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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy
ST PETER: Long Bredy CHILCOMBE (Dedication unknown)
ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle
ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge HOLY TRINITY: Swyre

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Blessings for the New Year, one and all; which is careful. I did not say happy, you note, because there is no assurance of that. As I write there are grumblings about money all over Europe, sounding expensively like the thumping, grinding noise from the inner workings of a car announcing that it is tired, and has just spotted a comfy looking stretch of verge up ahead; which same grumblings, announcing widespread misery are likely still to be making themselves heard by the time that this is read.

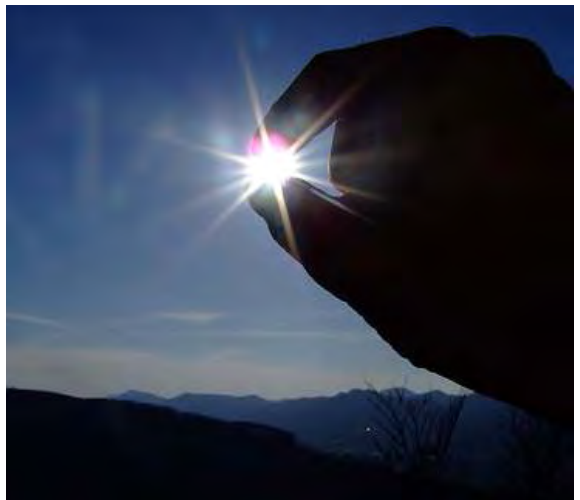
Happy is not a superficial thing, but is ephemeral, and often surprising. It is prone to jumping out at unexpected times to do its work, and then it goes away, leaving a little multi-coloured shadow in the memory.

Blessings are constant, and like love they endure all things. They are about us at all times, even when we are disinclined to notice them – distracted as we can be by cares and sorrows. They live in contrary places, among friends and in isolation; in weariness and in strength.

After the vanity of being rich by stretching our ability to borrow, and the folly of buying to feed our vanity, we may at last come to the new year having learned the wisdom that happiness is not to be bought, any more than is a whim or a wish. I do not speak of you, dear Reader, who has had this wisdom fast bound in modesty and humility since childhood. And nor, of course do I write of myself. By using the term “we” I mean all those about whom one speaks, having waited impatiently for them to have left the room. I am sure you understand.

So, a careful Blessing upon us all for 2012. Not in the meaning of cautious, as we know, so much as careful in the sense of carrying, by God’s grace and no matter what, the promise of His care.

Bob



The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.

Eric Hoffer (1902 - 1983)

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERAL



On Friday, 2nd December at St Mary's Church, Puncknowle, the funeral service was held of the late

JOHN GARDNER STEEL.

He was well and fondly known, having moved with his wife, Rita, to the village many years ago. During the service John's son, Michael spoke of his early life in Yorkshire before the adventure of their move South in the early 1960s, of John and Rita's discovery of Puncknowle and their resolve to move into the village.

Michael described a devoted husband, loving family man and a loyal friend to many. Michael's brother, Simon, read a poem in his Father's memory, while Rita was supported by her daughter, Gillian.

Following the service in Church a ceremony was held at Weymouth crematorium. John's ashes will be laid to rest in the churchyard of St Mary's at a later date.

May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.



PUNCKNOWLE & W. BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

CHRISTINGLE

There will be a Christingle Service at 11.00am on Sunday, 22nd January. This is a service of light in support of the Children's Society. Puncknowle Christingle service is always one of the last in the valley as it is held just before Candlemas, rather than in Advent. Everyone is welcome.



PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

We are very grateful to David and Mary Cantrille for such a wonderful photographic show, their pictures are just stunning. The following meeting was a chance to paint together and make plans for 2012.

Our AGM is on January 6th. We are always pleased to see any new members who may wish to join the group. The January 20th meeting will also be at The Bull.



Christine Molony



JOHN STEEL – FUNERAL

The funeral service for John Gardner Steel was held at St Mary’s Church Puncknowle on 2nd December. His sons, Michael and Simon, gave tribute and Gillian chose the readings read by Bob.

A service of cremation took place at Weymouth.

Rita Steel

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

For bookings, telephone 01308 897724/897751



AGM

The AGM was held on 24th November, attended by the committee and three residents. The formal business was completed with alacrity, and the committee, apart from those standing down, was re-elected en bloc, (unanimously!),

Officers will be elected at the first meeting of the new committee.

COMING SOON

Look out on notice boards for details of the forthcoming Fish & Chip Quiz Night on a Friday evening in January. Those wishing to attend will need to pre-book their place and pay in advance for their supper.



YOGA

Classes led by Jean Thorn (now a fully qualified British Wheel of Yoga teacher) will start in the Village Hall on 5th January 2012, from 5.30 to 7.00pm, and will continue on January 12th, 19th, 26th, February 2nd, 9th, 23rd and March 1st, 8th, and 15th.

Please note that the last date is 15th March not 14th April as shown in last month’s BVN.

The cost will be £30.00 pre-paid for the half term, or £6.50 per lesson “pay as you go.” If you would like to book a place, please contact me to obtain a registration form to be completed and returned with your cheque (made payable to Jean Thorn)

Jean Thorn: 01308 898799, email: jean@jeanandbob.demon.co.uk



BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be in the Village Hall, Puncknowle at 7.30pm on January 5th, when we will be discussing Elizabeth Gaskell’s “Cranford”.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON LUNCHEON CLUB.

Members should please note that the club's next lunch will take place on Tuesday 17th January at 12.30pm.

Any member who has not already ordered their meal should telephone 897622 as soon as possible.

PARISH COUNCIL

ROADS TO BE SALTED/GRITTED BY WDC IN THE EVENT OF SNOW/ICE

In the event of icy roads this winter, the West Dorset District Council has committed itself to keeping various roads fit for driving. As main routes it will keep the A35 and the B 3157 clear. In order to give Puncknowle drivers access to the B3157 the road though Swyre up to the junction with Looke Lane, by the village hall, will be treated.

For those wishing to take a more direct route to the A35 the WDDC will also cover a single 'artery route:'

Rectory Lane to the T junction with Litton Lane

Turn right along Litton Lane to Litton Cheney

Through Litton Cheney to Long Bredy

Left at Long Bredy to Littlebredy

At the V junction bear left (Longlands Lane) to A35.

This still leaves areas of Puncknowle with roads not covered by the WDDC plan which will need to be driven along in order to reach the cleared routes. In an attempt to cover this the Parish Council has called forward and stored sufficient salt for the needs of Puncknowle and West Bexington (Swyre is covered by the WDDC Plan but we have salt in reserve to be used as necessary).

Just having salt is not sufficient. People to spread it are required. Accordingly, the likely trouble spots in our villages have been identified and volunteers living by each of these trouble spots have taken charge of a sufficient quantity of salt to cover 1000sq m of road (or numerous coverings of a smaller, problem, area). There are ten such locations in Puncknowle and six in West Bexington. Re-supply of salt, as needed, can be achieved within two hours.

