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# Bridge

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## BRIDPORT UNITED CHURCH

East Street

### 14th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Dedication Service and switching on the lights by

Deputy Mayor - Tues 6 December 7pm

Wednesday 7 - 14 December

Open weekdays from 10am

Sunday from 2pm

Free admission

Donations for Charities appreciated

## **Bridport Christmas Festival Wednesday**

**7 December from 5.45pm**

Craft and charity stalls in the WI Hall, the Bridport Arts Centre and around the town, plenty of entertainment and Santa's Grotto and sleigh in Bucky Doo, fairground rides, Farmers' Market, Vintage Market, Bridport Museum and shops open for late night shopping and lots of festive food and drink - something for everyone young and old.

**THE BRIDGE TEAM WISH YOU ALL A  
VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW  
YEAR**

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER in BRIDPORT & DISTRICT THE BRIDPORT NATIVITY**



After a break last year due to snow and ice, Churches Together in Bridport & District are delighted to announce that once again that lovely community event, The Bridport Nativity, will take place amongst the Saturday market in Bridport. Bridport will become Bethlehem for the morning and we invite everyone to come and see a live outdoor nativity, bringing the true message of Christmas to the streets of Bridport!

Watch Mary and Joseph coming from the west with their donkey (kindly loaned by Freshwater Holiday Park), the Magi coming from the east, and the shepherds from the south – and, of course, angels!! Tableaux, drama, and songs will take place in Bucky Doo Square.

This will all happen on **Saturday morning, 17<sup>th</sup> December from 11.00 am.**

Do come and watch, sing and feel the real Christmas begin!

*Would you like to help - see page 3*



2006 Nativity

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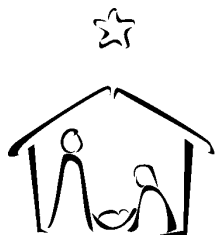
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If you have ideas for an article for "The Bridge" please ask the Editor before submitting the piece so that space can be guaranteed, then send it to her as soon as possible.



**C**hristmas is not a time which one normally associates with belt-tightening; indeed it's usual to complain early in the New Year that the exact opposite is necessary!

**Y**et this year 'belt-tightening' seems to have been very much the order of the day. As I write this, the outcome of events in Greece are still far from certain and more turmoil in the 'markets' seems likely; more people are sadly losing their jobs and there is a general gloom and concern uppermost in people's minds.

**M**aybe though, just maybe, we will be able, as we have done during difficult times in the past, to put these concerns to one side, at least for a few days as we celebrate the Christmas and New Year season once more.

**J**esus was born into a world of great uncertainty. Israel was long occupied by hated foreigners and the local rulers were despised collaborators fearful for their own positions of power. Although Joseph's trade was a skilled one, Jesus' home life would have been quite humble by even our austerity touched modern standards.

**I**remember talking to a group of older ladies about Christmas's past, especially during the very bleak wartime years when they were growing up. And yet, do you know, they all had the fondest memories of those times. Food and fuel was short. There were no big piles of presents, electronic or otherwise. There was a 'blackout' still in force and imagine, no Christmas television! How did they ever manage?

**T**hey were not, of course, wedded to our modern culture of celebrity and consumerism. Having a good time meant perhaps a simple meal with a few treats made with sugar that had not been used but saved just for this occasion. It meant family gathering together and enjoying each other's company, finding love and laughter to be the perfect antidote for a pretty cold and dark world.

**T**he past is, so it is said, a different land, and I suppose I am of sufficient years to be able to look back to the 'good old days' when there was 'Christmas Night with the Stars' on the television. If you remember that, you will probably get excited at the mention of Spangles, too.

**T**here is no doubt that we live in troubled and doubt-filled times. No-one can be certain what the next year will hold, other than it's likely to continue to be very tough for an awful lot of us

**I**would, however, want us to be hopeful. That next year might be a time when we begin once again to discover a sense of care, community and loving service for each other. A time to find joy and pleasure in those things which cost little but which are priceless, a time to love and laugh even if the going gets tougher than perhaps it's been for more than a generation.

**T**he prophet Isaiah, whose wise words we will hear again in our Christmas services, promised that the long-awaited Messiah would be called 'Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'



**T**hat promise was fulfilled in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. What a gift that was!

*I wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year. May the peace of God rest in your home and your heart and may you know the riches of true contentment.*

Andrew Evans Team Rector,  
Bridport Team Ministry: '*Loving God, loving neighbour*'.



#### **AN APPEAL - Would you like to help?**

Accompany an angel, stroll with a shepherd, walk with a wise man! **Bridport Nativity on Saturday 17th December** are looking for some people to assist with stewarding. If you can sacrifice two or three hours on this day to assist with stewarding then please contact [philipoli.jeffris@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:philipoli.jeffris@yahoo.co.uk).



## "WHAT'S ON AND WHERE"

This **Toddler Group** offers an exciting opportunity to come along and enjoy **toys, songs, a story & lunch!**

All caregivers with children aged 0-5 are welcome  
Cost £1.50 per adult & 50p per child  
**Every Friday 12.30 - 2.30pm**  
Church House, South St.



### RED CROSS

Medical Equipment Loan Service  
Youth Centre Car Park,  
Gundry Lane, Bridport  
Every Tuesday 11am - 3pm  
At other times or in emergency contact:  
Tel: 0845331 3331

### TEA AND CHAT

Volunteer drivers urgently required to transport guests to and from the monthly Tea and Chat event held in the Bridport United Church main hall on the third Sunday of the month. **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**  
If you can help please contact Tom Murphy on 455674 or Harry Britton on 421225.

