

# Bride Valley News



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# THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

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St Mary: Litton Cheney

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St Peter: Long Bredy

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## BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE



The BVCS is a volunteer scheme offering residents of the Bride Valley transport to and from medical appointments when they are unable to drive themselves or be driven by relatives or friends.

Clients are charged a mileage fee (currently 50p per mile) plus a standard charge (currently £1.00 per journey). Because the service depends on the availability of volunteer drivers, clients are asked to give as much notice as possible – we are unlikely to be able to respond to requests within 48 hours of an appointment.

BVCS simply provides door-to-door transport and cannot be responsible for assisting with clients' medical or mobility needs. Patients with complex transport needs for hospital appointments should contact the NHS Non-Emergency Patient Transport service.

To book a journey please call our voluntary co-ordinator Lesley  
on 01308 897695 between Monday and Friday.



Calls cannot be taken at weekends.



## FROM THE RECTORY

This week we started our Breakfast Church at Shipton Gorge and it was really lovely to be with people of all ages and listen in to their conversations while discussing creation.

I've also been to the Big Q Church after school in Litton Cheney and had a great time in Burton Bradstock yesterday when the reception class came into church to find out what vicars do. This morning we had our first school service at church in St Mary's LC for a long time.

Children are amazing and teach us so much. Not only do they have lots of questions, they also have lots of answers, often with a simplistic, not overly complicated, view of life. I find this refreshing and completely understand why Jesus said: ***"I'm telling you, once and for all, that unless you return to square one and start over like children, you're not even going to get a look at the kingdom, let alone get in."*** Matthew 18.3 The Message

The other day I came across this modern parable and thought I'd share it:

*Soon after Peter and Penny were born, their parents began taking them to the local swimming pool every weekend. The parents were enthusiastic swimmers, and they hoped their children would be keen swimmers too.*

*Of course, Peter and Penny were not allowed to go into the swimming pool itself; they were looked after in a little room right beside the pool. Sometimes they cried because they wanted to stay with their parents, but that wasn't allowed because they might disturb the adult swimmers. Besides, they were too young to understand swimming, and they wouldn't appreciate it fully.*

*When Peter and Penny were three years old, they were allowed to go to another room just down the hall from the swimming pool. There they heard stories from the Swimmer's Manual, and they coloured pictures of people swimming.*

*When they were six years old, Peter and Penny went to another big room – a big room with lots of children. Here they began to get really serious about swimming. For the first 10 or 15 minutes, they were allowed to take off their shoes and socks and splash around in the wading pool. Then they went to classes with other children their own age to learn more about swimming. They were taught by some very dedicated people who loved swimming, but*

*who hardly ever swam themselves any more because they were busy with the children.*

*By the time Penny and Peter were 13, they had studied the Swimmer's Manual in even more detail and had learned the rules of the swimming pool off by heart: "You shall not run on the deck. You shall not bring flotation devices into the pool area ..." They had also learned about the properties of water, the muscles used in swimming and the various swimming strokes. They had studied great swimmers of the past, including Olympic medal winners. They had heard about Canadian swimmers who went to other countries such as Africa or India to teach swimming, and they had seen slides of groups of African or Indian swimmers standing beside their swimming pools. On special occasions, Peter and Penny had been allowed to go with their parents into the pool as long as they didn't splash around too much and disturb the other swimmers or bother the life-guard.*

*At last, Penny and Peter finished swimming school and were allowed to accompany their parents into the swimming pool every week. They tried it a few times. Much to the disappointment of their parents, Peter and Penny had lost interest and preferred to do other things instead. (From God, Kids, & Us by Janet Marshall Eibner and Susan Graham Walker.)*

Says it all really, we're all part of the family of God and let's continue to learn from each other, young and old together!

With every blessing,  
Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley)

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Weddings

4<sup>th</sup> September

Sophia Smith and Freddie Nesbitt

St Mary's Burton Bradstock

Eleanor (Ellie) Jenner and Ed Taylor

Chilcombe

### Memorial Service

Jeanne Bunyan - Memorial service/Burial of ashes

Saturday 18th September St Mary's Puncknowle

## **ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE to remember our loved ones**

This year's Annual Memorial Service to remember our loved ones will take place on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 at 3.00pm in St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock.

This is a simple, reflective service, to which everyone throughout the valley is invited to attend to remember our loved ones, whether this was a recent loss or some time ago.

Candles will be lit and names read out.

If you would like the name/s of your loved ones read out at this service then please email me with their name/s ([bvchurchesta@outlook.com](mailto:bvchurchesta@outlook.com)) by 24th October. Alternatively give the name/s to the churchwarden of your parish church by Sunday 24th October.

## **A message about producing the Bride Valley News**

The Bride Valley News (BVN) is one of the key ways that we keep in touch and communicate as a valley community. Sponsored by the Bride Valley Churches, it is delivered to every home in the valley and carries, not only news of our local church services but also our societies, activities, clubs and businesses, making sure we all know what is going on in the Valley. From the editor to the front door all are volunteers. 'Thanks to everyone from far and wide who has generously sent in donations to help with our printing costs - so far we have received £1,545.

## **Christmas Greetings in the BVN.**

As in past years we are giving an opportunity to send Christmas greetings to our local friends and neighbours via the BVN. Names will appear on a dedicated page under a collective heading. Please send your name(s), as you would like it/them to appear in the list with your donation.

Donations received will be divided between the Weldmar Hospice and the BVN. Cheques may now be made payable to The Bride Valley News (in full, please, not BVN) and either sent or hand delivered to Liz Orza, at 2 Bindbarrow, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4RG, or Colleen Ringrose, at Rookery Cottage, Church Street (opposite the school). Please ensure that one of us receives the instruction no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> in order to catch the deadline for the December issue.

## **Martinstown Cricket – 2021 Season**

After a reduced 2020 season we returned in 2021 with a full season of games across all formats.

It was certainly worth the wait with the club achieving one of its best results.

Leading the way was the club's First Team who finished third in the competitive Dorset Premier League, their best ever position. On the way the team won games against top opposition and up until the last game of the season remained in contention for the title. In their final game they hit an astonishing 436 runs – a club record.

Meanwhile our Second and Evening teams put in robust performances in their respective leagues. Equally it was wonderful to see youth cricket returning to the ground. For the early years there were the All Stars and Dynamo programmes, attracting both girls and boys whilst the under 15s managed an undefeated season, with cup success for both the under 13s and under 11s.

Our youngsters again featured heavily in the adult teams, with often at least eight of the first team being comprised of home-grown talent. There was further representation at county level..

The club will be looking at running a winter programme once again, including the successful Youth Academy. If you are interested then please visit our website or email [therealmcc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:therealmcc@hotmail.co.uk).

Our usual thanks of course for the support and dedication of the whole team of coaches, managers, ground staff and committee members – we cannot thank them enough for their support and encouragement.

Finally, and on a personal note I will not be re-standing for Chairmanship at the next AGM.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the club over the last five years of my tenure. It has been a rewarding experience and I am sure everything is in place for the club to continue to prosper.

