

Bride Valley News



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www.littlebredy.com
www.longbredy.org.uk

THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

St Mary The Virgin: Burton Bradstock

St Mary: Litton Cheney

St Michael & All Angels: Littlebredy

St Peter: Long Bredy

Chilcombe (dedication unknown)

St Mary The Blessed Virgin: Puncknowle

St Martin: Shipton Gorge

Holy Trinity: Swyre

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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

We are all different and I'm sure you know that. We are individual people and also across the Bride Valley we have different communities, not just where we live, but also within our circle of friends. I admit that I find it fascinating quite how different each individual village is too.

The Church of England has asked us as individual church communities to engage in conversation about issues of human sexuality and I'm attending the sessions which have been put on in our locality (also known as our deanery).

Principles of pastoral practice for how the Church of England can live well together within the parameters of its current position on marriage and the different deeply held convictions that individuals and churches hold on these matters have been developed. The outcome of this work has been the production of the Pastoral Principles for living well together, regardless of our differences.

More information can be found here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/general-synod/bishops/pastoral-advisory-group/pastoral-principles>

Basically, the Pastoral Principles identify six 'pervading evils': prejudice, silence, ignorance, fear, hypocrisy and power. These 'evils' hinder our personal growth as Christians, hurt other people, and create barriers that stop our churches from growing into Christian communities of welcome and belonging. They are the opposite of the fruit of the Spirit. It is easy to see these 'evils' in others; the hard work is to see them within ourselves.

Recently I had to take my severely disabled daughter, Lia, to a hospital appointment. Because of her learning disabilities Lia exhibits behaviour which is 'different'. She was bouncing down the hospital corridor (we've nicknamed her 'Tigger'!) and although she doesn't have any speech she will happily vocalise quite loudly. She often flaps her hands about, actually this type of behaviour led to the syndrome she suffers from being called 'Happy Puppet Syndrome' for many years. She is a happy, contented individual and I may be biased, of course.

The thing is, because of the pandemic I haven't been out with Lia for a long time and I'd forgotten the response we often get when we're out and about with her which we've always had. Some people smile and understand, but



Remembrance in the Bride Valley

BURTON BRADSTOCK

10.45AM

SHIPTON GORGE

10AM

LITTLEBREDY

10.50 AM

SWYRE

10.50AM

Sunday 14th November



Bride Valley Gardening Club



Although a lot of the work during November seems to be preparation/ protection for winter there are some jobs which are looking forward to the spring. Planting tulip bulbs, hellebores and lily bulbs are some of those jobs.

Rejuvenate perennials by lifting and dividing them.

Bring prepared bulbs, such as hyacinths, into a well-lit area for flowers at Christmas.

Fill gaps with winter bedding e.g. pansies, wallflowers and polyanthus.

Begin winter pruning, including fruit trees, climbing roses and hedge renovation.

If you are going to lift your dahlia tubers, wait until the frost has blackened the foliage then cut back the stems to 4-6", lift the tubers and dry them, before storage, by upending them onto their stems for at least 2 weeks.

Protect potted alpines from the rain, as they struggle to survive in cold wet conditions. Keep the crowns of plants clear of soggy leaves otherwise they may rot.

Weed beds then mulch them to keep weeds at bay.

Garlic can still be planted to benefit from the cold weather.

Plant new fruit bushes, trim cane fruit to 25cm to encourage new shoots from the base.

Plant or divide rhubarb crowns.

Before lighting bonfires check they are clear of sheltering wildlife; clean out bird boxes; regularly clean bird feeders and bird baths. Make a bug shelter using twigs, fir cones and hollow stems placed in boxes, bottles or tied in bundles to provide a safe over-wintering home for beneficial insects.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473



THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



The Quickenning Maze by Adam Foulds

We had mixed views on this month's book - some of us felt more connected to the characters and location than others. We discovered that two of our group had close links with High Beech, Essex, the setting for this novel.

Foulds is first and foremost a poet and this shows in his lyrical writing. The book focuses on 19th century Epping Forest and an early therapeutic residential community for the mentally ill. Foulds brings together the proprietor, Matthew Allen and his family, the "nature poet" John Clare and Alfred Tennyson, later to be poet laureate. Tennyson is there to support his brother, Septimus, who appears to be suffering severe depression. The narrative voice shifts between these characters - including at times Hannah, the daughter of the proprietor.

We mostly felt that the book was beautifully written but agreed that plot wise not that much happens. John Clare is in partial recovery from earlier bouts of psychosis. He has already had some success as a poet and has relative freedom compared to other inmates who are more seriously ill and incarcerated. However he feels very constrained and disappears into the forest and spends time with some Romany gypsies temporarily encamped.

It is from this point that Clare's mental health goes into a downward spiral and he takes on multiple other personalities rendering him delusional. There are no happy endings in this re-creation of real events when two of our most well known poets were in such close proximity but did not - as far as we know - meet.

Tennyson becomes the romantic focus for Matthew Allen's daughter, Hannah. For her marriage is a way out - a route to the real world away from the environment of the asylum. Tennyson is not interested in her - or indeed women in general. Somewhat comically Hannah is admired and tentatively courted by another visitor to High Beech - something of which she is initially oblivious. Tennyson invests heavily in one of Matthew Allen's money making schemes, new wood turning machinery which will industrialise a process previously done by craftsmen. Allen, who is enlightened in the management of his private asylum, is a naive entrepreneur and ends up bankrupting his family and the asylum.

Some of us were unsure about the “long arm of coincidence” which forms the basis for the book’s blend of truth and invention. The tragedy of Clare is painstakingly described and we get many glimpses into the distressing world of the mentally ill. Perhaps today we might recognise Clare’s symptoms and attribute a specific diagnosis of mental illness. Foulds has richly imagined this moment in time but he is almost emotionally detached in the final stages of the story.

John Clare returns to his home and family but never recovers his sanity or vocation as a poet. Matthew Allen is ruined and the enlightened experiment of High Beech Asylum is closed



BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS



AUDITIONS

**For a Murder Mystery Play
To be staged 24th, 25th, 26th February 2022**

**Reading – November 4 - Auditions – November 9
At 7pm in the Village Hall**

Any queries - 897751



Our Night Sky in November 2021

Venus is still hanging in there on the western horizon, setting at about 1900 at the middle of the month. Followed by Saturn and Jupiter setting at about 2200 and 2300 respectively, so these last two will still give us pleasure until very late evening.

Meanwhile, the winter constellations of Taurus and Orion will be rising in the east, the latter showing up at about 2100, and marching across the night sky all night. Mars will just be visible in the east before sunrise, but it will be hard to see in the dawn sky.