**The next Tea and Chat is on  
Sunday 15 January 2012 at 3pm.**

### BRIDPORT CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

The group meets on the first Friday of the month at Bridport Community Hospital in the Health Education Room at 10.15 am - 12 noon. All carers are welcome to come, have a chat and refreshments. Information, books, leaflets are also available. There are speakers on various subjects. Ex-carers are also welcome for the help they can give.  
**For further information please contact M. Wrighton Tel. 01308 427494.**

### TUESDAY CLUB

Are you 6-11 years old?  
**THEN COME AND JOIN US!!**  
Bring your best friend for an hour of  
**FUN AND CREATIVITY**  
At the Bradpole Village Hall  
**TUESDAYS 5.45-6.45pm (term time)**

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETINGS

**BRIDPORT WI**  
**WI Hall - 2.30pm**

Tues 6 December **CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Tues 10 January **Mr Bob Jukes of "Shelter Box!"**  
Each Monday Craft 2pm  
Tues 17 January Scrabble 2pm

**COLMER WI** (Contact No 423546)  
**United Church Hall - 7.30pm**

Thurs 9 Dec **Christmas Party**  
Thurs 12 Jan **Delhi to Katmandu - Christine Shaw**



### WEST DORSET FLOWER CLUB (BRIDPORT)

**12 December - Home Team**  
"Christmas around the Home"  
**10 January - AGM**

New members and visitors welcome.  
We meet at the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport at 2.30pm  
For further information please telephone 01308 424319



### BRITISH SUGARCRAFT GUILD BRIDPORT BRANCH

**Come along to our meetings to find out more!**

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday in every month in the Citrus Grove Cafe at Groves Garden Centre, West Bay Road, Bridport.  
7.15pm for 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
We have demonstrations and workshops on all aspects of sugar craft. All levels of experience are welcome.

Please contact Merrill on 01297 24708 for more details



**1st Wednesday in the month**  
**Club for children aged 7 - 12 years**

**Where:** Church House  
South Street, Bridport  
**Time:** 7pm - 8.30pm

**1st Session FREE**  
**COME AND FIND OUT MORE**

**Games, craft, activities and lots more!!**  
**For more information ring Margaret 424234**

### Bereavement Support

**Cruse Bereavement Care** is now running a monthly meeting at Bridport Hospital. This is for any who have been bereaved and would like to have an opportunity to meet with others who have been bereaved. It is an informal group, hosted by Cruse volunteers. We meet on the third Friday of the month from 10am to 12noon. (Come and go as you please within these times), for a "cuppa" and a chat. At the moment we are a small group and would welcome new comers. You do not have to have had any previous contact with Cruse.



**DO YOU HAVE ARTHRITIS?**

**Visit the Bridport Arthritis Care group which meets in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport on the first Wednesday in the month at 2pm to find out what they do and the benefits of belonging to the Association, or contact the membership secretary on 01308 862998**



**Bridport Probus** is a luncheon club for retired and semi-retired professional and business men with the object of promoting good fellowship. It meets at the Eype's Mouth Hotel on the third Wednesday of the month for drinks at 12 noon, followed by lunch and a speaker.

The required dress code is jacket and tie.

Prospective members are invited to attend a lunch as the paying guest of a member to enable them to experience the club's principle activity before making the commitment to join. It has a ladies' section, mainly the wives of members, which meets at the same time and place but has a separate lunch and different speakers.

Anyone interested or requiring further information should contact the club secretary as follows: -

D.T. Batty, 7, Roundham Gardens, Bridport, DT6 4BD  
Tel: 01308 424457 E Mail: magndave.batty@yahoo.co.uk

## BRIDPORT AND DISTRICT DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

We are a small and friendly bridge club and we encourage players who want a pleasant evening without pressure or fear of criticism.

We meet every Thursday evening at 6pm in the Bridport United Church middle hall for duplicate bridge from 7pm to 10pm.

For more information contact Roy Tarsnane on 425298 or Bob Barker on 424981.



### Bridport and District Friendship Centre

We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month at St John's Ambulance Hall, Rax Lane at 7.30pm (2.30pm in winter). We have some interesting speakers and a welcome cuppa.

We also have a monthly pub lunch and afternoon outings. Interested?

Contact Joy on 01308 424557 or David on 01308 424144



### West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society

#### BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE

**Wednesday 14 December** - 2pm for 2.30pm

Speaker: **Jackie Marsh-Hobbs**

"A Passion for Piers"

**Wednesday 18 January - HIGHLANDS END**

Lunch 12noon for 12.30pm

Meeting 2pm for 2.30pm

Speaker: **Eveline Eaton** - "A Visit to New York: Art and Architecture"

For information please telephone 01297 443615

The National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies



## Moving On



Moving On is a social club for people who have suffered from mental illness. You are welcome to come along on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 to 1.30 to the first floor of the Community and Youth Centre, Gundry Lane, Bridport. For information please ring Mary on 07812128085.

We are a registered charity.

## A Welcome Awaits you

**Chancery House Day Centre,**



OPEN FOR  
MORNING COFFEE - 3-COURSE LUNCH  
POP-IN CENTRE - NEW-TO-YOU SHOP  
HAIRDRESSERS

Contact Chancery House  
Bridport, Dorset DT6 4AJ  
on 01308 424357 or  
email [bridport424@btinternet.com](mailto:bridport424@btinternet.com)

**Volunteer Car Driver wanted** - telephone as above  
Registered Charity No. 229199

## Pathways to Care

Co-ordinates both Bridport & District Good Neighbours scheme, providing help where needed (gardening, shopping, transport, changing a light bulb etc) and Hopeful Hampers, food for those in need.

We'd welcome more volunteers but are also happy to hear from anyone who might need our help.

Find out more by calling in at Good Books or Tel: 01308 420483.

THE  
*New Elizabethan*  
SINGERS

Present

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND READINGS

**Tuesday 13 December, 7.30pm**  
**St John's Church, West Bay**

Donations for St John's and The New Elizabethan Singers

Refreshments

Registered Charity No 1125032



## ST SWITHUN'S BAND

**Christmas Concert**

**Monday 12 December at 7.30pm in St Swithun's Church.**

Adults £3.50 Children under 16 years free

## Christmas & New Year at GOOD BOOKS

**Write for Rights** is this year's Amnesty International Greetings Card Campaign which runs till 31 December – please consider sending a card to someone in prison or facing human rights abuse. Pick up a leaflet from us with full details of how to go about it.