**David Gargrave - Chairman**



## Bride Valley Gardening Club



Sadly, we had to cancel our planned meeting in September, as our speaker was unable to attend and we were unable to find a replacement in the time. We are, however, planning to go ahead with our meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October - 'Mediterranean Bulbs' with Chris Lovell. Although restrictions have been lifted people have expressed concern about meeting in Puncknowle because of its size therefore **we will be meeting at 7.30pm in LATCH** – the Hall in Litton Cheney.

### Jobs to do in October

Overwinter tender perennials indoors; lift and store tender summer bulbs and tubers.

Sow sweet peas in a cold greenhouse or frame.

Lift cannas, trim them, pot up and store in a frost-free place.

Plant cyclamen, and continue to plant spring bulbs (except tulips which should wait until November or early December).

Plant out spring bedding such as pansies, wallflowers and primroses.

Divide congested clumps of hardy perennials.

Clear fallen leaves from your evergreen plants to allow more light in and keep them healthy over the winter.

Clean greenhouses ready to overwinter plants.

Clear old crops from the kitchen garden then plant garlic and sow hardy broad beans and peas under cloches.

Clear perennial weeds and improve the condition of the soil by adding organic mulches of well-rotted manure and compost.

Sow green manure on bare vegetable beds to deter weeds over winter.

Bring pots of herbs under cover to maintain crops during the autumn.

*Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473*



## ARTSREACH in the Bride Valley

### 'THE SYRIAN BAKER' comes to Litton Cheney

Here is a new play about what people have in common – and not just bread. As before, Farnham Maltings brings together stories and ideas with humour, music and sometimes food.

About 5% of the world's population are on the move, desperate to get away from trouble. But this story is about deciding to come home, and how small actions can make a big difference. Rebuilding a community takes hope and courage.

Farnham Maltings is the Surrey-based company that brought *The Iranian Feast* to Dorset villages. Critic Lyn Gardner wrote: 'It's a show with a big heart, designed to play in communities.' Their musical show *Brilliance* also visited Dorset.

*The Syrian Baker* is written by Kevin Dyer and directed by Gavin Stride, suitable for anyone aged 8 or above. It will last about 70 minutes.

#### LITTON CHENEY COMMUNITY HALL (LATCH)



SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER at  
3.00 PM (FOLLOWED BY  
REFRESHMENTS)

ADULTS £9 CHILDREN £5  
FAMILY TICKET £22

**ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS:** Full information and tickets available online at [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk) And from PATRICIA SCHOLFIELD 01308 482514 and SUE OVERTON 01308 482806



## THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



### MUDLARKING by Lara Maiklem

There was almost wholesale acclaim for Lara Maiklem's "Mudlarking". Some of us do prefer reading non fiction but despite this we all found something to admire in this unusual and fascinating book. For some of us it was an outstanding read and several members said they planned on buying their own copy for re reading at more leisure. Some of us reflected on the different pace required for reading books like this - so full of details and information - this was a book which required a good attention span and a willingness to absorb a density of facts.

Lara Maiklem gave much praise to her own mother for encouraging her to really "look" at the outside world - something which she felt had formed the basis of her many years as a mudlark on the Thames. The book has a simple geographical line of travel - from Teddington Lock out to the Essex estuary beyond Tilbury. Each section tells wonderful stories of what can be found in these locations, the history and characteristics of particular riverscapes and the treasures found there by mudlarks, including our author. At times she allows her imagination full rein to embroider narratives around these found artefacts - but at other times she does her research diligently and discovers astonishing information relating to the finds. Mudlarking is not a glamorous hobby and occasionally she has found herself in real danger despite her natural caution and awareness of the tides and currents. We agreed that this book was beautifully written, seemingly effortless and without artifice. It encompassed just enough personal detail to convince us of her passion.

Some of us had river tales to tell, living next to the river, crossing it as a daily commuter and even for one of us once mudlarking herself! However as the book progresses in an easterly direction the tone becomes more sombre as the author makes us aware of the inexorable tide of London's filth and detritus- from west to east - and the long term legacy of damage to the river and its environment.

We all enjoyed hearing Jackie's review which I have copied below:-

I have thoroughly enjoyed the book from beginning to end. I found the style effortless and - dare I say - fluid (like the river - pun intended!) in its author's enthusiasm and curiosity very infectious and her writing style

drifts from one idea or fact to another. Structuring the book by the geography of the river and her working areas made sense, but what I loved is that the structure was only the framework - there were layers of stories, personal history, surprises etc in each section - just like uncovering the treasures she found. I found it quite fascinating how obsessed she was with the river and - even from a very early age- with the history of objects and the detective work that is involved in her discoveries - I can imagine mudlarking being very addictive!

I was beginning to look around for my wellies and trowel, and the train timetable for London, when I reached the last two chapters and was shocked into reality. The environmental hazards and looming disaster that our recent past has deposited were a sobering end to the book - and rightly so. That end note somehow - for me - changed the book from an entertainment to a serious polemic (and none the worse for that).

Jackie Hunt and Liz Pinfield.



## Artsreach:

### Circus around and about

On 26<sup>th</sup> August, a glorious sunny evening, the circus came to LATCH, with a thrilling trapeze act, RIPE, and a very different circus act, PIRATE TAXI. Both were very ingenious aerial shows, thoroughly appreciated by the audience of 120.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it such a success, and to Artsreach for promoting the event.

*Ron Davidson, Kate Chomacki, Bryan Brown*

## Our Night Sky in October 2021

Venus will be setting in the south west shortly after sunset, while Saturn and Jupiter will follow suit about midnight, so make the most of these delightful planets.

To compensate, the first of the winter constellations will be making an appearance in the east, with Orion showing himself just as the two gas planets leave us in the west.

Ingenuity, the Martian helicopter, has been carrying out ever more demanding flights and its ninth was, according to the scientists operating it, “a nail-biting affair”!

Flight 9 was not like the flights that came before it. It broke records for flight duration and cruise speed, and it nearly quadrupled the distance flown between two airfields. But what really set the flight apart was the terrain that Ingenuity had to negotiate during its 2 minutes and 46 seconds in the air – an area called “Séítah” that would be difficult to traverse with a ground vehicle like the Perseverance rover. This flight was also explicitly designed to have science value by providing the first close view of major science targets that the rover will not reach for quite some time.

On a later flight, Ingenuity will send back colour images that Perseverance’s scientists are looking forward to studying. Captured in those images are rock outcrops that show contacts between the major geologic units on Jezero Crater’s floor. They also include a system of fractures the Perseverance team calls “Raised Ridges,” which the rover’s scientists hope to visit in part to investigate whether an ancient subsurface habitat might be preserved there.

Finally, they are hoping the colour images will provide the closest look yet at “Pilot Pinnacle,” a location featuring outcrops that some team members think may record some of the deepest water environments in old Lake Jezero.

When you consider that this helicopter is operating millions of miles away from Earth, in an atmosphere only just capable of supporting it, and having each flight pre planned so that it can operate autonomously, the achievements the scientists have made are astonishing.