If you have any questions please contact Derek Heaver, 898466.

Count your blessings. Once you realize how valuable you are and how much you have going for you, the smiles will return, the sun will break out, the music will play, and you will finally be able to move forward the life that God intended for you with grace, strength, courage, and confidence.

Of Mandino (1923-1996)

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Our Service of Quiet Contemplation and Reflection was led by Janet Lane, who took as her main theme the Royal Navy and those who died at sea in the service of their country. The Act of Remembrance was led by Colonel Hilary Cunningham as the congregation commemorated all those who gave their lives in past and present conflicts.

ADVENT COFFEE MORNING

We are very pleased to report that we raised £267 at the Coffee Morning held in December. The PCC would like to thank everyone who helped and supported us so generously. The event was held to raise funds for replacement of our cross of St George flag, which had cost £125.88, so there was sufficient to go towards other church expenses.

In recent times we have had to spend significant sums on rebuilding part of the churchyard wall and total rewiring of the church, so any contribution to these costs was welcome.

BLESSING OF OUR NEW FLAG

Our old flag had been in use for very many years. In its exposed position on the church tower it had been at the mercy of wind, rain and sun, which had caused considerable wear and tear to the "fly" (the end of the flag away from the flagpole). Up to 1ft 3ins had been worn away, giving the flag a very lopsided and tattered look. The new flag was obtained from J W Plant & Co. Ltd, founded in 1908 and one of the most respected and trusted flag manufacturers in the UK.



Robert Cornish, the Revd Ryder Rogers, John Roast and Ernie Thomas with the new flag flying on the church tower.

Before the flag was flown for the first time, it was blessed by the Revd Ryder Rogers during a short ceremony at the Holy Communion service held on Sunday 4th December. Present at the ceremony were former flag captains John Roast and Robert Cornish, together with the present flag captain, Ernie Thomas, who took the flag to the top of the tower and flew it in place of the old flag, which had been flying for the very last time that morning. So look out for the new flag and give thanks for the old one, which gave us sterling service but is now enjoying a well-earned retirement.

Gillian Maxfield - Churchwarden

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

The external audit of the Parish Council's accounts has finally been completed and the certificate of compliance received. Any parishioner wishing to view the accounts is able to do so and there are posters on the village notice boards with details of when these are available for viewing.

Now that winter has finally arrived, we are pleased that we managed to get three more salt/grit bins in place before the ice and snow arrives. The contact for any issues concerning the bins is Steve Young on 897088.

The next Parish Council meeting is being held on Wednesday 11th January at 7.00pm in the village hall, everyone is welcome.

Mary Boughton - Chairman

ARTSREACH

Come and enjoy the company of friends and start off the New Year with a swing at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th January at Shipton Gorge Village Hall. Matt Harvey (who was the Wimbledon Tennis 2010 poet-in-residence) is performing his hit Edinburgh show '**WONDERMENTALIST**'.

This is a fast and funny comedy-infused, poetically enhanced show discussing subjects as diverse as kippers and curtains, IT and potatoes, petty theft, pain relief and public nudity! Matt regularly features on Radio 4's Saturday Live and performed at the Artsreach Promoters Night to great acclaim, so I am delighted to have booked him for Shipton Gorge.

This evening will be cabaret style seated at tables, so please feel free to bring drinks and nibbles. Tickets are £7.50 each from Doris Benselin on 01308 897562.



VILLAGE HALL TRUST

100 CLUB

£50	No. 70	Bob Simpson
£20	No.47	Mary Boughton
£10	No 44	Jo Fulford
£10	No 110	Phyl Webster
£10	No 15	Elizabeth Langran

LITTLEBREDY

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At its November meeting, the P.C.C. decided that the experiment of adding a non-Communion Church service to our regular rota on the third Sunday of the month has not justified expectations, and it is now discontinued.

The P.C.C. also discussed formulating a policy to apply to the growing number of requests for weddings in our picturesque Church and village by those technically not qualified (by residence or association) to be married here. If any villager, whether a Church-goer or not, has a view on this, then please feel free to let Sir Philip know, in person or on 482232.



Here is initial notice of an event to be held at Bridehead in aid of Church funds on Friday 23rd March. Mary and David Cantrille are well known locally for their photographic expertise and they will be giving an illustrated talk that evening on their travels and in particular the wildlife they have captured on film. Roll over, David Attenborough! Further details of tickets and how to obtain them will appear next month, but please make a note of the date.



We welcome to the village **NICK HOLMES**, who will have moved into 2, Yew Tree Cottages, by the time this magazine is delivered.

Nick comes from a Cornwall farming family, and is being employed as stockman and dairyman by the new tenants of Longlands Farm. We hope he will fully enjoy his time in the community among us.

THE LONGLANDS farming activities themselves will be taking a new turn in the next month or two. Tom Foot and Neil Grigg will be adapting a

dairying system practised in New Zealand to English conditions. Among other things, this will involve a mobile dairy – i.e. a large trailer forming a milking parlour - being towed from field to field within the grassland area from day to day in the grazing season. No doubt the process will regularly be visible from the roads, and let's hope next month's magazine will contain a slightly more expert description of the system from someone who actually knows what they are talking about!

LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Would you like to remember someone or celebrate an anniversary during January and by doing so help to maintain St Mary's Church? If so you are invited to pay £5 to have the **CHURCH TOWER FLOODLIT FOR THE EVENING** on your chosen date.

Please telephone 482617 for arrangements to be made.

The **CHURCH WORKING PARTY** will start it's 2012 sessions on Thursday 5th January at 10.00am following the Thorner's School service.

Indoor and outdoor work will be undertaken and refreshments provided. Please try and give an hour or two of your time to keep St. Mary's looking beautiful throughout the year.

HOPEFUL HAMPERS

There is now a box in St Mary's Church for the collection of emergency food supplies for people in need in the Bridport area. Items such as cans of soup, vegetables and fruit, pasta/sauce, rice/sauce, tinned meat, biscuits, cereals, tea, coffee, sugar and jam would be most welcome if you would like to contribute.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Happy New Year everyone and we look forward to seeing you at many of our events in 2012. The first one will be the **VILLAGE WALK** on Saturday 11th February starting from the Bus Shelter at 10.00am. We are also keen to have suggestions of your favourite walks - you must have one. Please give Steve Kourik a call or join the walk and have a chat about it.

The Walks continue throughout the year, 2nd Saturday of the



month apart from April and December. The Duck Race, Navigational Challenge , Summer BBQ , Barn Dance and Carol Singing are all on the **PROGRAMME** which is on the Website, and Notice Boards.

Ron Davidson

LCSC 482661

LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL

YOGA restarts on Friday 6th January, 9.45 to 11.15 am. Anyone with some experience of yoga is welcome to join this friendly class. For further details please ring Alison on 01308 482661.

PILATES restarts Monday 9th January, 4.00 to 5.00pm. For more details ring Claire on 01035 751984.

