

# **Bride Valley** **News**



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[www.shiptongorge.org.uk](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk)

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[www.westbexington.org.uk](http://www.westbexington.org.uk)

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[www.longbredy.org.uk](http://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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*To enquire about Baptism, Marriage and Funeral arrangements,  
please telephone the Administrator on 01308 897695*

## WEEKDAY SERVICES, FEBRUARY 2018

Thursday	1	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion by ext
Thursday	1	19.00	Reflect & Study with HC at Puncknowle
Monday	5	9.00	Swyre - prayers
Tuesday	6	9.00	Burton Bradstock - prayers
Thursday	8	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Tuesday	13	9.00	Burton Bradstock - prayers
Thursday	15	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Thursday	15	19.00	Reflect & Study with HC at Puncknowle
Tuesday	20	9.00	Burton Bradstock - prayers
Thursday	22	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion ( <b>Special***</b> )
Monday	26	9.00	Swyre - prayers
Tuesday	27	9.00	Burton Bradstock - prayers

**\*\*\*This will be a special service to celebrate Reverend Ryder Rogers' 50 years of  
ministry with a Eucharist led by Ryder and Stephen.**

### GOOD BOOKS

*Bridport's Christian Bookshop*

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## FROM THE RECTORY

BURTON BRADSTOCK, DT6 4QS

TEL: 01308 898799

On the 22nd day of this month, **Ryder and Heather Rogers** mark the 50th anniversary of Ryder's ordination and we share their gratitude for five decades of serving God in a range of locations, including Albania, where Heather and Ryder together worked as missionaries. In 1968, the year that Ryder was ordained, Albania continued to be a Communist state ruled by draconian laws that prevented free discussion of matters concerning religion. To break such laws risked imprisonment. In the late 1960s no one in that country could have envisaged the sweeping changes that would begin 20 years later when the Communist states in Eastern Europe fell one by one.

In these tense times we can always hope for geopolitical change and liberties that for now seem to remain vague ideas and dreams. It is important to continue to hope and to dream and to pray for a just future.

**Please do come and celebrate with Ryder his anniversary at a Communion service at St. Mary's, Burton Bradstock at 10.00am on the 22nd.**

*Stephen*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Funerals

21 December 2017	Sidney Marshall	Holy Trinity Swyre
4 January 2018	Peggy Mary Collins	St Mary's Burton Bradstock
5 January 2018	John Pakenham-Walsh	St Mary's Burton Bradstock

## VALLEY NOTES

### PEGGY COLLINS

Burton resident Peggy Collins died peacefully on 14th December 2017 at Silverleigh, Axminster after a short illness. She would have been 92 this

year. Peggy was born locally but her family moved to London before the war, when her father, George Collins, was appointed editor of the Barnet Press. After the death of both her parents, Peggy returned to Dorset in the late 1940s, where she worked first as a bank clerk and then as a sub-postmistress in Dorset villages. For a number of years, she ran the post office and stores at Shipton Gorge. In her youth, Peggy was a keen Rambler and folk dancer. After retiring, she and her younger sister, Nancy,



who died in March 2008, moved first to Litton Cheney and then to Burton Bradstock, a village which they both loved.

This note was kindly provided by her closest relative, Andrew Thomas, who lives in Australia. He writes .."Peggy Collins was my father, Ronald Thomas', first cousin. Ronald Thomas was the Symondsburby-based thatcher who thatched many properties in Burton from the 1940s to 1983, when he retired.

*From 1966-67 I had the pleasure of playing the harmonium at Chilcombe church, when I was also parish organist at Symondsburby. For the last 30 years, I have been living and working in Sydney, Australia.*

## BURTON BRADSTOCK CE SCHOOL

The children returned this term refreshed after their Christmas break! The weather has been misty and wet and despite the odd frosty morning there has been little hope of snow, much to the disappointment of the children!



The Spring Term, as always, is looking to be a very busy one in school. This term we have a new Learning Quest across the school - 'Houses and Homes'. As an introduction into the quest we welcomed Gillian from Wessex Water who came into school and carried out workshops with the children on how we use water within our homes.



This term Class 3 will be having weekly musicianship lessons with a peripatetic teacher, Mr Whitmarsh, and will be playing percussion instruments and performing as a Samba band. We also have other exciting events to look forward to such as the Minerva Learning Trust Concert at The Sir John Colfox School, our choir

performing at the Burton Bradstock concert in the village hall as part of the MLT, World Book Day, Dance Festival for our Year 3/4 children, British Science Week and Sport Relief Day.

This term we continue to offer the children extra-curricular activities. The much-loved football club each Friday continues to be well subscribed with nearly half of the school population attending! STAMP, a private drama club, will be continuing with a wonderful performance at the end of term



and Nancy Bowles also offers peripatetic music tuition after school. Other clubs this term include choir, running club and fencing club.

After the fantastic success of our Christmas Fayre in December which raised **£930**, the Friends of the school are also busy on their next fundraising venture. On **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February** we will be having a Jumble Sale at the United Church in Bridport from 10am – 12 noon. The school would welcome any donations of clothing and bric-a-brac towards this (no electrical items please) and they can be dropped off at the school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Thank you for your support.



*Claire Staple, Headteacher*

## THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

Our **Christmas shows**, 'Lights, Camel, Action!' by Litton, Chesil and Bredy, and 'Aladdin' by Eggardon, were brilliant! The children performed and sang beautifully. Several parents and grandparents said this had been the 'best concert ever'!. Lovely to hear! A big thank you to the children and to everyone who helped make the concert so enjoyable. We raised **£50** for the Weldmar Hospice – thank you. A big thank you to the TSA for providing pre-concert refreshments. In the last



