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Frances & Evie send Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to everyone.



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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy Chilcombe (dedication unknown)

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WEEKDAY SERVICES, DECEMBER 2018

Monday	3	9.00	Prayers – Long Bredy
Monday	3	10.00	Julian Prayer Group at Swyre
Tuesday	4	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock
Thursday	6	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Monday	10	9.00	Prayers – Long Bredy
Monday	10	9.00	Prayers - Swyre
Tuesday	11	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock
Thursday	13	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	17	9.00	Prayers – Long Bredy
Tuesday	18	9.00	Prayers – Burton Bradstock
Thursday	20	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

16 November 2018 Hugh Thomas Weymouth Crematorium

Weddings

17 November 2018 Peter Keatley & Emma Mason-Southgate St Mary's Burton Bradstock

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FROM THE RECTORY



Christmas Message



Isn't it a pain when a lightbulb blows and you are suddenly plunged into darkness?

More problematical is when a storm blows and the power cable breaks and everything goes off.

As all the Christmas lights sprout and multiply with ever growing popularity in people's gardens this month, I am reminded of when we were abroad and became used to living by candlelight because either the electricity had failed or got diverted to another area. I nostalgically recall how, whilst trying to read and write in the half light with Heather bravely cooking our Christmas dinner on a single burner Gaz camping stove, we heard a comforting voice in the street shouting "Erdhi drite" - "The light's come".

In BC 586, God's people, the Jews, found themselves in the darkness of exile in Iraq and later Iran. But before that ,God had given them this promise through Isaiah, one of his spokesmen. "Arise, shine, for your light has come, for the glory of the LORD rises upon you". That promise applied then, but also in the darkness of oppression under Roman rule nearly 600 years later.

Jesus not only declared "Light has come into the world" but literally embodied it.

Whatever the darkness you may have been through in the past, are going through now, or might go through in the coming days, remember the Christmas message in the babe of Bethlehem, later to be the Crucified King, who went through the darkness for us.

There is a shout, "Erdhi drite" - "The light's come"

At this Christmastime, come and celebrate with us throughout the valley the light that has come, and comes, in Jesus.

We might even sing, Shine on me.

And don't forget a torch - just in case!

Christmas greetings to you and yours.

Ryder

VALLEY NOTES

VALLEY LUNCHES

If you missed it on November 4, that's tough, because there is quite a long wait till the next one. However,

why not put the dates of the Valley Lunches for 2019 in your new diary right away, then you will not miss any of these delicious meals in excellent company.

God willing we shall feast on the following dates - March 3, May 5, July 7, and November 3.

For further details please contact **Cilla** (01308 898473) or **Heather** (01308 897780)

Healthy Homes Dorset

Warming up Dorset!

Do you struggle to keep your home warm or worry how you will afford your energy bills this winter? Contact Healthy Homes Dorset for free, impartial advice about keeping your home warm, using your heating system, understanding your energy bills and making energy saving improvements – if you're eligible for loft or cavity wall insulation it will be free! We will also register you for power cut support, a handy service to be on if you experience a power cut in your area. Our advice can be given through home visits as well as over the phone. Fire safety alarm and appliance checks can also be organised in partnership with Fire and Rescue for eligible residents. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from speaking to a trained energy advisor, then get in touch. Call 0300 003 7023 or email help@healthyhomesdorset.org.uk

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TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE - FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER

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 (usually) of each month at **2.15 pm**. It includes singing, activities, story time, refreshments and playtime. For more information about the tots events please contact either **Audrey** on **01308 897227** or **Heather** on **01308 897780**.

COFFEE MORNING Thursday 6 December



The Watchkeepers from NCI LYME BAY will be serving coffee, cakes and BACON BUTTIES on Thursday 6 December, in Burton Bradstock Village Hall, 10:00am to 13:00

Everyone welcome

Come and support the valuable work of NCI Lyme Bay.

The NCI's volunteer Watchkeepers are the *Eyes along the Coast* and play a vitally important role in assisting the Coastguard and the RNLI In addition to learning more about the work of the NCI and munching cakes and butties, there will be an opportunity to buy cakes to take away and a chance to win magnificent raffle prizes.