**Bill Turnhill**

# Burton Bradstock Community Library

## *Serving the Bride Valley*

The Old Wesleyan Chapel, Middle Street, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QR

**The Library is OPEN on Monday & Saturday afternoons 2.30pm to 3.30pm and on Wednesday mornings 10.30am to 12.30pm**



*As Government restrictions have ended our prime goal during the continuing Covid-19 pandemic remains to ensure the safety, comfort and confidence of our customers and our volunteers. We will now be allowing up to four people at a time into the library, while still encouraging social distancing. Customers will still be asked to wear face coverings and to hand sanitise, however track and trace details will no longer taken, but customers can still use the NHS COVID app.*



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All information can be found on our website: [www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk).

Thank you for your continuing support.

Tel: 01308 897563

## BRIDE VALE CRICKET CLUB.

### REVIEW OF THE 2021 SEASON.

Bride Vale C.C. has happily been able to field a full and reasonably competitive side throughout the season. Of the nine games played, four have been won, four lost, and one very satisfactorily drawn under the traditional 'time' principle. Somewhat disappointingly, however, six further fixtures have had to be cancelled for reasons such as poor weather, inability of the opposition to raise a team, and the continuing lockdown constraints which make it difficult for visiting touring sides to tour at all. More games might have been won were it not for our deliberate policy of ensuring that everybody gets a go, even if it sometimes hands advantage or momentum to the other side.

The most consistent batsman has been the valley's very own Reuben Kingston, despite his stubborn refusal to take anything seriously, while the bowling and fielding vary alarmingly each week from the sublime to the ridiculous. The best feature of the club in its current guise undoubtedly is its camaraderie across a very wide age range, from schoolboy prodigy Orson de la Mare at one end to gnarled (and much ridiculed) chairman Brian Earl at the other. No-one at the club is good enough to be a primadonna, but everyone is more than capable of holding his own when the banter starts.

A key feature of home games is the ritual pilgrimage, young Orson excepted, to the White Horse afterwards. Jugs of cider and Guinness are shared and anyone not on a strict dietary regime is very grateful for the generous provision of food. It all makes for a thoroughly enjoyable Sunday outing. Prospective new players and supporters are always welcome, and we are already starting to look forward to next season.

**For more information or with any enquiries, I can be contacted on [brianearl53@btinternet.com](mailto:brianearl53@btinternet.com)**

This report would not be complete without reference to Cliff Payne, who has triumphantly overcome health difficulties this summer and regularly maintains the Bridehead Cricket Ground to an immaculate standard, as well as playing occasionally. Many, many thanks and congratulations to him.

- Brian Earl : Chairman BVCC.

A sign of the end of summer and light evenings means that our monthly evening walks finished with a stroll!! up Egerdon Hill to watch the sunset even if it was a somewhat cloudy sunset. Enjoyed by all including our doggy companion!

However the good news is that we will now begin our monthly Sunday morning walks starting in October.

Our meeting on 17th September was entitled 'Wine and Wisdom' an excellent quiz put together by Meryl which tested our brains and together with refreshments of wine and cheese it was an excellent evening.

It's so good to be back with our members although Zooming was an interesting experience for most of us.

The programme for the rest of 2021 was outlined with visits to Ten Pin Bowling in October, a talk and tasting from Babboo ice-cream in November and a Bring and Share Christmas party.

There was discussion and suggestions made re the 2022 programme for which planning is now well underway and will include Line Dancing, Craft Evenings, a Talk on Bee Keeping and much more.

It was agreed that Skittles at the White Horse in Litton should begin again and although there won't be a County League competition this year we could get a lot of practice before next year's competition!!!

Thanks to all involved in restoring the WI Banner now hanging in the Hall and for creating the information board detailing some of the History of previous WI's in the Bride Valley.

If you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact on our email

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## Burton Bradstock CE Primary School



It gives me great pleasure to be writing my first piece for the Bride Valley News as the new Headteacher of Burton Bradstock Primary School. I have worked in education for a number of years as a class teacher and leader, most recently as the deputy headteacher of Bridport Primary School. Working within the Minerva Learning Trust enabled me to work closely with Claire Staple last term in order to 'learn the school' and hit the ground running!

We have had a great start to the Autumn term with the children returning to school happily after their summer break. 15 new children have joined us in reception, meaning that we are now up to 89 children in the whole school. All the children have settled into school routines quickly and are actively engaged in their learning. We also welcomed some new, and familiar faces to our staffing team. Our Year 5/6 teacher, Mrs Vardell-Pauley has returned from maternity leave, Mrs Lucy Herbert joins us for 1 day a week in Year 5/6 and we also had Mrs Michelle Sage join our support staff team. Miss Claudia Granger, our school receptionist, sadly leaves us this week but we know she will keep in touch and the staff and I wish her all the best in her new venture.

After the restrictions of the past 18 months, the children are enjoying being able to return to some of the more normal activities associated with school life. At break and lunchtimes, the children are able to mix outside rather than just in their class groups. They have thoroughly enjoyed this, and it has been lovely to see the games that they are playing together. We are also having small collective worship in our school hall. Initially, these are just for our Key Stage groups, but it has been great to meet physically rather than virtually and cautiously begin to return to normality.

Our cross-curricular learning continues with a focus on offering a diverse range of opportunities for the children. This half term, our topics are:

EYFS – Me and my community	Year 1 and 2 – Moon Zoom
Year 3 and 4 – Potions	Year 5 and 6 – Pharaohs

We are hoping that normal Autumn term events such as the Harvest Festival will be able to go ahead, and I look forward to sharing more of the exciting things that the children have been up to next time.

Mr Adam Gough  
Headteacher



Our new reception class, Wagtails, are enjoying their first few days at school. They are exploring new things and making new friends.

Robins class (Year 1/2) have had a very exciting start to their term as they have been investigating an alien spacecraft which crash landed into the playground!



Kingfisher class (Year 3/4) took part in an exciting Potions lesson as an introduction to their new topic.

Owl Class (Year 5/6) have been working on their class charter - creating a list of rights and responsibilities for their class so that they can all achieve their very best this year





## THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL



It's been wonderful to welcome all the children back in the sunshine - especially lovely to see all the new Reception children come into school for their first day at "Big School"! Well done to the children (and the parents)!

In our first few weeks back, the children have already been enjoying the new climbing dome and all the other new playtime toys as well as getting out on the field as much as possible. Out of lessons, our music lessons (guitar, drums and keyboard), clubs and activities have again started at lunchtime and after school and include Messy Church, Football, Running Club, Glee Club, Tag Rugby as well as Music, Lego and Drama clubs! We have also started our Daily Mile shuttle runs and football coaching sessions and archery lessons. Later this term, we have several trips planned. Bredy are off to the new Dorchester Museum for work on their Romans topic and Litton and Fledglings are visiting Bridport Museum and Library as part of their "My Community" theme.

Pupils in yrs 5 and 6 are also due to start their Cycling Proficiency courses to give them confidence cycling on the roads. Last weekend, many families and staff took part in the Bride Valley 'Ride and Stride' day [Dorset Historic Churches Trust \(dhct.org.uk\)](http://DorsetHistoricChurchesTrust(dhct.org.uk)) whereby families raised money for the Historic Churches Trust by being sponsored to walk, ride or cycle between some of our beautiful Bride Valley churches. It brought home once again how fortunate we are to live and work in such a beautiful corner of England.