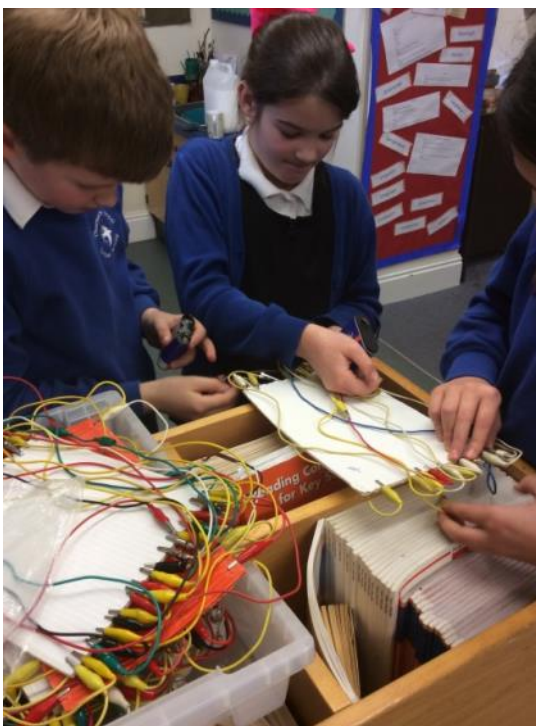
couple of weeks of term the TSA raised nearly **£400** from refreshments at the carol singing, concert and Christmas jumper day – super stuff!



Thank you to all who joined us at our **carol service**. The church was beautifully warm

and festive and the singing was lovely. Thank you to all who help with our service and to the TSA, who kindly provided mince pies after the service. We had a lovely service in LATCH at the start of term. (We decided not to have the service in church because of the very wet weather.)

Year 6 children brought cakes and hosted a **tea party** to thank our governors, volunteers and helpers who give so generously of their time throughout the year. Children and staff had an enjoyable **Christmas meal** together. Thank you to the TSA for the crackers – the children do enjoy the hats, jokes and little objects! The classes had a great time at their **Christmas parties** and games.



The whole school is enjoying six weeks of **fitness sessions** which leaves the children exhausted! Eggardon have been making simple circuits for their **electricity** topic. Under Dorset's **Musicianship Programme**, Bredy and Eggardon are learning trombones, trumpets and cornets for 10 weeks – Monday afternoons are not a quiet time in school!

*Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher*

## VALLEY LUNCHES 2018

The indulgence of the festive season will be over by the time you read this, and Lent will be approaching. However, for all you who enjoy good food and congenial company, the Valley Lunches for 2018 will be on the following dates:

March 4th

April 29th\*\*

July 1st

September 2nd

November 4th

All in Burton Bradstock Village Hall

At 12.30pm

All are welcome to these shared lunches, so if you have family or friends staying with you, bring them along too. There is no charge, but all are asked to bring a savoury or sweet contribution (or both) to put on the serving table. Tea and filter coffee are provided. If you wish to purchase Fairtrade items, Liz Orza usually has her stall laid out and is happy to serve you.

The normal Valley Lunch pattern (1st Sunday in odd months) will be changed to April 29th (instead of May 6th) as we will be welcoming our retiring Archdeacon, the Venerable Paul Taylor, to take Holy Communion at Burton Bradstock when he will also be joining us for lunch that day. This occasion will still be a 'bring and share' lunch.

For further details please contact Cilla (898473) or Heather (897780)



## TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE

An informal friendly service for all tots, babies and bumps and their parents/carers is held at **St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock** on the second Friday of each month (except August) at **2.15 pm**. It includes singing, activities, story time, refreshments and playtime. You're welcome to the services to be held on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March**

For more information about the tots events please contact either **Audrey** on **897227** or **Heather** on **897780**.

## FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

We meet **every Tuesday (term time) from 1.45 am to 3.15 pm** in **LATCH** (Litton Cheney Hall). We have craft, ride-ons, soft play, trampoline, story corner, enthusiastic sing-along, friendly mums, snacks and a nice cuppa with biscuits



Please come along and join us for lots of fun. 0-4 yr olds welcome along with their parents, grandparents or carers! Contact **Nicola Miller** 01308 482734 [jamiemandnicola@gmail.com](mailto:jamiemandnicola@gmail.com) or **Clare Turnbull** 07748 783442 [clare.turnbull66@yahoo.com](mailto:clare.turnbull66@yahoo.com) for more info.



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH SOCIAL EVENTS - 2018



MONDAY - 26th FEBRUARY

7pm for 7.30pm at BRIDPORT & WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB

MONDAY - 26th MARCH

7pm for 7.30pm at BRIDPORT & WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB

Please call Basil Dent on 01308 897125 or Malcolm Lawrence on 01308 898616 to book your place. If transport to the Golf Club is a problem, please let us know when you book your place.

Members are reminded that British Legion information will be made available when possible at our Social Meetings for those who cannot receive emails. If help is required by any of our Members, or you are thinking of joining the Legion, please telephone our Chairman Malcolm Lawrence on 01308 898616 or our Secretary Hazel Dalglish on 01308 897894

## BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Bride Valley Gardening Club starts its new season on the evening of **Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>** with a talk on Sweet peas. At this meeting we will be providing details of the 2018 annual programme of monthly meetings which includes talks on 'Abbotsbury', 'Herbaceous borders' and 'Ponds and their maintenance'



Please put the date in your diaries and look for more information on posters and in the BVN

### JOBS TO DO IN FEBRUARY (weather permitting!)

Sow sweet peas, if not done last month, and pot up those sown in autumn. Start dahlia and begonia tubers into growth. Prune late-flowering clematis to the lowest pair of strong buds. Trim winter-flowering heathers as the flowers fade. Sow hardy perennials – always check packets to see if the seeds should be covered with compost or surface grown. Prune roses. Top dress herbs growing in containers. From mid-February sow chillies at 21 °C, and a small batch of tomato seeds for an early greenhouse crop. Prepare seed beds for vegetables and warm the soil with cloches. Sow broad beans, Brussels sprouts and spinach under cover. Sprout early potatoes in warmth and light to produce strong shoots. Cut back any overgrown hedges, before nesting starts. Continue to feed the birds and provide them with fresh water

*Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473*

## HOME INSURANCE

To celebrate their 130th anniversary, Ecclesiastical Insurance Group is offering to donate **£130** to your local church when a new home insurance policy is taken out. So if you are about to renew your home insurance please take a look at this offer from Ecclesiastical, who will make a donation to a nominated church for each new home insurance policy issued. It is on policies where cover begins on or before 31st December 2018.