National Coastwatch Institution Registered Charity No. 1159975



West Gallery Carol Concert by the RIDGEWAY SINGERS & BAND

FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER 7.30 PM - ST JOHN'S, WEST BAY CHRISTMAS PAST & PRESENT

With their roots in the South Dorset Ridgeway and inspired by the rich sources of locally collected folk songs and West Gallery carols, the Ridgeway Singers and Band, led by Tim Laycock and Phil Humphries, have once again tuned their fiddles and voices to present a joyous celebration of Christmas past and present and of all things Dorset featuring traditional West Gallery Carols, local wassails, midwinter stories and sparkling instrumentals.

TICKETS £8,(£6 under 18) if available ON DOOR or in advance from 01305 262159

Seasonal Refreshments Available! www.ridgewaysingersandband.wordpress.com



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

At the last meeting of the Gardening Club for 2018, we had our long-awaited talk on Sweet Peas. Jim McDonald was forced to postpone his visit in March due to the snow, so we were pleased that he was able to share with us his extensive knowledge of growing these popular flowers. Many bought seeds to try their hand at emulating his prize-winning blooms. We closed our meeting with wine, mulled apple juice, cheese and biscuits.

Details of the new Gardening Club calendar of events, starting on Monday March 18 2019, will be published in the BVN next year.

Jobs to do during December and January

Finish clearing beds and cover bare soil with a layer of well-rotted compost or manure. Deep leaves will act as a moisture trap so clear them from woody stems, the crowns of herbaceous perennials and alpines and from perennials such as alliums, peonies and red hot pokers to ensure flowering next year. Clean pots, trays and plant supports with mild disinfectant; clean, oil and sharpen tools. In January sow chillies in a heated propagator. Sow early carrot varieties under fleece and plant new rhubarb crowns. Winter prune apples and pears, if not done earlier. Warm up the soil with cloches for early seed sowing. Continue to ensure that birds have food and water, especially in frozen conditions.

We would like to wish all our members and the readers of the Bride Valley News a very happy Christmas and a bountiful 2019

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 01308 898473



The November meeting of the Bride Valley WI introduced us all to the correct way to apply our make-up to INSPIRING WOMEN make the best impression for a special INSPIRING WOMEN



evening occasion. One of our members, Nancy Bowles used a live model to demonstrate techniques and advised on the different products available. There was plenty of lively discussion and Nancy was able to give us lots of tips on how we could make the most of our faces.

All those who wanted to have a go were given a chance to try out some of the techniques we had seen before the meeting ended. Definitely an interesting and different meeting.

Next month is our Christmas Meal and details will be forwarded to all members as soon as arrangements have been made.

New members to our WI are very welcome and the first meeting is free so you can come and meet us and get an idea what our WI is like and what activities we organise.

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Puncknowle Village Hall unless our activities take us out .

For further information please contact Nic Arundel on nicarudel@gmail.com or speak to any of the committee Debbie Legge, Christine Pacey, Meryl Edwards or Charlotte Kinghorn.

OBITUARY

Malcolm Campbell Murray BUSH of Old School House, Looke Lane, Puncknowle

27 Nov 1943 - 6 November 2018

It is with great sadness we report Malcolm's passing on Tuesday 6th November after a struggle to lead as normal a life as possible over the last year despite his incurable illness. Mercifully his final days were without pain.

Few people in Puncknowle and throughout the Bride Valley didn't know Malcolm. He lived in Old School House for well over 30 years and his contributions to village life are legion. He was an active supporter of many of the social and fund-raising events in the Crown Inn, the Village Hall, the White Horse in Litton and at other gatherings. For a number of years, he was our Father Christmas and will be sadly missed just for that alone. He was also the first person to be called on for delivering wonderful food at local outdoor events – barbeques being his speciality. Over the years, he supported the village football team, skittles and darts teams, organised trips abroad and contributed to many other private and public functions. Many of us also benefitted from his workmanship in our homes and businesses, not only with his electrical but other general maintenance skills.