CRAFT SESSIONS

Are you feeling CRAFTY? Requests for a craft afternoon have encouraged us to book the Hall for 2hours from 2.00 to 4.00pm on Mondays beginning on January 9th. This will be a self led group at which we bring along any craft project (one too big for the kitchen table perhaps) and swap ideas, whilst having a cuppa, finally finishing something we'd been meaning to for ages.

Anyone interested please ring Bev on 482497, or come along on Monday 9th January.



“THE PHOENIX AND THE CARPET”

Friday 27th January at 7.30pm at LATCH

See Valley Notes for full details.

Box Office opens on Monday 9th January 2012, tel: 01308 482748.

Tickets: Adult £8, U18 £6, Family (2+2) £24. Doors open 6.45 p.m.

Bar and refreshments available

VILLAGE CAFÉ CHRISTMAS

Saturday 3rd December

All proceeds were donated to the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust and at the time of going to press it was expected that an amount in the region of £250 would be achieved. Thank you!

DORSET MEDLEY

Friday 23rd March

A special evening of archive films of the area in and around the Bride Valley concentrating on local people, events and activities. An evening to savour. More details in February's BVN and the village website.

For details of events and hall activities please visit the Litton Cheney website www.littoncheney.org.uk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Litton Cheney Parish Council wishes everyone a Happy New Year. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 10th January at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Community Hall. All local residents are invited and indeed encouraged to attend.

Parish Councillors now attend the Village Cafes that are held on the third Saturday of every month in the Hall. If you have something that you would like to discuss please come along and chat.



2012

HM THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR

Litton Cheney will be putting together an organising committee made up of representatives from the Parish Council, Thorner's School, LATCH, Litton Cheney Social Committee, PCC and the White Horse. We are looking for inspirations and ideas as to how best the village should celebrate this unique and special occasion. Let's hear your ideas – it may be just what we are looking for!

Contact Steve Kourik (482552) or John Firrell (482313)
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LONG BREDY

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LONG BREDY PROMISES AUCTION

Thank you everyone who donated or bid for this event. We made £2,400 which was amazing! It will be divided between the Church, Village Hall and playing field.

We had a lovely evening at the White Horse, Litton Cheney. Our huge thanks to Cassie and her staff and to Guy Swinge who was auctioneer, Guy managed to persuade many people to part with their money!



On Saturday, 26th February Alan and Gwen Kinghorn will be holding a 'Time for a Cuppa' morning in aid of Dementia UK.

Did you know 25 million people in the UK have a close friend or family member with dementia which is a staggering 42% of the population. Having coped with this problem in our own family we know how important it is to have



expert help, understanding and compassion for everyone involved.

More needs to be done in all aspects of this illness so please help Dementia UK by calling in at the Village Hall, Long Bredy between 10.00am and 12.30pm on the 26th February, We will be delighted to see you.

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Hugo and Juliette Busby on the arrival of a baby boy. A brother for Beatrice, Lettice and Herbert.



NOVEMBER 100 CLUB

£25	no. 44	David Peretz
£15	no. 27	Philip Williams
£ 5	no. 132	Carol Randall

This has been very successful for the village. Please re-join: new members very welcome.

For details of the regular **TEA & CHAT** at Baglake Farem and of the talk **“A GLIMPSE OF OLD BRIDPORT”**, at the village hall, see the “Valley Notes” section

POPPY APPEAL

Long Bredy area gave £191.33, a record. Thank you all very much.

LONG BREDY BINGO

Friday 20th January, 7.30pm,

**Village Hall,
Long Bredy**

Everyone welcome; light refreshments



Anything that is in the world when you're born is normal and ordinary and is just a natural part of the way the world works. Anything that's invented between when you're fifteen and thirty-five is new and exciting and revolutionary and you can probably get a career in it. Anything invented after you're thirty-five is against the natural order of things.

Douglas Adams (1952 - 2001), The Salmon of Doubt

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S CHURCH CHURCH FETE 2012

Please note in your diaries, that this year's Church Fete will take place on Thursday afternoon, 2nd August in the Rectory Gardens. Slap bang in the middle of the Olympic Games!!

In the spirit of the Olympics, the committee will be soon busy training, planning and getting up to speed - to ensure a Church Fete worthy of a gold medal.

We are always looking for additional committee members to help 'carry the baton'. If you feel like being part of a winning team please contact me.

Jim Rogers - Church Fete Co-ordinator
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NANCY'S BUSHELL'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

AN INVITATION

To all my friends whom I have known over the years

As I am now approaching my 90th birthday, I am inviting you all to join in my celebration in the Village Hall on my birthday, Sunday, 29th January - an open house tea party from 3.30 to 5.00pm.

Do come but please no presents, just your good wishes.

Nancy Bushell

AL PALMER

My family and I wish to thank everyone who attended the Service of Thanksgiving for Al's life, sent cards and letters of condolence and gave so generously to the collection for Rotary Charities.

The sum of £410 will be divided between Julia's House and Water Aid.

The kindness and concern shown by so many is of great comfort and very much appreciated.

Betty

VILLAGE FAYRE:

Please put the afternoon of 4th June 2012 in your diaries for the annual Village Fayre. More details nearer the time.

Any queries in the meantime to Graham Moody (898548).

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Seagulls are wild birds, and should be able to feed themselves with natural foods. In the interests of Health and Safety please refrain from feeding them.

The Parish Clerk will be available in the Reading Room on Tuesdays, between the hours of 9.00 and 11.00am.

BB VILLAGE SOCIETY

THE LAUGHING POLICEMAN

Police Sergeant 64 "C" Division started his career in 1959 at Albany Street Police Station, near Camden Town. Like many coppers, he seems to have spent the next twenty five years in fits of laughter; and that was what happened to his audience on 2nd December. Starting the evening off by primly passing round the hat - well, his Metropolitan Police Helmet and truncheon - it wasn't long before Paul Brickell's engaging manner brought us to street level: his talk, which was definitely kerbside, literally spilled out yarn after yarn

The *grandes dames* of the village drew their breath a little at the start of his tales about the "toms" (prostitutes) of Albany Street (which any former Met Officer [and there were a few of them in the audience] would know are just about the pits; about Alice the one-toothed octogenarian, who plied her trade in dark alleys (clearly, for her, a shrewd business decision), whose encounter with a young Jack-the-Lad forced him to leave the neighbourhood in shame; about Stella (whose real name was Stan) - the tom with gender dysphasia before surgery became available - who would leap in, to protect some of the younger girls; about Mohamed the Boozer, who invited him to Morocco for a holiday that he nearly took; about his traffic-light prank on the early morning cycling vicar.

"You've missed the best bit, it was fantastic", he remarked as Carole attempted to slip in discreetly at the back; "I'm sure it was," came her icy reply, as she attempted to salvage something from such gratuitous publicity. When Peter Broomhead announced that the mince pies and mulled wine were stolen, I thought, "That's all we need, with the Old Bill amongst us!" When people started eating their Stollen bread, I decided to check my hearing aid. We laughed the whole evening and just knew that even though the Met seems to have had trouble finding its Commissioners, it certainly got it right a bit lower down the scale!