For more details call Ecclesiastical on **0800 7830130**, and quote **TRUST130**, or go online to **[www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130)**.

## PUNCKNOWLE PLAYING FIELD GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

The contract for cutting the Puncknowle Playing Field grass is due to expire in April 2018. If you are interested in bidding for the contract please contact Councillor Derek Heaver on either 01308 898466 or [derekheaver456@gmail.com](mailto:derekheaver456@gmail.com). Applicants will be sent contract details. Tenders must be received by **11<sup>th</sup> February 2018**.

## BRIDE VALLEY WI

The Bride Valley WI returned in January with a bumper packed programme for 2018. The year started off with a talk from our local landlord, Ed. His journey to the Crown Inn from catering at high end events, country house estates and rubbing shoulders with many famous faces gave for an exciting evening of fun and laughter.



We welcome all women from the local area and for new members the first meeting is free. Unless we are out on a visit meetings take place at the village hall in Puncknowle, so why not come along and give us a try!

Our programme for 2018 is:

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| 22nd Feb       | AGM and chocolate quiz   |
| 15th March     | Craft night, Decoupage   |
| 19th April     | Towel folding and more...  |
| 17th May       | Skittles at The White Horse  |
| 14th June      | Celebrating the centenary of votes for women Garden Party – a Flappers Party The Crown Inn |
| 19th July      | Archery evening with Paul Kingston   |
| 20th September | Austin the photographer and the The Bridport Wildcat Women, a talk by Carlos Guarita       |
| 18th October   | Something spooky!  |
| 15th November  | Craft night  |
| 6th December   | Bride Valley WI Christmas Social—at The Crown Pub  |

For more information please contact **Nic Arundel** on nicarundel@gmail.com or speak to any of the committee – **Debbie Legge, Christine Pacey, Meryl Edwards or Charlotte Kinghorn**. We look forward to seeing you all in 2018!

## BRIDE VALLEY BOOK GROUP

Members have decided to re-name the book group as they come from the whole valley, rather than just Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington. The books chosen come from the collection of Dorchester Library, and are limited to 10 copies, hence a limited group of members. At the moment there are no spaces but if there is a vacancy, it will be advertised in the BVN.



Last month the group discussed **'This Boy'** the first volume of **Alan Johnson's** memoirs. Most of us enjoyed the book, and found it very readable, in spite of a few reservations about his own reserve in telling the story. We were all full of admiration for his older sister Linda who triumphed against enormous odds to keep Alan (then 13) with her after the death of their mother, and for her success in getting themselves re-housed from their condemned North Kensington slum. Descriptions of living conditions, attitudes to West Indian immigrants, references to Rackmanism also gave the book a facet of social history. This would be an interesting read for anyone who enjoys delving into the background of politicians to see how this may have influenced their political beliefs.

## LITTON CHENEY ALLOTMENTS

Would you like some more space to grow? A quiet place to come to that is near your home and yet feels a world away?



If you would like to have a go at growing your own, then an allotment could be perfect for you. The effort you put in would be rewarded by:

- eating fresh and organic food that you've grown yourself;
- the pleasure of seeing your fruit and vegetables grow;
- improved physical health from regular exercise, as part of a healthy lifestyle;
- make new friends and become a seasoned allotmenteer.

There are **six plots** that have become available at the Litton Cheney Allotments. The allotments consist of 12 plots situated next to the playing field in the village.

For further information and to satisfy your interest, please contact **Andrew King** (01308 482594 / [apk@tgdorset.co.uk](mailto:apk@tgdorset.co.uk)) or **Madeleine Hickling** (01308 482164 / [mandghickling@btinternet.com](mailto:mandghickling@btinternet.com))

**BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS  
PRESENT**

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND**

*A PANTOMIME BY TRACY ROGERS*

**AT BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL  
ON WED 14<sup>TH</sup>, THURS 15<sup>TH</sup> AND FRI 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
AT 7.30 P.M.**

**(DOORS OPEN AT 7.00 P.M.)**

**MATINEE PERFORMANCE ON FRI 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
AT 2.30 P.M.**

**(DOORS OPEN AT 2.00 P.M.)**

**TICKET PRICES : ADULTS: £9 CHILDREN: £5**

**Available from Burton Bradstock Post Office or by telephoning  
01308 898707**

**CALAIS CELIDH II**



**7pm 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018,  
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Eat cake, win a raffle prize, dance and  
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## BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE HALL.

Happy New Year! Reminder - our screenings are now on THURSDAYS.

Thurs. 1 February **VICTORIA & ABDUL**  
*'a sharp criticism of English racism delivered with plenty of English humour'*



The extraordinary true story of an unexpected friendship in the later years of Queen Victoria's remarkable rule. When Abdul Karim, a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, he is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself. As the Queen questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance with a loyalty to one another that her household and inner circle all attempt to destroy. As the friendship deepens, the Queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes and joyfully reclaims her humanity. Starring **Judi Dench, Ali Fazal, Eddie Izzard, Olivia Williams, Tim Piggot Smith** and **Michael Gambon**. Cert. 12 1.5hrs.



Thurs. 1 March **GOING IN STYLE** *'a good heist film with excellent actors'*

Oscar winners **Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine** and **Alan Arkin** team up as lifelong buddies Willie, Joe and Al, who decide to buck retirement and step off the straight-and-narrow for the first time in their lives when their pension fund becomes a

corporate casualty. Desperate to pay the bills and come through for their loved ones, the three risk it all by embarking on a daring bid to knock off the very bank that absconded with their money. Cert. 12 1.5hrs.

Thurs. 29 March **GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN**  
*'a charming bittersweet tale'*

The film tells the story about the creation of the Winnie the Pooh books but the real theme is the effect on the Milne family. Cert. TBA 1.5hrs.