Look out for us at the **Christmas Tree Festival** 7-14 December and do visit our stall at the **Bridport Christmas Festival** on Wednesday 7 December 6.00-8.30pm. Good Books will be open up to and including Christmas Eve for last minute cards and gifts (and a hot drink!) and then closed until Tuesday 3 January.

Come to our **Grand January Sale** on Friday 13 January, Open House from 10am-2pm with the usual tasty refreshments. *Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year.*

### GOOD BOOKS

St Mary's Old School  
Gundry Lane, Bridport  
DT6 3RL

Tel: 01308 420483

E-mail: [orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk](mailto:orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk)

Website: [www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk](http://www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk)

**Home of:** Bridport Book of Hours, Threads of Hope, Pathways to Care (Bridport & District Good Neighbours & Hopeful Hampers).

**Opening hours:** Mon, Tues, Thurs 9am-1.00pm, Wed & Fri 9am-3pm, Saturday 10am-12.00. **New volunteers always welcome!**



## Churches Together

An Invitation to:-

**Christmas Lunch**  
at Bridport United Church  
East Street, Bridport  
12noon – 3.00pm  
**Christmas Day**



Name.....

Address.....

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Tel.....

If you would like to join us please fill in the above form and send to 34, West Walk, West Bay, DT6 4HT or phone Grant & Elaine on 01308 456066 by 21<sup>st</sup> December at the latest

Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs..... or need transport.....?

## Bridport Young Performers Scholarship - BYPS

For young artistes in the Bridport area aspiring to become professional theatre performers – singers, actors, dancers and more - getting the right performing arts training is crucial. But with tuition fees rising and scholarships becoming increasingly rare, realising your dreams can be tough and many will need substantial help to meet the costs.



Founded by Jodie Glover in April 2011, BYPS helps financially with training when it's needed, both locally and at performing arts schools. The scholars themselves help organise fundraising events and are able to draw on the fund according to the hours they've put in. BYPS provide workshop and performance opportunities too.

Two ways to support BYPS in December:

- 2pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>, **Music & Mince Pies** at Church House, South Street. Tickets & info from Good Books 01308 420483, proceeds shared between BYPS and The Uparo Project.

- 7.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, **BYPS Christmas Show** at Bridport Arts Centre. Contact Tracey for tickets 07703030317.

To find out more: [www.byps.co.uk](http://www.byps.co.uk) E-mail: [Info@byps.co.uk](mailto:Info@byps.co.uk)  
Tel: 01308 427851

## One World Fellowship

**Thursday 26 January 2012**

in the Strode Room, next to St Mary's Church, Beaminster

A talk by **Revd Canon Barney Milligan, OBE**,  
about his recent book

**The Bridge Reflections by an Unreconstructed Ecumaniac.** (to include book signing)  
Willing to discuss issues raised in the book.

Visitors (£2.00 entry) and new members very welcome. Refreshments, tea and coffee.

## Bridport Choral Society CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7.30pm Saturday 10 December  
at Bridport United Church

**Introducing Musical Director - Kris Emmett**  
**Accompanist - David Illingworth**  
**Anna-Maria Geare - Soprano**

Admission by programme £6 adults, £3.50 children  
From Bridport Music, Tourist Office or at the door.



**BRADPOLE** has a knitted **Nativity set**, consisting of the Holy Family, shepherds, angels, kings and animals. Story books and colouring cards.

The family is looking for shelter for the night in various homes during Advent. The set is suitable for all ages. If you want more information or you are able to shelter them for one or two nights, please contact Ruth Morse on 01308 424641

## Have you ever wondered ... .....about human organ transplants?

Tremendous advances have been made in medical science since Christian Barnard carried out the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansy in 1967. Now it seems that almost any organ in the human body can be moved from one body to another, that is of course, other than the brain.

It is also a fact of life that there is never enough body parts to meet the demands made on the health authorities.

So many lives have been transformed by the skill of the surgeons and for the generosity of those who have donated their organs for transplanting after their death. Because of the shortage of organs, a lack of donors, it has been mooted that it should be automatically accepted that any suitable organs can be taken immediately following the death of anyone, unless that person opts out of the scheme. This I cannot accept. It is not for a bureaucrat to say what I can or cannot do, under these circumstances. The parts in my body are mine and it is up to me to say what I would like done with the useful ones after I no longer need them.



To be required to 'opt out' could lead to the discrimination of the individual, also it takes away the feeling that you are making a voluntary substantial donation to an unknown individual.

Another aspect of this body part transplant that I personally find distressing, is when we see parents of a very sick small child pleading for a new heart for the child. In effect they are asking for another child to die so their child can live. I have no doubt that it is all done with the very best of intentions, and no doubt it sells newspapers, but I still find it a trifle distasteful.

Organ transplanting is a scientific wonder, but not content with these advances they have to go one further and try and play God, with IVF and designer babies for those who can afford the treatment.

This is where the scientists and I part company. The reproduction of the animal world (in all its widest aspect - and that means us!) has been decreed by nature and it is not up to mankind to dabble in this delicate and very private exercise. I am sure I am treading on some very delicate egg shells in even raising the subject, but I think there are very strong Christian ethics to be considered here.

I get very annoyed with lesbian women who say "it is my right as a woman to have a baby" but is not prepared to go about getting one in the manner laid down by nature. Madam, it is not your 'right', the only right any one of us have guaranteed in this life is the air that we breath. Anything else we have to work for. By the same token it cannot be right that homosexual men should be allowed to father babies via a surrogate mother, who is nothing more than an incubator.

This then opens up another can of worms - should an infant be brought up in a household with two same sex parents? The liberals among us will say yes, and the zealots will say no.