School was also at Church for our September Service where we gave the children copies of the new school vision (see below), which we hope to renew each year at this lovely church service.

**By working hard together, our small steps will build your path to the future**

**"The Lord is my Shepherd...he guides me along the right paths" Psalm 23.**

It was a delight to see so many parents join us and thanks again to all who helped in Church and with the children ringing the bells for the service.

Lastly there has been a great deal of work at school over the summer holiday as staff helped to paint, fix and install much around the premises. Special thanks to both Jeanette Wills and Lisa Metcalf for all their hard work and to those parents who helped paint fences. Thanks also to both Tewson Building and Miller Fencing for their work on the staff car park fencing - the work here will now enable the eldest children to enjoy the front garden for reading and other special lessons - which they've made the most of in the warm weather we've had as we returned to school.

Mike Sitch  
Headmaster



# LONG BREDY

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## St Peter's Church

### Long Bredy 100 Club August 2021 Draw

£30.00	No. 79	J. Greener
£15.00	No. 99	M. Swain
£ 5.00	No. 46	P. Warren

**Drawn on 27.08. 21 at Long Bredy Pop-up Pub**

### Coffee Break

The regular monthly 'Second Saturday' Coffee Break will start again on **Saturday October 9th** in the Village Hall from **10.30 until 12.00.**

Tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits and a warm welcome will all be available!



### Come Along Inn

The next opening of the village pop-up pub will be on **Friday October 22nd** in the Village Hall from **5.30 until 9.00pm.**

There was a good re-union atmosphere at the re-opening in August, with tables both inside and outside.

With our two regular village events starting again, maybe we are gradually, gently, returning to being a more normal village community.

# LITTLEBREDY

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## St Michael and All Angels

We extend a warm welcome to Rachel Arey, who during September moved into No. 1, River View Cottages. Rachel is a local Audiologist who is already familiar with Littlebredy, and looks forward to being part of the community here. We shall also be seeing her daughter Amy during vacations from Bath University, where she has just begun her studies in Criminology.

Also starting a degree course is Anna Goodwin from Littlebredy Farmhouse, who is about to study Psychology at Edinburgh University. At the other end of the process, Josh Wilkinson has recently graduated in Electrical Engineering at Guildford. We wish them all well for the future.

These notes are written too early for a report on our intrepid cyclists and walkers who took part in the Dorset Historic Churches Trust's "Ride and Stride" on the 11th September. The plan was for our team to ride to Weymouth anyway, and then for some to press on to Portland – right to the Bill if possible. Suffice it to say in advance that their efforts are much appreciated and let us hope have contributed to a good financial total raised in aid of the Trust (half of which is returned to our own Church funds). Congratulations to them and thank you to all who supported their efforts with sponsorship or donations. It is not too late to join in, though, and Tim Laycock (482443) can still accept belated contributions at 1, Riverside Cottage or point the way to a Justgiving site which will have the same result.

By the time this is read, we shall also have celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving in Church on the 26th September, and, as things stand, will also have shared a Harvest Supper immediately afterwards at Bridehead – the Hall being deemed too small for the likely numbers. These events will represent a first step back towards "normal" socialising in the village after the scourge of the last eighteen months, and let us hope they will have been successful as well as enjoyable occasions.

# LITTON CHENEY

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## St. Mary's Church

Very many thanks to Hugh Warrington and friends for the excellent concert they performed in the church on 4<sup>th</sup> September. It was a lovely afternoon, with a return to normality, as we enjoyed wonderful music and a lovely tea outside in the sunshine afterwards with lots of chat!

The bell-ringers held a successful Open Tower evening and are hoping to welcome at least two learners into the team, with training starting imminently. If you couldn't come to the Open Evening but would still be interested in watching the ringing and maybe have a go, then do contact Tower Captain Harry Berry (482312)

We shall be celebrating **Harvest Festival on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** at 11.00 am. Everyone is very welcome to the service and a "Bring & Share" lunch afterwards. Offerings of tinned food and dry goods would be gratefully received and will be donated to the [Bridport Food Bank](#).

### Litton Cheney Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 pm at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. Local residents are actively encouraged to attend and participate in the life of the village, and its administration. You are very welcome.

### Events at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall



### Weekly Events

Mondays: 15.30 The Big Q (Messy Church)

Wednesdays: 16.00 – Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 482661)  
19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest (annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com)

Thursdays 14.00: First Steps Toddler Group (Claire Moore 07796 694052)

Fridays: 10.00 – Art class in Meeting Room (annvgray@hotmail.com)

## Special Events

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>: 10.00 – 16.00 Writing Workshop (emmadecent@talk21.com)

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>: 3.00 Artsreach Show “The Syrian Baker” (Bookings on Artsreach website) **See page 16 of this issue of Bride Valley News**

23<sup>rd</sup> October: 7.00 “The Judgment of the Bride Valley” grand wine-tasting evening in honour of Steven Spurrier  
(Not surprisingly this event on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October is now fully subscribed).

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>: 2.00 – 4.00 Portesham Surgery Flu Clinic (book with Surgery) Check on the Portesham Surgery website for more details on how to book <https://porteshamsurgery.co.uk/>

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>: 10.30 - 12.30 Restorative Yoga & Yoga Nidra with Nadiya Wynn (nadiya@restorativebeing.co.uk) Mobile: 07800 712998

## Coming up in November:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: **Film Night** “Judy”. 7.00 (drink & chat) for 7.30 (film start)

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>: morning – the return of **The Village Café**

Hall Bookings: Wendy Firrell 01308 482532 wtlitton@gmail.com

## How Green is my House

Dorset Greener Homes Week runs from 25<sup>th</sup> September until 3<sup>rd</sup> October, and there is a green home in Litton that can be visited during this period where you can see what can be achieved on the green homes front. You will be very welcome.

<http://dorset.greenopenhomes.net/homes/3-the-green-litton-cheney-2234>

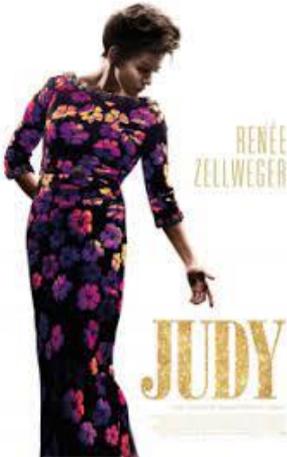


## BRIDE VALLEY FILMS ARE STARTING AGAIN!



at Litton Cheney Community Hall.

Please note – films at Litton are always on THURSDAYS, but our next film has to be on a TUESDAY in order to share the licence and book the Hall.