A native of Hertfordshire, his first visit to West Dorset was as a child seeing his uncle and aunt who farmed at Ashley Chase. From that point, he absolutely loved Dorset and chose to settle here in his forties. Malcolm was a much-loved figure throughout the community and will be greatly missed – irreplaceable for many. His passing is mourned also by many of his good friends in Herts and elsewhere. Our condolences go to his grieving and beloved daughter, Michelle, son-in-law, lan, and grand-daughter, Sian.

His funeral took place on Friday 30 November at Weymouth Crematorium and donations received in his memory are being given to Macmillan and to Marie Curie Nurses.

Anthony Edwards



BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE



The BVCS is available to anyone living in any of the Bride Valley villages who is unable to drive themselves to get to medical appointments.

Volunteer drivers may be able to get you there.



Call Lesley (co-ordinator) on 01308-897695 to book. There is a charge for this service to cover costs.



LITTLEBREDY

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St Michael & All Angels

Harvest Thanksgiving - Sunday 28 October
Our two Church services since the last edition have both been memorable in their very different ways. The Church was most beautifully decorated for Harvest Thanksgiving on

October 28th, including the two mammoth prizewinning (at Melplash and Dorchester Shows) marrows grown by Charlie during the summer. After the service, the Harvest Supper was the customary happy and bucolic event, with contributions brought by many families for all to share. Thanks and congratulations to all who made that Sunday evening such an enjoyable success, but despite the embarrassment it may cause them, we must single out the enormous generosity shown to everyone by Brian and Ann Peppiatt in the Village Hall. Quite exceptional, and many thanks especially to them both.

Remembrance Sunday Service and Act of Remembrance Sunday 11 November

Ours was the only morning service at the east end of the valley, and James Webster led a most moving commemoration on the exact centenary of Armistice Day, attended by representatives of Litton Cheney and Longbredy, who read the names of their fallen as well as Littlebredy's at the War Memorial. The address was replaced by brief pen portraits of the Littlebredy dead, researched by Jim Armstrong and Tim Laycock and presented by the latter.

Four of our seven died aged under 20, and they had all been together at the Village School (now the Village Hall) only a few years before the First World War began (when incidentally there were 40 children in Littlebredy's School alone). Two members of the congregation had lost great-uncles, whose lives were briefly recalled by Tim. It was a sobering thought that we too had our "Pals' Battalion" without really being aware of it hitherto, though the young men later died in widespread locations. The text around the base of our War Memorial is taken from Ezekiel, chapter 34, verse 12, for anyone who wants to look it up, and it is a most appropriate verse in context – and in retrospect.

Tim and Angela were busy again that afternoon, organising a 'cottage ceilidh' of folk dance interspersed with songs and readings of WWI resonance in the Village Hall, which contributed nearly another £200 to the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal. For obvious reasons, the collection for poppies in the village is still sealed in the tin for the moment, so we don't know how much that was, but many thanks to all who bought poppies here and contributed.

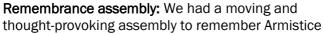
Carol Service - Sunday 16th December At Longbredy Church 10.00am

Turning to the future, the shared Carol Service later this month is in Long Bredy Church at 10.00am. on Sunday 16 December. Its technical definition is a 'Living Nativity Service – depending on the animals and their handlers', which sounds as if it is going to be fun. It certainly deserves good support from our village as well as theirs.

In return, we will host the shared service on Christmas Day:
Christmas Day Holy Communion - At St.Michaels's, Littlebredy 11.00am kindly to be led by a familiar visiting clergyman, The Rev. Edward Tildesley. Let us hope that too will be very well supported.

Wishing a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND 2019 to all villagers past and present, and anyone with any connection with Littlebredy in any way.

THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL



Day, joined by the local community.

