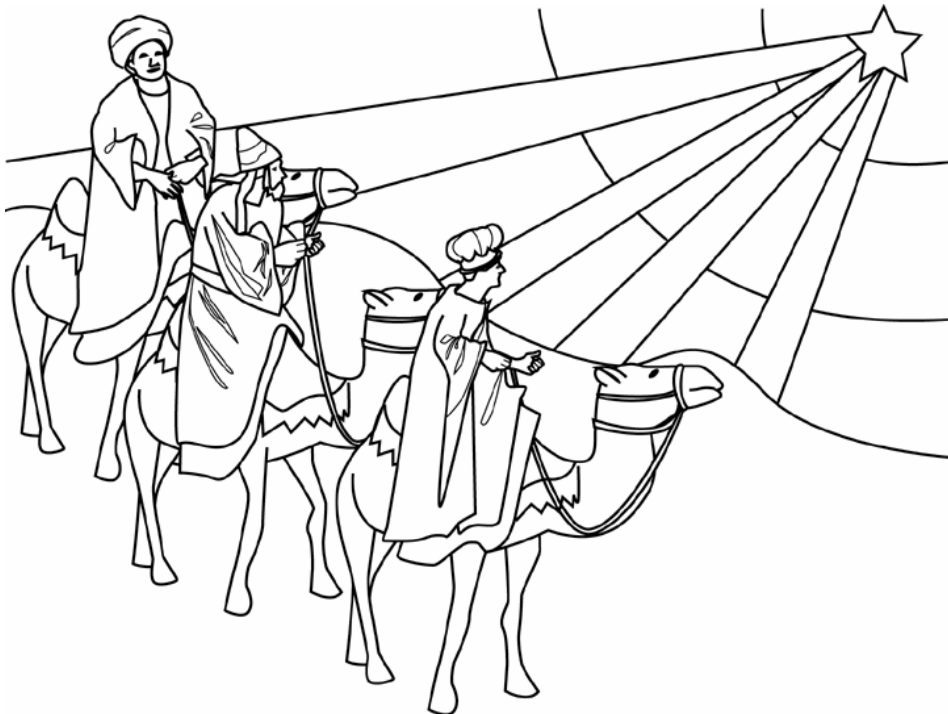
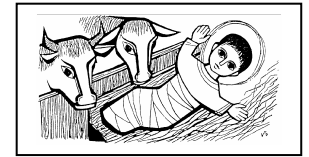


**THE BENEFICE MAGAZINE
DURWESTON & BRYANSTON,
PIMPERNE, STOURPAINE.
DECEMBER - JANUARY 2013**



So here it is, Merry Christmas!

*So here it is, Merry Christmas
Everybody's having fun
Look to the future now
It's only just begun*



Merry Christmas Everybody was Slade's last number one in 1973 and was voted UK's most popular Christmas song in a 2007 poll carried out by MSN Music. We certainly know that Christmas is coming when it starts blaring out on the radio and in the supermarket. Dr Who anoraks will know that it has been used in four episodes. The song says *Granny always tell you that the old ones are the best*. So what is your favourite Christmas song or carol?

It goes without saying that mine is *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. But what about you, do you have a favourite or do you just groan when the Christmas music starts?

The problem with Christmas is that everybody else seems to be having fun or at least pretending they are. So it is not so easy if the Christmas tunes grate.

There was not much music in the stable at the first Christmas, though the inn could have been noisy enough. The shepherds were fortunate to hear the angels sing the all time number one:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Look to the future now it's only just begun.....
Merry Christmas everybody and a Happy New Year!

Stephen Coulter

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BENEFACT CHURCH SERVICES

Pimperne

Stourpaine

Durweston

December 2012

Sun 2 nd Advent Sunday 9.15am Family Communion	8am H C (Said BCP) 6pm Advent Candlelight Service	11am Family Service
Wed 5 th		11am H C (Said BCP)
Sun 9 th The Second Sunday of Advent 9.15am Holy Communion	11am Children's Service	8am H C (BCP) Bryanston 6pm Sung
Evensong Wed 12 th	11am H C (Said BCP)	
Sun 16 th The Third Sunday of Advent 9.15am H C (Said BCP) 4pm Carol Service	6pm Carol Service	11am Holy Communion
Sun 23 rd The Fourth Sunday of Advent 9.15am Holy Communion 5pm Carols around the Tree	11am Holy Communion	6pm Carol Service
Sun 30 th The First Sunday of Christmas 9.15am Holy Communion	6pm Sung Evensong	11am Holy Communion