### TUESDAY 2 November JUDY *‘impressive portrayal of an icon’*

Winter 1968 and showbiz legend Judy Garland arrives in Swinging London to perform in a sell-out run at The Talk of the Town. It is 30 years since she shot to global stardom in THE WIZARD OF OZ, but if her voice has weakened, its dramatic intensity has only grown. She prepares for the show and her wit and warmth shine through as she battles with management, charms musicians, reminisces with friends and fans and even embarks on a romance - and yet Judy is fragile and exhausted. Will she have the strength to go on? Featuring some of her best-known songs, the film celebrates the voice, the capacity for love and the sheer pizzazz of “the

world’s greatest entertainer”. **Renée Zellweger's** performance, for which she won a Best Actress Oscar, is a masterpiece. Cert.12 hrs

**NB – EARLIER TIME Doors Open: 7.00 p.m. Film starts 7.30 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)**

Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

**We are sharing the licences for this film with Burton Bradstock (who will show it the previous Friday). Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.**

### HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Weekend in June 2022

An inaugural meeting will be held for those wishing to involve themselves in the planning for this very special weekend of celebrations – **Monday 11th October, 7 pm at LATCH is the date for your diary.** Skeleton plans are already beginning to form and St Mary’s church have put a marker down for a **Village Fete (the last two were cancelled) on Thursday 2nd June.** Possibilities abound – what about a much delayed Duck Race, a knees up at The White Horse, and a Jubilee Family Picnic in the grounds of the community hall? Anything is possible with your help, but we do need the numbers. We know there is a profusion of organising talent in the village – time to step up to the plate please.

## Thorner's Discovery Area Volunteer Days

The Discovery Area is a small woodland area belonging to Thorner's School, created by parent volunteers and extensively used for education and play. As well as benefitting Thorner's children, it hosts events for the community and young people from other schools.

The Discovery Area is maintained mostly by volunteers. If you'd like to help care for this lovely place, have fun and share or gain skills, join us for a work day! Past work days have included: learning Dorset hedge laying, willow structure weaving, pond maintenance, path making... plus coffee and cake around the campfire.

Work days will take place every half term, usually the week before a school holiday, on Sundays, 10am-2pm. Weather permitting, dates for the school year 2021-22 will be as follows:

17th October

12th December

13th February

3rd April

22nd May

10th July

Volunteer coordinators will post any updates in the week prior, both on the village notice boards and on Facebook, e.g. tasks for the day and in case of the need to cancel in poor weather. Any questions, or to sign up for email updates, please email [thornersdiscoveryarea@gmail.com](mailto:thornersdiscoveryarea@gmail.com)



### ARTSREACH: Circus Around and About.

On a glorious sunny Thursday evening, August 26th, the circus "came to LATCH", with a thrilling trapeze act, RIPE, and a quite different circus act, PIRATE TAXI. Both were highly ingenious aerial shows, thoroughly appreciated by an audience of 120.

Many thanks to all the volunteers and the audience from Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney and Shipton Gorge who helped make it such a success, also to ArtsReach for promoting the event.

Ron Davidson

Keep up to date with Artsreach events at [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)

## Ultrafast Broadband – Full Fibre – Pledge Your Voucher

Funding has now been made available for the Community Fibre Partnership set up several months ago to facilitate the installation of full fibre ultrafast broadband in Litton Cheney, Long Bredy and Kingston Russell.

For Litton Cheney, if you live within the following postcodes Project Gigabit vouchers will be available for you to pledge towards the cost of installation of full fibre to all these properties : - DT2 9DH; DT2 9AT; DT2 9AU; DT2 9AP; DT2 9AS; DT2 9AR; DT2 9AW; DT2 9AJ; DT2 9AL; DT2 9AN; DT2 9DW; DT2 9EQ; DT2 9AH; DT2 9AQ; DT2 9AG; DT2 9AF; DT2 9TE; DT2 9AE; DT2 9AD; DT2 9AX; DT2 9DR. Visit <https://www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity> for more details.

Even if you have an adequate speed for your use, please think of others near by whose connectivity is pretty dire. Using your pledge (worth £2500+) will help bring full fibre connectivity to our villages. The opportunity to pledge vouchers is time limited so please act as soon as you can. **Inevitably there are conditions and these should be read carefully, but the process of actually bringing fibre to your door is all down to the number of pledges received.**

## Afghan Refugees – Thank you Litton

At very short notice, and in response to Lesley Gemmill's request, thank you hugely to all local residents who rose to the call and donated clothes and shoes for Afghan refugees arriving in the UK as a result of the terrifying situation in Afghanistan. Two cars journeyed to Blandford fully loaded with donations which will surely be put to good use.

Our grateful thanks to Lesley for stepping up to the plate and ensuring that something was done to help these very much in need human beings.

## Free to good home

A pair of bantam chicks, pretty pure white hen, white with black markings cockerel just starting to crow (quietly!). About 4 months old, currently sleeping in a bush! (protected with netting). Very gentle companions in the garden, not particularly destructive.

Our own cockerel is very tolerant but I need to find them a home before too long.

Please ring Alison 01308 482376 / 07867897633 if interested."



**The White Horse is reverting to type –**

**Let's hear it for The Horse!**

After a very busy summer, we are now seeing the number of tourists in the area dwindle quite dramatically. With this in mind, and the easing of restrictions (fingers crossed), we are hoping to revert back to the old traditional more "normal" pub.

We have a new menu coming out at the beginning of October and plan to introduce some specialist food evenings such as Pie Night, Tapas Night and Raclette parties over the coming weeks.

Also, assuming things continue to improve, between now and Christmas we are intending to take down the screen, reintroduce the stools back at the bar, get the Friday night meat and cheese draw going again and organise some pub quizzes and live music whilst welcoming the return of the skittles leagues.

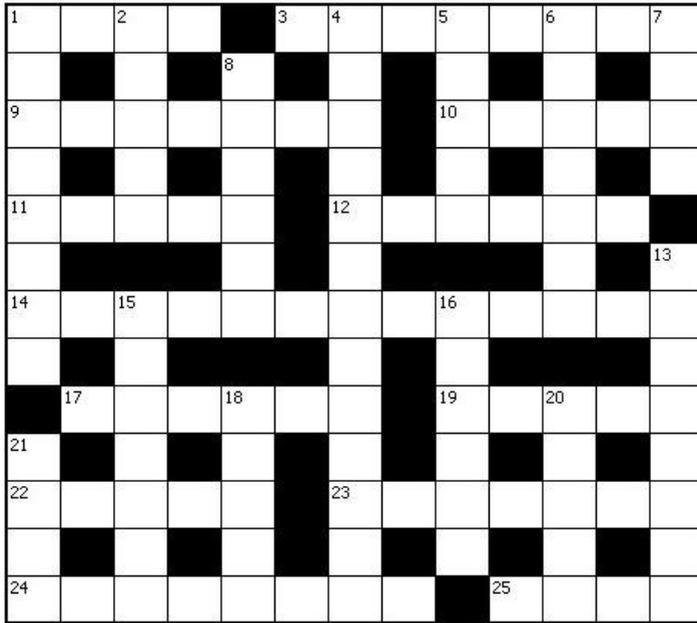
Friday Night Fish and Chips will continue for the foreseeable future, so you can get your "takeaway" here every week, or eat in with a beer or glass of wine if you prefer.