US space agency scientists were so excited by the Martian rock sampled by their Perseverance rover last week they got the robot to take a second sample. Nasa's Perseverance rover was sent to Jezero Crater on Mars precisely because it looks to have had a habitable environment billions of years ago. Satellite images suggest a lake was once present in the 45km-wide bowl. There are what appear to be extensive river and delta sediments in the west of the crater. The period in which this water environment existed could now be greatly narrowed by the rock samples just acquired.

The donor slab, nicknamed "Rochette", is sitting on the floor of Jezero and as such is expected to represent the oldest layers in the crater. If the minerals in the samples can be dated, they will provide a "no older than" age for the lake. Perseverance drilled its first finger-sized core on 6 September, repeating the procedure a couple of days later. The scientists believe the targeted rock is volcanic in origin, meaning it can be accurately dated. It also contains salts, which are indicative of water alteration, and that raises the possibility of life. Or, at least, the potential for past life.

Life cannot always be associated with water, but since it has never been found where water does not exist, there is always the hope that life will be found in such places as the salt oceans of the moons of Europa, and Enceladus, as well as any other satellites that harbour oceans beneath their surface ice.

The exploration of space has never been more exciting!

Bill Turnill

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 2.00pm to 4.00pm, and on Wednesday mornings 10.30am to 12.30pm

During the continuing Covid-19 pandemic our aim remains to ensure the safety, comfort and confidence of our customers and our volunteers. We allow up to four people at a time into the library, while still encouraging social distancing. Customers are asked to wear face coverings if possible and to hand sanitise. Track and trace details are no longer taken, but customers can still use the NHS COVID app.



In the Library you can browse and borrow books and jigsaws, pick up reservations, return items, obtain photocopies and DVDs, reserve books & DVDs from the Libraries West Catalogue, and you can manage your account and order books for delivery to Burton Bradstock online from home or by using the Libraries West App. We notify you when they become available).



Free Wi-Fi may be accessed outside the library, and we now have one public PC available on a 'first come, first served basis'.



E-books, eaudio books, e-magazines, e-comics & e-newspapers, are free to read on-line using your library card.

All information can be found on our website: www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

Thank you for your continuing support.



The DORSET LOCAL ACCESS FORUM is recruiting new members - NOW!

Do you believe it's important to have the opportunity to get outdoors to picnic, play, socialise, relax keep healthy?

That there needs to be more opportunities to walk, horse ride or cycle instead of having to use the car?

That there is limited opportunity to walk, horse ride or cycle on vehicular free routes?

That public outdoor space and paths provide essential green space for people and wildlife?

That public outdoor access needs to be sensitively managed with regards to agriculture, forestry heritage and environmental management?

That there needs to be more routes available for responsible vehicular users?

That good planning & development design incorporates local path networks making Dorset a more pleasant place in which to live work and visit?

Would you like to be actively involved in helping to improve public paths and outdoor green space?

Since it was established in 2002, the DLAF has helped make a difference improving and developing outdoor access.

Work includes improving local access benefitting health and disabled access, advising on the route of the Dorset section of the England coast path and commenting on Public Rights of Way provision in new planning development. But you may have new projects to bring to the Forum?

The forum is an independent, statutory body working with various organisations, for example, all county, town and parish councils; AONBs, National Trust, CLA, Forestry, Defra and Natural England.

We now have **vacancies for new members**, to represent the following categories:

People who enjoy using paths and public green space for recreation and travel;

Owners, occupiers and managers of land - esp with open access or PRoW;

People with access-related interests, eg tourism, health, environment, disability, planning, heritage, economy, transport.

The forum meets three times a year, with additional training and working groups as required. Certain expenses and allowances can be claimed.

Dorset Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council, as appointing authorities, provide support for forum members and the work they do.

[If you have the time, experience and enthusiasm to make a valuable and constructive contribution to the work of the forum, an application pack is available at](#)

<https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Dorset-Local-Access-Forum>

**The closing date for return of completed application forms is
7th November 2021**

For an informal discussion about the work of the forum, please contact

**Tara Hansford,
Forum Co-ordinator, tara.hansford@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk**





Burton Bradstock CE Primary School



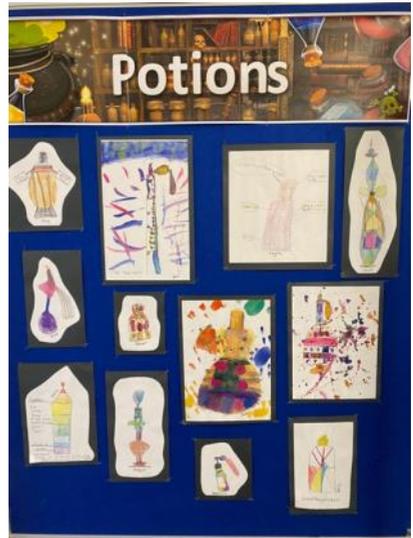
In Little Chicks Pre-school, the children have been learning nursery rhymes.



Amazing writing from our Wagtail class



Robins class have been making the most of learning outside!



Potion artwork by Kingfisher Class (Year 3 and 4)



Our new Sports Ambassadors from Year 5

After a glorious September, it definitely feels autumnal now we are in October! I have been so impressed with the children over this past half term. Their attitude to learning has been fantastic and they have all worked exceptionally hard. It seems as though our new reception cohort has been in school for much more than 6 weeks, they are all very settled and thoroughly enjoying school life.

Since the beginning of September, it has been good to be able to get back to some of the more normal school activities. Collective worship in Key Stage groups has been happening in the hall and it was lovely to be able to hold our Harvest Festival in the church recently although unfortunately without parents. Staff have set up a range of extra-curricular clubs such as football, dance and choir and it has been wonderful to see children enjoying this side of school after not being able to for so long.

Our new school website launched on Monday 18th October. A school's website is a key tool in keeping parents informed on what is happening as well as advertising our school within the wider community. A huge thank you to Julian Piper who maintained our old website; this was a very time-consuming task which he volunteered his time and expertise to free of charge! As a school we are currently reviewing our vision statement and motto. The children, staff and governors have been discussing all the things that makes our school great. I hope to be able to share what we have come up with in the new year, after we have consulted with our families.

Finally, at this time of year, we are busy showcasing our school to prospective parents. Rather than one set open morning this year, parents with a child due to start in September 2022 can book in with the school office for a tour during November. We also have spaces in our onsite pre-school (Little Chicks) which is open to children from the term after their third birthday. As a school we rely heavily on parental choice as two thirds of our intake usually come from outside our catchment area. With school funding based on pupil numbers it is so important that we do all that we can to attract potential pupils to our school. We are lucky to have so many wonderful facilities on our doorstep within the village, such as the Church, a forest school, the beach, library and a supportive community. We feel this sets us apart from other local schools and we would be very grateful if you could help us to promote our caring village school at this time.

Adam Gough
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THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL



These last few weeks the children have been discussing climate change in assembly. This is in anticipation of our work after half term on sustainability and the COP26 summit in Glasgow. To mark the importance of this conference we are undertaking the following activities in school to try and encourage the children to engage with both the science and issues surrounding climate change and also to help us look for steps we can take to make our school as green as possible.

Lessons

Throughout the week, classes will be taking part in lessons both live from the conference as well as other pre-recorded sessions throughout the week.

Art and Time Capsule

In school, we will also be creating a series of individual and group artworks to mark the event as well as burying a time capsule in the front garden to be opened by pupils at the school in 2050 to see if the promises made at the summit are upheld.

Planting

That week, the children will also be planting in our front garden to try and make it a more attractive place for insects and birds.

Competition

We want to start this theme with a competition for the children over the half term holiday whereby the children can create either a poem, story, artwork, song or piece of creative writing based on the theme of climate change. We wanted this to be as open ended as possible so the children could be as imaginative as they like! The children will submit their entries on the Monday after half term (1st Nov) and the winners will be announced at the end of the week. We are very grateful to The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators who have so generously supported Thorners and supplied the science kit prizes for this competition - many thanks for your kind support.

SALIX Decarbonisation bid

Lastly, as some of you may be aware we are currently making an application about possibly switching over to air source heat pumps and solar panels for either the school as a whole and/or for the swimming pool. We will keep you updated if our bid is successful and let you know details as and when we have them.

We hope by involving the children in these activities that they can come to see how they and we as a school can play our part in a more sustainable future.

Mike Sitch
Headmaster



Bride Valley WI



The first of our Sunday morning walks took place during October and on a relatively mild morning we met in Puncknowle and led by Marion had a very enjoyable 2hour walk..

Our Skittles nights at the White Horse in Litton started up again and although there is no County Challenge this year members were keen to have some practice over the next few months in preparation for the coming year!!! Many thanks to the White Horse for allowing us to use the Alley and for the excellent refreshments laid on afterwards. Thankyou Liz and Andy.

Our monthly meeting was a visit to ten-pin bowling at Freshwater where fourteen enthusiastic members tried to score a strike– all ten down in one go with varying success. A bit of a different technique needed from Skittles but the aim is the same—to knock down as many pins as possible in one throw!!!! Not as easy as you might think!!!! However it was good to meet up again in a social occasion and catch up with people.

Our meeting in November is a talk and tasting session with the Baboo Gelato team. We are all looking forward to that as it had to be postponed from last year due to lock-down. Our last meeting of the year will be a bring and share Christmas supper in Puncknowle Hall with various Christmas activities to take part in.

We meet on the third Thursday of every month in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7.30pm and if you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact on our email

Bridevalleywi@gmail.com

Smile Lines

Parade for Remembrance Service

Local newspapers advertising church services don't always get it quite right. Such as the local paper advertising a Remembrance Day service, who should have printed: *There will be a parade of uniformed organisations.*

Instead, they printed: *There will be a parade of uniformed organists.*

Family tree

At a drinks party at a wealthy golf club, the conversation turned to the subject of ancestry. "Of course, we trace our family back to coming over with William the Conqueror," observed one lady with satisfaction. She turned to a second woman, who was new to the club, and asked, "What about you dear? Can you go back very far?"

"Not very far," came the reply. "You see, all the early family records were lost in the Flood."

Miscellaneous musings on modern life...

In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify': I put 'DOCTOR.'

Member of the congregation to minister: "I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you."

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Where there's a will, there are relatives.

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. - *Mark Twain*

Don't worry about avoiding temptation...as you grow older, it will avoid you. - *Winston Churchill*

If at first you DO succeed, try not to look astonished. - *Anon*

LITTLEBREDY

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St Michael and All Angels

Welcome indeed to the newest addition to the village community, little Brooke Quincey, born to Kerrie and Lee on the 9th October, a baby sister for Kai. Everyone was back at home within a couple of days, and we wish long life and happiness together to them all.

The occasions trailed last month both went very well. Two of our cyclists in the Dorset Historic Churches Trust's Ride & Stride event made it all the way to Portland Bill and back, and two others made separate successful rides. It seems as if St. Michael & All Angels' 50% share of the sponsorship raised will be about £700 – an excellent outcome.

The Harvest Festival in Church and the Harvest Supper at Bridehead afterwards represented significant first steps back towards normal socialising in the village, and were much enjoyed. Thank you all round to everyone who provided food for the bring and share meal, but especially to Ben and Charlie for their great generosity in providing the wine. All very much appreciated.

Another revived event in the village has been the so-called "Hellstone Race", a Marathon event organised from elsewhere, which again used the cricket ground as its base on the 24th October. It has not yet taken place as I write, but a good number of runners is expected – may the weather be kind to them.

Readers may have thought the Bride Vale Cricket Club's end-of-season review in the last edition marked a conclusion, but one late game provided an extraordinary finish. BVCC's score of 282 would have been unthinkable a few years ago, before the outfield was taken in hand, but our visitors, a touring team from London, were making good progress towards it when their ninth wicket fell. An established batsman, with 150+ to his name, then farmed the strike to keep No. 11 away from the bowling, spurning numerous singles in the process. With just 2 to win, he then hit his own wicket going for the winning boundary, giving BVCC a win by one run in a game of 563 of them. A real example of the glorious uncertainty of the game and well into the "you couldn't make it up" category. What a match...

LITTON CHENEY

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St. Mary's Church

Harvest Festival was celebrated in October with a beautifully decorated church, a delicious lunch, and many offerings of tinned food and dry goods which were gratefully received by the Bridport Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Changes to our services in November – there will not be a service here on Remembrance Sunday 14th, but there will be special services that day at Burton Bradstock, Swyre and Shipton Gorge.

On Sunday 28th November there will be no 9.30 am service here, but at 4.00 pm there will be a special service – “Darkness to Light” with liturgy and music for the start of Advent.

Looking ahead, all being well there will be Carol Singing around the village the week before Christmas – details of dates and times in next month's BVN.

Dorset Historic Churches Trust ANNUAL RIDE AND STRIDE

Congratulations and thanks to Diana Cheater, Greg Ellman and Hugh Warrington who valiantly cycled a goodly distance around the county calling at a number of churches and raised £595 for the Trust half of which comes back to the parish for St Mary's Church. Many thanks also to the many generous sponsors and to those who manned our church on the day to welcome riders and striders from other parishes.

Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 9th November – 7.30 pm

Unless we hear different prior to the above date, this will be a face-to-face meeting in the meeting room of LATCH. We actively encourage local residents to attend and witness local democracy in action. Democratic time is also part of the meeting agenda when residents can bring matters to the PC attention. You will be most welcome.



Events at LATCH – for November



Weekly

Mondays: 15.30 The Big Q (Messy Church)

Tuesdays: 16.45 -17.45 Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 482661)

Wednesdays: 16.00 – Table Tennis ([Ron Davidson 482661](mailto: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)

Specials

Saturday 6th - Morning – Village Café – see separate details below

Tuesday 9th - 19.30 Parish Council Meeting

Friday 26th Bingo Evening – see separate advertisement

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

Coming up:

Thursday 2nd December: **Film Night** “Knives Out”. 7.00 pm (drink & chat) for 7.30 pm (film start)

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

**AUTUMN ECO-VILLAGE CAFE
AT LITTON AND THORNER’S COMMUNITY HALL
ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6TH, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm
WITH TOURS OF THE SCHOOL OUTDOOR ‘DISCOVERY AREA’**

- BEEKEEPING
- TREES: BUYING, PLANTING AND PRUNING
- ELECTRIC CAR SHARE SCHEMES
- CYCLING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT
- AIR-SOURCE HEATING, SOLAR AND INSULATION
- BRING AND BUY LOCAL PRODUCE
- BIKE CLEANING AND SAFETY CHECKS

What can individuals and communities do to help biodiversity and climate change?

Please offer up your own SUGGESTIONS!

Eco book exchange: bring and browse, or take away an article.

Come along to meet fellow villagers and friends and have BREAKFAST:

**LOCAL HAM, CHEESE, SOURDOUGH, CROISSANTS, JAM, MUFFINS, TEA and
COFFEE**

The Judgment of the Bride Valley – Celebrating the life of Steven Spurrier

Sixty discerning and perhaps some admitting to not being quite so knowledgeable gathered on Saturday 23rd October to taste a number of very special wines, many the favourite of our local global wine guru, Steven Spurrier, who sadly passed away earlier this year. It was an evening to behold and we would hope that the great man joined us on the night in raising a glass to his immortal memory.

Our most grateful thanks to Steven's wife, Bella, for helping us celebrate Steve's life, and to the numerous vineyards worldwide, many of them Steven's favourites, who donated wine for the occasion. Proceeds from the event will go to The Bus Shelter, a local charity nominated by Bella, who provide shelter and assistance for the homeless in and around Weymouth. Very special thanks also to Mark and Caroline of Morrish & Banham, and residents of Long Bredy, and their team for setting up the "Judgment" and to Wendy F who ensured mis-en-place was the order of the day.

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – June 2nd to 5th 2022

The ideas are pouring in and we are beginning to see the shape of the weekend. An initial brainstorming meeting has taken place and when we meet again in November we will begin to firm up on the programme. It may seem a little early to begin organising something happening in June next year, but we are not alone in getting our act together and if things have to be booked or reserved we need to be at the head of the queue.

If you would like to involve yourself in Litton's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, come along to the next meeting on Monday 15th November, 7 pm at LATCH. You will be most welcome.

Bride Valley Fibre – Are We There Yet?

Many thanks to all in Litton and beyond who pledged their vouchers towards bringing full fibre connection to Litton Cheney, Kingston Russell and Long Bredy. There is now a pause in proceedings while Dorset Council deliberate on the areas most in need, after which we will return to the charge towards what we hope will be a successful outcome. If you have yet to pledge your voucher or the system has not allowed you to do so, fear not, there will be an opportunity later in November/December we are told.

BENCH MARK MOMENT - RELAX AND ENJOY THE VIEWS THAT SURROUND US!

LITTON CHENEY COMMUNITY BENCH FUND IS NOW UP AND RUNNING. CURRENT SITES EARMARKED INCLUDE: PINS KNOLL, BRIDE VALLEY VINEYARD, CHALK PIT LANE AND MAGNA GREEN. (further suggestions welcomed). SUMS GREAT OR SMALL GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

**FOR DETAILS OF HOW TO DONATE, PLEASE CONTACT
QUENTIN BLACKE ON 07919 905588 OR**

[email:quentin396pc@yahoo.com](mailto:quentin396pc@yahoo.com)

**OR MAGGIE WALSH ON 01308 281561 OR EMAIL [littoncheney@dorset-
aptc.gov.uk](mailto:littoncheney@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)**



BRIDE VALLEY FILMS ARE STARTING AGAIN!

at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall.



REMINDER: 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. As she prepares for the show, battles with management, charms musicians, and reminisces with friends and adoring fans, her wit and warmth shine through. 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.



THURSDAY 2 December KNIVES OUT 'Keeps you on your toes'

Renowned crime novelist Harlan Thrombey is found dead at his estate and the inquisitive and debonair Detective Benoit Blanc is enlisted to investigate. From Harlan's dysfunctional family to his devoted staff, Blanc sifts through a web of red herrings and lies to uncover the truth behind Harlan's untimely death. Starring **Daniel Craig, Chris Evans and Ana de Armas.**
Cert.12 2 hrs



Continuing with earlier times. 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 no's. 01308)

We are sharing the licences for these films with Burton Bradstock (who will show it the previous Friday).



The White Horse – A Warm Welcome Awaits - Come On Down!

After a surprise week of fabulous weather, and a brilliant final fling of live music in the garden, it's grey and pouring as we write this, and it looks like the holiday season, with all its lovely visitors, is sadly largely behind us. Let's hope we can continue easing back to some kind of normality while we move towards the winter months and wait to welcome them again. Wearing face masks in the pub is now down to personal choice, we are still taking extra care with cleaning touch points, hand sanitiser is still readily available and we encourage everyone to continue to give others as much space as possible whilst moving round the pub. We have, however, bought some nice comfy new bar stools so those of you who like to can now drink at the bar, which makes it a bit more "pubby" again.

October will have seen the welcome return of Sourdough Ted's Pizzas every other Tuesday from 5 till 8pm and the first of our Steak Nights on the Tuesdays in between. We've got some great deals on steaks, for example, a 16oz rump with chips, peas, flat mushroom and grilled tomato for just £15, so booking is essential!

There are more plans in the pipeline, first up (before this appears in print hopefully) is the return of the Meat Draw on a Friday, with a Happy Hour before, and we really do look forward to seeing you all there soon.

Happy Autumn!

Andy and Liz



BINGO

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

DOORS OPEN 6.30PM

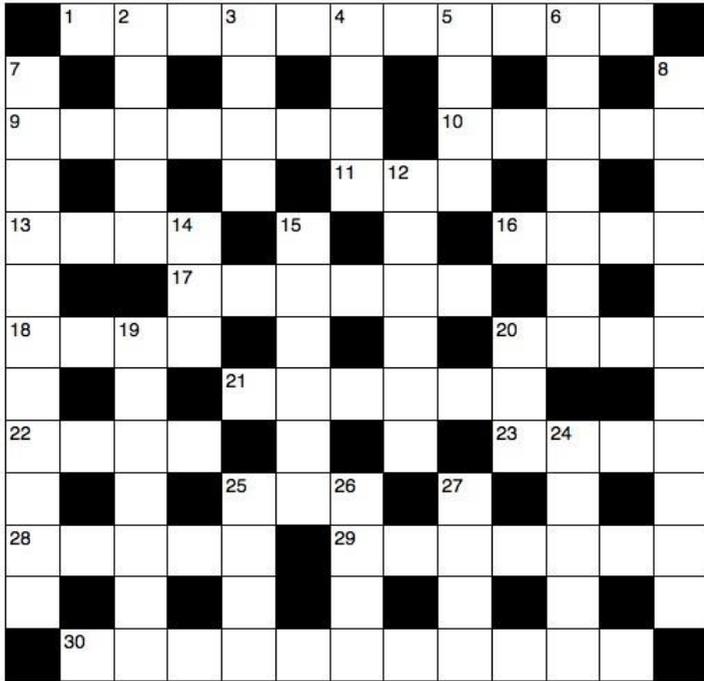
EYES DOWN 7.30PM

AT LATCH

**EVERYBODY WELCOME
RAFFLE, REFRESHMENTS
AND BAR**

**CASH PRIZES, FOOD
HAMPERS TO BE WON!!!**

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PHOEBE SMITH—SUMMER 2022**



CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No —, impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always —, nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1–2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to —' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across

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SHIPTON GORGE

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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

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

After so many quiet months, St Martin's has sprung back into life. It was so good to catch up with folks at the Harvest Festival. A big thank you to the flower team who decorated the church so splendidly and to those who provided the supper in the Village Hall after.

On the Saturday following, it was the big tidy up of the churchyard. There was an excellent turnout of 16 folks. Phil was most grateful and wishes to thank the crew who worked so hard. Fortunately, the weather was kind and Phil & Sheena provided tea and cake to help them along. Big Bob very kindly removed all the debris – a big thank you to him too.

To date, there have been two Breakfast Church services in the Village Hall. The second occasion was very special as twins Anya and Idris were Baptised in St Martin's.

This month on Sunday 14th, Breakfast Church will take place in the Village Hall at 9.30 a.m. and continue with a Remembrance Service at St Martin's.

If you find you have some spare time or perhaps when you walk the dog, we are looking for more volunteers to unlock and lock the church door, morning and evenings. There is a rota in the porch for you to add your name alongside the week you are free.

Also the church cleaning team would be grateful for some extra help. Many hands make light work so if you can help out, it would be much appreciated. Linda Buck is the person to speak to.

St Martin's Floodlights Sponsors for November are:

Doreen in memory of Frank and for all those with November birthdays

Steve Larcombe in memory of his mum and dad.

The Rockway Residents

Diane James thinking of her Mum (Winsome)

Linda Buck for Ed on his birthday

Mary George for her daughter Ginny

Thank you all for your generous donations, not forgetting those who ask to be 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)



The Shipton Gorge Recipe Book has been reprinted and can be yours for £10. All proceeds will be donated to our church. The book contains 85 recipes which were provided by villagers in 1989, with the addition of Doreen Rogers' Lemon Drizzle Cake which won 1st prize at this year's Village Fete.

Contact Sally Parker for your copy on 897168.

Shipton Gorge Village Hall 100 Club

I would like to thank everyone, including all new members, for their continued support of our village 100 Club.

We still have a few numbers available should you wish to join. The cost is a one off payment of £10 that covers you for all twelve months of the year.

So you are fully informed of what is paid out each month, details are below.

1st prize is £25, Second £10 and third £5

The exception is December and June when there are 5 prizes rather than three.

1st prize £100, 2nd £25, 3rd £20, 4th £15, 5th £10

Good luck in all the forthcoming draws.

October 2021 SG 100 Club Draw results

1st	£25	No 97	Janet Lane
2nd	£10	No 76	J & K Kent
3rd	£5	No 42	Tim Richardson

Congratulations to all the winners.

Graham Garner

Pre-Christmas Village get together

Please note that this event, which was planned to be held on **28th November**, is being postponed to next spring. The get together is always well attended, resulting in a crowded hall which, right now, doesn't seem such a good idea!

Details of the re-scheduled event will be circulated next year.

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

Need a better broadband connection?

Then make sure you come to the **Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 10th November** where Louis Van Zyl from Burton Bradstock is giving a presentation on his experiences with the Burton application.

Tony Mallett is co-ordinating this project and we are sure that many people will be interested to find out more about how we can make high speed **Fibre Gigabit Broadband** a reality in Shipton. We can't do it without you so do come along to the meeting which is in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted on 898189 or clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk
[www. http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish Council 15331.aspx](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish_Council_15331.aspx)

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Our **Autumn Produce and Plant Sale** took place on 9 October and was hopefully enjoyed by all who attended – possibly helped by some tasting of homemade sloe gin!

As well as being a fundraiser, it was lovely to welcome both old and new members of the village to a community event. Thanks to everyone who attended and / or donated produce and plants for the sale and raffle prizes.

We would also like to thank Dorset Nectar Cider Farm who gave us a selection of bottles of their cider and several bottles of organic apple juice in exchange for a boot load of cider apples from the Orchard.

Heritage Gin Club

The winner in the October draw was Myrtle Pacey – a bottle of Fordington Gin has been duly delivered.

There will be a **Wood Walk** on 7 November in Saunders Richardson Wood at 11am (members only). If you would be interested in joining the Shipton Gorge Heritage, please contact one of the trustees – we would love to get more people involved.

Another date for your diary – the **AGM** will be held in the Village Hall on 26 November 7.30pm-9.30pm

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>

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

100 Club

September 2021 draw

£30.00	No. 124	R. Maltby
£15.00	No. 14	S. Horsley
£ 5.00	No. 32	D. Peretz

From the Parish Council

Ultrafast Broadband – Full Fibre – Voucher Opportunity

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 parts of Litton Cheney, Long Bredy and Kingston Russell.

The Government Gigabit vouchers may be available for you to pledge towards the cost of installation of full fibre, if you live or run a business in one of the following post codes. The final decision re eligibility lies with Openreach

DT2 9JB; DT2 9HU; DT2 9HT; DT2 9HW; DT2 9HP; DT2 9EE; DT2 9ED

Visit <https://www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity> for more details.

The information provided by Openreach highlights the benefits of Ultra-fast and should help you decide if it's for you. Inevitably there are conditions and commitments and these should be read carefully. Using your pledge (worth £2500+) will help bring full fibre connectivity to our villages.

The opportunity to pledge vouchers is time limited so if you do decide to proceed you will need to act within the timescales set by Openreach.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this with produce, flowers or dry goods. The church looked beautiful and the congregation enjoyed a very sociable coffee time after the service.

Dry goods, together with donations totalling £124.00 were taken to support The Food bank in Bridport.

James Webster's talk included some very hard-hitting information about the world-wide distribution of food, water and shelter - statistics which were hard to comprehend on a glorious morning in the Bride Valley.

The perishable produce which was donated was taken to 'Oh Crumbs', a cafe in Bridport which provides opportunities for those with mental health issues to learn skills in catering. The recipients were extremely grateful.

Coffee Break and Jubilee Meeting

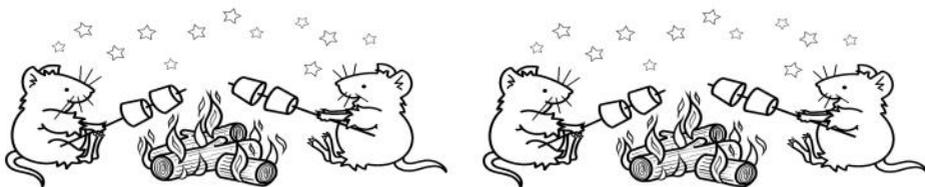
It was good to see lots of people at the first 'Coffee Break' since lockdown and at the meeting afterwards to discuss ideas for the village participation in the Jubilee celebrations next June.

The next 'Coffee Break' will be on November 13th from 10.30 to 12.00. in the village hall.

The Christmas 'Coffee Break' on December 11th will be in aid of St Peter's Church, with seasonal gifts and produce on sale. Contributions will be very welcome.

Jubilee Celebrations

As a result of the meeting to discuss this, it was decided to have some village events on **Friday June 3rd**. There will be another meeting after the January 'Coffee Break' - to discuss progress so far.





PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH



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 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 or telephone 01308 897987.

Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village hall AGM

We will be holding this in the hall on 8th November at 7.30- all welcome but please could you let me know so we can ensure covid safety

Christmas Fayre

This will again be held on the afternoon of **12th December 2-4** and will be in the form of an afternoon tea. All very welcome, tea, coffee and cake will be provided free of charge. There will also be a couple of stalls and a raffle, as well as the opportunity to purchase a glass or two of mulled wine.

Come along and see the transformation of the hall that happened during lockdown.

The Carol service in the church is 5pm

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE, WEST BEXINGTON AND CHILCOMBE

LUNCH CLUB

PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL – 1.00pm

We are now welcoming the over 55's from Long Bredy and Little Bredy and look forward to hearing from you if you would like to join us.

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

Next lunch – 16th November 2021

Menu

Beef Bourguignon, mash
and vegetables

Autumn Fruits with
Sabayon Cider Sauce
+ cheese and biscuits, tea/coffee

14th December 2021 - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Pudding

At our December meeting we will be welcoming Sandra and David Heaver and Sandra has kindly agreed to play some Christmas Carols for us. Please let David know if you have a favourite carol you would like her to play

First date in 2022—18th January

We continue to follow all current COVID rules.

Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village hall 100 club

Thank you to everyone who has joined or renewed their membership- it's not too late if it slipped your mind just ping me an email for details

jill.neill@live.co.uk

Winners so far

July

1st prize Tina

2nd prize Patti and Thomas

August

1st Prize Jane

2nd prize Rosemary and David

September

1st Prize David

2nd prize Marion

October

1st prize Ross

2nd Prize Steve



Holy Trinity Church Swyre

Remembrance

Each year on All Souls Day (2nd November); we place on our altar the funeral order of service sheets of all those among our families and friends, colleagues and neighbours who have died.

Those we love, but see no longer.

Also, on 14th November; Remembrance Sunday, our service will start at 10.50am to allow time for the two minute silence, and the reading out of the names of the fallen.

Dorset to Doorstep

As the new owners of **Journey Bound Solutions**, we would like to congratulate Pete Bunyan on his retirement, having served the Bride Valley with his car service for many years.

We are proud to take over Journey Bound Solutions under our own Service Dorset to Doorstep, also based in Puncknowle, aiming to deliver the same exemplary service. We offer Pete our sincere congratulations and best wishes for a very long and happy retirement!

Richard has over 40 years of driving experience in various professions including driving Government Ministers for 23 years. He has also worked with the Blood Transfusion Service and in an HGV capacity, currently with Dorset Council. Carol, his wife, is supporting the business in the office.

Richard is currently offering a part time car service which he intends to increase as travelling becomes less restricted.

Current hours are:
Office 0900- 2000 Monday to Sunday

Service Monday to Friday between 1500-230 Saturday and Sunday any time.

Please contact us if you have a mid week journey as we may be able to help with good notice.

Contact: tel: 07725 548013 email: dorsettodoorstep@gmail.com
www.jbs.org.uk

NB/. We will keep open Journey Bound Solutions contact telephone and email for a period of time for Pete's regular customers.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's

The St Mary's Church Michaelmas Fete

The Michaelmas Fete was held on 25 September and what a success it was! We are delighted to report that a wonderful £2,860 was raised and that will go to the St Mary's Church Fabric Fund to support the Welcome Project, creating a comfortable and useful space for gatherings and activities of all kinds. Previous Fetes have helped provide a new disabled toilet and kitchenette in St Mary's.

Although this was the first autumn Fete, and was a rather smaller event than normal, it was a terrific afternoon, with a lovely community feel to it.

People enjoyed themselves and dug deep into their pockets. We would like to thank everyone who came through the gate and everybody who contributed items for sale; made delicious cakes and preserves; grew plants and veg, served the very welcome teas; played music, ran stalls and games, and of course, the stalwart crew who turned up early and stayed late to erect and dismantle the gazebos and move tables and chairs!

Last, but very much not least, we must thank the Rector, the Rev Jane Williams and her husband Nigel for letting us invade their garden yet again and for their great support throughout the day.

Next year we hope to hold the Fete in its traditional August slot. So put **Thursday 4 August 2022** in your diaries now!

Thank you everyone.

From the Church Fete Team

Dorset Historic Churches Trust - Annual Ride & Stride, 11th September

The magnificent sum of £465.00 was raised, and thanks go to Jane, Clare, Liz and Linda for taking part, to all those who so generously sponsored them and those who helped on the day to welcome visitors to St Mary's.

Howard Bongers

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Activity

Good news, nearly all of the regular activities have restarted in the Hall including art classes, bridge, indoor bowls and various keep fit activities. Please contact the activity organisers for more details.

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



Burton Bradstock Films



On Friday 26 November 2021 KNIVES OUT

comes to the screen in the Village Hall. Starring Daniel Craig as Detective Benoit Blanc who is enlisted to investigate the murder of Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer) who has been found dead at his estate just after his 85th birthday. Harlan's family are dysfunctional, his staff devoted and Benoit has to sift through a web of red herrings and self-serving lies to get at the truth. **KNIVES OUT** is a stylish, fun, murder mystery. It is guaranteed to keep audiences guessing until the very end. A delightful whodunnit with an all-star cast.



Doors open at 7.00pm, the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine or a soft drink and can be purchased beforehand from Burton Bradstock Post Office or at the door on the night, if available. Only 60 tickets will be available for this event to allow for Covid distancing.

This film will be shown by Bride Valley Films on Thursday 2 December.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club"

October 2021 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£36.80	No 184:	Mr Sam Smith
2nd	£18.40	No 179:	Mrs Patricia Brooks
3rd	£9.20	No 69:	Mr Peter Broomhead

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the November 2021 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £2 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Coffee Mornings

The regular monthly coffee stop mornings have now resumed. 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 17th Nov

Wed 8th Dec

Both will be organised by the Hall Trust Coffee Team. We hope that next year we will return to coffee mornings run by the various Village activity groups, however if they feel unable to run them the Village Hall team will ensure they continue.

Christmas activities

The really good news is that both the Christmas Market and Coffee mornings will run, albeit with a reduced format for obvious safety reasons.

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market and coffee morning will be held on Sat 4th Dec from 10:00 to 12:30.

Unlike previous years half the Hall will be dedicated to a smaller number of market Tables selling Christmas related goodies, the other half will be laid out for coffee and cake with table service.

We hope you will wear a mask while exploring the market section.

Entrance will be £1 for adults, children under 16 free.

If you wish to register interest for the market tables, which will cost £6 each, please contact the organiser, **Richard Ferre**, via email at rwferre99@gmail.com or phone 897648.

It is almost certain that not all who want one will be able to have a table, so please be understanding.

Christmas Quiz

The hugely popular Christmas Quiz will be held on Sat 11th Dec, with Quiz

prepared and run by Sue Moores and David Edwards. Doors will open at 6:45 for a 7:30 start. The ticket price of £10 per head will include a light supper, plus all the normal crackers, party poppers and balloons that add to the festive fun. There will be a sensibly priced bar, raffle and prizes for winners and last place. Regrettably we will drop the rousing carol singing this year, plus we will keep the Hall well ventilated, so wear your Christmas jumper with pride.

There will be 12 teams of 6 per table (normally it is 8) to reduce crowding. There will be no tables down the centre of the Hall. Tickets for ten of the teams will go on sale at the Post Office in blocks of 6 on Wed 24th Nov on a first come first served basis. Please purchase all 6 of your tickets at the same time. **Once you have your team tickets contact Richard Ferre (details above) to confirm your table and dietary requirements.**

Individuals or couples unable to make up a team but wanting to participate should contact Richard from **Wed 24th Nov onwards (not before please)**. There will be 12 places available for those people to be put into a team on a first come basis.

If history is a guide, tickets will sell out in a few hours, so put the dates in your diary now.

Village Defibrillator - Free Training

In conjunction with the Parish Council and various fund-raising activities a defibrillator has been installed for several years at the side of the Village Hall for general use. It is checked weekly for serviceability and is registered with the NHS. **It has been called for several times.**

Following the success of the Defibrillator raffle held earlier this year the Hall Trust is able to offer a number of places on a 2-hour course on how to use it, including CPR. The training is offered to anyone living or working in the Village and is totally free. **The courses will be held in the Village Hall on Wed 1st Dec at either 10:00am to 12:00noon or 1:00 pm to 3:00pm.** If you would like a place on one of the courses, contact Richard Ferre, (details in previous paragraph). Spaces will be allocated on a first come basis.

The Hall Trust is also planning to purchase pads for children between the ages of 1 to 8, which currently we do not have. The school have been made aware of this.

Richard Ferre

Children's Society

Its the time of year again when I will be collecting any boxes for The Childrens' Society. I realise it has been a very hard 18 months plus and I know some of you have moved or have decided not to participate. That's fine, but my problem is I now have no idea of who has boxes that want collecting. I have a list of 18 people who were active last year, but I am not sure if it is correct as it is sent to me by the Society, who, in spite of my asking, have not amended the list of names for some time.

PLEASE could you help me out by ringing me if you **DO** have a box that needs collecting, that will mean I won't be bothering anyone who doesn't!

My landline is 01308 898108, please just leave a message if no one is in, it would be such a great help. Many thanks.

Allegra Martin

The Old Coach House, Shipton Lane, Burton Bradstock

Burton Bradstock Village Society

Speakers Programme.

Our 2021/22 Programme continues on **Friday 19th November with “A Cruise Along The Jurassic Coast”**, speaker Steve Belasco, author and photographer, taking pictures of the Dorset coast from his boat Strange Weather, and based in Portesham.

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.

Our September talk, **“The Etches Collection”** was utterly fascinating. About 40 people came and we were given an introduction as to how Steve found his first fossil as a child and luckily his mother kept it in her button box so he still has it. He is passionate about the search for the fossils along our coast. His amazing collection has now been donated to the Nation and is housed in a special museum at Kimmeridge. The collection is second to none with extensive research done and new species identified.

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 16th July**. A little advanced information (don't tell anyone!), 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 SOCIAL SUPPER GROUP

Our next Social Supper is on

MONDAY 29th NOVEMBER, 2021

6.30PM FOR 7PM

At the Bridport and West Golf Club

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BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

A big, warm welcome to our two new Parish Councillors Anne King and Robert Hawes. We thank them for agreeing to be part of Burton Bradstock Parish Council. We still have 2 more vacancies and would very much appreciate parishioners who want to contribute to their local community to get in touch.

Next Meeting

We are planning the next Parish Council meeting on **Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm**

Last month we held the meeting in the church to give more space for social distancing. There were some problems with the acoustics however we have solutions for this so will hold the November meeting there while we are preparing the Reading Room. Please look on our website and notice board for further information.