For Christmas Services see details inside

January 2013

Wed 2 nd		11am H C (Said BCP)
Sun 6 th Epiphany 9.15am Family Communion	8am H C (Said BCP)	11am Family Service
Wed 9 th	11am H C (Said BCP)	
Sun 13 th The First Sunday after Epiphany 9.15am Holy Communion	11am Children's Service	8am H C (BCP) Bryanston 6pm Sung
Evensong Sun 20 th The Second Sunday after Epiphany 9.15am Holy Communion	6pm Sung Evensong	11am Holy Communion
Sun 27 th The Third Sunday after Epiphany 9.15am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Sunday Club 6pm Sung Evensong

NEXT EDITION OF MAGAZINE Items for inclusion in the February/March edition should be passed to your parish representative by 4th January 2013.

Pimperne - Mrs Jenny Ashwell (459393)

Stourpaine - Mrs Vanessa De Morgan (456002)

Durweston & Bryanston – Miss Margaret Handy (453632)

BENEFACT NEWS

Advent & Christmas Services

Sunday 2nd December

6pm Advent Service Holy Trinity, Stourpaine

Sunday 16th December

4pm Carol Service St Peter, Pimperne
6pm Carol Service Holy Trinity, Stourpaine

Sunday 23rd December

5pm Carols around the Tree St Peter, Pimperne
6pm Carol Service St Nicholas, Durweston

Christmas Eve - Monday 24th December

4pm Crib Service St Nicholas, Durweston
4pm Crib Service St Peter, Pimperne
4pm Crib Service Holy Trinity, Stourpaine
11.30pm Midnight Mass St Peter, Pimperne
11.30pm Midnight Mass St Nicholas, Durweston
11.30pm Midnight Mass Holy Trinity, Stourpaine

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25th December

9.15am Holy Communion St Peter, Pimperne
11am Holy Communion St Nicholas, Durweston

11am Holy Communion Holy Trinity, Stourpaine

CONTACTS IN THE BENEFACT

Incumbent:	Reverend Stephen Coulter	The Vicarage, Stourpaine. (480580)
Assistant Curate	Reverend Adrian Brook (268738)	
Licensed Lay Minister	Mr Martin Richley	(450595)

(LLM)
 Lay Pastoral Assistants: Gwenerne, Pimperne
 Mrs Jacqui Torrance
 7 Liddington Crescent, Blandford (480713)
 Mrs Sue Atkinson
 Rose House, South Holme, Stourpaine (455778)
 Beth Buchan
 5 Williams Way, Blandford Forum, (450771).
 Anne Allan
 1 Manor Farm Close, Pimperne. (456553)

RAINFALL - September/October 2012
MEASURED AT LAZERTON FARM

2012	Over the last 49 Years		
September	Highest	Lowest	Average
2.70 in(68.5 mm)	8.01 in(203 mm) 1976	0.34 in(8.6 mm) 2003	2.88 in(73.2 mm)

Rainfall about average for the month – the first month of the year for which this has been the case. All others have been either well below or well above. Most of the rain fell in the last 8 days with the first three weeks giving us something of an Indian summer – from the point of view of precipitation if not temperature. For instance late September of last year gave us at least one day with 29 deg C. I don't think we got that this year.

October	Highest	Lowest	Average
6.05 in(153.5 mm)	8.7 in(221 mm) 1976	0.31 in(7.9 mm) 1969	3.89 in(98.8 mm)

Back to “normal” for the year with another well above average month of rainfall. And with this year being one for records, the seven months of this year from April through to the end of October have seen the highest total recorded for this period – some 33 inches as opposed to the next highest of 27 inches in 2000. But in that year we had a dry June and July with sunshine as well. So with our wet and dark summer this year it doesn't surprise me that vegetable and other crops are somewhat disappointing. And then if you ask the bees how they have fared this year it gets even worse with honey production down by as much as 70%. At least our lawns have stayed green. Oh well, there is also Christmas to look forward to and we have made up the annual rainfall deficit I was reporting last year.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The CAB is best reached by phone. The main office for North Dorset is Gillingham phone 0844 245 1291, most questions are dealt with on that phone. If it is not possible to answer without a face to face meeting then appointments are booked on that same phone by whoever speaks with you. There are appointments at Blandford for 10am - 2pm on Mondays. There are also appointments at other times for Shaftesbury, Sturminster and Stalbridge as well as for Gillingham, which is always open. You can drop into Gillingham without an appointment, but an appointment is always better because whoever you see after a phone call will have had time to think and plan for the meeting. They will also give directions as to how to find the office.