Let's hope the Autumn weather is kind to us and see you soon at your Local.

**Liz & Andy.**



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CROSSWORD SOLUTION PAGE 45

**CROSSWORD CLUES**

**Across**

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

**Down**

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

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## SHIPTON GORGE

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### ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

On a Saturday morning early in September, St Martin's was the first stop on their "safari" for the Parnham Voices. It was a real privilege to hear them sing and was much appreciated by all who attended. We look forward to welcoming them again in the future.

#### Harvest Festival

The harvest festival will be held in the Church on **3<sup>rd</sup> October at 5.00 p.m.** This will be followed by supper in the Village Hall at 5.45 p.m. If you are unable to join us in Church, please feel free to come along afterwards for the supper.

#### Maintenance Morning

If you can spare time on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October between 10 – 12.30 a.m.,** your help would be very much appreciated. For further details, please contact Phil Hall on Tel: No. 897776. He would be very pleased to hear from you..... or just come along!

### St Martin's Floodlights Sponsors for October are:

**Janet Epplestone , remembering John & Bee Epplestone on their  
Wedding Anniversary.**

**Jackie & Gerry Pyke who love to see the church lit up**

**Ann & Terry Hunt – as the nights draw in**

**John Porter for Sue's birthday**

Thank you all for your generous donations including those who prefer to stay anonymous. If you wish to light up your church for a special occasion or a memory, please ring Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through the Cuckoo Cottage letter box. We would be particularly grateful to hear from anyone who would like to sponsor the lights throughout the dark winter months ahead. (A suggested donation of £5 is appreciated)

# SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE DIARY

## Welcome to our village diary

Just search for Shipton Gorge Diary or go directly to  
<https://shiptongorgediary.co.uk/>

You'll be able to find out all that's going on in the village from the Village Society, the New Inn/ New Inn Support, the Village Hall, Shipton Gorge Heritage, the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council

## September 2021 SG 100 Club Draw results

1 <sup>st</sup>	£25	No 76	J & K Kent
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£10	No 61	Eddy Buck
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£5	No 101	Jackie & Jerry Pyke

## Congratulations to all the winners.

By now most of you will have been asked if you wish to continue with the 100 club. **The new year starts 1st Oct.**

For those who have not yet had the pleasure and excitement of being a member and would like to join, it is a cost of £10 payable each year. You will be included in all 12 monthly draws with chances of winning a cash prize.

This is run by the village hall trust and retained funds go towards maintaining the hall for your enjoyment.

Please contact Graham on 897357 if you wish to help support this good cause.

Look forward to hearing from you.

**Graham Garner**

## Recycling and reusing opportunities in our village.

If you want to 'do your bit' do you know that within our village the following items are already collected for recycling or reuse.

Pill / tablet blister packs (empty!) collected by Jo Warren. Leave on bench by front door at 1 Manor Cottages, Chapel Street.

Postage stamps UK and foreign, collected by Julie Bartrum-Lang at Dairy Cottage, Shipton Road in aid of RNIB. Please cut from the envelope leaving a 1cm paper border. Leave in the front porch.

Printer cartridges collected by Ann Jones at Polyzoa, Shipton Road in aid of the Gurkha's charity.

Contact lens blister packs collected by Mary Boughton, Gullivers, Shipton Road. Please separate foil and plastic.

Postage stamps also collected by Mary in aid of various charities.

Books can be taken from and donated to the Book Exchange Telephone Box, Brook Street.

And almost anything that could be useful...

Chris Griffiths-Hardman, 2 Rosamond Avenue/ [sgcommunity@iCloud.com](mailto:sgcommunity@iCloud.com) will post details on the village Facebook page and email loop of items to be given away or sold.

If you can add to this list please let me know and I will update it.

Chris Hewlett, Greenways

[Greenways2007@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Greenways2007@yahoo.co.uk)

## SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE



Please remember our **Autumn Produce and Plant Sale** which takes place at 2pm on October 9<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall.

We would be grateful for donations of home-made jam, chutney, cakes, pies, cordial, sweets or indeed anything at all that is home produced! You might even have some extra plants which you have not quite found a home for, which you might like to put forward for adoption. Items can be dropped off at the hall in the morning or we can collect from you.

## Heritage Gin Club

Winners in the August 2021 draw were Sue and Wally Axford who opted for the Hamper with local foodie treats and a bottle or so of something alcoholic.

Winner in the September 2021 draw was Paul Thomas who we believe was delighted to receive a bottle of Lyme Bay Gin.

Details as usual on our website:

[http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton Gorge Heritage 16417.aspx](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton_Gorge_Heritage_16417.aspx)

and in the Shipton Gorge Diary <https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk>

Artsreach presents PMac Productions with

## Old Herbaceous

Thursday 21st October 2021, Shipton Gorge Village Hall

Performances at 2:30 and 7:30

Pottering amongst the seeds and cuttings at the back of his ramshackle greenhouse in the garden of a Gloucestershire manor house is Herbert Pinnegar. Now in his twilight years, he's full of memories and tales of a bygone era. In between potting up and potting on, he recounts his journey from orphan boy to legendary head gardener 'Old Herbaceous' and tells of his friendship with the lady of the house, Mrs Charteris. Sown with seeds of gardening wisdom, this charming one-man show is a love story; a humorous and touching portrayal of a single-minded yet gentle man with a passion for plants. Touring Dorset with Artsreach.



*'A delightful show – and not just for old codgers and plant lovers!'*

Tickets £10, £6 (u18s),  
£25 (fam 4 – max 2 adults)

Price includes afternoon tea at the 2:30 performance / a glass of beer or wine at the 7:30 performance (+ cash bar)  
Full information and tickets available online at [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)

For enquiries, call 01308 897407

# SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

Our next **Parish Council meeting** is on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

The council is keen to help the village have a high speed **Fibre Gigabit Broadband** connection and this now seems a real possibility through a community application, as has been done in neighbouring villages.

We are grateful to Tony Mallett who has offered to co-ordinate this project and who has been in contact with Louis from Burton Bradstock who has kindly agreed to come to our November meeting to give a short presentation on his experiences with the Burton application.

We know a lot of people will be interested in this so to find out more please make a note in your diary of this **meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November**.

## Shipton Gorge Climate Change Action Group



We will be holding an initial meeting in the village hall on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm

The Parish Council have acknowledged that we need to plan so that Shipton Gorge will be resilient in the face of climate change. They have actioned this group.

This meeting is open to all in the village to contribute. Maybe you have expertise, suggestions or are just interested on what actions we can take as a village to reduce our carbon footprint and put in place, to make us more ready for the future changes.

The Centre for Sustainable Energy have developed an Impact tool so every parish council can see their carbon footprint. <https://impact-tool.org.uk/>

Below is an example of what we can be looking at but this is a **village** action group so please come along to the meeting so that any plans we make start from you the parishioners.

- Consumption and waste e.g. Refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle
- Travel e.g. Buses, cycle lanes, footpaths, preparing for electric cars
- Housing emissions e.g. LED lightbulbs, insulation, replacing boilers with new greener technology
- Food and diet e.g. Buy local, eat more veg, local, grass-fed meat, grow your own
- + a link to Shipton Heritage group as a way of promoting diversity and offsetting with tree planting etc.

