley Crafters will be meeting at Puncknowle Village Hall on the first Thursday of the month from 2pm to 4pm. Come along on February 6th - all are welcome. Bring your tapestry, patchwork, quilting, lace-making, whatever you make and enjoy getting ideas from other crafters in a convivial atmosphere.

For further information contact Penny Pither 897724

PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL.

QUIZ EVENINGS

The next Quiz Evening will be on Friday 29th February at 7.30 for 8pm commencement.

The March Quiz Evening will be on the last Friday (28th) as usual.

100CLUB

It is hoped to start a 100 Club commencing in April. Please look out for further details soon.

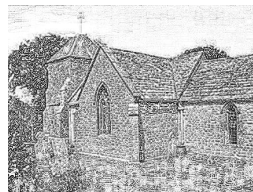
BINGO

We will be holding an Easter Family Bingo Evening on Saturday 8th March at 7.30 for an 8pm start.

HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Village Hall Management Committee holds regular meetings to discuss future plans, fundraising and Hall improvements. The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd March at 7.30pm and all residents of Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington would be welcome to attend to hear what we discuss and perhaps offer their ideas for future activities. We look forward to seeing you.

Sid Marshall 897318



BEYOND THE VALLEY

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FROM GUYANA

This year the special annual service will be held at St Mary's Bridport, South Street, on Friday March 7th at 10.30 am. This is an important service of unity with more than 180 countries across the globe as we all come together in prayer.

Last year's service was devised by the women of Paraguay; this year from the women of Guyana.

This country of the Caribbean is known as the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, where, despite many cultural and economic problems, the people stand tall with

unshakeable optimism.

All (men and women) are welcome at this special service from South America, on March 7th. Let's take this opportunity to support, in some small way, our many sisters throughout the world.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH)

It is with regret that we record the death of Kenneth Webley. Ken was Branch Chairman for many years until forced to give up owing to failing health three years ago. He was as instrumental as anyone in the dramatic increase of membership of the Branch, and he led us in a caring and meticulous manner. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Olivia and family.



We also record the death of Nellie Humpherstone who was formerly a Branch member and latterly a staunch supporter of the Women's Section. We shall all miss Nell's engaging smile with which she greeted everyone. Four Branch members attended the RBL County Conference at Blandford on 13th January.

Holiday on Ice "Romanza": for those lucky enough to have pre-booked tickets, the coach will pick up as follows: Tuesday, 19th February, at Steepleton Pond at 5.30pm, Kings Arms Portesham at 5.40pm and Abbotsbury Square at 5.45pm: fare £10 each.

The show starts at 7.30 p.m. Prior to that the arena café will be open for drinks and light snacks.

Our Annual Branch Dinner takes place at Upwey Wishing Well Restaurant by kind permission of Peter and Pauline Waring, at 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Friday 28th March, 2008, in the presence of the County President. Full details of the menu and transport arrangements will appear in the next Branch Newsletter. If being a non-member you would like to join us as a 'guest', or bring a friend, let me know in good time.

Members who would like to attend National Conference at Stockport on 17-18th May, should inform the Secretary now, so that 'visitors' passes can be obtained in advance.

ICELAND TOUR: I have a very few seats left for this 8-day tour, so if you are quick you may be lucky!

Des Baker (Branch Vice Chairman) Tel 01305 267617

BRIDPORT CAMERA CLUB

FEBRUARY DATES:

Wednesday 6th February, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay: Club Competition No.4: Nature; Judge: Barry Mead. For more information call 01308 459443 or check www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk

Tuesday 20th February, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay: Beaminster Camera Club Visits Bridport Camera Club. For more information call 01308 459443 or check www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk

MARCH DATES:

Wednesday 5th March, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay: Club Competition No.5: Open; judge Barry Bluer. For more information call 01308 459443 or check www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk

Wednesday 19th March, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay: a talk on Holiday Snaps by Sheila Reid & Peter Reid. For more information call 01308 459443 or check www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk



LIONS CLUB OF BRIDPORT

Once again this year Bridport Lions will be holding their Easter fund raising in aid of local charities. Last year's main beneficiary was the Air Ambulance, which received £1000. All funds raised go to charity. Would you like to help?