A very good presentation from a man who reflects nothing but credit on the Service.

Paul drew the raffle, mischievously announcing a "cycling holiday in the Peak District" as one of the prizes; his fee went to Weldmar Hospice in Dorchester. Geoff Adderley asked the question that was on everyone's lips: "How much did Alice charge?" The answer was drowned in laughter.

We all meet again on Friday 13th (of January), to hear Bob Ayres, who was also a policeman, in the City of London, who will tell us about The Secret Gardens of London. Bob has spoken to the Society on a number of occasions and has never failed to keep us enthralled.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT

We were very fortunate to learn that an expert on the refurbishment of St Pancras Station and the construction of the High Speed Railway to the Channel Tunnel now lives in Litton Cheney and we were even more blessed that he came to tell us all about it. Richard Jones had a lifelong career in the railway industry and spent his last 14 years involved with this project.

We were not expecting to hear about two world records, two poets and some special “gnashers” as he explained about the different size and design of railway carriages necessary for the high speed line which is capable of taking trains at 186 mph.

Much of the construction of the first section of the line up from the coast was relatively straight forward, but the process of threading the new line through the two M25 carriageways was an engineering and logistical triumph. The London end of the line is mostly in tunnels but then arrives at St Pancras at first floor level.

The station was badly damaged in both wars and threatened with closure in the 1960s. A campaign to save it led by the poet John Betjeman, whose statue now greets travellers, was successful and the building now has a Grade I listing. The restoration process has been exemplary as has the integration of a modern extension which more than doubles the size of the station.

The original construction in 1860 involved the building of what was then the largest unsupported arched roof in the world and necessitated the removal of part of a graveyard containing some 8000 bodies. Thomas Hardy as a young architect was involved with this process and later wrote a poem entitled “The Levelled Churchyard” clearly inspired by his experiences.

The new extension required the removal of a further 1400 bodies including that of a Roman Catholic Archbishop who was the owner of a splendid set of porcelain and gold sprung false teeth which were described as the “cutting edge technology” of their age!! His body has now been re-buried in a monastery in France and the teeth taken to the British Museum.

The splendid hotel which is part of the station complex has also been restored and the whole area, including a circulation space which links across to Kings Cross, has been regenerated.

The transformation has been inspirational and merits a visit whether you are travelling by Eurostar or are simply curious. You will be able to enjoy what is described as the “Longest Champagne Bar in the World”!!

Richard kindly donated his speaker’s fee to the charity known as “The Railway Children” which helps runaway or abandoned children throughout the World, particularly those who live around railway stations.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those who gave their support during 2011. All the money raised goes to maintaining and upgrading the fabric of the



Village Hall and it is only with your continued support that the Village Hall can continue to function and serve the community.

In 2011 the Management Committee completed Phase 2 of a two phase major refurbishment project. In 2012 the plan is to sand and re-varnish the Main Hall floor and fix roof blinds (blackouts).

BBVHT AGM

The seventh BBVHT Annual General Meeting will be held in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Wednesday 18th January 2012 at 8.00pm.

This is a public meeting so please come along, hear all about the Village Hall Trust's past year and plans for the future, and enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles. Anyone who is resident in the village and who would like to stand as an Independent Member of the Committee should give their name in writing, along with the names of a Proposer and Seconder, to Audrey Smith before 10th (Phone Number 01308 897227).

Susan Moores; Chairman, Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trus: 01308 897673

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

For Bookings – Telephone 01308 897673

Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust (BBVHT)

“200 CLUB” (WDDC Licence no: SL0080)

December 2011 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	£88.40	No 98:	Dr Ian Perry
2 nd	£44.20	No 107:	Mrs Pam Record
3 rd	£22.10	No 119:	Mr Peter Lee

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the January 2012 draw, should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £12. There are double prizes in the December draw.

KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING' EVENING.

This ranks as one of the most outstanding Village Hall evenings the writer has attended in over 15 years.....

The margin for error in this production was zero, and the Burton Bradstock Players, directed by Janet Tolputt, pulled off a most memorable evening, which comprised a play, a Ploughman's Supper, and a Wartime Medley of Songs. The programme said the sort of thing that often appears in programmes – 'Be prepared for an evening of dramatic contrasts'. This time they meant it!

As the plot of the play – 'Liberation' by Norman Holland – started to unwind we were drawn into a mysterious situation, innocuously at first, but gradually sensed it getting more and more sinister, until we were wondering whether it would be as horrific as we were beginning to fear. Then we learned it indeed was. We then had to share the grief of the young French woman (Michelle Marsan, acted by Janet Tolputt) as she terrifiedly, eventually revealed to her husband, (Philippe Marsan, played by Doug Sheppard), as he returned from War, that she had been unfaithful and had had a child by a German soldier. Excellent performances also from

Katherine Slater and Andrea Wilkinson..... with the all-knowing scorn of Andrea as mother-in-law to the fallen Michelle testing and challenging the audience's desire and need to find something, anything, to even faintly redeem Michelle.

Had three things not happened we might now still be sitting in the Village Hall, biting our nails. Firstly, as Philippe, horrified at the news finally revealed, walked straight out on Michelle probably forever, he, nevertheless, put his hand on her shoulder as he passed her - in some very minor gesture of humanity and possibly understanding, but probably not compassion or forgiveness. This gesture was the most vital moment of the play, and one the audience clearly required! (Thank you Doug for doing this!)

Secondly, there was a fine Ploughman's Supper, with timely access to the Bar, giving an opportunity to discuss this most brave and adventurous production, and to reflate each other by reminding ourselves it was only a play.

Thirdly we enjoyed a tremendous and spirited medley of Wartime Songs with 'The Company', directed by Irene Smith, ranging from 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' to 'Tipperary', 'Siegfried Line', 'Bluebirds over', and 'Bless 'em all'.

Five minutes before the end of the play, many of us would have put heavy money against our ending the evening all lustily singing 'There'll always be an England', but we did! An evening of dramatic contrasts it had indeed been! Well done to the Burton Bradstock Players on your 30th anniversary, and for such a great event. And thanks to all who worked so hard to support another striking and marvellous 'Burton evening'.

Everyone will be delighted to know that £700 is going to Help for Heroes and £200 to the Bride Valley Branch of The Royal British Legion.

John Grantham



DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The Diamond Jubilee Committee is pleased with the way plans are progressing for the Village celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. These will begin with the Spring Concert in the Village Hall on Friday evening 1st June, organized by the Music Festival Committee with the concert led by David Juritz. On Saturday 2nd June the Museum Village Bus will come to the Village Hall and the Dorset Community Action Van will provide entertainment for young and old.

A Party on the beach is being planned for the evening and other events will take place on the Sunday, Monday (Village Fayre) and Tuesday led by various groups in the Village. Watch this space for more details as plans develop.

Susan Moores; Chairman, Burton Bradstock Diamond Jubilee Committee: 01308 897673

BURTON BRADSTOCK HOME WATCH.