The **Eggardon** children had researched the nine men from Litton Cheney who died in the First World War and spoke about them. **Litton and Chesil** made wreaths and **Bredy** made bunches of poppies which they presented in memory of the nine men. The children recited poems beautifully – 'The Soldier' by Rupert Brooke,



Thomas Hardy's 'Armistice' and one they wrote themselves - and sang hymns. At the end of the service, Eggardon walked up to church carrying the crosses, one for each of the nine. There are lots of pictures on the school website – please do have a look. Full report attached written by the Governors.

Sport: The whole school is enjoying 6 weeks of **archery** coaching. Our football team played the first round of **Kenway Cup matches**. The children played brilliantly but, sadly, we lost. We took part in the **Colmer's Hill Run**. One of our children came 9th and another 11th; we were 6th overall – brilliant!

The **Ethos Council** performed 'In the Beginning' to demonstrate the value of creation and creativity.



The classes have been doing some very creative work – such as leaf art in the Discovery Area by Eggardon!

TSA News: This term's 100 club winners are:

1st - Jamie Miller - £25

2nd - Jane Hutchins - £12













ARMISTICE DAY COMMEMORATION ASSEMBLY A Report by the Governors



On Friday 9th November 2018, the School held a special Assembly to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the ending of the 1914 – 1918 War and in particular to remember the nine men from Litton Cheney who gave their lives. Their names are recorded on the War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard. In the weeks leading up to the Assembly the children had been very busy making poppies and wreaths from soft drink bottles, tissue paper and other suitably coloured materials, and learning new hymns and poems appropriate to the occasion. They had also been researching to find out as much as they could about the nine who died; who they were, where they lived, where they went to School, where they worked, where they fought and where they died.

In parallel with the work being done in the School, people from the wider Village community had put together an exhibition to mark the occasion. As part of this, nine wooden crosses had been made, one for each of the men who died. The crosses were to be dedicated during the Assembly, before being placed in the exhibition together with other memorabilia, some of which was provided by the School. The poppies and wreaths used in the Assembly were also to be part of the exhibition, which would remain in place until the Saturday afternoon. On Sunday (Armistice Day) the crosses would be taken into the Church. Following an informal ceremony at the War Memorial, which would be preceded by muffled ringing of the Church Bells, the "last Post" and two minutes silence at 11:00, the names of the nine would be read out; the bells rung unmuffled and the crosses taken into the Church where they would remain.

The Reverend Philip Ringer led the Assembly and Mr Paul Cheater provided the musical accompaniment.

The Assembly was very well attended by parents, relatives and members of the village community who wanted to join in the commemoration; about 60 people in total. This was a very special occasion, as evidenced by the positive feedback received from many of those who attended.

THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly began with a welcome to all present from the Chair of Governors who explained that the service would be based on the 9 Litton men named on the War Memorial. She said that Eggardon pupils had become increasingly engrossed in the men's stories as they realised that they had known the village, some had attended the school and some had rung the bells as they can do at school services in Church. She then invited

a pupil to light the altar candle after which he led the responses 'The Lord is Here' with the response 'His spirit is with us'.

The Reverend Ringer then gave an address in which he stressed the enormity of the loss of, and damage to, human lives as a result of the conflict. Those lives can never be replaced or repaired but they can be remembered and that was the purpose of the Assembly. He mentioned that eight million horses and countless mules and donkeys had also died in the war. They too should be remembered.

After the address, the "Last Post" bugle call was played over the Hall sound system and this was followed by a One Minute's Silence. There was total silence – not a cough, shuffle or murmur.

Nine of the younger pupils were given a cross to hold while the Reverend Ringer said a few words of dedication. The crosses were then placed along the front of the stage either side of a large wooden cross that was decorated with 9 simple paper poppies.

Year 6 pupils from Eggardon then told us, one by one, a bit more of what they had found out about each of the "nine men of Litton" who had given their lives. These were ordinary people who in several cases had carried out extraordinary acts of bravery. Some of them were very young. After each of the nine had been named, a poppy wreath was placed at the foot of the stage, below the crosses, by a member of Chesil. These were supplemented by paper wreaths made by Litton and bunches of tissue paper poppies made by Bredy. The end result was a sea of red poppies, all hand made by the children from a variety of materials. Fledglings had also made large poppy flowers that adorned the screen behind the large cross.