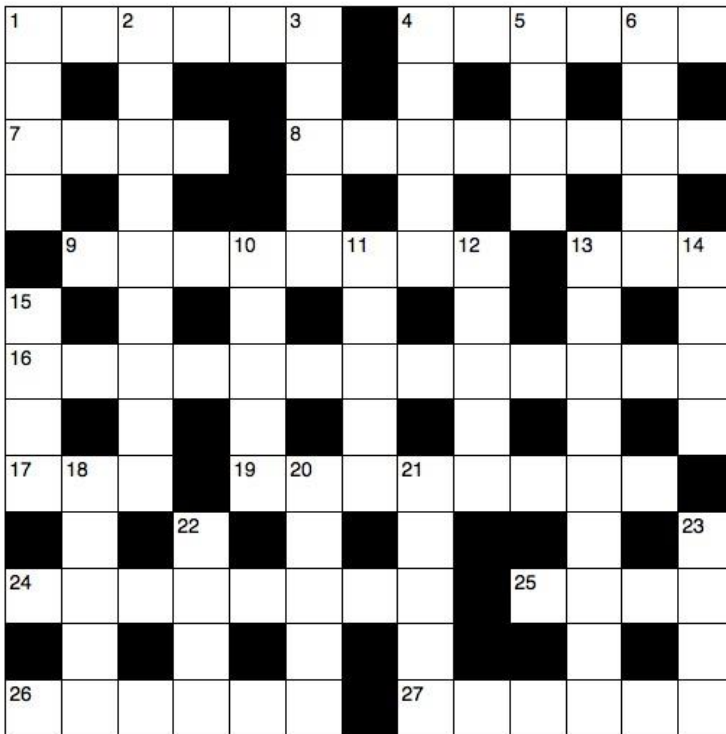


(For all films) Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m.  
**TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)**

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

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

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**Across**

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
- 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
- 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
- 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
- 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
- 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
- 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
- 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)
- 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
- 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
- 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
- 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

**Down**

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
- 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)

- 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
- 4 Belief (5)
- 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
- 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
- 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
- 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
- 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
- 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
- 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)
- 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
- 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
- 20 'Today, if you hear his —, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
- 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
- 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
- 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

## All in the month of FEBRUARY

It was:

80 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1938, that the first toothbrushes with nylon bristles were introduced, by Du Pont. Until then toothbrushes had been made from the hair of boars or hogs.

70 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 1948, that the last British Army regiment left India.

65 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 1953, that sweet rationing ended in Britain.

Also 65 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 1953, that British scientists Francis Clark and James D. Watson announced that they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA.

60 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1958, that the Munich air disaster took place. A plane carrying the Manchester United Football team, plus support staff and journalists, crashed while attempting to take off from a slush-covered runway at Munich-Riem Airport. 23 people were killed, including 8 players.

Also 60 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1958, that George Harrison, aged 14, auditioned to join John Lennon's skiffle group the Quarrymen (which later became the Beatles). The audition reportedly took place on a bus, and Lennon felt that Harrison was too young.

Also 60 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 1958, that Pope Pius XII declared Saint Claire of Assisi (1194 – 1253) to be the patron saint of television. It was on the basis that she had been too ill to attend Mass, but had reportedly been able to see it and hear it on the wall of her cell.

50 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 1968, that the Thalidomide scandal's first compensation payments were awarded in Britain to 62 children born with deformities because their mothers had taken the drug during pregnancy. (Around 400 British children in all were affected.)

40 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 1978, that New Zealand beat England in a cricket match for the first time.

30 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 1988, that Comic Relief held its first Red Nose Day in the UK. It raised £15m for charity.

25 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 1993, that two ten-year-old boys abducted two-year-old James Bulger from a shopping centre near Liverpool. His mutilated body was found on a railway line nearby two days later. They were charged with abduction and murder.

20 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1998, that Osama bin Laden issued a fatwa against all Jews and Crusaders.

15 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2003, that the US space shuttle Columbia disintegrated over Texas during re-entry, killing all seven astronauts.

Also 15 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2003, that London's Congestion Charge scheme began.

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## BURTON BRADSTOCK

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### ST MARY'S CHURCH SONGS OF PRAISE ON HOMELESS SUNDAY

On **Sunday February 4th** St.Mary's will be having a Songs of Praise service for '**Homeless Sunday**' when we will be remembering the many adults and children who are homeless. Starting at a convenient time of 10.30 am and lasting just under one hour this is a service to which all residents and visitors are invited.



It will be led by Revd Philip Ringer and as usual there will be refreshments afterwards.

The next Songs of Praise service will be on Sunday **4th March** at 10.30 am when the theme will be "Lent".

**Come and join us for these inspiring services!**

### ST MARY'S CHURCH BURTON BRADSTOCK WELCOME AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Subject to the necessary approvals and funding the Parochial Church Council hope to carry out a number of improvements in the church. The aims of the project are to have a building that people feel comfortable coming into which reaches out into the community. We want everyone to feel welcome and have facilities which serve them all, whether they are attending services, concerts or simply visiting. We want to be able harness our use of resources and operate efficiently and safely. We wish every element to enhance and not detract from this important historic building. The elements are:

- an entrance with glazed doors which encourages people to come in
- removal of some pews providing more open space within the church with a "child friendly" area
- a fully accessible lavatory
- a kitchen facility
- a more efficient vestry
- improved heating and insulation and sound system.

An exhibition has been set up in the church for everybody who is interested to see the proposals.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Do come along to our next talk at **7.30pm on Friday February 2nd** at the **Village Hall in Burton Bradstock**. **Dr Peter Long** and **Margaret Long** will talk about their charity '**Children of Fiji**'.

Both Peter and Margaret took early retirement from teaching in the UK. They run the charity full time and use their own funds to travel to Fiji twice a year where they organise projects which aim to advance education, health and welfare and relieve poverty of children in Fiji.

One of their most ambitious projects to date was to fund the construction of a bridge across the river at a school on the island of Vanua Levu. Previously children had to wade through a very dangerous river to get to school. Now they have a safe crossing.

Peter and Margaret will talk about their charity and the inspiring work that it does in what should be a highly illuminating evening.

**Members** pay just **£1** on the door and **Non-Members/Guests £4**.

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY



'The Tiger Who Came To Our Christingle (as well as) To Tea!'