Please note that the Home Watch Co-ordinator for the village is now **Peter Dutton** as Ian Pitt- Aikens has relinquished this task, and we thank him for the time and effort he has put into it.

Please also bear in mind that the village blanket ban on cold calling - people knocking on your door to try to sell you goods or services - is still up and running and if you experience this sort of thing, please



let me know-preferably with the caller's details.

Finally, Trading Standards are making people aware of the following scam:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS(Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911- a premium rate number

DO NOT CALL THIS NUMBER, as it is a mail scam originating in Belize. **If you call this number and you start to hear a recorded message, you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call.**

If you receive a card with these details then contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 7239 6655.

Peter Dutton

ARTS REACH NEWS

Hope that you enjoyed Pip Utton's "Charles Dickens" on December 10th. Now for something completely different!

Morgan and West will be presenting "The Time Travelling Magicians" on Saturday 21st January at Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Their trade mark mixture of magic, wit and whimsy, has sold out in two Edinburgh Fringe Festivals in a row, and has been very popular in other rural touring venues.

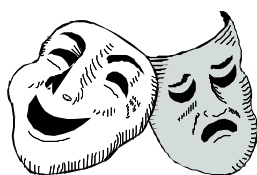
Be amazed as this Victorian duo shows the ability to travel through time to bring you laughs and gasps and baffling magic.

Don't forget Saturday 21st January at Burton Bradstock Village Hall

"MORGAN AND WEST. .TIME TRAVELLING MAGICIANS"

Tickets: £7.50 Adults, £5 Children (min age over 7) £22 Family ticket (two adults + two children): available from Burton Bradstock Post Office, on the door if available, or 'phone Norman 01308 897214.

Norman Saunders-White, Artsreach Promoter for Burton Bradstock



BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

'ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES'

will be showing from Monday 20th February to Saturday 25th February at 7.30pm with a matinee performance on Saturday at 2.00pm at Burton Bradstock village hall.

Escape the cold dark miserable English February and be transported to the exotic, warmer climate of Arabia. The cast of Burton Players will be portraying forty thieves! a prince, princess, woodcutter, dame and all the colour and glamour of the chorus men, women and children: everything you would expect from a traditional pantomime. So please come and join us in Burton Bradstock village hall. Tickets will be on sale from Saturday January 21st in Burton Bradstock Post Office, or telephone Barbara Powell on 897389.

VALLEY NOTES



TOTS AND PRAMS SERVICE

The 'Tots and Prams' Service takes place in St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, at 11.00am on the second Friday of every month. It is an informal, friendly service for babies and toddlers followed, by an opportunity for parents and youngsters to socialise.

Our next gathering is on Friday, January 13th – all are welcome

Heather Rogers, tel.897780



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We do hope you have all enjoyed a happy Christmas with your loved ones and we wish you a Joyous and Healthy New Year.

This New Year marks the 95th Anniversary of this Womens' Institute, not many organisations around that can beat that record. What a triumph for women over the ages!. We will be celebrating, but later in the year.

We have been very pleased to welcome several new members over the past month or so and we look forward to seeing any other ladies in the Valley who feel they would like to come along and give us a try!!!

We next meet on Tuesday January 10th at 2.15pm in Burton Bradstock Village hall (formerly the WI Hall) when our Speaker will be Mrs. Tina Pierce-Cochrane who will be speaking on the "Story of Tea Blending" with possibly some samples!

Please look on the Notice board for dates of the various groups, Walking,, Mahjong, Embroidery and Book Club.



Dorchester

BENEFITS ADVICE SURGERY

BRIDPORT DISABLED CARERS AND FRIENDS CLUB
(inc. Bridport Disabled Peoples Forum)

Age UK Dorchester and West Dorset District Council are working together to ensure that disabled residents and their carers are maximising their benefit entitlements

Drop-in surgeries will operate on the **second Tuesday** in each month, between 9.00am and 12.00pm at Kings House, East Street Car Park, Bridport

Next surgery: 10th January

For further information, please contact Peter Bowditch on 01308 897364

A large council car park and public toilets are available, with good access to Kings House Women's Institute

THORNER'S CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012!

Back in 2011 ...!



OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Wednesday, 7th December, was phenomenal. There was music, singing and dancing to an audience that overflowed from the hall into the corridor! It is amazing what even little 4 year olds can do on the night! The school orchestra, set up especially for the concert, started the proceedings. Litton and Chesil performed 'Celebrate!' and Bredy and Eggardon enacted 'Christingle Rock!' There was some hearty singing all through, with the audience joining in with 'Away in the Manger' and our choir finishing with Winter Wonderland! Our retiring collection was for Shelterbox, a charity working for people made homeless in disaster areas around the world.

Bredy celebrated their history topic with a **ROMAN AFTERNOON** of games, dressing up and, of course, a banquet!



Eggardon had a great time at **CAREY CAMP**. It is fantastic outdoor education but also a superb way of teambuilding.

SPORTS EVENTS: Chesil had a fun morning at Colfox School learning **multiskills**. Our runners did a superb job in the **cluster cross country** at

Symondsbury on 5th November. One of our children won the boys' race and another was first among the Litton Cheney girls.

ECO SCHOOLS: We are now a Bronze Eco School! The Eco Club has been working hard all term towards our Action Plan: saving energy (light and door monitors), conserving our environment (recycling and composting, 'Finish your food' campaign) and biodiversity (encouraging wildlife and planting in the Discovery Area).

From January 2012, children will have a new lunchtime **DRAMA CLUB** which will culminate, at half term, in a pantomime of 'Alice in Wonderland'. The club icome about from reading an item in BVN, - so thank you all!

CHARITIES: We collected 49 shoeboxes for the Shoebox Appeal charity. Our school council held a non uniform day for Children in Need and all the children were asked to wear something spotty. We raised a massive £138.64!

BIBLE QUIZ: This was an exciting event with close competitions and we won! Everyone commented on how well behaved our children were – we are so proud of them!

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

As I write this report on the 9th December the school is buzzing with Christmas activity. Each class is busy making crafts to sell at our Christmas Fayre, children are busy learning their lines for the Performances and the adults are worrying whether everything will get done by the end of term. But it will - it always does!



The children are working hard rehearsing the two Christmas plays. The younger children are performing 'Ralph the Reindeer', which is an entertaining tale of poor old Rudolph getting a terrible cold and Ralph having to step into his role ... but not everything goes smoothly! The older children transport us to the far away land of Mambica in their performance of 'The Peace Child'. There we meet two opposing tribes who seem unwilling to put an end to their enmity. Only the gift of a new-born child can bring peace. The enchanting singing and rhythmic music guarantees to get your feet tapping and make your spine tingle. Please look at our website to watch some clips.

As you read this report in January the festive celebrations will be over, the costumes packed away but no doubt the carpets will still twinkle with glitter. We will be looking forward to a successful 2012 and all that the new year brings.

The staff and children of the school wish you a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!