Year five pupils then took turns in reciting the following words: -

They played in the lanes we play in now They sat in the classrooms we sit in now They worked on the farms we work on now They gazed at the views we gaze at now They sat in the pews we sit in now They rang the bells we ring now

Once they lived the lives we live now.

AMEN.

Several people said afterwards that they had found these to be particularly moving.

There followed a verse from Thomas Hardy's poem "And There Was a Great Calm" on the signing of the Armistice, 11 November 1918. The final line of the verse is: -

"And the pensive Spirit of Pity whispered, "Why?""

The dedication of the crosses, the tributes to the nine men of Litton and the poems and poppies were followed by the School hymn "When a Knight won his Spurs."

A pupil then recited the first verse of Rupert Brooke's "The Soldier" which starts: -

"If I should die think only this of me".

He had learnt the verse by heart and it was delivered in a loud clear voice and without stumbling.

The final hymn was "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past" after which a pupil extinguished the candle with the responses.

Finally, everyone stood to sing the National Anthem.

After the service had finished, members of Eggardon class, accompanied by their class teacher Mr Sitch, the Chair and Vice Chair of Governors and some parents, carried the large and small crosses up to church. They looked at the names around the memorial, placed the individually named crosses at its base and took the large cross inside the church where it remains. After looking at some of the relevant graves in the graveyard, they returned to school taking the individual crosses with them for display in the exhibition.

It is difficult to put into words how moving and meaningful this Assembly was. The children had obviously worked very hard in preparation for it and on the day they certainly delivered. The singing of the hymns and the reciting of the poems were absolutely lovely; the pupils' delivery was dignified and moving throughout. It was certainly a real History lesson. All those involved should be very proud of themselves. Well done.

There were many photo opportunities at the Assembly and at the Church afterwards and the best of these can be viewed on the School website.









BURTON BRADSTOCK CE SCHOOL

We enjoyed our visit to the Remembrance Day coffee morning at the Village Hall this half term, where the children were presented with certificates for taking part in the Poppy Day Poster Competition. I would like to say 'thank you' for the



warm welcome we received – it is always lovely for the children to meet our local community. As I write this report, the children are busy planning and preparing for hosting the Coffee Stop at the village hall on the

21 November. We are very much looking forward to it.

Foundation Stage Unit

We are very excited to be opening a **Nursery** within the school as part of our Early Years class in January 2019. With such small reception classes, the addition of pre-school children will enhance what we already deliver. In the initial stages, children will be able to attend the unit in the term following their fourth birthday. However, our admissions policy for the year after would enable parents to register for their child to start in the term following their third birthday. If you are interested in finding out more, please do get in touch with the school.

Competitions

As well as concentrating on their studies, the children have also been getting involved in sporting and art competitions. We were delighted to welcome two members of the **Round Table** into school when they came to announce that **Georgia, in Year 6**, had won their design in a firework poster competition.

Our children have also had successes in their sporting endeavours this

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term. Our football team had a successful first round of the **Kenway Cup** with two wins against Thorners and Salway Ash and a draw against St Mary's. We are now looking forward to the next

round. We also had fifteen runners compete in the Colmer's Hill Cross Country Run where our

Country Run wh boys came in fifth and the girls were third.

Quiz Night

We thank Hannah and Jaap from the

Three Horseshoes for organising and running the

Quiz Night in aid of the school. Thanks also to the villagers and locals who turned out for the quiz and for supporting the school. Not only was it a fun night, but the school was given a very generous cheque for £500.

Friends of the School

The Friends have had a tremendous start to the year with their fundraising, having raised over £1700 so far this term! This has been due to the sponsored swimathon, the cake sale, the 100 Club and the quiz at the Three Horseshoes.

Christmas Events

We are already preparing for the festive activities that will soon be upon us. We hope that you will be able to join us at some of our Christmas services this year which include: .

Saturday 1 December from 10am-12noon: our Christmas Fayre at the School.