I will retire to my bunker and await the flack! Tug

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## 'Tots @ Ten'

Tots @ Ten was developed out of an idea from a group of Holy Trinity, Bradpole members who were wishing to provide a facility for parents/carers of pre-school children to meet together. After much thought and prayer and with the support of the Church Council, Tots @ Ten began to meet weekly on Wednesdays during term time from 10.00 until 11.30 in the Church at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

Parents/Carers are offered refreshments while their children play with the many lovely toys that have been donated to the Group. The morning is drawn to a conclusion with the children singing some of their favourite songs - "Sleeping Bunnies" being a firm favourite with children and leaders alike! Numbers fluctuate from week to week but at the time of writing there are 20 children on the register.

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**L**ocal Food Links is a community owned social enterprise providing freshly prepared meals made with local and organic ingredients to primary schools, nurseries and lunch clubs across Dorset. More recently we started working in partnership with Agincare to offer hot, tasty meals delivered direct to your door to help older people continue living independently at home.

Our menus include traditional favourites such as beef stew and dumplings, turkey, leek and ham pie and roasts followed by puddings such as home-made crumbles and sponges, all made in our Bridport kitchen. We use local, seasonal ingredients from Dorset suppliers wherever possible, including Washingpool Farm, Elwell Fruit Farm and Denhay. We can also cater for special dietary requirements, including diabetic and coeliac diets.

People can order meals on wheels as often or as little as suits them, without the need for a social care assessment. If you would like to find out more please contact Suzie King, Community Development Worker on 01308 428924.



## Christmas Services in Bridport



### ST MARY'S BRIDPORT

<b>Sun 18 Dec</b>	4pm	Carol Service
<b>Tues 20 Dec</b>	7.30pm	Blue Light Carol Service - for all members families and friends of the emergency services
<b>Sat 24 Dec</b>	4pm	Christmas Eve Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion
<b>Sun 25</b>	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion

### HOLY TRINITY, BOTHENHAMPTON

<b>Sun 18 Dec</b>	6pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
<b>Sat 24 Dec</b>	4pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
<b>Sun 25 Dec</b>	11am	Family Communion

### HOLY TRINITY, BRADPOLE

<b>Sun 18 Dec</b>	3pm	Carol service
<b>Sat 24 Dec</b>	3pm	Crib Service - a special welcome to children
	11.30pm	Midnight communion service
<b>Sun 25 Dec</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion

### ST MARY'S, WALDITCH

<b>Sun 18 Dec</b>	3pm	Carol Service
<b>Sat 24 Dec</b>	4pm	Crib Service
<b>Sun 25 Dec</b>	11.15am	Parish Eucharist, Common Worship

### ST SWITHUN'S, ALLINGTON

<b>Sun 18 Dec</b>	6pm	Carol Service
<b>Sat 24 Dec</b>	11am	Christmas Eve Crib Service (families warmly invited)
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
<b>Sun 25 Dec</b>	8am	Mass
	9.30am	Sung Mass

### ST JOHN'S, WEST BAY

<b>Thurs 15 Dec</b>	2.30pm	Carol Service West Bay/Bridport Womens' Institute. All welcome
<b>Sun 18 Dec</b>	3pm	Signed Deaf Church Service
<b>Sat 24 Dec</b>	4pm	Crib Service
<b>Sun 25 Dec</b>	11.15am	Holy Communion

### BRIDPORT UNITED CHURCH

<b>Tues 6 Dec</b>	7pm	Dedication Service for Christmas Tree Festival
<b>Wed 7 - 14 Dec</b>		Christmas Tree Festival open
<b>Sun 18 Dec</b>	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
<b>St 24 Dec</b>	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Carols and Communion by Candlelight
<b>Sun 25 Dec</b>	10.30am	Christmas Day All Age Worship

### CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Old School, King Street, Bridport

<b>Sun 11 Dec</b>	10.30am	Carol Service
<b>Sun 18 Dec</b>	11am	Open Air Service Bucky Doo Square
	6.30pm	Christingle
<b>Sun 25 Dec</b>	10.30am	Christmas Day Service

### BRIDPORT MEETING HOUSE

<b>Sun 25 Dec</b>	10.30am	Meeting for Worship
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### BRIDPORT CATHOLIC CHURCH

<b>Tues 20 Dec</b>	7pm	Parish Carol Service - St Mary & St Catherine's Church, Bridport
<b>Sat 24 Dec</b>	6pm	Mass at St Mary & St Catherine's Church, Bridport (preceded by carols at 5.30pm)
	12	Midnight Mass at St. John's Church, Beaminster
<b>Sun 25 Dec</b>	10am	Mass at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Ignatius, Chideock
<b>Mon 26 Dec</b>	10am	St Stephen's Day - Mass at St John's Church, Beaminster

### October in the Roumois

Sixteen Bridport parishioners made the traditional exchange trip to the Roumois, a sparsely inhabited area of agricultural Normandy, a gently rolling landscape with a network of lanes between the hamlets where our hosts live. Piles of an unfamiliar white root crop could be seen in the fields. 'Betaraves' turned out to be sugar beet, the autumn harvest awaiting transport to the processing plant.

Sleep was at a premium on the night ferry at half term, but we managed to put on a bright British face to meet our hosts at Le Bec Hellouin, the abbey with a typically turbulent medieval history, abandoned and ruined after the Revolution, but now a peaceful refuge run by Benedictine monks. Dejeuner at the house of a 92-year-old in full hostess mode, was a communal effort with colleagues bringing in an apparently endless supply of casseroles to feed 30 people, something that the Roumois community take in their stride. On to our hosts' houses – in our case a tall and narrow half-timbered 'country house' typical of the area.

Sunday brought us to morning service at one of the small churches in the widespread rural area. Our hostess ushered us into a front seat. Our priests, Peter and Margaret, took only a small part, but we managed to follow most of the fairly informal service. After another communal farmhouse meal, we were taken to Giverny to see an exhibition of the Clark collection of impressionist paintings, many of which were early examples by the best known Impressionists, Renoir portraits and Sisley landscapes.