Our Christingle on December 8<sup>th</sup> was well attended by children and their parents. Stephen led the service with help from the children through readings, prayers, an explanation of what the Christingle represents and a carol from the school choir. During his talk, he produced a small, cuddly

tiger. Suddenly a very large tiger appeared behind him (we think it has been hiding in the fields since the last time we saw it at the Church Fete) and there followed a wonderful interplay between the two of them which entranced us all. Following the atmospheric lighting of the candles to show that Christ had come into the world we concluded our service by singing, 'Shine, Jesus, Shine'. After the service the children enjoyed a party in the Village Hall with tea, games and a performance of the above famous story. A visit from Father Christmas concluded the event. Thank you to everyone who helped on that afternoon in so many different ways.

Our fundraising total for the Society this year amounted to £958.68. Of this **£665.37** was kindly donated by our box holders. It is by having many boxes, often with small amounts in them, that a significant amount is raised. If anyone would like to have a box for their small change please contact me.

The day after our Village Carol Service a large crowd of enthusiastic carol singers trudged round the village and finished at the 'The Shoes'. Here we were joined by a fiddler and the crowd there joined us in singing more carols. We are most grateful to Jaap and Hannah for hosting us with mulled wine and nibbles. The happy atmosphere there helped to add more donations to our total for the evening of **£242.32**. Thank you to all who sang or donated. The aim of the Children's Society is to help vulnerable children in UK, including vital work with 'The Homelessness Prevention' service for teenagers.

*Pauline Woodford (898327)*

## A THANK YOU

**Sylvia & Simon Delves** would like to thank everyone who came to give a fond farewell to Keith at his funeral on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and the generous donations to Dorset County Hospital Charity (Radiotherapy Department). The love & support we have received over this sad time has been truly amazing.

## BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

**Christina Jeavons** entertained at the December meeting. A charming young lady dressed in style, she gave a lively performance of well-known songs from the music hall.

**Nicky Stevens** was able to keep her date with Burton Bradstock WI on 9<sup>th</sup> January - a road closure had prevented her coming in October. Vivacious and engaging, she talked about her long singing career. Born into a musical family in Wales, she sang as a child, singing in chapel, competing at Eisteddfods, and later getting a job in a Night Club before

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**INSPIRING WOMEN**

going “on the road” with a group. She became part of “**Brotherhood of Man**”, four singers still performing together after forty-seven years. The group had more success in Europe than in the UK, which helped when they sang “Save your kisses for me” in the Eurovision Song Contest in 1974. They still hold the record for winning by the greatest number of votes!

At the next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February, **Cherry Barlow** will introduce us to some **owls**.

Any woman living locally is welcome to come to some meetings before deciding whether to become a member (contact secretary, 897648).

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Post Office News**

Now that the busy Festive Season is over just remember that the Village Post Office/Shop is there to serve your everyday postal and banking needs.

Also you may not realise that it serves as a convenient ‘drop-off’ and collection point for your packages and parcels serving many of the major overnight carriers.

### **Remember ‘USE IT OR LOSE IT’!**

### **Allotment Vacancies**

We have vacancies at the Burton Bradstock Allotments please contact the Clerk for further information

### **Councillor Vacancy**

Burton Bradstock Parish Council only has 1 vacant seat on the Parish Council please contact the Clerk and any Cllr for more info

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on**

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

7.30 pm in the Reading Room.

All welcome!

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All funds raised help to pay for the running and the  
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Library

If you would like to become a volunteer in the Library,  
please leave your name at the desk or call 01308  
898049 for more information.

### Opening hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library

Monday Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

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Tuesday & Saturday

10.00am to 12.00am

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Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)

# BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST

For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308 897648)

“200 CLUB” January 2018 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£35.20	No 24:	Mr Peter Mayo
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£17.60	No 102:	Mr Peter Newton
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£8.80	No 136:	Mrs Jean Bowles



Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the February 2018 draw should telephone **Keith Britton** on 01308 898008 and let him have £11 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

## BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS

An evening of light hearted comedy with an unusual twist admirably describes **Going In Style** our film for **Friday 23 February 2018** in the Village Hall.



Starring film veterans **Michael Caine**, **Morgan Freeman** and **Alan Arkin** who

team up as buddies Willie, Joe and Al who are desperate to pay the bills when they discover their bank has defaulted on their pension payments. For the only time in their lives they embark on a daring bid to rob the very bank that took their money. It is a fun, entertaining and feel good story for a February evening.

*Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 each and include a glass of wine or a soft drink and will be on sale at Burton Bradstock Post Office from 1 February or, if available, on the door on the night.*

To be shown by Bride Valley Films Thursday 1 March 2018

**Further Film dates:**

**Goodbye Christopher Robin** will be shown on **Friday 23 March 2018**

Bride Valley Films will have this film on **Thursday 29 March 2018**

## SPRING FISH & CHIP QUIZ

This popular quiz, which will include a fish & chip supper, will be held on **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> April** with quiz arranged by Humphrey Walwyn. Look for more details in next month's BVN.



## COFFEE STOP MORNINGS



The regular monthly Coffee Stop mornings in the hall where a hot drink and a biscuit are available for 50p are run monthly to provide a general “meet and chat” venue for Villagers and visitors alike. They run from 10:00 to 12:00 and all are welcome. The next 2 meeting dates are listed below.

<b>Date.</b>	<b>Organiser</b>
Wed 21st Feb	Village Society
Wed 21st Mar	W.I.

**Cruse Bereavement Care** runs an informal monthly meeting at Bridport Hospital for any who have been bereaved.

Feel free to drop in any time between 10.00am and 12.00 on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** of each month for a “cuppa” and a chat.

Contact **Diana Wright 01308 456 967**



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**DEADLINE FOR MARCH ISSUE - 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**NOTE EARLY DEADLINE FOR APRIL ISSUE - 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**

# LITTLEBREDY

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**There can** seldom have been such moving and appropriate celebrations in the Christmas season as occurred here recently.