Friday 7 December at 2.45pm: the Christingle Service in St Mary's Church Tuesday 18 December: our Nativity and Lessons and Carols at the Church. Friday 21 December: our Carols around the Tree.

We will also have a decorated tree at the **United Church Christmas Tree Festival** again this year, so please drop in during the Christmas Cheer week and see the tree.

The staff and children of the school wish you a very peaceful festive season.

Claire Staple, Headteacher

LITTON CHENEY

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

There will be no morning service here on Sunday 2 December as we shall be holding an Advent Sunday Evensong at 6.30pm when the choir will be performing special music for the season.

Sunday 16 December 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight followed by mulled wine and mince pies. (No morning service that day.)

Monday 24 December 4.00pm Crib Service at **4.00pm** will make a lovely start to Christmas for all the family,

Midnight Communion Service on Christmas Eve will start at 11.30 p.m.

Light up the Church this Christmastide

For a donation of only £5 you can floodlight the Church for an evening over the Christmas and New Year period, either to remember a loved one or to celebrate an anniversary or event. Please contact **Freddie Spicer** on 01308 482617.

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Litton Cheney Parish Council wishes all residents of the Bride Valley a very happy Christmas and joyful New Year.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8 January 2019.

Parish Council Elections

If you would like to play a part in the life of your village as a parish councillor we would be delighted to hear from you. There will be elections in May 2019 so now is the time to start considering your options (please). To find out more, contact the Parish Clerk, Maggie Walsh, or a present parish councillor – contact details for all can be found on the Litton Cheney website www.littoncheney.org,

WW1 ARMISTICE ANNIVERSARY - Litton Remembered - Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed to the 100 Years WW1 Armistice Anniversary. In particular the utmost praise must be directed towards David Hearn and Paul Kingston for their work in documenting the life and times of the fallen of Litton, and of those they left behind, and to Russell Randall for the magnificent nine wooden crosses of Bride Valley oak that now dwell in St Mary's church.

To the school children and staff of Thorner's School, who hosted the village at their Remembrance Assembly, with the children telling us all about our Litton Nine who sadly never made it home, a huge Bravo Zulu (Naval signal for Very Well Done!). Our thanks also to the Rev. Philip Ringer for conducting the service, Paul Cheater for adding musical gravitas to our singing, and School Governor John Vercoe for acting as the go-between. This was a wonderful example of the village school interacting with the village community where one really could say we were all singing from the same hymn sheet.

Grateful thanks should also be passed to those who contributed memorabilia for the exhibition which was much appreciated by the many who came, saw and admired the display, all of which had a direct connection with Litton Cheney.

Huge thanks to **Peter & Jaemie at The White Horse** for a great evening. The White Horse did indeed remember. Yet another occasion of the village coming together as one, and yet in amongst a hugely hospitable evening there were poignant moments when we remembered why we were there. **Quizmaster Steve** – that was some quiz!

Thank you to the forty villagers and visitors who attended the gathering around the **War Memorial** at St Mary's Church, and to the **Litton Bell-ringers** for completing the circle with muffled ringing before and joyful ringing after the two minutes silence on Remembrance Sunday, signifying that 100 years ago on the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, and the eleventh month in 1918, peace once again thankfully reigned. Well done, Litton Cheney – you remembered!

A final thought – This Remembrance occasion has been predominantly about those who never returned to our green and pleasant land after the war. We should also remember and give thanks to those who bravely performed their duty in defence of their country who did survive and were able to return home and continue with their lives. For them and for many others however life would never be the same again.

EVENTS AT LATCH FOR December

Monday evenings: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts (Term dates)

Tuesdays: Short Mat Bowls 4.00 pm. Wednesdays: Table Tennis 4.00 pm.

Yoga 6.00 p.m. - 9.00 pm. (5 & 12 December)

Thursdays: First Steps Toddler Group 10.00 am. - 11.30 am.

(Term dates)

Fridays: Yoga 10.00 am. - 11.30 am (7 & 14 December)

Thursday 6 December: Film Night

The Greatest Showman starts 8.00 p.m. - see details below.