**The Queen's Green Canopy** initiative is being supported by the Parish Council who are collating a list of planned trees that will be planted during this winter as part of the Green Canopy. We hope to be able to plant at least 70 trees and already have pledges of trees from local farmers and Shipton Heritage who are together hoping to plant a substantial number.

If residents would like to take part by pledging to plant a tree in their gardens then do let us know. If you don't have room in your own garden then perhaps you could consider sponsoring a tree to be planted on your behalf? A record of all the trees planted will be made public to show how Shipton Gorge was involved in increasing the number of trees in the village to commemorate the Jubilee and also help the environment.

More information on this initiative at <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

Contact the Parish Clerk on 898189 or [clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk](mailto:clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk)  
[www. http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish\\_Council\\_15331.aspx](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish_Council_15331.aspx)



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**ST MARY'S CHURCH  
PUNCKNOWLE**

St Mary's is now open every day during daylight hours. So do feel free to visit this beautiful little church which with its Saxon arch which is the oldest in the valley.

Visitors will receive a warm welcome to services held every Sunday – see the list in the porch or back page of the BVN – but it is much appreciated if masks are worn.

However, joy of joys we are now allowed to sing!

**Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council**

**INVITATION TO MAKE GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Council operates a S137 grant aid policy, under which certain groups may apply every year to be considered for a grant payment. The deadline for this year is 30 November 2021.

For information please read the Council's Grant Award Policy which can be found on the Puncknowle.net website, or email the clerk for a copy: [puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk) or telephone 01308 897987.

# PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE, WEST BEXINGTON AND CHILCOMBE

## LUNCH CLUB

PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL – 1.00pm

The Lunch Club held an Afternoon Tea in August which was very successful. We still have a few vacancies and would welcome some new members.

Enquiries - please contact David Buckland, 01308 898492 for more details.

**Next lunch – 19th October 2021**

### Menu

Fish Pie and  
vegetables

Chocolate Brownies with  
Ice Cream  
**cheese and biscuits, tea/coffee**

**16th November 2021** - Beef Bourguignon and Winter Fruit Salad with clotted cream

**14th December 2021** - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Pudding

We continue to follow any current COVID rules



## Holy Trinity Church Swyre

In August we celebrated the return of our 'Songs of Praise' services. We started tentatively with some lovely music and recordings to listen to and two hymns to sing.

Then at our outdoor service we could increase the number of hymns to five, accompanied by a keyboard and guitar.

For our final joyful service we sang five hymns in church with organ and trombone.

Our grateful thanks go to our organists David and Paul, our accompanists, our clergy and contributors; and especially to all of you who joined us to sing again at Holy Trinity!

## BURTON BRADSTOCK

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### St Mary's

#### Pop-Up Afternoon Teas at St Mary's Burton Bradstock

As many of you will be aware, during July and August, five Afternoon Teas were held in St Mary's Church and outside in the churchyard. We were blessed with dry weather each time and thoroughly enjoyed one another's company over a cup of tea and a cake. It was lovely to see so many villagers and visitors chatting through the afternoons.

Many people kindly donated cakes, produce and beautiful plants. Others worked tirelessly behind the scenes making sure the gazebos, tables and chairs were in place and ready for the relaxing and sociable afternoons. A super team of helpers served the teas and sold the cakes and produce. A huge thank you to all the helpers and all who supported the events by coming along.

Thanks to your efforts, we are delighted to report that a net total of £1,993.61 was raised in support of our charities and our church. Amazing! Moreover, the enjoyment and companionship certainly reinforced the benefit of using the church space in different ways, and we look forward to more opportunities like this in the future.

Thank you all so, so much!

*Liz Orza and Carol Brown*

#### Burton Bradstock Village Hall

##### Village Hall Activity

The Hall is now fully available to any users. Our approach is to ensure users of the hall heed current Government advice relating to Covid. Meanwhile we maintain the sanitising and cleaning stations in the Hall for all to use.

If a user of the Hall chooses to insist on mask wearing or proof of vaccination for their activity, that is their decision to make and enforce. They are also responsible for setting numbers appropriate for their activity.

The activities of old are either already operating or expecting to do so some-time soon, Bridge and Indoor Bowls resumed activities in September. Please check with the organiser if you are not sure about your activity.

Should you wish to use the Hall later in the year, the booking officer can be contacted via email at [bbvht.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:bbvht.bookings@gmail.com) or by phone on 01308897648.



## Burton Bradstock Films



After no films for more than eighteen months Burton Bradstock Films will be returning to the Village Hall on Friday 29 October at 7.30pm to show JUDY, the film we had originally planned to show a week after lockdown.

JUDY covers the last few years of Judy Garland's life when she tried to make a comeback for her adoring public and at the same time put her debt-ridden finances in order to enable her to be with her youngest children full time. Rene Zellweger's performance as Judy is poignant and she gives an amazing performance as she raises the audience's sympathy for a woman who had become a shadow of the promising starlet she had once been.

In order to provide a safe environment there will only be 60 tickets available for this showing which will be available from Burton Bradstock Post Office from Friday 1 October. Ticket prices, for the time being, are being kept at £5 and include a glass of wine. Judy will also be shown by Bride Valley Films on Tuesday 2 November.



### Date For Your Diary

Friday 29 November at 7.30pm (subject to the arrangement of a licence) KNIVES OUT starring Daniel Craig.

## Coffee Mornings

The regular monthly coffee stop mornings resumed in September. The event is intended to provide an opportunity for friends to meet and chat over a sensibly priced drink, biscuit and slice of cake if wanted.

The table service format has been seen as an improvement and stops queuing at the counter.

The next 2 dates are shown below, both run from 10:00 to 12:00. The format will be similar to recent ones, numbers will be controlled (10 tables of 4). Mask wearing will be optional and the event will be open to all.

**Wed 13th Oct.**

**Wed 8th Dec**

Both will be organised by the Hall Trust Coffee Team.

*Richard Ferre*

## Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

### SEPTEMBER 2021 DRAW

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS:

<b>1ST</b>	<b>£36.80</b>	<b>NO 30:</b>	<b>MRS JEAN SEXTON</b>
<b>2ND</b>	<b>£18.40</b>	<b>NO 14:</b>	<b>MRS LINDA ASHMAN</b>
<b>3RD</b>	<b>£9.20</b>	<b>NO 159:</b>	<b>MRS JOY JONES</b>

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the October 2021 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £3 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

## Burton Bradstock Duplicate Bridge Cub

The Club meets on Tuesdays at 1.45pm in the Village Hall. New members are welcome, and for further information please ring Kathy on 485626.

## Burton Bradstock Village Society

### Speakers Programme.

Our 2021/22 Programme continues on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October with “Why giving is complicated in a time of Pandemic for International Aid and Charities”, speaker Martin Dawes, aid communicator and ex BBC foreign correspondent, author ebook ‘COVID-19 and the Aid Business- a survival guide’.

For the immediate future places will be limited to a maximum of 60 members only, on a first come basis.