Are you a local publican, shopkeeper or restaurateur who would like to help local causes by hosting one of our giant Easter Eggs? Maybe you have a club that you think would like to join in.

Bridport Lions provide the Eggs and everything needed to help your collection. You just encourage your customers to take part and distribute the Eggs to the lucky winners. Easy with such delicious prizes!

Want to know more? Then contact John Webb on 01308 456904.

CHECIL BANK PRE-SCHOOL ABBOTSBURY

We are holding a fundraising Fashion Show on Friday 7th March at 7.30pm in Portesham Village Hall. Tickets cost £5 (including a complimentary glass of wine). For more details contact Alison Roberts 01305 871051

A former bishop of Exeter was renowned for his bad memory. On one occasion he was travelling by train to a certain part of his diocese. Before he reached his destination the ticket collector appeared demanding to see all tickets. The bishop groped his way through this pocket and that, inside his purple cassock and out, but no ticket could be found. Finally the ticket collector lost patience and said: 'Tha's o'right bishop. We all know you's an harness man. It don't matter.'

'Oh indeed it does!' replied the bishop. 'Without that ticket I shan't know where to get off this train!'

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

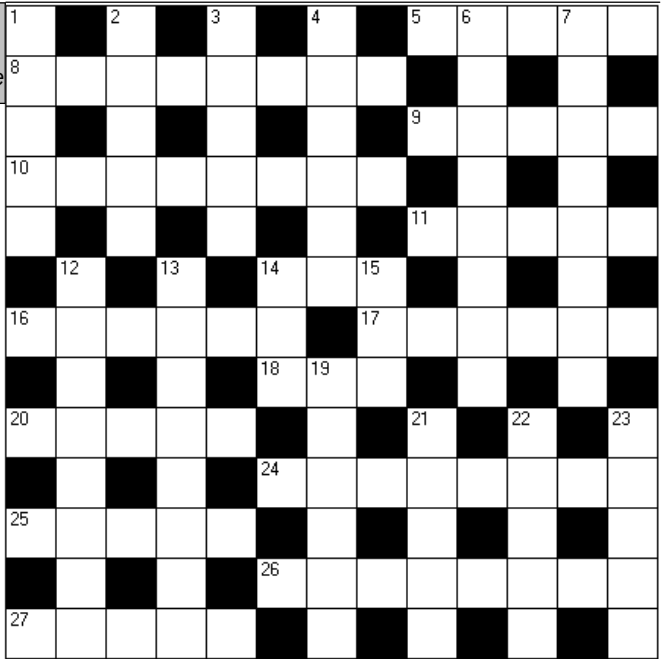
www.westbexington.org.uk



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IN COLOUR, on the
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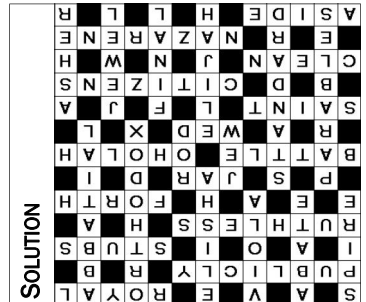
ACROSS

- 5 Regal, like the bride in Psalm 45 (5)
- 8 not _____, but in secret (John 7.10) (8)
- 9 The two in Isaiah ch. 7 are described as smouldering (5)
- 10 As cruel as the bible without its eighth book? (8)
- 11 Scottish river (5)
- 14 A woman in Matthew ch. 26 had an alabaster one (3)
- 16 For which the Philistines gathered at Pas Dammim in 2 Samuel ch. 23 (6)
- 17 Older of two prostitutes in Ezekiel ch. 23 (6)
- 18 Marry (3)
- 20 Person of great holiness (5)
- 24 All Israel, aliens and _____ alike (Jos 8.33) (8)
- 25 Joshua had such a turban put on his head in Zechariah ch. 3 (5)
- 26 Mark ch. 16 describes Jesus as such a person (8)
- 27 Stage whisper (5)

- 12 Stories told by Jesus (8)
- 13 ..using the cubit of the old _____ (2 Chr 3.3) (8)
- 14 eg Aquila in Acts ch. 18 (3)
- 15 He who spares it hates his son, according to Proverbs ch. 13 (3)
- 19 Tishbite prophet in 1 Kings ch. 17 (6)
- 21 ..transfer of property to become _____ (Ruth 4.7) (5)
- 22 Precious stone, to which Isaiah ch. 13 compares Babylon (5)
- 23 Second son of Jacob and Zilpah in Genesis ch. 30 (5)

Down

- 1 Pointed top to a church tower (5)
- 2 Diminish (5)
- 3 Stringed instrument (5)
- 4 Son of Shaphat in 1 Kings ch. 19 (6)
- 6 Pertaining to the Eastern church (8)
- 7 Belonging to an abbey (8)



St James the Least of All

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

On how to survive a parish retreat

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

We have just returned from our annual parish three day retreat at St. Epiphanius' Priory - although the chick pea soup lunches and kidney bean casserole dinners ensured it was a far from silent retreat. We had the usual attendees: those husbands who see it as an opportunity to stop their wives talking, however briefly; those wives who can keep their husbands temporarily from the nineteenth hole at the golf club; and those who want to see if it could be a suitable community to persuade an inconvenient relative to join.

It can come as quite a shock for first-timers; the ladies are appalled to discover that there is neither coffee shop nor hairdressers and the men that there is no bar or billiards table. The resident community certainly frowned on the four male members discovered silently pushing a car down the drive late one evening before starting it at the main gates as they escaped to the nearest pub. Those of us who are older hands know to bring our own supplies - carefully wrapped, so that the clinking of bottles is not too obvious as one ascends the main staircase. The near universal retreat to bedrooms before lunch and dinner is less an opportunity for quiet reflection and more one for a restorative sherry.

The more experienced also know that temperatures in the house make Siberia appear tropical. All the movement and hand waving during Services is less charismatic enthusiasm and more an attempt to maintain blood flow to the extremities. The series of addresses given by an aged member of the community are most useful for planning the weekend shopping list.

That some of our party fell asleep during the addresses was excusable; that the person giving them also occasionally did so, was not.

During one stroll round the gardens, I noticed clouds of smoke coming from behind the hedges near the chapel. My hope that it was parishioners experimenting with incense to be used in church on our return was soon crushed when I found it was a group of hardened parishioners topping up their nicotine levels. Seeing them nervously huddled in the shrubbery made one think of schools and bike sheds. I now find it difficult not to picture them all in short trousers and wearing caps.

And so we return, knowing that we have done our bit once again for the spiritual vigour of the parish and also knowing that three days of vegetarian cooking will mean a long queue at the village butchers tomorrow morning.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE KIDS WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1940's, 50's, 60's & 70's!!



- ◆ First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us.
- ◆ They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a tin, and didn't get tested for diabetes.
- ◆ Then after that trauma, our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints.
- ◆ We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, and let's not mention the risks we took hitchhiking.
- ◆ As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.
- ◆ Riding in the back of a van - loose - was always great fun.
- ◆ We drank water from the garden hosepipe and NOT from a bottle.
- ◆ We shared one soft drink with four friends from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

- ◆ We ate cakes, white bread and real butter and drank pop with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!
- ◆ We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.
- ◆ We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.
- ◆ We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, no video tape movies or DVD's, no surround sound, no cell phones, no text messaging, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.
- ◆ No one was able to reach us all day - and we were O.K.
- ◆ WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!
- ◆ We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.
- ◆ We played with worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.
- ◆ We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and although we were told it would happen, we did not poke out any eyes.
- ◆ We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!
- ◆ Local teams had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!
- ◆ The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!
- ◆ This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!
- ◆ The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.
- ◆ We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL!
- ◆ And YOU are one of them! CONGRATULATIONS!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good, and while you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were.

Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?!



LENT

Lent, before Easter, is like Advent before Christmas, a time of preparation. Lent is when we remember that Jesus prepared himself for starting his ministry by going away by himself for 40 days of fasting and prayer. You can read about it in your Bible: Matthew, chapter 4, verses 1-11; Mark, chapter 1, verses 12-13 and Luke, chapter 4, verses 1-13.

Jesus went into the wilderness, a quiet lonely place away from people where he could think things out. He knew that his work would be hard, that many people would not listen to him, or if they listened, they would not believe him. During these 40 days Jesus made his choice: to work in God's way however hard that might be.

This year Lent starts on 6th February and goes three quarters of March: have you thought about how YOU are going to prepare yourself to follow Jesus this Lent?



SPRING COLOURS

The missing words in this puzzle are all colours which are mentioned with these things in the Bible.

1. Pastures, herbs and olives are all _____.
2. A sea, tents and wine are _ _ _.
3. Hangings in the Temple, pomegranates and doors of tents were all _____.
4. A horse, robes and teeth were all _____.
5. Kings' raiment (clothing), Jesus' robe and the dye that Lydia sold were all _____.
6. One of the gifts to the baby Jesus, candlesticks and spoons were _____.
7. A raven, clouds and chariot horses were _____.
8. Lips, a thread tied to a window and robes are _ _ _ _ _.

Answers at the bottom of this page.



What do you do with a green monster?

Wait till he's ripe.



Answers: 1.green 2.red 3.blue 4.white 5.purple 6.gold 7.black 8.scarlet

Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

Temptation

If I want to be part of the gang, they said,
If I really want to belong,
I have to show them I'm good enough,
I have to prove that I'm strong.

So they told me some things that I have to do,
And some things that I have to get,
And I want them to want me,
I want to fit in,
I want to,
I want to,
And yet

Something inside me feels cloudy
And my heart's beating loud as a gong,
Shall I do them and get them, those things that they said,
When to do them and get them feels wrong?

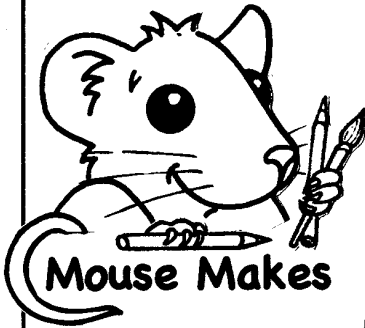


When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it.

1 Corinth. 10:13(NLT)

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

A Bible bookmark to make for LENT








Before Jesus began to preach and heal and tell people about God, he spent 40 days alone in the desert praying and talking to God, preparing himself for what God had sent him to do.

Remembering those days Jesus spent in the desert, the Christian Church has set aside the 40 days before Easter as a time to think and pray and learn more about God.

This time is called **LENT**

Use your bookmark each day during LENT to help you as you pray.

<p>Dear LORD,</p>  <p>THANK YOU for</p>	 <p>The Lord's Prayer Our Father in heaven may your holy name be honoured,</p>
<p>-----</p>  <p>SORRY for</p>	<p>may your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.</p> <p>Give us today the food we need.</p>
<p>-----</p>  <p>I PRAY for</p>	<p>Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs others have done to us.</p> <p>Do not bring us to hard testing, but keep us safe from the Evil One.</p> <p>AMEN</p>  <p>Matthew 6:9-13</p>
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To make your bookmark: Carefully cut around the outside, fold in half along the dotted line and glue together. Add a tassel to the bottom with a length of wool or ribbon. You can make it stronger by gluing onto card before folding.



DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES: FEBRUARY 2008

FEBRUARY

Sat	2	PRESENTAION of CHRIST in the TEMPLE	
		12.00 ^{noon} Bellringers Soup & Sale	LB Village Hall
		2.00pm Open Garden	Rectory, Litton Cheney
Sun	3	6.30pm Bible Quiz	Littlebredy
Mon	4	7.30pm SG Village Society AGM	SG Village Hall
Tue	5	9.30am First Steps Drop-in	LB Village Hall
		2.00pm BB Bridge Group	BB Village Hall
Wed	6	ASH WEDNESDAY	
		9.30am First Steps Drop-in	LB Village Hall
		2.00pm Bride Valley Crafters	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm Bridport Camera Club	The Salt House, West Bay
Thu	7	2.30pm Holy Trinity, Swyre, PCC	Hollybush, Puncknowle
Fri	8	10.30am Puncknowle Art Group	Crown Inn, Puncknowle
		Village Soc'y - Paul Atterbury	BB Village Hall
Sat	9	10.00am Village Walk	LC Bus Shelter
Tue	12	Correspondents' Deadline for BVN	
		12.30pm PSWB Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
		2.30pm WI "Cottage Gardens"	BB Village Hall
Wed	13	9.30am First Steps Drop-in	LB Village Hall
		9.30am First Steps Drop-in	LB Village Hall
Thu	14	12.45pm Frugal Lunch	Langebridge, Little Bredy
Fri	15	Editor's Deadline for BVN	
		7.00pm Bingo	Lb Village Hall
Sat	16	"The Polish Play"	BB Village Hall
Wed	20	9.30am First Steps Drop-in	LB Village Hall
	20	7.30pm Bridport Camera Club	The Salt House, West Bay
Fri	22	10.30am Puncknowle Art Group	Crown Inn, Puncknowle
Sat	23	St POLYCARP	
		2.00pm "All for One"	BB Village Hall
Mon	25	7.30pm "All for One"	BB Village Hall
Wed	27	GEORGE HERBERT	
		9.30am First Steps Drop-in	LB Village Hall
		12.30pm Frugal Lunch	PSWB Village Hall
		"The Mad Woman in the Attic"	SG Village Hall
Fri	29	7.00pm Quiz + Fish & Chips	SG Village Hall
		7.30pm Quiz Evening	PSWB Village Hall

LC: Litton Cheney
Lb: Littlebredy

SG: Shipton Gorge
PSWB: Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington

BB: Burton Bradstock

LB: Long Bredy
BV: Bride Valley

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES:**MARCH/APRIL 2008****MARCH**

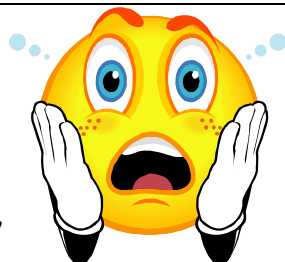
Sat	1	St DAVID	
		10.00am Flowers for Mothering Sunday	Holy Trinity churchyard
Sun	2	MOTHERING SUNDAY	
		12.30pm BV Churches Lunch	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Wed	5	6.30pm Bible Quiz	Shipton Gorge
		7.30pm Bridport Camera Club	The Salt House, West Bay
Fri	7	10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer	St Mary's, Bridport
		7.30pm Village Soc'y - Bob Mizon	BB Village Hall
		7.30pm Chesil Bank Sch Fashion Show	Portesham Village Hall
Sat	8	Barn Dance	BB Village Hall
		7.30pm Bingo	PSWB Village Hall
Fri	14	7.30pm Presentation "4 Head Gardeners"	BB Village hall
Sun	16	PALM SUNDAY	
Tue	17	ST PATRICK	
Tue	18	12.30pm PSWB Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	19	St JOSEPH of NAZARETH	
		7.30pm BV Gardening Club	PSWB Village Hall
		7.30pm Bridport Camera Club	The Salt House, West Bay
Thu	20	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
Fri	21	GOOD FRIDAY	
Mon	22	EASTER DAY	
Sun	23	2.00pm Annual Duck Race	BB Green
Tue	25	THE ANNUNCIATION	
	28	7.00pm RBL (Abbotsbury) Annual Dinner	Wishing Well, Upwey
Fri		7.30pm Quiz Evening	PSWB Village Hall
Sat	29	JOHN KEEBLE	

APRIL

Thu	10	APCM	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Fri	18	3.45pm Taunton Races Outing	New Inn, Shipton Gorgw
Sat	19	Quiz Night	BB Village Hall

Mistakes are a part of being human.
 Appreciate your mistakes for what they are:
 precious life lessons that can only be learned
 the hard way. Unless it's a fatal mistake, which,
 at least, others can learn from.

Al Franken, "Oh, the Things I Know", 2002



CHURCH SERVICES

THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

February 2008

Church	Date 3 rd February Next before Lent	10 th February 1 st of Lent	17 th February 2 nd Sunday of Lent	24 th February 3 rd Sunday of Lent
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family service 11.00 Songs of Praise 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family service 11.00 Holy Communion (By extension) 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer
Skipton Gorge	11.00 All age Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer
Chilcombe				
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Morning Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (By extension)
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Family Service (Communion by extension)		11.00 Holy Communion

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