Saturday 8 December

Village Café and Table Tennisthon at 3.00 pm, in aid of Weldmar

Sunday 9 December

Christmas Fair

Afternoon TSA Christmas Fair

Sunday 16 December

Yoga with Nadiya Wynn, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm.

Wednesday 19 December

School production at 6.30pm

BRIDE VALLEY NEWS DELIVERY, LITTON CHENEY

Your Village Needs You!

Do you have a spare hour or two at the end of each month? Would you be willing to use that time to deliver this magazine to parts of the village?

Some of the existing deliverers wish to stand down after some years. The job involves receiving a telephone call to collect your bundle from **Court House** and deliver to your appointed patch – not too onerous and it gets you out and about and is a vital part of the BVN production line. If you can help please contact **Freddie Spicer** on 01308 482617.

LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING Thursday 13 December Friday 14 December

Village Carol Singing led by the Church Choir will take place on December 13th and 14th, starting at 6.30 pm from the Triangle. East end on Thursday evening, West end and Main Street on Friday evening, ending at The White Horse. Do come and join in the festive spirit.

The collecting cans have been modified (thanks Chris) to take fivers and tenners, you will all be pleased to know! If you cannot come along then listen for the door bell ringing and help support **Julia's House** - please.

Happy Christmas To Everyone From The Social Committee. Ron Davidson LCSC 482661

SPECIAL VILLAGE CAFE Saturday 8 December LATCH 10.00am to 4.15pm.



This is a **Special Village Cafe** in aid of **WELDMAR Hospicecare**. There will be the usual great breakfast, run by the **BRIDE VALLEY SCOUTS**, a stall featuring **WELDMAR Christmas cards** and wrapping paper, and for the first time a **TABLE TENNISTHON**.



The Litton Table Tennis group meet at LATCH every Wednesday afternoon. We are a friendly group of mixed ability, very keen, growing steadily and now have 3 tables. We have invited the Puncknowle Table Tennis group to come and compete as part of the fundraising **TABLE TENNISTHON**.

The aim is to play continuously for 365 minutes and 485 seconds i.e. from 10am to 4.15pm. Sponsorship is invited for each minute of play at £1.00 per minute and 25p for each of the 485 seconds of play. We also invite everyone to have a go for as long as you can. Bats will be provided so no need to visit the loft!!

Do come along, hone your skills and donate to a very good local cause which helps so many local people.



BRIDE VALLEY FILMS



Bride Valley Films are shown **at** Litton Cheney Community Hall.

Please note - films at Litton are always on THURSDAYS.

Thursday 6 December 7.30pm for 8pm

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

'phenomenal'

Hugh Jackman leads an all-star cast in this bold and original musical filled with infectious showstopping performances. Inspired by the story of P.T. Barnum and celebrating the birth of show business; the film follows the visionary who rose from nothing to create a mesmerising spectacle. This inspirational film also stars **Zac Efron, Michelle Williams, Rebecca Ferguson** and **Zendaya**. **Cert.PG 1.5hrs**.

Thursday 31 January 7.30pm for 8pm

THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY 'a compelling romantic drama'

Based on the best-selling novel, **Lily James** plays free-spirited writer Juliet Ashton, who forms a life-changing bond with the eccentric **Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society** when she decides to write about the book club they formed during the occupation of Guernsey during WWII. Also starring **Michiel Huisman**, **Glen Powell**, **Jessica Brown Findlay**, **Katherine Parkinson**, **Matthew Goode**, **Tom Courtenay** and **Penelope Wilton**. Cert.12 2hrs

Tickets: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine) Doors open at 7.30pm. Film starts 8.00pm

Tickets in advance from: **Sally Dyke** on 01308 482752, **Elizabeth Kingston** on 01308 482162, **Bella Spurrier** on 01308482367 or on the door.

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

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28 February, 4 April, 2 May and (provisionally) 30 May Look out for further details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE Christmas Day Service in St Mary's at 11am

CAROLS IN THE CROWN

Friday 21 December 7.30-8.30pm

We will be singing carols in the warm and festive surroundings of our village pub in aid of ALABARE from 7.30-8.30. Do come and join us for a great evening.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 9 December 5pm

In this Carol Service we will hear the Christmas story and the children will assemble the crib. Do come and join us and

stay for mince pies and mulled wine.