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the church:

Joseph William Traves, Josh Michael Traves, Robert Stephen Traves and Ella-Mae Pike baptised Sunday 30th September 2012 at St Nicholas, Durweston.

Bethany Marie Coombs baptised Sunday 14th October 2012 at Holy Trinity, Stourpaine.

Lillyanna Teri Mitchell baptised Sunday 14th October 2012 at St Peter, Pimperne

Confirmed at The Cathedral 17th October:

**Mike Silvey, Ed YOUNSON, Harvey Thring, Josh Traves,
 Robert Traves, Tilly Crook, Denzil Brook**

Deaths

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the families of:

Betty Mary Townsend of Haycombe, Durweston, died 20th September 2012 aged 81.

Edward Rogers Hoffen, formerly of Pimperne, died 6th October 2012 aged 76

ADVERTISING IN THE BENEFICE MAGAZINE

It has been decided, after much deliberation, to accept advertising from local businesses and individuals for inclusion in our magazine. The magazine is delivered to approximately 900 homes and is widely read. If you would like to place an advertisement in one of our forthcoming editions, please contact Jenny on 459393 for further information.

DURWESTON & BRYANSTON

NEWS

A CHRISTMAS INVITATION

Christmas can be a difficult time as well as a joyous one. We would like to invite anyone who, not by choice, will be spending Christmas alone to share our family celebration. Please contact Sarah Whittle in Bryanston on 01258 454543. You really would be very welcome, we can provide transport.

CAMEO CLUB

11th Dec. Dinner at Athalhampton house

8th Jan. talk by K. Crissell on Wicker Creations. In Durweston Hall at 7.30 pm. All welcome, visitors £1.50.

HALL EVENTS

Friday 30th Nov. Film. HOPE SPRINGS.

Sat 15th Dec Film. TORTOISE IN LOVE.

Friday 11th Jan Panto MOTHER GOOSE.

Sat. 12th Jan. Panto. MOTHER GOOSE.

Friday 18th Jan. Artreach TIME TRAVELLER MAGICIANS.

All performances start 7.30 pm. Bar open 7.00pm.

YOUTH CLUB

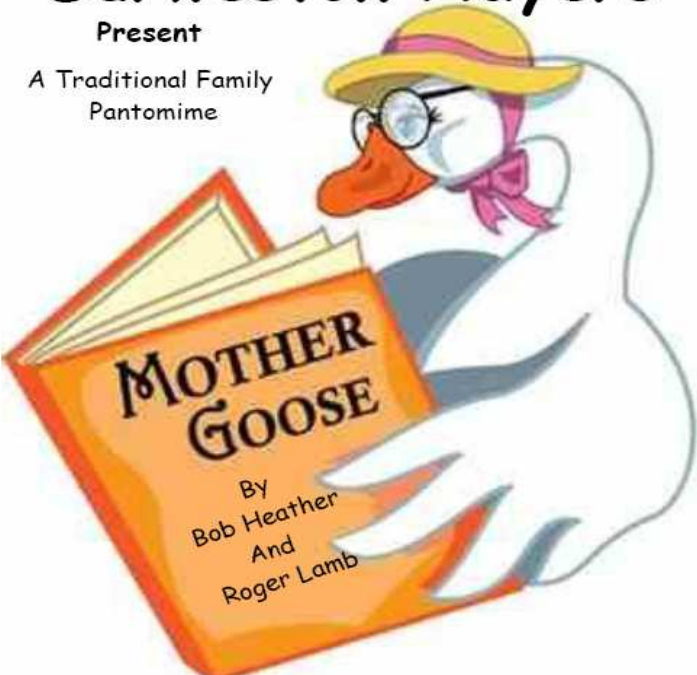
DATES for meetings. Dec. 6th. Jan 17th, 24th, 31st.

No club in February.

Last month we did mug painting when a local potter, Jo Burnell, came with all her paints and sponges and everyone was able to paint their own mug. We had cream cheese and ham wraps in our own healthy eating café and the sessions are finished off with a group game such as wink murder or indoor hockey. There is always lots of different activities to do each time or you can just chill. If you are aged between 9 yrs and upwards come and give it a go. 50p per session and only £1 to become a member.

Durweston Players

Present
A Traditional Family
Pantomime



At Durweston Village Hall
Doors open at 7pm and 2pm Saturday Matinee
Friday 11th and Saturday 12th January 2013

Advance bookings Dumps Ryall 01258 453170
Adults £7, OAP's and Children (under 14) £6.
Family of Four £ 20.

DURWESTON SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR.