- Mask wearing is entirely voluntary except for volunteers handing out coffees, teas & biscuits. This will continue as usual in the interval.
- The sanitizer and temperature facility are there for attendees use.
- The bar and raffle will continue to be run as usual.
- It goes without saying that we would ask Members not to attend if they are unwell.

If you are not a member, maybe you are new to our lovely village, please consider joining our wonderful society, by contacting Roger Ashman on 01308 898442.

## Flower and Produce Show 2022

Next year’s ever popular Flower and Produce show will take place on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. A little advanced information (don’t tell anyone!), the subject for the Limerick competition is Diamonds, no prizes for guessing why, and the subjects for the Photography competition are, Harbour Scenes and Country Life.

If anyone would like to be involved in organising the show, please contact Roger on the above number.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

### Contacting the Parish Council

The Parish Council are here to support our Parishioners. We welcome your involvement and suggestions. If you are contacting us though, it is helpful if you can give your name and contact details as we cannot respond to anonymous letters.

To contact the Council please email the Clerk:

[theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org](mailto:theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org)

**Post - The Reading Room, High St, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QA**

## **Next Meeting**

We are planning the next Parish Council meeting on  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30**  
**Venue TBC**

Please look on our website and notice board for further information

## **Reading Room for Hire**

The Reading Room is now available for hire once again with a risk assessment covering Covid safety to provide continued reassurance.

It costs £7 for a morning or afternoon or evening session. Booking forms and Risk assessments etc are available to see on Burton Bradstock's Parish Council Website or contact the Clerk on the above addresses.

## **Allotments in Burton Bradstock**

We have some available plots in our allotments. This is a fantastic time to start an allotment plot, with time to get it ready for the new growing season. If interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## **Traffic issues in Burton Bradstock**

As many of you will know the Parish Council have previously looked into obtaining a SID (Speed Indicator Device) and Dorset Highways department turned us down.

Recently our very pro-active speed watch volunteers have found out about some possible changes in how to get a SID. From the feedback the Parish Council has received it is evident that this is an issue that is concerning for many of you.

We would like you to be rest assured that the Parish Council are working alongside the Speed watch team to see how we can maintain safe speeds for drivers through the village.

## **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

As next year will mark 70yrs of the Queen's reign, we as a village need to start thinking how we are going to help celebrate.

Ideas so far include a beacon and a contribution towards the Queen's canopy by planting 70 trees on Corncrake.

First and foremost many “Congratulations” must go to our Quiz team who have recently found out that they are through to the County Quiz Final!! They actually took part in the preliminary round earlier in the year via Zoom and possibly had even forgotten that they had done so by now!! It was a nice surprise to find that they had done so well.

The Final takes place in Moreton Village Hall at the beginning of October so there is a little bit of time for some extra swatting up before then. We wish Val Ferré, Mary Ibbotson, Susan Moores (and myself) the best of luck and hope they do well.

It is certainly nice to be getting back to some of our normal activities. The Book Club have been reading and discussing “The Wide Sargasso Sea” by Jean Rhys and their next meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> October. The Activities group have been busy too, even meeting throughout August instead of having their normal break. Some members have made more items for our stall at the Michaelmas Fair and are also thinking ahead to our Christmas Fair already.

Just to let you know so that you can put the date in your diary, the **Christmas Fair will be on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November from 10 – 12 o’clock**. There will be stalls for Christmas crafts and decorations, Christmas cards, books and puzzles, WI bags, tea towels and our popular Recipe books, a raffle and of course lots of delicious cakes for sale. Entrance costs £2 to include a coffee/tea and mince pie. Come and do some early Christmas shopping and enjoy a relaxing chat with your friends at the same time.

Autumn is coming in fast now and October brings thoughts of ghosts and Halloween. Our talk for October is therefore quite appropriate. Daphne Atkinson will be telling us all about “Ghosts in Inns and Hotels of the U.K.” Prepare to be Scared!!

***Do come and join us! Our next meeting is in the WI Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm - your first meeting is free!***

Janet Pearson  
01308 898346

## **FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)**

The library is now open 2.00–4.00pm on Monday and Saturday afternoons and 10.30 to 12.30pm on Wednesday mornings.

The Trustees have decided to keep these opening times over the next few months with the hope and expectation that a more normal service can be established in due course. We hope one of these opening times is suitable for you and look forward to seeing you in the library.

Our congratulations to the children who completed the summer reading challenge, and we look forward to seeing younger members of our community in the library in the coming months to borrow from our excellent collections of children's and teenage books.

The ever-popular jigsaw lending library organised by the "Friends" also has lots of new donations ready for the winter months, an added bonus to the extensive resource the Library Catalogue has to offer.

Please note that the Friends of Burton Bradstock Library membership subscriptions fall due on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. The funds raised in this way go towards the annual running costs and ongoing maintenance of the library building. Renewal reminders are being delivered to our existing "Friends", to whom we are very grateful for their continued support. If you are not already a "Friend", and would consider becoming one, membership forms are available in the library or from our website.

### **THE FBBL ANNUAL PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH AND SALE OF BOOKS**

With regret the library fund raising committee have decided to postpone the Ploughman's Lunch until February and will review the situation in the New Year.

#### **Contact information:**

Telephone: 01308 897563;  
email: [info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)  
[www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](http://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)

*Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)*

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## DIARY, OCTOBER 2021

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Wednesday	6th	10-12.30	Village Maintenance morning	Shipton Gorge
Saturday	9th	10.30 – 12.00	Second Saturday Coffee Break	Long Bredy Village Hall
		2pm	Autumn Produce and plants Sale	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Monday	11th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Wednesday	13th	10-12.00	Coffee Morning	Burton Village Hall
		7.30pm	Climate Action Group	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Sunday	17th	3pm	Arts Reach Event 'Syrian Baker'	LATCH Litton Cheney
Monday	18th	7.30pm	Bride Valley Gardening Club	LATCH Litton Cheney
Tuesday	19th	1pm	Lunch Club	Puncknowle Village Hall
Thursday	21st	2.30pm and 7.30pm	Arts Reach Event 'Old Herbaceous'	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Friday	22nd	5.30pm–9pm	Come Along Inn	Long Bredy Village Hall
Friday	29th	2pm-4pm	Portesham Flu Clinic	LATCH Litton Cheney
		7.30pm	Burton Films Showing 'Judy'	Burton Bradstock Village Hall

## SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES OCTOBER 2021



	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 3 October Trinity 18</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10 October Trinity 19</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 17 October Trinity 20</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 24 October Bible Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 4<sup>th</sup> before Advent</b>
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Songs of Praise	11.00 Harvest Festival  6.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion	3pm Annual Memorial Service
Chilcombe			4.00 Harvest Service		
Shipton Gorge	5pm Harvest Festival	9.30 Breakfast Church with baptism		11.00 Holy Communion by ext	
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Harvest Festival	9.30 Holy Communion by ext	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 All age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service	11.00 Puncknowle United Service
Litton Cheney	11.00 Harvest Festival	9.30 Holy Communion 12.30 Baptism	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion	