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- www.swyre.org.uk
- www.westbexington.org.uk
- 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

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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

What will 2022 bring us, none of us can know for certain, my favourite New Year poem is this:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

“Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown!”

And he replied:

“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”

Minnie Louise Haskins 1876 – 1957

As we begin this New Year I would like us as a Christian community this year to have a focus on prayer.

Ever since I was a young teenager I have been amazed at the power of prayer over my life, from short arrow prayers to longer conversations with God: prayer is such an integral part of my relationship with a God who knows me inside and out.

In 2022 I would like to go deeper and invite you all to join me.

A friend of mine wrote this:

“Prayer is the lifeblood, lifeline and life-language of faith. We often forget the privilege we have in drawing closer to God in prayer. Prayer which frames a cry for help, guidance or wisdom. Prayer which includes spontaneous bursts of thanks and praise; our long wandering monologues of moaning and our sharp and painful ‘Whys?’ shot like a dart from a life of questions.

God not only welcomes our prayers – from the whispered and the wordless to the yelled and carefully crafted – He invites them. Daily, minute by minute, in whatever circumstances we find ourselves, the God of the universe wants us to share our lives with him in prayer: a holy conversation between Father and child, Creator and created. The privilege and possibilities of such an invitation – when accepted – are truly awesome.”

Wendy Bray 2009

Prayer changes lives and there is much evidence of this here in the Bride Valley.

And Jesus taught his disciples through the words of what we now call The Lord's Prayer listen to this alternative, modern version:

Father, reveal who you are. Set the world right. Keep us alive with three square meals. Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others. Keep us safe from ourselves and the devil. Amen.

(Luke 11.2-4, The Message)

Watch out for activities and sessions which will be on offer including opportunities to explore prayer together with the plan to enhance our prayer life both individually and together as a community.

We have a team of people who pray constantly and receive weekly, sometimes daily prayer requests, please let me know if you would like to be part of this ongoing ministry or if you have a prayer request of course!

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 15 th November | – Burial of Margaret Trevett | Litton Cheney |
| 22 nd November | Thelma Aylott | Burton Bradstock |
| 30 th November | Pearl Trott | Litton Cheney |
| 20 th December | Caryl Hubbard | Chilcombe |

Burial of Ashes

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| 12 th November | Siegfried Kopp | Puncknowle |
| 8 th December | Jane Mear | Littlebredy |

Wedding

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| 4 th December | Caroline Smith and Matthew Ramsbotham at Burton Bradstock |
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THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



The Mermaid and Mrs Hancock - Imogen Hermes Gower

We were all impressed with “The Mermaid and Mrs Hancock” but there were misgivings about the final stages of the novel. There was general agreement on the sheer detail and skilled knowledge the author brought to her portrayal of 18th C London. The worlds of Jonah Hancock, a Deptford merchant, and Angelica Neal, a courtesan and much admired member of the demi-monde, collide. The novel begins with the return of one of Mr Hancock’s captains - minus his ship but in possession of a strange creature he asserts is a mermaid. Angelica is at a crossroads in her life. Her aristocratic patron has inconveniently died leaving her without support and considering whether she can freelance, even possibly marry or return to the protection of her previous employer, the notorious Mrs Chapple. To compensate for the loss of the ship, Mr Hancock is persuaded to exhibit the “mermaid” for money and this leads to it becoming the star showpiece in an erotic floor show at one of London’s most expensive and exclusive houses of ill repute run by Mrs Chapple. This sets the stage for the meeting between Jonah Hancock and Angelica.

Although the tone of the novel is often wryly comic there are genuinely sad and distressing interludes which remind us that life for women navigating 18th C London was not easy or safe. The author brings to life the sounds and smells of London ; the dismembering of whale carcasses at Greenland Dock, the fragrant sweet shop visited by Angelica and her friend, body odour and the details of the clothing worn with its complex fastenings and embellishments. Jonah Hancock, widowed and childless following the death of his son, is immediately smitten with Angelica. However it takes various twists and turns in their fortunes before Angelica agrees to become his wife. She jests that her price will be a second mermaid, the first one now decidedly deceased and decaying. We are given quite a detailed description of the first mermaid but when the second mermaid makes its appearance it has a much more opaque and other worldly presence. This is where the novel moves into a magical realism genre. The mermaid becomes more of a symbol - possibly suggesting the dangers of interfering with natural law. The Hancock household move to a more glamorous house in Blackheath which has a decorated subterranean grotto/folly in the garden. The mermaid is initially accommodated here before she starts to exercise a malign and

oppressive mood over the house's occupants. We mostly felt unsatisfied by the ending of the novel - it did feel as though the author had shifted gear into a different kind of novel. This was a compelling historical romp but with several ingenious twists.

The Book Group sends seasonal best wishes to everyone who reads the BVN - and to those who do the clever editing each month - and to those volunteers who deliver it through our letter boxes.

Liz Pinfield.



Bride Valley WI



The last walk of the year was well-supported although the weather was a bit damp but the members who met up in Langton Herring enjoyed a good walk.

The last meeting of 2021 was our Christmas Party evening in Puncknowle Hall. Christmas jumpers and hats were the dress for the evening!!!

A Santa picture Quiz started the brain cells ticking over with some great hilarity at the guesses of who on earth the pictures were. Some people were more successful than others in working out the identities!!!

This was followed with a Christmas Quiz - part of which was to find the carol from various facts or words—not as easy as you might think!!

After that everyone tucked in to the excellent refreshments with background Christmas music. Lots of catching up done—and the programme for 2022 handed out. The evening finished with the drawing of the raffle for three festive baskets of goodies donated by members.

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

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 (**but please note it will be closed on Monday 3rd January which is a public holiday**)



During the continuing Covid-19 pandemic remains to ensure the safety, comfort and confidence of our customers and our volunteers. We are allowing up to four people at a time into the library, and encourage social distancing.

Customers will be required to wear face coverings and are strongly encouraged to hand sanitise. Track and trace details will no longer be 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.

You can manage your account and order books from the Libraries West Catalogue online from home (or on your phone using the Libraries West App) and we will 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, e-audio 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. **Tel: 01308 897563**

Our Night Sky in January 2022

We will be losing Saturn by 1700 and Jupiter by 1900 at the middle of the month, both setting in the evening sky, but you can enjoy all the winter constellations after sunset, with Orion striding across the southern sky, followed by his faithful Dog star , Sirius, sparkling like a diamond with multiple colours caused by the turbulent atmosphere near the horizon.

For new readers, do look at this beautiful object through binoculars, as well as sweeping along the Milky Way arching across the heavens at this time of the year.

We are blessed in Burton Bradstock with dark skies, thanks to the wisdom of the villagers in keeping outside lights to a minimum. Mars and Venus will be making an early morning appearance about 0700, but will soon be lost in the dawn sky.

NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART), the world's first full-scale mission to test technology for defending Earth against potential asteroid or comet hazards, was launched last month on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, and will impact a known asteroid that is not a threat to Earth. Its goal is to slightly change the asteroid's motion in a way that can be accurately measured using ground-based telescopes. DART will show that a spacecraft can autonomously navigate to a target asteroid and intentionally collide with it – a method of deflection called kinetic impact.

The test will provide important data to help better prepare for an asteroid that might pose an impact hazard to Earth, should one ever be discovered. LICIACube, a CubeSat riding with DART will be released prior to DART's collision to capture images of the impact and the resulting cloud of ejected matter.

DART's one-way trip is to the Didymos asteroid system, which comprises a pair of asteroids. DART's target is the moonlet, Dimorphos, which is approximately 530 feet (160 meters) in diameter. The moonlet orbits Didymos, which is approximately 2,560 feet (780 meters) in diameter.

Since Dimorphos orbits Didymos at much a slower relative speed than the pair orbit the Sun, the result of DART's kinetic impact within the binary system can be measured much more easily than a change in the orbit of a single asteroid around the Sun.

The spacecraft will intercept the Didymos system between Sept. 26 and Oct. 1, 2022, intentionally slamming into Dimorphos at roughly 4 miles per second (6 kilometers per second). Scientists estimate the kinetic impact will shorten Dimorphos' orbit around Didymos by several minutes. Researchers will precisely measure that change using telescopes on Earth.

Their results will validate and improve scientific computer models critical to predicting the effectiveness of the kinetic impact as a reliable method for asteroid deflection.

I will keep you informed about this fascinating experiment later this year.

Bill Turnill

Weldmar Hospicecare is delighted to announce the return of their Christmas Treecycle this winter

Weldmar Hospicecare is pleased to announce that they will once again be collecting and recycling real Christmas trees from across Dorset in early January 2022. In return for a minimum suggested donation of just £10, trees can be collected from home and business addresses, between Saturday 8th and Monday 10th January.

The initiative is being supported by Trinity St. Christmas Trees, whose team will be making the collections in Weymouth, Portland, Dorchester, Blandford, Bridport, Sherborne, Shaftesbury and Gillingham. Weldmar volunteers, including a team from Magna Housing, will help with collections in Beaminster.

Fiona Hansford co-ordinates the project for Weldmar and says, "We're so looking forward to helping the people of Dorset with their Christmas tree clear up again this year. Every tree collected means money raised for the end of life care we provide. It's been a challenging time for fundraising over the last 18 months so this scheme is needed now more than ever."

Tamzin Hyde from Trinity Street Christmas Trees says, "As a Dorset-based family business, we're proud to be a part of the local community. We've always been pleased to partner with Weldmar Hospicecare whenever we can, and it's wonderful to be doing so again with Treecycle."



Weldmar do such vital work and the Treecycle initiative helps raise thousands of pounds to help them continue to provide excellent end of life care to people in the local area, as well as support for their families, so it is something we are delighted be involved with.”

Bookings can be made for a January collection of your real Christmas tree at weld-hospice.org.uk, or by calling the Weldmar Hospicecare fundraising team on 01305 261800.

Anyone making a booking should visit the Weldmar Hospicecare website for more details including the areas covered by the project.





Burton Bradstock CE Primary School



As I write this, the last week of the Autumn term is about to begin. I have enjoyed my first term as headteacher, and I am very grateful to lead such a wonderful school. Thank you to the whole school community for making me feel so welcome.

Since Advent began, I do not think there has been a day where I have not heard about decorations being put up, what a naughty elf has been up to, or a visit to see Santa. It has been lovely to see the children so excited and enjoying the festivities!

The school has taken part in the village Advent window display and held an outside Christmas Fair for the first time. Other Christmas events have also been able to happen with the children enjoying singing Carols by the Christmas tree for their parents, watching Christmas entertainment from Pickle Bottom the Elf and taking part in a traditional Christmas Carol Service which is available to watch on our school website:

www.burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk

The Christmas Fair was a resounding success, and this is due, in no small part, to our dedicated Friends Committee who do all they can to raise funds for us. Stalls included reindeer racing, a chocolate and stationary tombola, cakes and drinks, edible crafts and mulled wine and hot chocolates (thanks to The Three Horseshoes). The raffle was also well supported by both the school and local community.

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated prizes and bought tickets. The final total is over £1200 which is a fantastic amount. The Friends have also set up an Amazon Smile account which helps to raise valuable funds for the school. If you shop on Amazon, please consider registering with us: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1026130-0>

When we return after the Christmas break, all children will take part in an Art week. The focus of this will be UNICEF's Rights of the Child and the Rights Respecting Schools Award. We are currently working towards achieving our Bronze Award and I look forward to updating you on our progress throughout this year.

We continue with our cross curricular topics in the Spring term. These will be:

- Once upon a time (EYFS)
- Childhood (Year 1 and 2)
- Playlist (Year 3 and 4)
- Darwin's delights (Year 5 and 6)

Getting children out of the classroom has been a challenge over the past 18 months but we are starting to get back to normal with the juniors now visiting Freshwater swimming pool and the leisure centre on a Friday afternoon, trips and visits being planned, extra-curricular clubs happening, and a residential trip arranged for the Summer term. We are also planning some exciting work with the National Trust at the Hive and Cogden beaches.

We recently held an open morning for children joining our Preschool after Christmas. This was a great success, and we are really looking forward to welcoming more children into our school. We take children from the term after their third birthday, please get in touch if you would like some more information.

As we move into 2022, the staff and children would like to wish you all a prosperous new year and we look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks and months.

You can keep up to date with all our news by following our Facebook page or visiting our school website.

Adam Gough
Headteacher





1: You might spot Wagtails' wonderful artwork if you visit Bridport Medical Centre

2: Our KS1 class, Robins, created wonderful artwork of big cats!



3: Kingfisher class have enjoyed learning all about 'Rocks, relics and rumbles'



4: Owl class raised over £200 towards their residential trip with a tasty cake sale



5: Running Club have enjoyed their Friday morning runs this term. This is them watching the sunrise at Hive beach on Friday 11th Dec!



Thorners CE VA School



The children have been working very hard in the run up to Christmas.

They have produced 3 plays, decorated their classrooms and made presents and cards for their friends and families.

Our pre-school were especially lucky to receive a visit from Father Christmas himself at the end of their Christmas Party!

As is so often the case, this term parents, governors, staff and, of course, the children have worked so hard to make Advent feel magical and we must make special mention of Mr White, who has been so creative and determined in getting our production of Oliver ready. Thanks also to Jeanette Wills and Clare Turnbull for all their efforts in creating a fantastic Christmas lunch for the whole school - it was lovely to see the children all eat such a fantastic meal together with the staff and thanks to our PTA, they all had crackers and hats and toys to share.

Thanks also to Nick Bowring for kindly giving us the benefit of his photographic expertise and taking shots of the children and siblings for parents to order online. It was lovely to see such a natural and lively set of school photos which I am sure family members will treasure. We are most grateful that all funds raised from these photos will go to the TSA as well.



To coincide with some new planting in the LATCH field, we have been fortunate enough to have three new trees put in the school grounds which, over time, will create more shade for the children in the summer months and also provide a focal point for our new front garden design.

Thank you to Anna Sissons (parent and Garden Designer) for all her help with this work. We look forward to working out in this area as the weather improves in the Spring.

Lastly, as was the case in 2020, although our path into the new year may seem uncertain, we are enormously grateful for the co-operation of all those involved with the school who have helped in so many ways to keep school life here as normal and interesting for the children as possible.

Happy New Year!

Mike Sitch
Headmaster



AN ARTSREACH SPONSORED EVENT

The play **HEFTED** comes to Litton
Cheney as part of a nationwide tour
by Devon-based Multistory Theatre Company of four actors.

**SATURDAY 29th JANUARY 2022, 7.30 pm, doors open 6.45 pm.
LITTON and THORNERS COMMUNITY HALL.**

A 2-hour performance, including one interval.

Tickets £10.00, family ticket £25, suitable for 14 years and over.

Refreshments provided: please bring cash!

On-line tickets through ARTSREACH or booking and enquiries by phone:
Patricia 01308 482514 or Sue 01308 482806.

Covid precautions mean there is an audience limit of 70%: early booking is advised.

Please bring a mask; the hall will be well ventilated. Thank you.



HEFTED takes its name from 'hefting', the way some breeds of sheep, especially those raised on the fells, keep to one area without needing fences. The lambs learn their 'heft' from the ewe.
Mill Road Farm, Beaford, 1972. Documentary photograph by Roger Deakins for the Beaford Archive © Beaford Arts

Sweeping across 600 years, the play begins in 1475 with a supernatural birth, moving through nine different scenarios towards an imagined future in 2075. Some stories are fantastical, others dramatise real events, all showing people's connection with the land. "A powerful, intense and gripping production, that transformed our village hall into a window onto the landscape" (Membury audience).



Dear all,

Once again we are thrilled to be able to share with you details of our special Christmas gift to people across Dorset; a series of performances available to enjoy online over the festive period, from Christmas classics and a seasonal musical celebration with a truly Dorset twist, to an interactive online murder mystery!

These events can all be accessed by registering for an e-ticket on the Artsreach website and will be available to view on a variety of devices. Two of the three events are free to access, with donations to our charity welcomed.

I write in the hope that you may be able to share this information with your communities, and particularly with those who are most isolated at this time of year, via any e-newsletters or websites you are managing. I am delighted to share more details in our brand new Christmas card:

View our Christmas Card here: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/612113436/>

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes

Kerry Bartlett
Executive Co-Director

LITTON CHENEY

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St. Mary's Church

Writing this well before Christmas makes it difficult to assess how events turned out – whether we were able to hold the planned services or enjoy a social get-together over mulled wine and mince pies, but hopefully all went according to plan! That the church looked splendid and the music was wonderful are beyond question.

On **Monday 17th January** there will be a **special meeting at LATCH at 19.00 with Archdeacon Penny Sayer** to discuss the possible amalgamation of the parishes of Abbotsbury, Portesham and Langton Herring with the Bride Valley Benefice. This will be a chance to air all our concerns and to receive much more information. It should be a very interesting and enlightening discussion. Do come along.

There will be a **United Valley Service on Sunday 30th January at LATCH at 11.00**, which will be led by the Rector, with a guest speaker – Carol Peter-King, who has recently retired as Diocesan Communications Officer. It will be a celebration of ministry throughout the Bride Valley – all are very welcome.

Parish Council

The first meeting of 2022 will be on **Tuesday 11th January**, at **LATCH at 7 pm** (please note earlier time) – all being well. As always local residents are actively encouraged to come along and involve themselves in council business relating to the village. Post Christmas and New Year you may crave for something a little bit more orderly. At this meeting the parish precept for 22/23 will be determined.

Whiteway Closure

The closure originally planned from 13th December to 5th January has been postponed as you may have noticed. Check the village website and Litton Observer FB page for revised closure dates when they become known.

Thank You

Cometh the hour, cometh the people! Yes, slightly amended from the original quote – poetic licence. To all those who throughout this somewhat testing twenty months have gone the extra mile to make village life more pleasant for many, provided support when it was needed and when the call came, put their shoulder to the wheel and gave a mighty heave – a huge Bravo Zulu! (Translation – Well done and thank you!)

Whatever 2022 may bring there is a certainty that if help is needed we have many in our midst who will respond to the cry. May 2022 be a year of hope and staying well.

Bird (Avian) Flu

On top of everything else we now have to take precautions regarding Bird (Avian) Flu. All domestic birds/fowl and captive birds must be kept in an enclosed space with preventive measures in place to prevent wild birds from gaining access. Fines for non-compliance are hefty, bearing in mind the severe health risk to others.

For more information check out [https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/animal-disease-advice?p I back url=%2Fsearch%3Fq%3DAvian%2Bflu](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/animal-disease-advice?p%20back_url=%2Fsearch%3Fq%3DAvian%2Bflu)

DESIGN THE VILLAGE'S JUBILEE BENCH

The Parish Council invites your designs for the 2022 PLATINUM JUBILEE BENCH TO BE LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE NEXT TO THE BUS SHELTER

Made in local stone and suitably engraved to commemorate the 70th year of Her Majesty's reign, it will compliment the Litton Cheney Millennium Stone already in place.

Entry is open to all local residents and Thorner's School and should be submitted by email to quentin396pc@yahoo.com by 31st January 2022 and from whom more information can be sought..

(To request sight of one that was erected in Cornwall for the last Jubilee, email as above)



Events at LATCH – for January



Weekly

Mondays: 15.30 The Big Q – term time only
Tuesdays: 16.45 -17.45 Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 482661)
Wednesdays: 16.45 – Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 482661) [NOTE NEW TIME]
19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest (annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com)
Thursdays 14.00: First Steps Toddler Group (Claire Moore 07796 694052) – term time only

Specials

Saturday 8th : Village Café 9.30 – 11.30
Tuesday 11th: Parish Council meetings 19.00 – Extraordinary & Regular Meeting
Monday 17th: Special meeting with Archdeacon to discuss parish amalgamation.
Saturday 29th: Artsreach show “Hefted” 19.30 – see separate announcement. **Valley News pages 16/17**
Sunday 30th: United Valley Service 11.00 – all welcome.

Village Cafés: A reminder that the hall is available for hire free of charge on Saturday mornings for a Café to raise funds for any group. It’s a good social event for the community and always popular – contact me to book a date.

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

New Year Village Cafe

Hopefully the first of many to be held this year.
Come along to **LATCH on Saturday 8th January** for Coffee/Tea and Biscuits.
We are hoping to hold the first cafe of 2022 between 9.30 am and 11.30 am.

Look out for posters and check the Litton Cheney website and FB page for further information closer to the date or contact Paul and Elizabeth Kingston 482162

The Village Christmas Tree Thanks to everyone who helped with the Christmas Tree; erecting, decorating, and ensuring that the lights stayed on!!



**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE
FROM THE WHITE HORSE**

Writing this on a wet Monday in mid-December, it's hard to call what might happen in the next few weeks and what plans we will be able to make for the pub.

What we hope, is that by the time you read this, everyone will have, or has had, a lovely Christmas, and that the new year will be happy and healthy for everyone.

What we do know, is that we will be closed from **10th to 20th January inclusive** and, as always, will update The White Horse Facebook page, notices and boards nearer the time with winter opening times/menus/events.

Happy New Year everyone; we look forward to seeing you all soon.
Andy and Liz xx



**BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY
VILLAGE HALL.**



Please note – films at Litton are always on THURSDAYS.



Thursday 3 February - THE FATHER 'one of the great cinematic experiences of the decade'

Anthony (Anthony Hopkins) is 80, mischievous, living defiantly alone and rejecting the carers that his daughter, Anne (Olivia Colman), encouragingly introduces. Yet help is also becoming a necessity for Anne; she can't make daily visits anymore and Anthony's grip on reality is unravelling. As we experience the ebb and flow of his memory, how much of his own identity and past can Anthony cling to? How does Anne cope as she grieves the loss of her father, while he still lives and breathes before her? THE FATHER warmly embraces real life, through loving reflection upon the vibrant human condition; heart-breaking and uncompromisingly poignant - a movie that nestles in the truth of our own lives.

Anthony Hopkins won Best Actor in the Academy awards for his performance.

Cert.12 1.5 hrs

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 licence for this film with Burton Bradstock (who will show it the previous Friday).

NEXT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 3 March - OFFICIAL SECRETS *'an excellent and revelatory film'*



She risked everything to stop an unjust war. Her government called her a traitor.

Based on world-shaking true events, Official Secrets tells the gripping story of Katharine Gun, a British intelligence specialist whose job involves routine handling of classified information.

One day in 2003, in the lead up to the Iraq War, Gun receives a memo from the NSA with a shocking directive: the United States is enlisting Britain's help in collecting compromising information on United Nations Security Council members in order to blackmail them into voting in favour of an invasion of Iraq.

Unable to stand by and watch the world be rushed into an illegal war, Gun makes the gut-wrenching decision to defy her government and leak the memo to the press. So begins an explosive chain of events that will ignite an international firestorm, expose a vast political conspiracy, and put Gun and her family directly in harm's way.

Starring Keira Knightley, Matt Smith and Ralph Fiennes.

Cert.12 1.3/4 hrs

Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: PHILIP WILLIAMS

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St Michael and All Angels

This edition “goes to press” as far as village correspondents are concerned before most of the Littlebredy December events have taken place, but it was good that despite some omicron-variant nervousness quite a few families and households could meet for a convivial evening organised by Jacqui Moxom and Lisa Cooper on Friday 10th (while the original organiser was enjoying West Indian sunshine at short notice).

The venue was the Mill Lane Barn beside the walled gardens, thanks to Liz Eaton’s generosity in making it available, and it was beautifully decked out with Lisa’s weddings business decorations and soft furnishings.

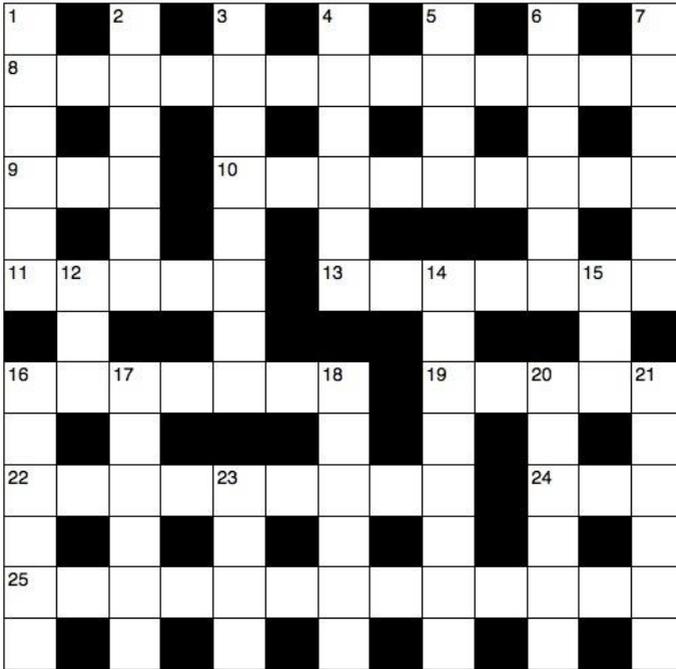
The bring and share meal was enjoyed by all who were there, so thanks to everyone for whatever they contributed in any way.

Reports on the Carol Service and other Christmas events will have to wait for February.

Is there someone scientific enough among the readership who can explain why the Church clock is routinely striking two minutes early? It is (or should be) satellite-controlled after all, so ought to be synchronised with the BBC pips and the watches of many of us.

Before the clocks changed last October it had suddenly become a minute fast, and the discrepancy doubled at about that time. If there is a simpler solution than calling the installer back, it would be interesting to know what it is.

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- 8 How the Abyss (NIV) is described in the Authorized Version (Revelation 9:1) (10,3)
- 9 Frozen water (Ezekiel 1:22) (3)
- 10 The Ten Commandments (9)
- 11 In Roman Catholic theology, neither heaven nor hell (5)
- 13 Des cons (anag.) (7)
- 16 'Though [your sins] are red as — , they shall be like wool' (Isaiah 1:18) (7)
- 19 Keen (Romans 1:15) (5)
- 22 Repugnant, loathsome (Jeremiah 24:9) (9)
- 24 Drink like an animal (Judges 7:5) (3)
- 25 First and last (Revelation 22:13) (5,3,5)

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- 1 Father of Ahi, a Gadite (1 Chronicles 5:15) (6)
- 2 Where David found the stone with which he killed Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (6)
- 3 'Hour by hour fresh lips are making thy — doings heard on high' (8)
- 4 'And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their — at night' (Luke 2:8) (6)

- 5 United Society for Christian Literature (1,1,1,1)
- 6 'If he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would — or a tax collector' (Matthew 18:17) (1,5)
- 7 Where Paul was taken when things became difficult for him in Berea (Acts 17:15) (6)
- 12 Istituto per le Opere di Religione (Vatican Bank) (1,1,1)
- 14 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new — ; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17) (8)
- 15 Used to colour ram skins red for use in the tabernacle (Exodus 25:5) (3)
- 16 Vat car (anag.) (6)
- 17 'Be joyful — , patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (6)
- 18 'The parts that are unrepresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts — — special treatment' (1 Corinthians 12:23) (4,2)
- 20 Ancient rowing boat (Isaiah 33:21) (6)
- 21 Say again (2 Corinthians 11:16) (6)
- 23 What Jesus did in the synagogue in Nazareth after he stood up (Luke 4:16) (4)

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SHIPTON GORGE

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St Martin's Church

Happy New Year everyone!

Thank you to all those residents who have decorated their windows so imaginatively for the Advent trail. The house decorations around the village are bright and beautiful and offer a much welcome optimism. Hopefully, you have enjoyed the festive season and the restrictions which are constantly changing, will not have impacted too much on the celebrations.

St Martin's Needs Your Help

On Wednesday 23rd February at 10.00 a.m. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place. Over the past couple of years, some long serving PCC Members have stood down to take a well-deserved rest. This year will see the PCC very depleted and in need of new members. If you feel you are in a position to help, please speak with any church member, past or present or the Reverend Jane, who can tell you more about the role.

St Martin's Floodlights Sponsors for January are:

Granary Cottage

Anne Crowe in Memory of her Mum and Dad

Jo Warren in loving memory of Gary on his birthday

Lesley, thanking John, Lucy, Nell and Alistair for making her "greenhouse dream" come true!

Roy Symes: Wishing his family and friends a Happy New Year

Kate Kent for Joshua's 8th birthday on 31st

Thank you all for your generous donations, and to those sponsors who ask to be anonymous. If you would like to light up the church for a special occasion in February or the months ahead and, please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through the Cuckoo Cottage letter box. (A suggested donation of £5 is much appreciated).

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE DIARY

Welcome to our village diary

Just search for Shipton Gorge Diary or go directly to [https://
shiptongorgediary.co.uk/](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

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL – JANUARY 2022

The next Parish Council Meeting will now be held on **Wednesday 19th January**, a week later than usual, as the important meeting about getting **Fibre Gigabit Broadband** into the village will be held on **Wednesday 12th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**.

A leaflet explaining more about this initiative is enclosed with this edition of the BVN. Please come along to hear all about how we can make this available in Shipton Gorge.

As our contribution to the Queen's Green Canopy we will be starting to plant trees in various places in the village over the next two months. We expect to have a few available for people to plant in their own gardens, some of which have been sponsored by other residents.

If you would like a tree to plant in your garden or would like to sponsor one for another resident please contact the Parish Clerk.

We wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year !

Contact the Parish Clerk 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)

December 2021 SG 100 Club Super Draw results

1st £100 No 45 Mary Bartlett
2nd £25 No 59 Hugh & Janne King
3rd £20 No 56 Sue Porter
4th £15 No 121 Nigel Fisher
5th £10 No 36 Dave Curtis

Congratulations to all the winners.

The village hall committee, thank you for your continued support of “The 100 Club” and wish you all a happy & prosperous new year.

Graham Garner

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Hope you have all enjoyed your Christmas festivities and are looking forward to the New Year.

AGM – held on 26 November in the village hall. Not as well attended as we would have hoped, however, the weather was horrid and obviously put a lot of people off.

We are looking to hold the next one a little earlier in the year which might help.

Mary Boughton was reappointed in her very important role as Secretary. Liz Langran stepped down as a Trustee – we must thank her for all her hard work over the years. And some good news - we can announce that Chris Hewlett has volunteered to become a Trustee – bringing all her horticultural expertise and general enthusiasm with her!

Heritage Gin Club - the winner in the December draw was Nick Russell-Davis. He chose to donate his prize back to the charity for a future event or draw – which was very generous of him. He does, however, have the satisfaction of knowing he was a winner!



Saunders Richardson Wood – on 5th January there will be some excitement in the wood. Dorset Horse Logging will be coming to remove a number of trees which need to be felled. This is in preparation for planting more trees to replace already dead or dying ones – to help increase the diversity and to



reinvigorate the existing trees and vegetation. This should be quite a sight but obviously for safety reasons, numbers will need to be restricted while the work is done. Please look for further details on the various notice boards around the village. The following is a note of their website if you want to get a sneak preview! www.dorsethorselogging.co.uk

If you would like to sponsor one of the new trees, or you are interested in supporting the charity in any way, please contact one of the Trustees for information.

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>



The Shipton Gorge Community Café

**will open its doors on
Saturday 29th January
10:00 - 16:00 @ The Village Hall.
For a Free Fun Event**

Come and have a cup of tea, coffee, soft drink, a cake or savoury.

Start your spring cleaning by bringing back-of-the-drawer unwanted items or unexpected Christmas gifts to the Bring, Swap and Takeaway table.

Or kick start your gardening resolutions by bringing, swapping and taking away tools or seeds at the old tools and seed exchange station; there are free tree seeds for children to plant.

There will be a bring and take pre-loved clothing rail, ideas for repurposing household items, LED lighting advice, winter twig identification competition, free to enter raffle and the Shipton Pickled Onion, Chutney and Preserve competition.

**For information contact sgcommunity@icloud.com
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LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

Long Bredy 100 Club

November Draw

£30.00 No. 107 S. Winter
£15.00 No. 38 A. Harrison
£ 5.00 No. 76 J.Cain

Drawn on 29.11. 2021 at the Village Hall following a Parish Council Meeting.

100 Club for 2022

If you already pay by standing order, do nothing.

Just £12.00 gives you one number in each month's draw for 2022.

If you want more than one number, don't forget it is £12.00 for each number. New members are very welcome; our target for the year is 150 members so why not join today?

In 2021 we paid out over £800.00 in prize money (including the Superdraw) and an almost equal amount to help support St. Peter's Church, the Village Hall and the Playing Field.

Prize money is proportionate to the number of numbers sold. e.g. if 100 numbers are sold, monthly prizes will be £25.00, £15.00 and £5.00

Participants must be over sixteen years of age.

Poppies in the Community

We are delighted to say the poppies in the Community appeal raised £215.00 for the Royal British Legion: this amount does not include online donations. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously.

Our Churchyard

Substantial work needs to be carried out to repair the walls surrounding the churchyard. Work carried out in the churchyard is funded separately from the church. Money needed for churchyard maintenance is raised by donations or fundraising .

Anyone living in the village - religious or not - is entitled to be buried there if they wish. They do not have to have worshipped in the church or be a regular church-goer anywhere.

We have volunteers who help with routine maintenance of the Churchyard but none of us is getting any younger so the more people who help, the less onerous it is for the rest of us. Grass is usually cut or strimmed each fortnight between April and October. If there were 6 more volunteers to add to the existing rota, that would be just one mowing for each volunteer.

The churchyard belongs to the village and, as such, is part of our heritage. Visitors come to see family graves or enjoy the peaceful surroundings and wild flowers which are there in summer. It is not just a 'dead space'. It is not feasible to allow it to be grazed by sheep as some churchyards are and because it is frequently visited and still used for burials, letting it go wild is not a practical option.

Any help with maintenance, fundraising or donations would be very welcome to keep the churchyard looking beautiful on behalf of past, and for future, generations .

If you feel you can help in some way, please contact Jackie on 482379

Come Along Inn

Whilst the running of our monthly 'pop up pub' has been difficult during the last twelve months, the enthusiasm and commitment has not dwindled and after managing to reopen again in August the Come Along Inn has remained successful.

It is at this time of year we take stock and decide if we have sufficient funds and by how much we can make donations to charitable organisations.

Despite limited trading we are pleased to announce that we will be making a donation of £350 to each of the following three charities.

Bridport Food Bank – 'Cupboard Love'

Supporting people who find themselves in need of emergency food supplies. This is run by the Bridport Team ministry.

The Living Tree

A group based in Bridport providing self-help support to cancer patients including their families and carers during and beyond cancer.

Gully's Place

Supporting children's palliative care across Dorset from diagnosis to death, in hospital, at home and beyond.

Under the present circumstances this has been a terrific effort. Thank you to all those involved.

Parish Council

Walking or driving round the village, people have noticed the increase in litter on the lanes, which is beginning to make the area look scruffy. Packaging, cans etc which you have finished with belong in the bin, not on the verge or in the hedge. Please take your litter home and help to keep the village looking as clean and tidy as it does after the annual spring tidy-up.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is **Monday January 31st 2022** in the Village Hall.

Coffee Break

Donations from the November Coffee Break totalled £194.05 and will go towards funding the Jubilee activities next June. Money raised at the December Coffee Break totalled £358.52 and will go to the maintenance of St Peter's Church.

Many thanks to everyone who came to these events, donated generously and helped to make them convivial occasions at a rather gloomy time of year!

January Coffee Break will be on **Saturday January 8th, from 10.30 to 12 noon**, in the village hall, with a warm welcome, a warm fire and plenty of refreshments to keep out the cold.

Don't forget that this will be **followed by a meeting at 12 noon** to update the proposals **for the village Jubilee Day** on June 3rd. Everyone is welcome to come and contribute ideas. It isn't too late.

Coffee break dates have been booked for 2022. If anyone wishes to run one and use the donations for a particular cause, please contact Ruth or Sue.

The Annual Christmas Quiz

If you forgot to buy your copy of the quiz before Christmas, it isn't too late to contact Caddy on 482501 to buy one now. The closing date isn't until February 14th. You might be the lucky prizewinner; even if you aren't, the quiz is one of those fun, brain-teasing challenges which are supposed to be good for the mind!



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ST MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's welcomes everyone to join us in our services – visitors and locals will all receive a very warm welcome and hopefully will join us afterwards for coffee in the pub opposite.

Please note that from January 1922 services will follow a new rota as follows:

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| First Sunday | Holy Communion | 9.30am |
| No service on the second Sunday | | |
| Third Sunday | All Age Communion | 11am |
| Fourth Sunday | Family Sunday | 9.30am |

Any Fifth Sunday will be a United Service at one of the Churches in the Bride Valley.

Due to the problems with the Covid virus it would be appreciated if masks are worn for each service although hymns can still be sung.

Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village hall

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all those that came along, and while it is never intended to be a fundraiser we did in fact make £136.43 on the raffle and mulled wine

Thank you to The Crown Inn, Tesco, Morrisons and Waitrose for the kind donations and to all those that helped, baked and ran stalls.

100 club

November winners

1st prize Julie Arak- Newman

2nd prize Ross Wallace

Christmas Draw winners

1st Prize Lyn Stainton

2nd prize John Marsh

3rd Prize Meryl Edwards

**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE, WEST BEXINGTON, CHILCOMBE, LONG
BREDY AND LITTLE BREDY**

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- 18th January 2022 - Cost £6.00

Menu

Lamb Tagine with rice

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard

Cheese and Biscuits/ Tea and coffee

Further Dates for 2022

15th March

19th April

17th May

21st June

19th July

20th September

18th October

15th November

13th December

Next lunch—15th February 2022

Steak and Kidney casserole with puff pastry and mash/vegetables

Treacle Tart with ice cream

We continue to follow all current COVID rules.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Burton Bradstock



Sale of remaining surplus pews

The church has carried out works to make it more welcoming and permit more flexible uses. Most of the pews in the South Aisle are being removed and permission has been given for these to be sold. Many have already been sold and **only 3 now remain**. These are 5' 2" long
Offers are invited.

Contact Peter Broomhead on 01308 897408 or pwbroomhead@gmail.com

Pews are "sold as seen" and the purchaser is to be responsible for removal and transport. Also available - pine kneelers - various lengths.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Activity.

The Hall Trust resumed the extremely popular Christmas Quiz run and prepared by Sue Moors and David Edwards. Numbers were kept to half that of 2019 but all who came had a truly memorable Christmas evening, raising funds for the Village Hall in the process. Many thanks to both those who helped run it and those who attended.

The Hall Trust has modified user guidelines to reflect current Government guidelines, however it does not prevent any of the current activities taking place.

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 28 January 2022 THE FATHER comes to the screen in the Village Hall. Starring Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Coleman it has been acknowledged this film has produced some of their best acting, Hopkins winning a Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role and Coleman Best Actress in a Supporting Role.

THE FATHER warmly embraces real life with Anthony at 80 mischievous living defiantly alone and rejecting the carers that his daughter Anne encouragingly introduces. Anne cannot make daily visits and Anthony's grip on reality is unravelling as he struggles with his erratic memory and Anne tries to cope as she struggles with losing the father she knew who is still very much a part of her life

Doors open at 7.00 pm, the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine or a softdrink and can be purchased beforehand from Burton Bradstock Post Office or at the door on the night, if available.

This film will be shown by Bride Valley Films on Thursday 3 February 2021

Coffee Mornings

Starting this month the Coffee Mornings resume being run by the various Village groups.

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) and will follow current Government guidance.

Wed 19th Jan run by the Village Hall Trust (with bacon rolls)

Wed 16th Feb run by the Village Society.

They are run with table service conforming to current Covid guidelines.

Village Defibrillator

Using funds raised via the Defibrillator Grand Draw earlier in the year, free training courses were held in December for those who wanted to attend.

They were well attended and felt by attendees to be extremely worthwhile.

We will almost certainly run more later next year.

Richard Ferre

Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club” December 2021 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

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| 1st | £74.40 | No 114: | Mrs Barbara Pursey |
| 2nd | £37.20 | No 111: | Mr Trevor Foster |
| 3rd | £18.60 | No 49: | Mrs Shelia Fry |

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the 2022 draws should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £12 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080



Artsreach is back in Burton Bradstock Hall

We are delighted to let you know that **Artsreach** is back in the village, and we have two very different performances lined up for February and March. The first is a children’s puppet theatre, ideal for the half-term, and the second a unique opportunity to experience a classic silent film with live music. Please book early, on-line if possible, to avoid disappointment as numbers will be strictly limited. All performances will be subject to any COVID-19 regulations in force at the time.

Special Children’s Show for Half Term For Children 2 - 8 and their families

Monday 21st February at 3.30pm

THEATRE FIDERI FIDERA ‘Oskar’s Amazing Adventures’

‘Oskar’s AmaziFun-loving puppy Oskar leaves his snow-bound little house on top of the mountain to try to find a friendly animal to play with. But where are all the animals? And why does Oskar have to wait till spring to play his favourite game again? Award-winning Theatre Fideri Fidera’s original play for young children uses a rich mix of storytelling, puppetry and music to tell the tale of a puppy’s search for friendship in in the wilderness of the Alps. An original, heart-warming and entertaining play for young children and their families, full of good humour, adventure, music and song from this acclaimed Anglo-Swiss company.



Ticket prices: Children £5, Adults £6, Family ticket £20. If possible please purchase your tickets online at <https://artsreach.co.uk/whats-on> or phone (01308) 897421.

***Nosferatu* ...shown and accompanied by MINIMA**

This is the Classic Silent film from 1922 with live musical accompaniment. The film was produced by Prana Film and is an adaptation of Bram Stoker's 1897 novel Dracula. It was first shown in March 1922 and therefore celebrates its centenary this month. This is a rare opportunity to see the classic film but also to experience a live musical score played by Minima. They are a Bristol-based four-piece group who specialise in playing original live soundtracks to silent films, with instrumentation including cello, double bass, baritone guitar, acoustic and electric guitars, mandolin, autoharp, dulcimer, synthesizer, glockenspiel and drum kit. Their sound is unique and no backing tracks or pre-recorded materials are used in their performances.



For further details see their website at <http://www.minimamusic.co.uk>

Adult tickets £10, under-18s £65, family ticket £25. If possible please purchase your tickets online at <https://artsreach.co.uk/whats-on> or phone (01308) 897421.

If you enjoy Artsreach and would like to help our team of volunteers maintain this service for the Village please give us a ring on 897421, we will be pleased to hear from you!

Burton Bradstock Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club

The Bowls club meets every Monday evening in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.00pm. New members are very welcome and if you are interested in joining please email John Lewis on jal84910@gmail.com for more details, or call (01308) 897304.



We are still looking forward to our Christmas party as I write this report as we haven't had our December meeting yet. There is to be mulled wine, mince pies, a quiz and plenty of fun and silly games as befitting a pre-Christmas celebration. I'm sure we will all have enjoyed it.

We have, however, already had our Christmas Dinner at the Bridport Golf Club, which as usual didn't disappoint. We gathered at midday and found our tables – all perfectly separated with social distancing in mind. The crackers and party poppers set the right mood as we waited in anticipation for what we knew would be another amazing meal and we were right. Our thanks go to the chef and to Linda for making it a truly special occasion, at the end of which we gave Linda our thanks and best wishes for her new career.

At our January meeting we shall be sitting back and listening to the music of Alan Hooley, a local musician who plays a variety of genres on acoustic and electric guitars, banjo and ukulele. I think there will be much foot-tapping going on and maybe even some joining in or jiving – what better way to start the New Year! In addition we shall be discussing the five resolutions, which have been shortlisted by the National WI Federation and deciding on the one we would like to put forward for further consideration and action. The resolutions include that girls' clothing should be fit for purpose and be equal in suitability to boys' clothing, that there should be appropriate sentencing of non-violent women offenders, that there should be equality in law for the menopause alongside pregnancy and maternity, that women and girls with ASD and ADHT are diagnosed sooner and are better supported and finally that digital exclusion should be tackled. Lots to think about there before our members vote for their preferred choice, which will then be forwarded to the Dorset Federation and hence to the National Federation Annual Meeting in June 2022.

As this New Year begins we will hopefully be looking forward to the restarting of our many groups namely the Busy Bees, Lunch Club, Walking Group, Indoor Kurling, Skittles and Mah Jong. We have entered again for the Dorset Federation Kurling and Skittles competitions so we need to get in some practice very soon!

It just remains for me to wish everyone a very Happy New Year with the hope that we all stay well and healthy during these ongoing, worrying times.

Janet Pearson 01308 898346

Burton Bradstock Village Society

Speakers Programme

A busy month, as the December talk was early, we have two talks to report on.

Firstly, November's talk, "A Cruise Along the Jurassic Coast", by Steve Belasco, was very well attended, and fascinating. Steve explained that The Jurassic Coast begins at Orcombe Point in Exmouth, Devon, and continues for 95 miles to Old Harry Rocks, near Swanage, Dorset, and that it Represents three geological time Periods called the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous. Rocks that offer an almost complete record of that entire time are spread out along the Jurassic Coast, a bit like the pages of a book, this is the only place on the planet where this occurs, and why it has been designated the UK's only World Heritage Site.

Next we had December's talk, "Christmas - Pagan or What?" by Susan Moores. Susan's talk, ably supported by the amazing graphics and slides that David created, talked of the history of ancient and modern festivals of light at the winter solstice, and of pagan and pre-Christian myths and how they were adopted into the Christian calendar influencing the way that we celebrate the Christmas season today. As always, Susan's talk was highly entertaining, informative and to a packed house. The audience were then treated to mulled wine and mince pies to round off a delightful Christmas meeting.

On to 2022, our next talk takes place on Friday 14TH January, and is entitled "Celebrating Dorset in Traditional Stories and Song", by Tim Laycock. Tim has been playing and singing at folk clubs and festivals for over 25 years using mainly the concertina, melodeon or guitar to accompany himself. His repertoire is drawn from a great collection of traditional folk songs, sea shanties, ballads and music hall songs. Many of his songs and stories are inspired by his native county Dorset, giving them a West Country flavour.

As we appear to once again be in a state of flux, please check the village web site and the various notice boards for the latest Covid restrictions that may affect how the talk will be organised. Or, please contact Roger Ashman on 01308 898442

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", and the subject for the Limerick competition is "Royalty". If anyone would like to be involved in organising the show, please contact Roger on the above number.

And finally, we would like to wish all of our members, and everyone in the Bride Valley a happy, and above all healthy 2022.

Join the Friends of the Post Office for 2022!

During the whole Pandemic period the team at our Village Post Office and Farm Shop have continued to work away round the clock in our interests, putting up with all manner of inconvenience and extra burdens in terms of regulations etc.

Our own ideas for group action have had to be held back but many villagers who joined the Friends by emailing me at john.grantham4@btinternet.com have continued to purchase often – let's try to keep this up strongly in 2022 and keep our Post Office/Farm Shop vibrant this year....

Why not join those of us who phone in our weekly order to 897243 on a Monday morning (Min £10, delivery free) and receive our weekly needs on a Thursday morning. Saves petrol, saves going to the shops and it works splendidly.

Thanks and Happy New Year to Gill, Pete, Laura and all, and to everyone.

John Grantham

Coordinator for the Friends of the Burton Bradstock Post Office/Farm Shop

Generous donation helps Golden Cap Estate to blossom, a note from Anthony Parsons

The National Trust has welcomed a donation to plant and maintain two blossom hedges on the Golden Cap Estate.

The planting of the hedges has been made possible by a donation from the Golden Cap Association and increased with a legacy from Derek Parsons, former Chair and President of the Golden Cap Association, and former well known Burton Bradstock resident who died in April 2020.



Over the next 3 years the National Trust is hoping to plant 1500m of native species blossom hedge, located along historic hedgerow boundaries on the coastal downland between Seatown and Eype. The work to plant the hedge near Seatown will start on Wednesday 1st December with volunteers from the Association helping National Trust staff and volunteers. The hedge will form part of a network of hedges and will be planted with hardy, blossoming species such as Blackthorn, Hawthorn and Crab Apple and will be visible from neighbouring villages, the South West Coast Path and the A35 Dorset to Devon trunk road. A second hedge will

be planted at Thorncombe Beacon.

Countryside Manager Leo Henley Lock said: “We are delighted that this project has been made possible by the generous donation from the Golden Cap Association and the legacy left by the late Derek Parsons. Hedgerows form an important part of our landscapes, connecting habitats and wildlife, whilst playing an important role in mitigating the future impacts of climate change.”

Chair of the Golden Cap Society Mike Nicks said: ‘The Committee and all the Members of Golden Cap Association are delighted to donate to the local area National Trust for the planting and maintenance of two blossom hedges on the Golden Cap Estate. I feel it incumbent on all of us to help in a practical and physical way to help slow down the rate of climate change, and along the way to help our wildlife, whether it be animals, birds, insects or flowers to flourish for years and centuries ahead. The legacy from Derek Parsons is a very welcome addition to the Association’s donation and I know how pleased his family are to support such a worthy and important cause which will also be enjoyed by future generations.

More information can be found on the Association website www.goldencapnt.org.uk or from the Chair, Mike Nicks, Tel: 01308 459855.

The Golden Cap association was founded to support the National Trust and offers a wide range of activities including walks, illustrated talks and quizzes to make National Trust membership even more enjoyable. Membership costs £6 per person/ £9 couple per year and is open to all National Trust members,

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Be Prepared for Winter

The Parish Council has arranged for a limited supply of sandbags which are stored locally.

Should a resident wish to acquire a few sandbags to alleviate a potential flood risk, then sandbags are available for this use. You can collect these by contacting the telephone number 01308 897043 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

The sandbags should be stored in a dry place so that you can manipulate the sandbags to protect against water ingress.

Grit and Salt Mixture

There are also bags of salt and grit which have been purchased by the parish council for use in conditions of icy and snow-covered surfaces which are in regular public use. These will also need to be stored in a dry place, ready for spreading. Please contact the telephone number 01308 897043 for further information.



Burton Bradstock Parish Council

Next Meeting

We are planning the next Parish Council meeting on

Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.30pm.

We are hoping to have the resources to hold this meeting in the Reading Room with public access via Zoom. Please see our website the week before for final arrangements.

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

We very much appreciate the sterling work that the Burton Bradstock volunteers do for our village and would like to show our thanks by organising a Thank You meal in the New Year.

The Parish Council would like to wish season's greeting to all and look forward to your continuing support in the New Year

Burton Bradstock Parish Council urgently needs a new Internal auditor.

Our good friend Ian Wigglesworth has been doing this job for us. After many years he has chosen to retire. We are looking for someone locally who would like to take on this task. It would require approximately 4 hours work.

If you have these skills and would like to support your local community, please get in touch with Lesley Windsor, Parish Clerk, email: theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

Let's talk Winter – What's your plan?

Everyone should make a winter plan. Here are 10 Top Tips to stay safe and well. #LetsTalkWinter



Your Winter Plan Top 10

- 1. Boost your immunity with your flu and COVID-19 vaccines to protect yourself, your family and the people you love.
- 2. COVID-19 is still with us so we should all carry on protecting ourselves and those around us. You can do this by testing regularly, meeting outside if you can, washing hands, letting in the fresh air when you're inside and wearing a face covering in busy places.
- 3. Get repeat prescriptions in plenty of time and have a well-stocked medicine cabinet, including a thermometer.
- 4. Help and support relatives or friends to leave hospital so that they can be more comfortable and recover more quickly at home.
- 5. Get help early before your condition worsens – speak to your GP surgery, contact NHS 111, or speak to your local pharmacist.
- 6. Avoid slips, trips and falls by taking extra care in bad weather.
- 7. Keep an eye on elderly or frail friends, neighbours and relatives.
- 8. Try to heat your home effectively and safely – heat your home to at least 18°C. Take advantage of financial schemes and discounts to help you pay for heating.
- 9. Remember the five steps to wellbeing to stay well mentally and physically:
 - * connect with others
 - * be active as much as possible
 - * keep learning new skills to boost confidence and mood
 - * take notice and be in the present moment
 - * give your time and support to others.
- 10. Be kind and compassionate to those you meet, including hard-working staff who are supporting others.

Burton Bradstock Community Library at Christmas

Thank you for all your support in 2021. Christine & John Lewis and Sandy Adderley decorated the library for Christmas which brought a smile to everyone in a difficult time, and we have a few pictures here for you to see.



As we start 2022 we will maintain the current opening hours and look forward to opening more days as things improve.

Now is the time to read “that book” or borrow a jigsaw to while away a winter evening.

We look forward to seeing you in the library and wish you a happy and above all healthy New Year

Rosemary Daniels

The Burton Bradstock Festival of Music and Art

The Festival has been a major event in the life of the village for more than 40 years. We have attracted top international musicians here, and we have an established body of supporters.

Since the last full Festival, pre Covid, in 2019, a number of key members of the organising committee, including the Chair, have moved away or retired. If we are to continue, we need new people, prepared to play an active part in leading and organising the Festival, to come forward.

Would you like to be part of leading this special event, which has become part of Burton Bradstock’s heritage? If so, please contact David Jenkins, on Jenkins@bucklersbid.co.uk, or Chris Sundt, on sundt@echini.co.uk to discuss how you might be able to help.

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Epiphany

SIGNS, VISITORS, GIFTS AND KINGS



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Smile Lines

With Epiphany in mind...

I was telling my three boys the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh for the infant Jesus. Clearly giving it a lot of thought, my six-year-old observed, "Mum, a Wise Woman would have brought nappies."

What children have to say about angels

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you have to agree to wear those angel clothes. -Matthew, age 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to do something else. - Mitchell, age 7

My guardian angel helps me with maths, but he's not much good for science. - Henry, age 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from holy cows. - Jack, age 6

Chocolate

When I look at chocolate, I hear two voices in my head. The first one says, 'You need to eat the chocolate.' The second one says, 'You heard. Eat the chocolate.'

Moses revisited

Nine-year-old Joseph was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joseph, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked, somewhat alarmed.

"Well, no, Mum. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

DIARY, JANUARY 2022

| Day | Date | Time | Event | Location |
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| Saturday | 8 Jan | 9.30 – 11.00 | Litton Cheney Village Café | Latch |
| | | 10.30–12.00 | Long Bredy Coffee Break followed by Jubilee meeting | Long Bredy Village Hall |
| Tuesday | 11th Jan | 7pm | Litton Cheney Parish Council meeting | Latch |
| Wednesday | 12th Jan | 7.30pm | Shipton Gorge meeting re Broadband | Shipton Gorge Village Hall |
| | | 7.30 pm | Burton Bradstock Parish Council meeting | Burton Village Hall |
| Monday | 17th | 7pm | Meeting re possible Amalgamation of parishes | Latch |
| Tuesday | 18th | 1pm | Puncknowle Lunch Club | Puncknowle Village Hall |
| Wednesday | 19th | 7.30pm | Shipton Gorge Parish Council meeting | Shipton Village Hall |
| Friday | 28th | 7.30pm | Burton Bradstock Films 'The Father' | Burton Village Hall |
| Saturday | 29th | 10am–4pm | Shipton Gorge Community Cafe | Shipton Village Hall |
| | | 7.30pm | Artsreach production 'Hefted' | Latch |
| Monday | 31st | 7pm | Long Bredy Parish Council meeting | Long Bredy Village Hall |

SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES JANUARY 2022



| | 1st Sunday 2 January Christmas 2 | Wednesday 5th January | 2nd Sunday 9th January Baptism of Christ | 3rd Sunday 16th January Epiphany 2 | 4th Sunday 23rd January Epiphany 3 | 5th Sunday 30th January Epiphany 4 |
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| Burton Bradstock | 8am Holy Communion 10am United Valley Service on Zoom -see below for link | 11:30 Holy Communion (followed by a soup lunch) | 11.00 Holy Communion | 9.30 Family Service | 11.00 Holy Communion | 11am United Valley Service at LATCH This will be a celebration of ministry across the Bride Valley. |
| Sipton Gorge | | | 9.30 Breakfast Church | | 11.00 Holy Communion | |
| Swyre | | | 11am Holy Communion by extension | 11.00 Morning Worship | 9.30 Holy Communion | |
| Puncknowle | | | | 11.00 All age Holy Communion | 9.30 Family Service | |
| Litton Cheney | | | 9.30 Holy Communion | 9.30 Morning Prayer | 9.30 Holy Communion | |
| Long Bredy | | | | 9.30 Morning Worship | | |
| Littlebredy | | | 11.00 Holy Communion | | 11.00 Holy Communion | |

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The weekly telephone service, created by a member of the Bride Valley Benefice team, is available on 01308 293062
 Zoom service link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338601240?pwd=dW93QnJ4M1p5b1c1M1hzTWN4VjhBQT09>
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