“Santa & his REAL Reindeer” open the fair Saturday 8th Dec. 12.-3 pm.
In Village Hall.

See Santa’s grotto & Reindeer, Hamper Raffles, Lunches, Chocolate fountains, crafts, gift stalls, woodcrafts, fashions, tom bolas, cupcake stall etc.

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

In village Hall on FRIDAY 7TH DEC. 9.30 -12.00 mid day.

PIMPERNE HAPPENINGS

NEWS FROM St. PETER'S

IN THE RYLAND ROOM

Pimperne Pebbles meet every Friday, in term time, at 10.30 a.m. Children don't forget to bring your mums! For info. please contact Jaqui on 480713
Pebbles on Sunday meet at 9.15a.m.

CAROL SERVICE at St PETERS

Come to our carol service which will take place on Sunday 14th December at 4pm, featuring, for the first time, our own Benefice Choir and the Pimperne Church of England Primary School Choir directed by Alison Davies.
Everyone is most welcome.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Come and join us in the Ryland Room for coffee and mince pies on Wednesday 19th December 10.30 am. There will also be a coffee morning in the New Year on Wednesday 9th January at 10.30 when the January 100 Club draw will take place.

Richard Ashwell Church warden

St. PETER'S 100 CLUB WINNERS

September £20 Dawn Lowe £10 John Truswell
October £20 Diana Downe £10 Sonia Gale
November £20 Moira Abe £10 Nora Kenyon

St. Peter's Junior Ukulele Club

This is a recently formed club which meets in Pimperne School, after school hours, on Fridays. The children are taught by Reverend Coulter with support from our adult Ukulele Club. (The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain had better watch out!)

St. PETERS CHRISTMAS FAYRE
SATURDAY 1st December at 10a.m.
GIFTS AND PRESERVES
MINCE PIES AND CAKES
BEAUTIFUL TABLE DECORATIONS
RAFFLE
STOCK UP ON CHRISTMAS GOODIES
TEA OR COFFEE AND MINCE PIES
COME AND ENJOY THIS SEASONAL TREAT
ALL PROCEEDS TO St. PETER'S PIMPERNE
St. PETERS 100 CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW

CAN YOU SPARE A LITTLE TIME? - VOLUNTEERS ARE
NEEDED TO HELP ON THE STALLS. PLEASE CONTACT VELDA,
ANNE OR JENNY

COME AND JOIN US
FOR AN EVENING OF CAROLS
by
THE OLD VILLAGE TREE
SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER at 5pm
MUSIC BY THE STOUR VALLEY
BAND
MULLED WINE and MINCE PIES
There will be a collection in aid of St.
Peters

PIMPERNE VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNINGS

Please note the Village Hall Coffee Mornings will resume on the first Saturday in February.

PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Celebrate, believe and aspire are three words which I am quickly finding out apply to almost everything at Pimperne Primary School.

Since I became head teacher in September of this year, I have been amazed by the enthusiasm that is evident in our children. They really enjoy learning through imaginative topics such as The Pirates, The Celts and Romans, Children in World War Two to name but a few. Children derive a great deal of pleasure from having their work and achievements celebrated and this is something which we take great pleasure in sharing as a whole school.

Through the shared celebration comes a belief which is evident in all of our children in what they do. This was seen very clearly at our recent Harvest Festival service at St. Peter's Church, Pimperne. The children sang in classes, read poems, wrote and read prayers. I am very proud of the fact that no task is ever too big or challenging and that ours is a school which is supportive of each other. This support and belief in each others talents was very visible during the PTAs Autumn Market which was held in early October. It was an incredibly well organised event and my thanks go to everyone involved from running a stall to topping-up the stall contents! The committee were instrumental in having a firm belief that such an event would work. They say that the proof of the pudding is in the eating and this certainly was the case – lots of cakes, toffee apples and much, much more! I was delighted to speak with and hear of many, many positive comments from members of Pimperne village and the surrounding villages. It was great to see a real togetherness and the school playing a key part in the life of the village to which it belongs.

I am also fortunate at Pimperne, to have the privilege of working with a very dedicated and talented staff team who have a wealth of experience. It is as a visitor to our school recently said, "a great big family". It is a "family" of staff that aspire to motivate each child so that they can work towards achieving their potential and most importantly, enjoy learning.

The whole Pimperne Primary School "family" continues to celebrate, believe and aspire as we enter Advent, Christmas and the New Year. On behalf of all the governors, pupils and staff, may I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

teacher

Jerome De Silva, Head

STOURPAINE HAPPENINGS

STOURPAINE VILLAGE CAROL SINGING – 19 DEC

We will be meeting at The White Horse pub at 6pm on Wednesday 19th December to sing carols around the village. Everyone who would like to join in is extremely welcome – but please remember to wear warm clothes and carry a torch. Carol sheets will be provided.