Monday morning's entertainment proved to be a visit to the street market at Pont Audemer: traffic was diverted from the town centre and the cobbled street occupied by ten times the number of stalls at Bridport's Saturday market. After an indoor 'pique-nique' we said our 'au revoirs' and thanks for all the excellent hospitality. The minibus returned, expertly driven by Roger with true sangfroid, unfazed by the front bench navigators' last minute search for a Carrefour in the industrial sprawl of le Havre; after the crossing there followed a frustrating delay at Portsmouth to clear passport control. To cap it all, a diversion on the M27 at midnight, but we were home at 1am thanks to our driver's determination to ignore all such trifling obstacles.

Next year there will be a return visit: Bridport will have to show its prowess as hosts, and keep this long-standing exchange of goodwill and friendship alive. **Philip Saunders**

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01308 868108 or mobile 07867 643425





## A DAY IN THE LIFE of..... TOM GLOVER Reporter



**S**OARING highs and crashing lows are what link the two aspects of my double life.

By day I am the Chief Reporter for the View From Bridport and Beaminster and by night I'm an amateur stand up comedian, like a poor Westcountry imitation of Clark Kent. The best and worst part about both "careers" is that you never know what to expect from one day to the next. When I arrive in the office each morning my daily tasks will be dictated by what ever has landed in my email inbox overnight. Likewise my comedy career is dictated by who books me, where and when. I've been known to get a call to do a gig just as I sit down to dinner and what was meant to be a quiet night is suddenly spent on stage in front of 100 strangers.

The spontaneity does keep me on my toes and has led to some great experiences, and some not so great ones. As a reporter I've had the chance to meet and talk to some of my childhood heroes, such as Adrian Edmondson and Phil Jupitus, but it has also led me to being shouted at by Martin Clunes in a charity shop. A situation I had never expected to arise two weeks earlier when he made me a cup of tea and signed my Men Behaving Badly box set. Comedy is even more unpredictable, you're the next big thing one night and the following day you can perform the same set to complete silence.

Finding a single day which simultaneously sums up both aspects of my life is a difficult task but hopefully Friday, October 21st can give you a little insight into my world. Of my working week Friday is probably my most relaxed day. Monday and Tuesday are frantic as I beaver away to get my stories finished for deadline. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are the calm before the storm, driving around in the company Smart car visiting the various events Bridport and Beaminster have to offer.

My jobs in the diary for Friday October 21st both, fittingly, had a religious link. My first visit was to the St Mary's Church Munch Club where volunteers, parents and children were celebrating the club's first birthday. The Munch Club is a great little group which has gone from strength to strength since its launch, offering parents a chance to enjoy a hot lunch and a chat with friends, and little ones a chance to run riot. One of the highlights of being a community reporter is that you are always where the action is happening, whether it's one of the town's many popular festivals or a little celebration such as the Munch Club's first birthday. Like at most of these events I was embraced into the club, had a jacket potato lunch and homemade cake, and then got snapping with my camera as the children played and parents chatted.

After the Munch Club I headed off to St Catherine's Primary School where the pupils had spent the day studying the religion of Islam. The school is taking time this year to study different faiths and had spent that Friday designing prayer mats, learning religious dances and baking star and moon biscuits. I took my pictures and headed back to the office to download my days work and write the stories up for next week's paper.

As Friday is our quietest day at the View From, and because I often find myself working throughout the weekend, I finished at 4pm.

The early finish was a blessing this week as I was heading up to London after work to compete in the first round of the Laughing Horse New Act of the year Competition.

Unfortunately there weren't any heats closer to home so it meant a three-hour drive to do five minutes of comedy and then a three-hour drive back. I've done 53 gigs in my first year of comedy and travelled over 6000 miles for the privilege. It's the comedy apprenticeship that every big name comic has gone through at some stage. Comedy is as much about hard graft as it is talent. You've got to be committed to drive 100 miles to a town you've never heard of to perform for five minutes in front of people who potentially couldn't care less if you're there or not. It's worth it though for the times you have the audience hanging on your every word and laughing and applauding at every punch line.

The trouble with gigging in London is that both I and the audience are from different worlds. In the same way London comics struggle when they come to Dorset and talk about tube travel and Oyster cards, I struggle when I go to London and talk about the West country.

I had a good gig that night but unfortunately I wasn't voted through to the next round. Three audience members are given voting cards and unless you impress them you're going home empty handed. My stories of holidays in Cornwall and funny West country newspaper headlines didn't impress them. Of course it's disappointing but eventually only one person will win that competition and thousands will go home defeated. As a wise man once said, fall down seven times, stand up eight, and tomorrow I'll be ready to stand up and do it all again.

**Tom Glover**

## Singing for the Brain at St Swithun's

This group run by Alzheimer's Society meets every Wednesday afternoon at St Swithun's Church Hall between 1.15pm and 2.45pm and is open to anyone with memory problems, friends, family and carers.

The group meet for tea and coffee followed by a singing session led by trained facilitator and Bridport Town Crier, Jane Silver-Corren. The session starts with some simple breathing exercises and techniques to warm up the voice and Jane incorporates a mixture of familiar songs as well as new songs.

Jane says, "The group provides a stimulating environment for those with memory problems, and their partners or carers. When other parts of the memory appear to be fading, we work with and build on the preservation of musical memory."

Angie Gape, Dementia Support Worker for Alzheimer's Society says:

"Singing for the Brain is an enjoyable, friendly and uplifting experience giving many people a much needed boost. It's amazing to see the change in people from when they first join the group to a few weeks later when they recognise the new songs they have learnt and are so much more confident."

Some members of the group recently took part in the Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk around Bridport which coincided with The Bridport Hat Festival. The group were not only raising funds but used the opportunity to hold a mini Singing for the Brain session along the way to raise awareness about dementia.