Claire Staple, Headteacher



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

SOCIAL EVENING: January 23rd at The Three Horseshoes, Burton Bradstock, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Please inform Jim Reeves (897091) or Basil Dent (897125) if you are attending.

ANNUAL DINNER: February 20th at the Golf Club

Malcolm Lawrence.

BRIDE VALLEY POPPY APPEAL RESULTS

Once again, I am happy to report that the Bride Valley has broken all previous records by managing to raise £6216. This excellent result was achieved with the aid of a very generous donation from the Bridport Lions Club of £ 1000 and the usual diligent efforts of the collectors, businesses and the public who have been so generous with their time and money.



As this is my last year as the Poppy Appeal Organiser, I would like to offer my special thanks to all of you who have helped me in this worthwhile endeavour and to say it has been an honour to organise the appeal over the past few years. In closing I would like to offer Richard Cunningham, who will be replacing me as the PAO, my very best wishes and trust that you will give him the same amount of time and effort that you have given me over the last 9 years.

Thank you all again for your support.

Tony Combe: Bride Valley Poppy Appeal Organiser.



ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH

We will remember.....

RAYMOND JAMES CUTHBERT (Portesham) aged 82, who having served in the Royal Air Force was then an accountant with British American Tobacco company. He had come to live among us ten years ago and for a period was our Honorary Branch Secretary. Ray was never idle, if it wasn't tapestry weaving that kept him busy it was his beloved woodworking. He enriched the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know him and will be sadly missed by all, especially his neighbours. Our thoughts are with Ray's wife Shirley and her family.

DORSET RBL COUNTY CONFERENCE opens 10.00am, Sunday 8th January at Ferndown Village Hall (Church Road). Inform Steve James (01305 871881) if you intend to go, so as to share transport and book lunch. *Note this change of venue!*

Our 9th January meeting is a joint one with the Women's section for a

SKITTLES MATCH at The Swan Inn, Abbotsbury, starting at 7.00pm. A light supper will be available at £3.50 a head: I let me have notice of your attendance please for catering purposes; there is a raffle and it is always a fun evening.

The quarterly **BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING** takes place in Portesham Village Hall at 7.30 pm Thursday 19th January.

'**HOLIDAY ON ICE -TROPICANA**', Westpoint arena, Exeter,(sold out) 4.15 pm performance Friday 17th February. Coach pick-ups as follows: 35a London Road, Dorchester 2.00pm, Kings Arms, Portesham 2.20pm, The Square, Abbotsbury 2.30pm, West Street Bus Station, Bridport 2.45pm. Fares Members £9.50, non-Members £12, under-16's £5.

By popular demand we are running a 3-day coach trip to the **NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM, Alrewas**, Staffordshire on Saturday 28th April, featuring an optional steam train from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth (northbound). We will stay two nights at Burton A38 Travelodge on a bed only basis at a group rate of £35 per room per night. Further details from the writer as available: do not hesitate to book as places are limited. Non-returnable deposits of £70 per room are required when booking please - cheques payable to 'RBL Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch'. We welcome non-members joining us for what will be a memorable and moving experience, guaranteed!

BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER- the Branch committee decided to change venue and time of day for this year - so for your diary, it will be at lunchtime on Friday 30th March in Portesham Village Hall.

A detailed itinerary is available for an 8 - day fully escorted tour of **NORTHERN PORTUGAL** from 13-20th May, organised by Des & Jean Baker (01305 267617). Any profits will be shared between *RBL Poppy Appeal* and *Dors to India* registered charities.

Des Baker: Branch Entertainments Chairman



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



Long Bredy's
TEA and CHAT

continues on
Tuesday 10th January
Tuesday 14th February

at
Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney.

Do come and join us, 3.00-5.00pm.

ARTSREACH

THE PHOENIX AND THE CARPET

at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall

Adapted from the classic children's book by E. Nesbit the production features beautiful live music, incredible puppets and a wonderful winter atmosphere.



This is a special adventure that will see you transported from an ordinary afternoon in an English nursery across the world to Australia and India, and back again. The performance is suitable for all the family (age 5+) and will be a beautiful and mad-cap piece of magical winter storytelling, performed by five actors and featuring live music, puppetry and even a magical flying carpet!

Box Office opens on Monday 9th January 2012. Tel: 01308 482748.
Tickets: Adult £8, U18 £6, Family (2+2) £24.

Doors open 6.45 p.m. Bar and refreshments available

A limited number of places is available on a First Aid course to be held in the Village Hall, Puncknowle on January 24th 2012. If you are interested please contact Steve Crabtree on 01308 482482 as soon as possible.

Limited places available.

Attendance free, Certification will cost £12.50

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL
PLAYING FIELD
GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

For the past three years Godfrey Elliot has cut the grass in the Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Playing Field, we are most grateful for the work he has done.

THE CONTRACT IS NOW UP FOR RENEWAL.

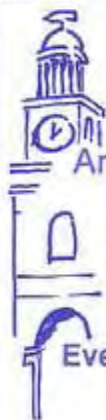
If anyone would like to bid for the grass cutting contract please contact Derek Heaver on 01308 898466. Applicants will be given contract details and tenders should be submitted to Derek Heaver by 11th January 2012. Full contact details for tenders will be in the contract information.

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

SPRING SEASON 2012

at Litton & Thorners Community Hall.

We will be showing films from January through to May. The next showing is on January 12th at 8.00p.m. (Doors open 7.30p.m.) However, from experience we are not making a final decision on the film until after the Christmas TV schedules have come out, so please look out for details on posters, and the website www.littoncheney.org.uk



“A Glimpse of Old Bridport”

An illustrated talk by Bruce Upton, Bridport Museum will be held in Long Bredy Village Hall on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 7.30 pm.

Everyone welcome

£3 to include refreshments

 01308 482637 for further information

BEEKEEPING MONTH BY MONTH

Over the next months, Ruth and Ian Homer of Bride Valley Apiaries, Litton Cheney, are giving us an insight into the world of Bee-Keeping.



JANUARY 2012:

KEEPING EVERYTHING IN ORDER

I was once told, many years ago, in my early beekeeping days, that you should spend the maximum amount of money that you could possibly afford when buying beekeeping equipment as it could last you a lifetime. That's pretty good value as, with the exception of a marriage license, I can't think of anything else that can give you 40 years or more of continuous pleasure for a single capital outlay. But of course, as with a marriage, continuous investment of time and care is needed for your beekeeping equipment to continue to be fit for purpose.

Although various beekeepers are experimenting with newer materials such as polystyrene, it remains the case that the vast majority of beehives in the UK are made of wood. In general, cedar is used as it is more durable than many other woods but even so, joints sometimes need attention and, unfortunately, the unwarranted attention of green woodpeckers to beehives can result in more major repairs being needed.