Both the **Carol Service** and the **Christmas Day Communion** were shared by arrangement with our Longbredy neighbours (and many others attended too, which was great), both took place amidst wonderful decorations which had been prepared by an excellent team (thanks to them and also to those who had blitzed the Church in a cleaning session a few days before), both attracted a full Church and splendid singing (thank you as ever to **Sandra March** for playing the organ) and both were led movingly by our **Rector**, which is really so very much appreciated.

The carol service witnessed the world premiere (and possibly the only authentic live performance) of a simple but profound “**Dipper Carol**”, a poem written by **Frances** and set to plainchant-like music by **Stephen**, then sung as a duet by both of them, following a rare sighting of a little dipper bird in the River Bride shortly before. Every parish should have received a CD of a private performance recorded previously; it will become an archive item and deservedly so. What a privilege for those who were there for the live rendering.

Rather more raucous was the duck race held along a course between the lake and a finish line outside the Riverside Cottages on Boxing Day. This was an initiative of **Edgar Moxom** when it originated three years ago, and it has gone from strength to strength. No bookmaker would want to touch it, as the little yellow plastic ducks bob along!

On this occasion Edgar’s enterprise was certainly rewarded, when a cousin of his, to whom he had sold the duck, was the winner, and his wife Jacqui’s duck finished third. Moreover, Jacqui also won the “best decorated duck” competition (judged by an independent expert in such things, it must be stressed), so the family can be well pleased with what is becoming an annual tradition in the village. Well done to all concerned, and the result was over **£200** raised towards buying a defibrillator for the Village Hall.

Reverting briefly to the Church: as will undoubtedly be published elsewhere in the magazine, there will be no service here on the second Sunday in February (the 11th), as there will be a **United Benefice Evensong** led by the **Bishop of Sherborne**, in Litton Cheney at 4.00 p.m. that day instead.

# LONG BREDY

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**NOTE CANCELLATION** of the Cyber Crime Talk on Thursday February 1st. This event has unfortunately had to be cancelled for the moment but will be re-scheduled when possible.

## VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

The Long Bredy and Kingston Russell annual village "Spring Clean" will take place on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**.

Please assemble at the Long Bredy Village Hall at 10am. It is advisable to wear stout shoes, wet weather clothing and protective gloves. If you have a high visibility vest then please wear it. Children are welcome if accompanied and supervised by an adult. There will be refreshments in the village Hall after the clean up is complete. Do come along and help keep the village litter free and looking lovely.



## LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

### December 2017 Draw

£25	No. 107	J. Peretz
£15	No. 37	S. Winter
£5	No. 87	R. Cook

### December 2017 Super Draw

£100	No. 17	H. Cullen
£70	No. 48	C. Sitwell-Wilmott
£30	No. 76	J. Cain

*Both drawn on 17th December 2017 at Family Church Service*

If you have not yet subscribed to the 100 club, and would like the chance to be in the draw, **Ruth Cullingford** or **Kate Smith** will be delighted to give you details. **"You have to be in it to win it ☺"**.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Margaret (Marg) Cook** who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. We hope she had a very happy birthday and will look forward to enjoying many more.



# LITTON CHENEY

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## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

There are almost too many people to thank for making Christmas 2017 very special. Thank you **Tricia Gates, Fiona Gibson** and **Gill Newell** for decorating the tree. Thank you **John** and **Wendy Firrell, Philip** and **Sally Dyke, Tricia** and **Nigel**

**Gates, Charles** and **Alex Innes, Lyn Lacey** and **Paul** and **Elizabeth Kingston** for sponsoring the floodlights. Thank you to the many who attended the three services and gave so generously - **£516.93** was divided between **Julia's House** and the **Pilsdon Community**.

Another big thank you to all those who helped with the annual Church cleaning in January. A morning of hard work made everything sparkle once again.

On a damp and chilly evening in early January the bell-ringers of St. Mary's assembled at The Old Tithe Barn together with their guests for their annual supper, which this year was beautifully prepared and served by **Hannah, Nick** and **Sally** of "**Raspberry & Rhubarb**". A presentation was made to **Gordon Anderson** who has retired as Tenor ringer after 31 years of loyal service. **Wendy Firrell** also received gifts as she has stepped down from the position of Tower Captain after 10 years. **Harry Berry** is taking on the task and we wish him and all the ringers a successful future.

## LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL – HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

At the time of the copy deadline we are aware that a Housing Needs Survey will be delivered to local residents of Litton Cheney shortly in order to assess the degree and type of housing needed in the village. Residents on the Register of Electors and other requested parties are actively encouraged to participate in this survey which will determine the future housing needs of Litton Cheney both now and for several years to come.

## YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU

With many tasks now being devolved down to town and parish councils by unitary authorities, it has become the local community's responsibility to carry out these tasks when necessary either by the use of council services, contractors or volunteer labour. From a financial standpoint volunteer labour has the most positive impact on parish/village finances. We already



have a modest band of volunteers, affectionately known (by some) as “The Premier Crew”, who have carried out several tasks within the village during 2017 resulting in financial savings. If you would like to join the crew we would be delighted to have you onboard. Please give John Firrell a call on 482313 or email [jjfirrellcpc@gmail.com](mailto:jjfirrellcpc@gmail.com) if you are of a mind to give it a go. Many thanks.

## EVENTS AT LATCH FOR FEBRUARY

Mondays: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts - evenings (not 12<sup>th</sup>)

Tuesdays: Toddler Group 1.45 p.m. - 3.15 p.m. (not 13<sup>th</sup>)

Short Mat Bowls 4.00 p.m. (not 13<sup>th</sup>)

Keep Fit 5.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. (not 13<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesdays: Table Tennis 4.00 p.m (not 14<sup>th</sup>)

Fridays: Yoga 10.00 a.m. (not 16<sup>th</sup>)

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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> : Film Night “Victoria & Abdul” Starts 8.00 p.m. See details elsewhere in BVN.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>: (morning) Village Café run by NCT – see posters for timing.