If anyone would like more information about this group, please contact Angie Gape from Alzheimer's Society on 01305 259740



## ST. MARY'S BRIDPORT

Parish Editor - Valerie Payne (temporary)

Churchwardens

Mr Ivor Parker 456648, Mr John Cooke 423004

Children's & Youth Leader - Mrs Valerie Payne 458867

Director of Music - Mr Peter Jezard 422136

Tower Captain - Mrs Dinah Wilson 422788

### Church Services

#### December

Sunday 4	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)
Sunday 11	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4pm	X-Alt Informal Service
Sunday 18	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4pm	Carol Service
Tues 20	7.30pm	Blue Light Carol Service - for all members families and friends of the emergency services
Sat 24	4pm	Christmas Eve Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion
Sunday 25	8am	Christmas Day Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion

#### January

Sunday 1	8am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8	8am	Holy Communion
and 22	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4pm	X-Alt Informal Service
Sunday 15	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4pm	Christingle
Sunday 29	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Every Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion



There is a plethora of opportunities for meaningful worship in St Mary's over the Christmas period. The Carol Service, as always will be a veritable feast of wonderful music and the Crib Service this year will be 'Café Style' with all the usual ingredients and Christmas fare for all the family. Come and Enjoy!

### Travelling Nativity

St Mary's Mothers' Union are again looking for families to shelter the Holy Family for one or two nights during Advent. The Nativity set is hand knitted so is quite safe for small children and it includes a flock of sheep, one of which may be kept as a memento. If you have family or friends who would like to take part in this, or for further information, please telephone Eileen Fuszard on Bridport 422590

### ST MARY'S MOTHERS' UNION

The Carols and Christmas Party on **Tuesday 13 December** at 2.30pm is as usual shared with Bothenhampton Branch; this year it will be at Bothenhampton - Transport can be arranged.

The January meeting on Tuesday 10 at 2.30pm in Church House is our AGM. Come and hear the report of last year's achievements and help discuss the way forward for 2012.

## HOLY TRINITY BOTHENHAMPTON

Village Editor - Mrs Barbara Fooks 423122

Churchwardens - Mrs Pat Scott 423447, David Weston 424597

Children & Youth Worker - Mrs Jean Mitchell 422127

### Church Services

#### December

Sunday 4	11am Sung Communion, 6pm Evensong
Sundays 11&18	11am Sung Communion
Sunday 18	6pm Nine Lessons and Carols
Saturday 24	4pm Crib Service
	11.30 Midnight Mass
Sunday 25	11am Family Communion



#### January

Sundays 1&15	11am Sung Communion, 6pm Evensong
Sunday 8	11am Sung Communion
Sunday 22	11am Matins
Sunday 29	11am Holy Communion (BCP)

**The Charity Collection** at Holy Trinity in December is for The Bible Society which works tirelessly to provide bibles around the world. In January we support the Millenium Centre, helping young people in Bridport.

### Come to a Carol singing get-together

Wednesday 14 December, Holy Trinity Church, 7.30pm  
A festive occasion to choose your favourites.  
Collection for children's charity. Refreshments

### QUIZ NIGHT - SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER - 7.30pm

In aid of The Children's Society and  
Save the Children  
Bothenhampton Village Hall. Teams up to 4 people  
£10.00. Supper £5.00 per person

**THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE** invites you to an  
**Evening of Christmas Cheer** Saturday 10 December,  
7.30pm in the Hall

**The Parish Council** wishes to mark the Queen's Jubilee next June with a memento for families. Please ring 458006/424300 now if you have children under 11 years in Bothenhampton or Walditch

### COFFEE MORNINGS in Holy Trinity

10am - 12 noon with books and raffle  
Sat 3 December - Christmas parcels and handbells  
Sat 7 January - New Year swap shop

### MOTHERS' UNION

Tuesday 13 December at 2.30pm Village Hall.  
Joined by St Mary's, Bridport for Christmas Party.  
10 January - AGM

### EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Monday **12 December** 7.30pm Village Hall - Christmas Party  
Monday **16 January** - Mrs Vanessa Hughes "Food for Thought"

### Next Film Evening - Saturday 21 January 7.30pm

Bothenhampton Village Hall - details  
423071/458006

**Frome Valley Mummers** are performing their traditional play in the Village Hall on Friday 6 January, 7.30pm.  
Refreshments

## HOLY TRINITY BRADPOLE

Village Editor - Douglas Baldwin 424232

Churchwarden - Mr David Coe 421352

Verger - Mrs Sheena Ascott 456373

Children & Youth Worker - Mrs Vyv Haydon 420367

Tower Captain - Mr Peter Carnell 420716

If you have any Pastoral/personal issues please contact

The Revd Janis Moore 425644 (Day off Wednesday)

### Church Services

#### December

Sunday 4	9.30	Worship service, coffee afterwards
Tuesday 6	2.30pm	'Tuesdays Together' (with teas)
Sunday 11	9.30am	Parish communion
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 18	3pm	Carol service, followed by mince pies (Note: there will be no 9.30 service)
Saturday 24	3pm	Crib service – a special invitation to children

11.30pm Midnight communion service

Sunday 25 9.30am Parish communion

#### January

Sunday 1	9.30am	Service celebrating New Year with communion – theme 'New Beginnings'
Tuesday 3	2.30pm	'Tuesdays Together' (with teas)
Sunday 8	9.30am	Parish communion
Sunday 15	9.30am	Worship service
Sunday 22	9.30am	Parish communion
Sunday 29	9.30am	Parish communion
	6.30pm	Evensong



### CAROLS IN BRADPOLE

If you like singing carols please join us in The King's Head at 8pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and at the Co-op on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December between 2 and 4pm.