Beekeepers also need to be on their guard against the various diseases which can affect honey bees and the winter is one of the best times to act against them. Spare brood boxes and supers (these are the boxes which make up the body of the hive) can be scraped down to remove any build-up of wax or propolis (the resinous substance with which bees weatherproof the inside of their hives), and then "flamed" with a gas torch to kill any bacteria which may be present. Old combs may have been removed from the hive during the summer and the wax removed from the frames. Winter is the time to clean up those frames and put new wax foundation (a very thin sheet of wax embossed with the shape of the cells) into them. When spring comes, this will enable more old combs to be removed (thus reducing the disease risk) and replaced with new foundation. Surprisingly, this new foundation also makes an effective contribution to



"Flaming" boxes to kill any bacteria

swarm control as it gives the young wax building bees something useful to do in the hive and diverts their attention from making swarming preparations!

Cleaning and repairing equipment is a practice which conforms to the law of diminishing returns and so, each year, we “retire” some of our equipment which has reached heritage status and replace it with new. This means that there is always some ongoing cost – last year we replaced the hive stands in one apiary (£400+), bought new roofs for 4 hives (£200) whilst new frames cost a further £80. New honey bottling equipment cost £80 and wax foundation cost around £60 though we keep this cost to a minimum by recycling and exchanging as much wax as we can.

We also need to clean, tidy and re-arrange the bee equipment shed every year or so in order that we have a chance of finding things when we need them – and unfortunately, that is a job that needs doing this winter (a couple of days each if we put our minds to it!). Each item is cleaned, disinfected and repaired before being returned to the shed for stacking. At this stage, there are always more repairs than I remember. So it inevitably takes a lot longer than planned.

Lastly, we try to plan the forthcoming season. What do we want to achieve, what are the priorities, what apiary sites are we intending to use and are there any repairs or maintenance needed at these sites? Each year is different as we sometimes concentrate on rearing new queens whilst in other years we focus on honey production or raising new colonies of bees to get the almost continual supply of new beekeepers up and running. Whatever we do, there is never a dull moment.

Ruth & Ian Homer

ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

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

On parish accounts, teapots and Labrador retrievers

*The Rectory
St. James the Least of All*

My dear Nephew Darren

Your annual accounts - all 146 pages, bound in their plastic covers and laid out in faultless detail - are really most impressive. I was rather envious to note you have a clergy 'discretionary fund'; were I given such a thing, my cellar of claret would improve immeasurably - although that is perhaps the reason why I am not given one.

The size of your office expenses makes me wonder if you have a staff rivalling that of the European

Community. I suppose that at least you are doing your bit for job creation. Our dear Miss Marigold, who spends two hours a week randomly filing pieces of paper, mistyping rotas and failing to re-order stationery, is only rewarded by being the first to find out who are booking marriages and having their babies baptised - and if they do not happen in that order, that will be another piece of information remembered for future use. All this is information beyond the price of jewels in village communities.

Our accounts have more by way of charm than they do of accuracy, generally consisting of one sheet of handwritten paper. There are only ever three copies for circulation, as that is the limit of Colonel Denster's carbon paper. It seems to be an unalterable tradition that they never balance, until we find the following year that the missing £20 was found months later under the teapot on the mantelpiece. One footnote to this was the occasion when the Colonel suspected an unaccountable £5 had been eaten by his Labrador. Our greatest expenses by far are categorised as 'miscellaneous', which is a catch-all for everything that our treasurer is unable to recall where it really went.

The thousands paid on church maintenance and diocesan fees are nodded through without comment - but if the money spent on Easter lilies or packets of tea for the Summer Fete increases by anything more than 50 pence, there will be much agonised debate and speculation about whether this is an indication of money laundering.

I see that your accounts were professionally audited. Fortunately, it does not matter too much about the accuracy of our own, as I have an arrangement with our auditor who lives in the village: if he refuses to sign them off, then I refuse to baptise his grand-children.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

SEVEN REASONS

WHY YOU SHOULD NOT MESS WITH CHILDREN:

1. A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'. The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?' The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.
 2. One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?' Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.' The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'
 3. A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was? The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.' The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.' Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'
 4. A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honour' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without hesitation one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'
 5. The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. 'Just think
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how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor..' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, 'And there's the teacher, she's dead.'

6. A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, 'Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face.'

'Yes,' the class said.

'Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?'

A little fellow shouted, 'Cause your feet ain't empty.'

7. The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

'Take only ONE. God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'!!!!

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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The difference between a democracy and a dictatorship is that in a democracy you vote first and take orders later; in a dictatorship you don't have to waste your time voting.

Charles Bukowski (1920 - 1994)



St KENTIGERN

13th January

Kentigern (more often called by his nickname Mungo, meaning 'dear one') was the son of a pagan king who became a pupil in St Serf's monastery in Fife, Scotland.

St Mungo is the patron saint of Glasgow, and he is famous for many miracles, some of which are illustrated on the city's coat of arms. The rhyme goes:

Here is the bird that never flew

Here is the tree that never grew

Here is the bell that never rang

Here is the fish that never swam

The bird was Serf's pet robin, which Mungo brought back to life. The tree was a hazel branch that he lit when the fire at the monastery had gone out. The bell was brought back from a visit to Rome and Mungo helped the Queen of Strathclyde find her lost ring inside a salmon.

There is even the story of his meeting the wizard, Merlin, who is said to have become a Christian and been baptised by Mungo. Mungo died around 612AD and his tomb is in the crypt of Glasgow Cathedral.

FISH MAZE

It is not a salmon and there is no ring hidden in it, but can you find your way through this fish?



Where do fish wash?

In a river basin.

Why did the whale cross the road?

To get to the other tide.

Where do little fishes go every morning?

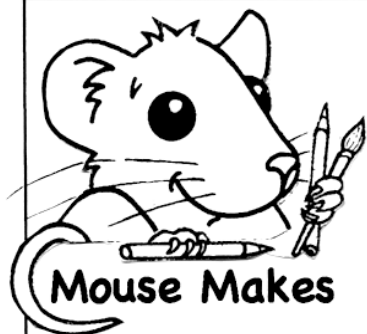
To plaice school.

What do you get from a bad-tempered shark?

As far away as possible.



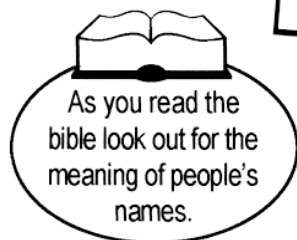
The NAMING of JESUS









Eight days after their baby was born, **Mary** and **Joseph** named him with the name the angel **Gabriel** had given them long before he had been born. It was a very special name for a very special baby... the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**.

"You are to give him the name JESUS because he will save his people from their sins".

READ: Luke 2:21-38



As you read the bible look out for the meaning of people's names.

<p>Jesus is: The Christ Matthew 16:16</p>  <p>The LIGHT John 8:12</p>  <p>Bread of Life John 6:35</p> <p>The Good Shepherd John 10:11</p>  <p>Lamb of God John 1:29</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>JESUS</p> </div> <p><i>'God is Saviour'</i> Matthew 1:21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">○</p>	<p>Jesus is: Saviour John 3:16-17</p>  <p>Son of God Matthew 3:16-17</p>  <p>The Word John 1:1-5</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>THE WAY John 14:6</p> </div> <p>LORD John 20:28</p>  <p>KING Revelation 17:14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">○</p>
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Bible Sketchbook



A Holy Moment



An angel appears. A bush is on fire but does not burn up! It is a holy moment. Moses is just looking after his sheep. He is doing his job. But God calls him and Moses says "Yes". What about you? What do you do when you have a "holy moment?"

Read more in Exodus ch 2.

God told Moses to take his sandals off because this was holy ground



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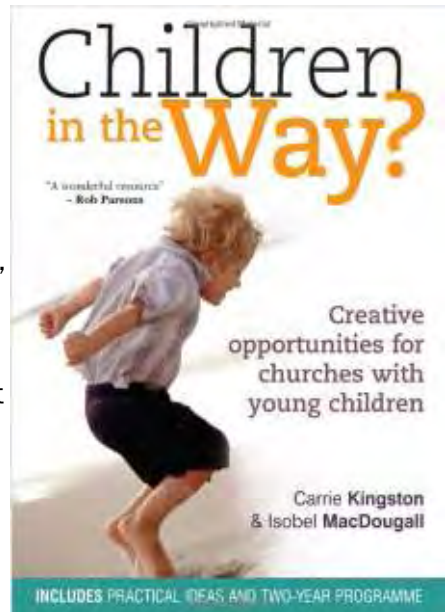
CHILDREN IN THE WAY?

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHURCHES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

By Carrie Kingston; Isobel MacDougall, Monarch £9.51

The first years are critical, a pivotal time when children have powerful curiosity, exuberance for learning, and make strong connections through their experiences. This is also when a child's attitudes, values and perceptions are formed: "Do I belong here?", "Am I good enough?" Our grasp of how children learn has developed sharply in recent years.

Schools constantly review their approach, but churches frequently employ antiquated practices. Many alienate children because our methods don't meet their needs, and because we don't realise that some of the strongest messages are hidden. Without knowing it, we are inoculating our children against church. The intention is to challenge churches about their children's work; to inform children's workers about the latest research; and to provide practical ideas. The authors suggest ways of developing music and movement, creativity and touch, so that children's experience of church is positive, enriching and intriguing.



DIARY OF EVENTS: JANUARY 2012

Sun	1	7.00pm One World Worship	Othona Community
Tue	3	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
Wed	3	2.00pm Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	3	7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
Wed	3	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Wed	4	7.30pm Book Club	PSWB Village Hall
Wed	4	7.30pm Book Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	5	10.15m Church Working Party	St Mary's, Litton Cheney
Fri	6	10.30am Puncknowle Art Group AGM	The Bull, Swyre
Fri	6	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	6	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Sat	7	7.30pm Keeeeeeep Dancing	LATCH
Sun	8	10.00am RBL Dorset County Conference	Ferndown Village Hall
Mon	9	2.00pm Craft Session	LATCH
Mon	9	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Mon	9	7.00pm RBL(Ab) Skittles Match	Swan Inn, Abbotsbury
Tue	10	2.15pm WI "The Story of Tea Blending"	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Tue	10	3.00pm Long Bredy Tea & Chat	Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney
Tue	10	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Tue	10	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	LATCH
Tue	10	9.00am Benefits Advice Surgery	Kings House, Bridport
Wed	11	2.00pm Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	11	7.00pm Parish Council Meeting	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Wed	11	7.30pm "Glimpses of Old Bridport"	Long Bredy Village Hall
Thu	12	2.30pm BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Thu	12	8.00pm Bride Valley Films - TBA	LATCH
Thu	13	?? BBVS "The Secret Gardens of London"	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Fri	13	10.15am Puncknowle Art Club	The Bull, Swyre
Fri	13	11.00am Tots & Prams Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Fri	13	12.00noon "Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	13	9.45am Yoga	LATCH
Sat	14	9.30am "The Well" Quiet Day	The Rectory, Burton Bradstock
Mon	16	4.00pm Pilates	LATCH
Tue	17	12.30pm Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	PSWB Village Hall
Tue	17	12.30pm PSWB Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	17	2.00pm Bride Valley Knitting Group	Ourganics, Litton Cheney
Tue	17	7.00pm Bride Valley Youth Club	LATCH
Tue	17	7.30pm Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629

Wed	18	2.00pm	Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	18	8.00pm	BBVHT AGM	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Thu	19	7.30pm	British Heart Foundation Meeting	Burtonport Christian F'ship Hall
Thu	19	7.30pm	RBL(Ab) Branch Committee Meeting	Portesham Village Hall
Fri	20	10.30am	Puncknowle Art Group Meeting	The Bull, Swyre
Fri	20	12.00noon	"Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	20	9.45am	Yoga	LATCH
Sat	21	??	Artsreach "Time Travelling Magicians"	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Sun	22	11.00pm	Christingle Service	St Mary's, Puncknowle
Mon	23	4.00pm	Pilates	LATCH
Mon	23	7.00pm	RBL(BB) Social Evenineg	The Three Horseshoes
Mon	23	7.30pm	St Mary's, Puncknowle, PCC	Lytton Close
Tue	24	7.30pm	Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629
Wed	25	2.00pm	Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	25	7.30pm	Artsreach "The Wondermentalist!"	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Thu	26	2.30pm	BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Fri	27	10.15am	Puncknowle Art Club	The Bull, Swyre
Fri	27	12.00noon	"Sacred Space"	Good Books, Bridport
Fri	27	7.30pm	Artsreach "The Phoenix and the Carpet"	LATCH
Fri	27	9.45am	Yoga	LATCH
Sun	29	11.00am	UnitedValley Service	St Mary's, Puncknowle
Mon	30	4.00pm	Pilates	LATCH
Wed	31	2.00pm	Exercise to Music	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	31	7.30pm	Eastern Valley Home Group	phone 897068/629

WEEKDAY SERVICES, JANUARY 2012

For Sunday Services, see back cover

Monday	2 nd	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wednesday	4 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	5 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	6 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday	9 th	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	11 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	12 th	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	13 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	16 th	9.00am	Littlebredy
Wednesday	18 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	19 th	9.00am	Puncknowle
Friday	20 th	9.00am	Litton Cheney
Monday	23 rd	9.00am	Long Bredy
Wednesday	25 th	9.30am	Burton Bradstock
		10.00am	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	26 th	9.00am	Swyre
Friday	27 th	9.00am	Shipton Gorge
Monday	30 th	9.00am	Littlebredy



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: January 2012

	1 st Sunday January 1 2 nd Sunday of Christmas	2 nd Sunday January 8 th Epiphany	3 rd Sunday January 15 th Epiphany 2	4 th Sunday January 22 th Epiphany 3	5 th Sunday January 29 th Epiphany 4
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 <i>(By Extension)</i> 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion <i>(By Extension)</i>	11.00 Family Service 6.30 Evening Prayer	
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Family Communion <i>(By Extension)</i> 3.30 Epiphany Carols	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service	11.00 United Service
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion <i>(By Extension)</i>	8.00 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion <i>(By Extension)</i>		11.00 Holy Communion	