Our **December meeting** is traditionally drink and nibbles where all parishioners are welcome to come and meet the council members more informally.

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

[Post- The](#) Reading Room, High St, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QA

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 we know there is much concern for the speeding issues in our village. This item was discussed in the October Parish Council meeting. The council confirmed to the Speed watch team that they were in support of a SID and willing to pay for it but at present Dorset Council said that we didn't reach their criteria to have one. It was agreed to continue working on this with the Speed Watch team to provide further evidence that we now do reach the criteria.

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

We have a selection of Library Christmas Cards for sale in the Village Farm Shop and Post Office and in the Library. We do not have a new card this year as our esteemed artist James Webster has decided to take a break. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all the support he has given the Library over the last eight years.

Normally this month we would be looking forward to the Library Ploughman's Lunch. This event has now been re-arranged for 26th February 2022. More details will be available nearer the time.

Over Christmas and the New Year the Library plans to be open on **Wednesday 22nd and 29th December**, re-opening on **Wednesday 5th January**. Please make sure you order your Christmas reading material and

your jigsaws for the holidays in good time!

As the pandemic continues you may also like to note that we have a supply of lateral flow tests available should you need them, and these can be collected (free of charge) during our normal opening hours.

Rosemary Daniels



Burton Bradstock WI



Well, we've only been back for a couple of months but have been quite active, which at last gives me something concrete to write about! First of all Congratulations must go to our Quiz team who took part in the Dorset Federation Quiz Final at the beginning of October- and came 3rd! We were only six points behind the winners and two behind the team that came second, so it was a pleasing end to a very enjoyable evening.

Our stall did well at the Michaelmas Fair, raising a total of just over £132, mostly from the sale of our very own bags, tea towels and recipe books. If you have yet to purchase one of these popular items you will have another chance at our **Christmas Market and Coffee Morning on 13th November from 10.00pm - 12.00noon in the Village Hall**. There will also be Christmas crafts and decorations for sale plus books, puzzles, cakes, and raffle. **Entrance is £2 to include a tea/coffee and mince pie.**

We have had two lots of interesting speakers at each of our last two meetings. In **September** Gordon Lewis gave us a very informative talk about ferrets. We were stunned to hear that the record for a ferret down the trousers was over five hours - but relieved to hear that this competition is only open to men! The rest of the talk was devoted to more natural facts and we all learnt a lot about these fascinating creatures and their history.

In **October** we were all completely mesmerised by Daphne Atkinson's eerie talk about Ghosts in hotels and inns in Great Britain. The Halloween decorations in the Hall added to the atmosphere and after hearing more ghostly encounters from some of our members we all went home very cautiously in the dark - and hopefully didn't have any nightmares that night! Our next talk is "The Twelve Days of Christmas " by Anne Jones on 9th November at our Winter meeting time of 2.15pm. This will certainly put us in the right frame of mind for our Christmas event the following Saturday. Hope to see you there!

Janet Pearson

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The Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis

Tuesday Nov 9th at 7.p.m.

Patrick Barkham will speak on

Why children need more nature in their lives and how we can provide this.



Patrick Barkham is natural history writer for the Guardian.

He is author of the best-sellers **The Butterfly Isles, Badgerlands, Coastlines and Islander.**

His latest book is *Wild Child*. He lives in Norfolk with his family and is one of a generation of British authors who have injected popular vitality and literary respectability into nature writing. His books on British wildlife have turned thousands of readers on to the mysteries of the countryside.

Patrick's talk will be followed by a panel discussion and the evening will end with questions from the audience.

Do join us for a fascinating evening with a nationally renowned speaker.

Tickets via the Marine theatre website: www.marinetheatre.com

The Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis

‘WHAT SORT OF ANIMAL ARE YOU?’

CHARLES FOSTER

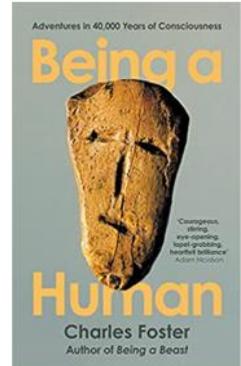
TUESDAY 7 December 2021 - 7pm

This talk builds on Charles Foster’s recent book ‘**Being a Human**’:

“A wonderful, wild, dazzling book” (Lit. Review)

He argues that to survive at a time of environmental crisis we must tackle our relationship with the natural world and our relationships with our own species.

Charles Foster is multitalented: writer, traveler, veterinarian, taxidermist, barrister and philosopher. He is a Fellow of Green Templeton College, Oxford University.



His multi-award winning ‘**Being a Beast**’, was awarded an *IgNobel* Prize in Biology .

Tickets are available from the Marine Theatre website.

www.marinetheatre.com

£8 advance for adults (£10 at the door) and £5 for under 21s

DIARY, NOVEMBER 2021

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Tuesday	2nd	7.30pm	Litton Films 'Judy'	Latch
Wednesday	3rd	7.30pm	Burton Bradstock Parish Council Meeting	St Marys Church
Thursday	4th	7pm	Burton Bradstock Players Play Reading	Village Hall
Saturday	6th	10-12.30	Eco-Village Cafe	LATCH
Tuesday	9th	7pm	Burton Bradstock Players Play Auditions	Village Hall
Wednesday	10th	7.30pm	Shipton Gorge Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Saturday	13th	10.30-12	Long Bredy Coffee Break	Village Hall
		10am-12	Burton Bradstock WI Christmas Market	Village Hall
Monday	15th	7pm	Litton Jubilee Meet- ing	LATCH
Wednesday	17th	10am-12	Coffee Morning	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Friday	19th	5.30pm to 9pm	Come Along Inn	Long Bredy Village Hall
Friday	26th	7.30pm	Bingo	LATCH
		7pm	Film Night-Knives Out	Burton Bradstock Village Hall



SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES NOVEMBER 2021

	1st Sunday 7 November Trinity 23	2nd Sunday 14 November Remembrance Sunday	3rd Sunday 21 November Christ the King	4th Sunday 28 November Advent Sunday
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Songs of Praise	10.45 Remembrance Service 6.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge		9.30 Breakfast Church 10.00 Remembrance Service		11.00 Holy Communion by ext
Swyre	3pm Evening Prayer	10.50 Remembrance Service	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion		11.00 All age Holy Com- munion	9.30 Family Service
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	No service	9.30 Morning Prayer	4pm Darkness to Light
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		10.50 Holy Communion and Remembrance		11.00 Holy Communion

Weekly telephone service prepared by members of the Bride Valley team available on 01308 293062