### HOUSEWIVES UNITED

The Christmas event with festive refreshments on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 in the village hall, will include entertainment with popular songs by Harry on accordion and Ruth on guitar. The New Year lunch is at 'The Lodgers Arms' on January 11<sup>th</sup> and on the 25<sup>th</sup> January Bruce Upton will give a talk 'A glimpse of Old Bridport' at 7.30 in the village hall.

### 'TOTS @ TEN'

Parents and carers are invited to come and meet with others with pre-school children for coffee and tea and lots of fun for the children, in Holy Trinity from 10-11.30 every Wednesday in term time.

### FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

If you would like to join an afternoon group, please call David Coe (421232). There is also an evening group and Phil Doughty (422096) will be happy to talk to you about that.

### MOTHERS' UNION

Christmas tea will be served in the village hall on Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The AGM will be held in church on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.30.

### VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB

Lunch at The King's Head in December is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> which will be Christmas fare, and in January on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 12.30. New members are welcome. Contact Daphne King on 427552.

### TUESDAY CLUB

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to the village hall on Tuesdays at 5.45pm in term time. Come along for some fun.

## ST. MARY'S WALDITCH

Village Editor - Penny Hall

penatgold@gmail.com



### Church Services

#### December

Sundays 4 & 11	11.15am	Parish Eucharist, Common Worship
Sunday 18	3pm	Carol Service
Saturday 24	4pm	Crib Service
Sunday 25	11.15am	Parish Eucharist, Common Worship

#### January

Sundays 1, 8, 22	11.15am	Parish Eucharist, Common Worship
Sunday 15	11.15am	Parish Eucharist, Book of Common Prayer
Sunday 29	11.15am	Morning Prayer

### LIGHT UP THE CHURCH

The church is lit during December and January:

In loving memory of

**Alexander John Scott**

(John and Marian Scott)

"In loving memory of my parents,

**Emily Irene and Harold Bellamy Brailsford**"

Your daughter, Anne

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Village Lunch** at The Crown, Uploders on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January (please let Pat Stapleton know if you would like to join us – first come first served as numbers are limited!)

**Quiz Evening** in the village hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Fellowship Group (The Walditch Wonderers) meet twice a month on Friday mornings at 4 The Green, Walditch. If you'd like to come along, please contact: Pat Stapleton (456421) or Ann Ayling (424896). Anyone interested would be most welcome.

### WALDITCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meets in the village hall in Walditch on the third Tuesday of each month, from 10am to 12 noon. For more details, please contact Pat Pullen on 01308 425703.

### December 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Celebration

**January 17<sup>th</sup> Speaker: Tom Baldry 'The story of Britain's furniture.'** (open meeting, guests welcome)

### Walditch Yuletide Party

Village Hall, 16<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm

Yule (which is Norse for wheel) celebrates the turning point of the seasonal year - Time for passing the dark hours with Feasting, Singing and Dancing

**Entertainment:** Chris Prideaux and Friends

**Finger Food and Mulled Cider**

**Dress:** Masks (optional)

Tickets (limited) £7 Reserve by 1st December

Phone: Val 427430; Angela 456427; Sally 420697

### 'OLD' WALDITCH HOME WATCH

At the time of writing (early November) nobody has come forward to consider becoming the new Co-ordinator. Unless this changes in the meantime, the present whole-village scheme will close on **31<sup>st</sup> December**. If this happens, it is probable there may be smaller schemes for particular parts of the village. To qualify for any insurance company discounts and the free 'Neighbourhood Watch Public Liability Insurance', new schemes must be registered with Dorset Police indicating which part of the village is included. If you have previously told your home insurer you are in a HW and this will no longer be the case after 31 December, **it is important to notify the insurer**. Please contact Robin Stapleton, 4 The Green if you need advice or information.



## ST. SWITHUN'S ALLINGTON

Village Editor - Mrs June Goodburn 423061

Churchwarden

Mr Graham Williams 425375

Children & Youth Workers - - Saturday Club 423061

Organist/Choirmaster - Mr Donald Allcock 485402

### Church Services

#### December

Sundays 4, 18, 25 8am Mass, 9.30am Sung Mass  
Sunday 11 8am Mass, 9.30am Sung Mass  
6pm Evensong and Benediction  
Sunday 18 6pm Lessons and Carols  
Saturday 24 11am Christmas Eve Crib Service (families warmly invited)  
11.30pm Midnight Mass

#### Weekday Services

Tuesdays 12noon Mass  
Wednesdays 9am Mass  
Thursdays 10am Mass  
2nd Saturday 9.30am Mass. Walsingham Cell



#### January

Sundays 1, 15, 22 8am Mass, 9.30am Sung Mass  
Sunday 8 8am Mass, 9.30am Sung Mass  
6pm Team Epiphany Carol service  
Sunday 29 8am Mass, 9.30am Sung Mass  
6pm Evensong led by Deacon Duncan as a retirement service

#### Weekday Services

Tuesdays 12noon Mass  
Wednesdays 9am Mass  
Thursdays 10am Mass  
2nd Saturday 9.30am Mass. Walsingham Cell

### PARISH EVENTS - DECEMBER

Friday 2 2.30pm - Guild and Prayer Group - Christmas Party with guest entertainer - St Swithun's Hall.  
Tuesday 6 2pm - Prayer Meeting - St Swithun's Hall  
Saturday 10 10am - Children's Saturday Club Christmas Party  
Monday 12 7.30pm St Swithun's Band Christmas Concert in Church. Adults £3.50 Children under 16 free.  
Saturday 24 11am Christmas Eve Crib Service

### PARISH EVENTS - JANUARY

Thursday 5 10am - Mass. The Guild followed by coffee and mince pies.  
Saturdays 7 10am - 12noon Children's Saturday Club and 21 begins. Please note new time.  
Tuesdays 17 2pm. Prayers for Healing Group. and 31 For details tel: 422045

**What is a name? that which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet.**

It is amazing some of the names parents give their children. There was a craze a few decades ago to name your son with all the names of your favourite football team. Others don't seem to look at the names and initials before committing them to the registrar. The other thing I cannot really understand is when after the birth the parents say they don't know what the name will be. Goodness me they have had nine months to think about it!

Mary and Joseph had none of these worries as they knew their baby was to be called Jesus. Jesus was named after the great Jewish leader Joshua who led the people of Israel into the promised land. This name is still widely used in Jewish families and in many South American countries.

When we speak of Jesus we usually say "Jesus Christ" and the two names come readily to our lips, but it would be more appropriate to turn them round and say Christ Jesus. Jesus is an ordinary name and still in much use today, where as 'Christ' is a title like 'Lord' or 'Sir' or 'King' and means 'The Anointed One'

Names really are very important, so maybe a little more thought should go into what you are going to call your child, rather than just pleasing granny.....D.D.

## ST. JOHN'S WEST BAY

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Chapel Warden - Mrs Rosemary Russell 423013

### Church Services

#### December

Sun 18 3pm Deaf Church Service  
Sat 24 4pm Crib Service  
Sun 25 11.15am Holy Communion  
Other Sunday Services in December and January 11.15am All welcome

If you are looking for a unique Christmas Gift why not visit the WI Bring and Buy on Wednesday 7th December at their Hall in George Street? The event will be held between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

We welcome the Allington Strings, under their conductor Wendy Seal, for a concert on SATURDAY 11th DECEMBER at 3.00pm. The programme will include Bach, Telemann, Howells, Finzi and Rutter. The tickets are £6 and can be obtained from the Book Shop, Bridport Music or at the door on the afternoon.

The following Thursday 15, the West Bay Women's Institute will hold their Carol Service in St John's at 2.30pm. I understand that they will be joined by Bridport WI and members of the public are also welcome.

One of the ventures that has recently found a place in the calendar at St. John's is Deaf Church. Their next service will be at 3.00pm on 18th December, the Sunday before Christmas. If you know of anyone who would be interested in attending this service which is 'signed' using 'British Sign Language, then please tell them or consider accompanying them on 18th to discover how extremely powerful and uplifting worship can be using this method of communication. You will be made very welcome.

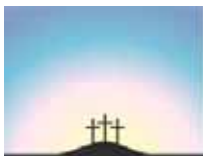
The much awaited work around the Mound appears to be progressing well at the time of going to press and I hope to be able to report successful completion in the next edition of the Bridge.

The **Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm** will offer a warm and seasonal welcome to all who consider this to be a significant part of their 'keeping of Christmas'. Following last year's temporary power interruption with the 'star over the stable' I hope it will be alright on the night of 24th. Come and see for yourself and sing some favourite carols. **Holy Communion on Christmas Day will be at 11.15am.** We look forward to seeing many people on this second greatest of all Christian festivals.

As we come to the end of December I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has helped keep the activities at St. John's maintained throughout the year. In addition to weekly services the Church has hosted a wide variety of events, ranging from the extended exhibition of the West Bay Regeneration scheme to the televised Royal Wedding service from Westminster Abbey. Our Chapel Warden, Rosemary Russell, successfully committed her own time and encouraged others to do likewise to ensure all these events went according to plan. Even the untimely visit of recalcitrant pigeons is now a matter of distant memory. Thank you also to the many visitors to St. John's who left complimentary remarks in our well used visitors' book.

# Funerals

*We entrust to God's  
merciful keeping*



Elsie Mary Copp	98 years	Bridport
Brian (Victor) Cary	71 years	Bradpole
Henry Medway Dommett	91 years	Bridport
Joan Mary Fevin	67 years	Bridport
Reginald (Peter) Hansford	81 years	Bradpole
Ronald Stephen Hill	88 years	Bothenhampton
Winifred Margaret Joyce	84 years	Bradpole
Frederick William Knight	84 years	Bridport
Beryl Knapman-Powell	69 years	St Swithun's
Louise Florence Maidment	89 years	Bothenhampton
Vera Mary Painter	91 years	Bothenhampton
Helen Marie Pitcher	47 years	Bridport
George Pollitt	91 years	Bothenhampton
Alfred Thomas Reynolds	87 years	Bridport
Doris Eileen West	83 years	Bridport
Michael Wright	87 years	Bridport
Lily Woodruff	97 years	Bridport

## Baptisms/Thanksgiving



Jake Matthew Condiffe	Bradpole 23 October
Imogen Iris Dunn	Bradpole 20 November
Kian Myles Paul Harrison	St Swithun's 6 November
Kirsty Thomas	St Swithun's 5 November
Thomas Oscar Morgan	
Wallbridge	St Swithun's 16 October
Bethany Rose Watkins	St Swithun's 16 October

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

#### Bradpole

Parish Clerk Mrs Goldsmith. Tel 01308 422140

Next Parish Council Meeting **Thursday 1 December 2011**

#### Salt Bins:

As you will have seen by now the Parish Council has purchased several salt bins for the Parish, they have been positioned in priority sites after gaining permission from DCC Highways Department. The salt in these bins is for use by the general public on the roads and pavements in their area. If you notice that the bins are in need of refilling please inform the Parish Clerk. DCC Highways Department will the refill them **IF** they have salt available. Please remember a little salt will cover a large area.

**Web Site:** [www.bradpole.org.uk](http://www.bradpole.org.uk)

The PC has a new web site over the coming weeks additional features will be added and we are looking forward to creating a really useful facility for the whole community.

On behalf of myself and the Parish Councillors may we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Mrs Sandra Goldsmith  
Parish Clerk  
01308 422140



#### Bothenhampton & Walditch

**Monthly Parish Council meeting - Monday 12 December 2011**

Parish Clerk Christopher Dobbs. Tel 01308 424300

Further general information on:

[Bothenhampton@dorsetparishes.gov.uk](mailto:Bothenhampton@dorsetparishes.gov.uk)

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**12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> January and  
2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**7.00 - 9.30pm**

**at ST MARY'S CHURCH  
SOUTH STREET, BRIDPORT**

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