If anyone would like to be visited by the choristers, please contact Gyda Warren (01258 450649) so that a programme can be arranged. We look forward to seeing you on the 20th.

STOURPAINE ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW.

Once again the Annual Show held in the Village Hall in September was a great success, with 275 entries in total, excluding the children's competition which took place in the afternoon. New trophies had been donated by "The White Horse", the Grace Upward family and Frank and Maggie Stainer.

The Trophies were awarded at follows: -

The White Horse Trophy (for vegetables and fruit)	Peter Jones
Les Coward Cup (for flowers)	Peter Palmer
Ursula Warren Rose Bowl (flower arranging)	shared by Sue Hughes, Peter Jones, Jan Palmer and Rachael Scott.
Nan Preston Cup (Preserves, cakes, etc.)	Gyda Warren
Pritchard Cup (Photography)	Martin Phipps
John Skelly Trophy (Photography by a Gardening Club Member)	Martin Phipps
The Grace Upward Cup (for handicrafts)	Deirdre Guy
The Jubilee Cup (for the written word)	Kaye Mash
The Jean Chandler Cup (for children aged 8 – 13) years	Shannon Baker
The Mrs. Oliver Cup (for children up to 7 years)	Lea Crowd
Stourpaine Cup (Handicrafts)	Martin Phipps
The Langdon Cup (Overall Show Winner)	Peter Jones
Iva Dimond Cup (Overall Gardening club Member)	Peter Jones
The 'King Edward Cup' Weight of potatoes in a container 11lbs	Peter Palmer

The committee would like to thank all exhibitors who helped to make the show such a success, especially those entering for the first time, and visitors who came between 2-4pm. We hope to see you all next year!

Jean Chandler

STOURPAINE TENNIS CLUB



Despite the rain, the tennis club has had a busy and successful season. We had three mixed doubles teams playing in the Shaftesbury League earlier in the year. Stourpaine A team once again came top of Division 1 beating their nearest rivals by 21 points. The B team had their best season yet, narrowly winning Division 2 and gaining promotion. The C team played valiantly in Division 3, had fun and enjoyed the refreshments. We now also enter a mixed doubles team in the Dorset Summer and Winter Leagues. The teams can vary from match to match so quite a few of our members get to play against other clubs.

At the end of the summer the club held another friendly “American” tournament and barbecue for members and their families. This year the worthy winners were Sandra and Dan House. Congratulations also go to Elspeth Gracie and Harry Smyth for winning the mixed doubles cup.

If you are interested in joining the club please phone Felicity on 454840. All ages and abilities are welcome. Junior coaching sessions take place on Saturday mornings. We also have adult coaching sessions, and private lessons can be arranged too. For more information about coaching please ring Ian Griffin on 07727 061077.

STOURPAINE GARDENING CLUB, forthcoming events

PROGRAMME 2012

November 28, Wednesday Christmas Discount

Shopping at Castle gardens (members only)

December 14 Christmas Social Evening

“The Twelve Days of Christmas.”

A celebration of seasonal music by Anne Gray

Members free, Non-Members £3 to include a glass of wine

PROGRAMME 2013

January 11 Willow Crafting,

talk and demo. By Kim Creswell

February 08 AGM followed by

Call my Bluff by Sue and Larry Skeates

CHILDREN'S PAGE

DURWESTON

Durweston Sunday Club takes place at St. Nicholas on the fourth Sunday of every month from 9.30 – 10.15 a.m. The children bring their craft/puzzle to show at the Family Service on the first Sunday of the month.

PIMPERNE

Pimperne Pebbles Children's Group takes place on Friday mornings in the Ryland Room, during term time, 10.30 – 11.30 a.m. For more info. please phone Jaqui on 01258 480713

Pebbles on Sunday takes place in the Ryland Room at 9.15am.

For info. please contact Jaqui on 01258 480713

St. Peter's After School Craft Club takes place in Pimperne School (after school hours) on Friday afternoons.

St. Peter's Junior Ukulele Club takes place in Pimperne School (after school hours) on Friday afternoons.

STOURPAINE

Babies and Toddlers – every Monday 10 – 11.30 a.m. takes place in the Village Hall during term time.

Children's Service – second Sunday of the month 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity

HELP JOSEPH'S BROTHERS TO REACH EGYPT,
WHERE THERE ARE STORES OF FOOD....