**Please note that LATCH will be closed from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February inclusive while redecoration of the corridors and toilet areas takes place.**

## SATURDAY BUS SERVICE TRIAL

Users of the Wednesday bus service will already be aware that Dorset Community Transport (DCT) is trialing a Saturday service which commenced on 20<sup>th</sup> January. There will be two further services on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** and **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February** after which there will be an assessment on the viability of a Saturday service. Clearly the greater the support, the more likelihood it could become a permanent service. For more details see the village website [www.littoncheney.org.uk](http://www.littoncheney.org.uk) , bus shelter notice board or call 01258 287980 (DCT).

## LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

**CAROL SINGING.....**The magnificent sum of **£319.93** was generously donated by villagers over the course of two evenings. This was despite the first evening having to be cancelled because of heavy rain, and apologies to **Alison** and **John Halliday** for the " no show" ! Thankfully the second evening was very successful , ending with the now legendary hospitality of **David Bethel** and **Caroline Armstrong-Wilson**, for which much grateful thanks. **Pete** and **Jaemie** had invited us to sing at **The White Horse** on a subsequent evening so we combined this with singing round in the half of



the village who had missed out due to the weather, and then ending up at the pub. This was a really enjoyable evening , with a party from the Youth Hostel energetically joining in the singing .

Many thanks to all the singers who joined in over the two nights, making it such an enjoyable experience, and to all those who contributed so generously to the collection for Julia's House.The Social Committee will send a cheque for **£375 to Julia's House.**

Early reminder of the DUCK RACE - **Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

*Ron Davidson LCSC 482661*

	<h2 style="color: blue;">PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE &amp; WEST BEXINGTON</h2> <p style="color: blue;">VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS</p>	
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### ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

**HELP** - Now our Church is restored to its glorious former glory with new plaster, paint work and a floor lovingly restored after hours of hard work by one loyal worker, we need to keep it that way. Difficult with a present work force of only 2-3 persons!! Jobs

include flower arranging, sweeping, dusting, polishing, brass cleaning, keeping the linen clean and many other small jobs, plus external tidying. So please if you care at all about keeping our Church open, alive and part of our village consider if you could spare the odd half hour or so occasionally. Many jobs do not require great physical effort and can be done sitting down having a chat and a nice cup of coffee! So on Saturday 17 February there will be a coffee morning in the Church at 10am to discuss the best way forward. If you are interested but cannot make that date please contact me on 897751 or **Geoff Fry** on 868068

*Liz Slater*

### SID MARSHALL

Madeline, Kathryn and Andrew, John and Sandy and Sid's much loved grandchildren, together with his brother, would like to thank all Sid's friends and neighbours for their cards and support during this most difficult time. Our thanks and gratitude to Ryder and Simon for looking after us all and to Sue for making the Church such a haven of peace and beauty, to David who

played Sid's favourite music and to Sue P. who saw that we were all fed. Sid was the centre of our world and we shall always miss his love and care.

*Madeline*

## **PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP**

At our AGM and planning meeting the committee members were all re-elected. A wish list was made of the type of art mornings and workshops that members would like organised for the coming year. Philippa volunteered to give the first workshop on Impressionism. Meetings for **2nd & 16th February** will be in the hall.

*Christine Molony*

## **PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON BOOK GROUP**

This group has been renamed the Bride Valley Book Group and its news now appears in the Valley Notes Section.

## **PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB.**

The lunch club is for all people over 50 who live or have lived in our 3 villages. It is a great social time with a beautiful meal as well. It is not just for our older residents and it would be good to see you join us every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Please get in touch if you would like to join us. Our next meal will be on 20<sup>th</sup> February. Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone **David Buckland** on 898492.

The meal is a choice of 2 main meals and 2 puddings finished off with cheese and biscuits, tea and coffee all for £5. We serve at 1 pm but most of our regulars come early for a great social get together. Hope to see you soon.

Helpers are always welcome whether it is setting up the hall for the meals, preparing food and/or cooking or clearing up afterwards. You do not have to be a committee member. We are especially in great need of people to cook for us as our numbers of helpers has decreased. If you feel you would like to join us in this venture or want to know more please telephone me David Buckland 898492 and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

*David Buckland*

## **PSWB VILLAGE HALL**

### **100 CLUB**

December winners

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|-----------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | £40 | Peter and Ann Bunyan |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | £20 | Geoff Fry            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | £10 | Liz Slater           |

## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to **Julie** and **Tim Gary** at **Modbury Farm** for again supplying the hall with a magnificent Christmas tree for all to enjoy.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

We made in excess of **£300** at our annual Christmas fair.

Thank you to all who donated prizes and cakes and to everyone that helped out before, during and after the event. Thank you to Morrisons and Framptons who also generously donated prizes for the raffle.

A big thank you as well to Father Christmas who made time in his mad schedule to give out presents to the children.

## SHIPTON GORGE

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## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

A reminder from last month: this meeting will take place on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm, in the village hall**. All are welcome. If you want to know more about what the PCC does and whether you could support it, please contact: **James Webster** 01308 898657 or **Cathryn Johnson** 01308 897169

## HOME INSURANCE

To celebrate their 130th anniversary, Ecclesiastical Insurance Group is offering to donate **£130** to your local church when a new home insurance policy is taken out. So if you are about to renew your home insurance please take a look at this offer from Ecclesiastical, who will make a donation to St Martin's for each policy taken out. It is available all year. For more details call Ecclesiastical on **0800 7830130**, and quote **TRUST130**, or go online to **www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130**.

## FLOODLIGHTS

Although all the twinkling Christmas lights are now packed away, the floodlights of our beautiful church of St Martin's still light up the village through this dark February month, thanks to our generous sponsors.

Diane & John Bredemear thinking of Mum and Dad

Anne Jones of the School House, for Denis, missed by all

Yvette & David Smith – belated birthday wishes for 12<sup>th</sup> January for Edward!

If you would like to light up St Martin's for a special occasion or a fond memory, sponsorship is just £5. You can contact me, **Phyl Webster**, on Tel. No. 01308 898657. Should you want your occasion mentioned in the BVN for the appropriate month, please let me know in good time for the BVN submission date. Our sponsor's names are also posted in the church porch unless of course, they wish to remain anonymous.

## PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to those who took the time to complete and return the **Bus Survey Forms**. This was very helpful when the council discussed the issue of future bus transport at our January meeting, so we are most grateful.

Advance notice that our **Annual Litter Pick** will take place on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, meeting outside the New Inn at 10am. This is a little earlier than normal because of the early Easter, but if you can spare an hour to help us clean the village before the holiday it shouldn't take long. As usual bags, tabards, litter pickers and bags will be provided.

A date for your diary – the **Annual Parish Assembly** will take place this year on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April**, starting at 7.30pm. More details next month. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018** in the village hall at 7.30pm. As usual everyone is most welcome to attend.

*Mary Boughton – Chairman*

## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

**Christmas Tree Light's Illumination** – over 50 hardy folk turned out on 7<sup>th</sup> December to see **John Collinson (Town Crier)** announced the ceremonial illumination of our Christmas Tree Lights by **Phoebe Freeman**. Thank You John and Well Done Phoebe.

A massive Thanks to **Big T** for his Saxophone Christmas tunes which turned into a Beatle's sing-song later in the evening, to **Kate Kent** who collected £64.65 for The Macmillan Cancer Trust and to those who erected and disposed of the tree.

Thanks also to NISL for working with the Village Society on the Event and **Jason and Simone** for hosting it.

Please note that by popular demand **Big T** will be playing another session at the **New Inn on 24<sup>th</sup> March**. This time he will play a Beatles & Ballads session.

**Sally Parker** is pleased to report that 33 Happy Shoppers went to Exeter this year. All 33 returned home! Phew! Thanks for arranging this Sally.

# SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

## HIRE CHARGES 2018-19

Following a review of hall hire charges for the coming year, we are pleased to announce that there will be no increase for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. However our outgoings, especially on heating and maintenance, continue to rise meaning that we will need to implement a £1 per session increase in rates from October 2018 onwards. As well as helping cover recent expenses linked to roof repairs, improved rainwater management and new fire doors, this will also allow us to investigate the cause of the dampness present on some of the internal walls and redecorate once this has been cured.

Full details of our current and future charges can be found under the hall section of the village website (<http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk>).

## HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next committee meeting will take place on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.30 pm, in the village hall. Members of the public interested in how the hall is run are most welcome to come along and watch.

*Tony Mallett*

## 100 CLUB RESULTS January 2018

£20	No 8	Chris and Ruth Nunn
£10	No 65	Pam Jenkins
£5	No 101	Jackie and Jerry

Congratulations to all winners!



### INFORMATION EVENT Wills and Powers of Attorney



Age UK Dorchester is holding an **Information Event** to de-mystify the subject of **Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney**.

If you wish to understand whether you need a Lasting Power of Attorney, and to make a Will, **Christine Butterfield, Senior Associate Solicitor at Battens, solicitors**, will be providing a talk on the subject on:

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 10am**  
at Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, DT1 1PW

No need to book ... just turn up



## CALLING ALL LOCAL CREATIVE TALENT!

We're always on the look out for photographs or artwork to grace the cover of the BVN. Forward electronic copies of images for submission, along with any queries about format resolution etc to the editor at [bridevalleynews@gmail.com](mailto:bridevalleynews@gmail.com). **A bounty of £10 will be paid for any cover image used**



## SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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# DIARY, FEBRUARY 2018

Thu	1	20.00	Bride Valley Films, Victoria & Abdul	LATCH
Fri	2	10.00	Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	2	19.30	Village Society - Dr P & M Long - "Children of Fiji"	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	3	19.00	Calais II Ceilidh	Village Hall, Portesham
Wed	7	19.30	Parish Council meeting	Reading Room, Burton
Wed	7	19.30	SG Village Hall Management Committee Meeting	Village Hall, Shipton
Fri	9	14.15	Tots and Pram Service	St Mary's, Burton
Tue	13	14.15	W.I. Cherry Barlow "Owls"	Village Hall, Burton
Wed	14	19.30	ALICE IN WONDERLAND	Village Hall, Burton
Thu	15	19.30	ALICE IN WONDERLAND	Village Hall, Burton
Fri	16	10.00	Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	16	14.30	ALICE IN WONDERLAND	Village Hall, Burton
Fri	16	19.30	ALICE IN WONDERLAND	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	17	TBC	Village Café by NCT	LATCH
Tue	20	13.00	PSWB Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	21	10.00	Coffee Stop hosted by the Village Society	Village Hall, Burton
Thu	22	19.30	Bride Valley WI AGM and Chocolate Quiz	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Fri	23	19.30	Burton Films "Going in Style"	Village Hall, Burton
Sat	24	10.00	Burton School Jumble Sale	United Church, Bridport
Mon	26	19.30	British Legion - Social	Bridport Golf Club

## March

Thu	1	20.00	Bride Valley Films, Going in Style	LATCH
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**VICTORIA @ ABDUL**  
**Thursday 1st**  
**February 7.30 for**  
**8.00pm LATCH**





## SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES FEBRUARY

	4 FEBRUARY 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	11 FEBRUARY SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY	18 FEBRUARY 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	25 FEBRUARY 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
<b>Burton Bradstock</b>	8.00 Holy Communion PR 10.30 Songs of Praise PR	8.00 Holy Communion visiting vicar	10.00 Holy Communion with ashing PR	9.30 Family Service MR  18.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion SB/SL  18.30 Evening Prayer JW
<b>Shipton Gorge</b>	11.00 Holy Communion SB			9.30 Holy Communion RR	11.00 Morning Worship YB
<b>Swyre</b>	18.30 Evening Prayer MR			11.00 Morning Worship JW	9.30 Holy Communion ET
<b>Puncknowle</b>	9.30 Holy Communion SL		18.00 Holy Communion with ashing SL	11.00 All age Holy Communion SB	9.30 Family Service RR
<b>Litton Cheney</b>	9.30 Morning Worship YB	16.00 United Valley Choral Evensong		9.30 Morning Prayer VT	9.30 Holy Communion SL
<b>Long Bredy</b>	11.00 Holy Communion SL			9.30 Morning Worship JW	
<b>Littlebredy</b>					11.00 Holy Communion ET