AN INVITATION TO CHRISTMAS TEA Sunday 9 December 2.30-4.30pm

Do please come and join in a special Christmas tea in the Hall at Puncknowle on **Sunday 9 December** from 2.30 to 4.30pm. No entrance fee, no charge for tea, sandwiches and cakes - just a chance for a get together and a chat before a candle lit walk to the church for the Carol Service, followed by mulled wine and mince pies, for those who wish. For those who would like to join in the Carol Service and find the Church steps difficult, the back entrance will be open and you will be shown the way. **The Fair Trade Stall** will be in the hall, plus a stall with local cakes etc. for sale and maybe a raffle. All and sundry are very welcome - so please do come along - make a note of this in your diary and help to make this a fun occasion.

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

Many thanks to **Philippa** for giving us a workshop on cubism. Members produced a variety of fascinating work from a few simple objects. Thank you to **Jennifer** for a fun filled workshop on cartoons of people and animals.

Wednesday 7 December is our Mince Pie morning at The Crown. Wednesday 14 December is our Christmas Party in Puncknowle Village Hall.

We are sorry to report that our much valued member **Dr Sue Eden** has passed away. She was a wonderful artist, potter, naturalist and author who wrote a very well researched book on dormice. Many of these she nursed in special boxes in her garden. We will all miss her.

Christine Molony

Day	Date	Time	Description	Venue
Tues	4	5.30pm	Yoga	Village Hall Puncknowle
Fri	7		Art Club	The Crown
Sun	9	2.30pm	Christmas Tea	Village Hall Puncknowle
		5pm	Carol Service	St Mary's
Tues	11	5.30pm	Yoga	Village Hall Puncknowle
Fri	14	11am	Art Club	Village Hall Puncknowle
Tues	25	11 am	Christmas Day	St Mary's
			Service	



Holy Trinity Church Swyre

COFFEE MORNING
Sat 1 December - 10.30-12.30

Raffle, Produce and
Lighting of First Advent Candle
In Aid of Dorset Historic Churches Trust



Donations of produce and raffle prizes Gratefully received at No4 Green Barton

Holy Trinity Church Swyre
Come and see our newly decorated church
On Saturday 8 December 2.30pm
Concert of Organ and Harp Music



Followed by Tea and Mince Pies



Contributions towards the works will be gratefully received

LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: SUSAN DYER

TEL: 482882





LONG BREDY 100 CLUB OCTOBER 2018 DRAW

£25 no. 109 June Clewlow £15 no. 46 Phyllis Warren £5 no. 3 David & Ruth Cullingford

Drawn on 27/10/2018
At 11 The Gardens by Kate, David and Ruth

A OUIZ FOR CHRISTMAS

Long Bredy Cryptic Christmas Quiz is out. The theme this year is 'In The Kitchen'.

The quiz is available in local pubs and the Bridport Information Centre, or please contact caddysitwell@gmail.com

£1 entry gives you a chance to win £20.00 as a prize - raising money for repairs and maintenance of village amenities.

Fifty clues are waiting for flashes of inspiration while you cook! Have a go.

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 1 December

There will be a Christmas coffee morning on December 1st in the Village Hall from 10.30 till 12.30, to include a produce stall, refreshments, raffle and some plants. Proceeds will be for all the village amenities.

CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 16 December

The carol service will be held at **St Peter's Church** on **Sunday 16 December** and, like the very popular service two years ago, will take the form of a Living Nativity. The service will start at around 10.00 am. Animals, 'actors' and congregation met and mingled outside the church before the service and then moved into church for the service. If you missed this last time, this is another opportunity to enjoy a slightly different carol service. The collection from the service will go to the local charity The Horse Course, which was featured in the BVN earlier this year. The charity works with horses to help vulnerable children, prisoners, those suffering from PTSD and others in need of help.

If you would like to donate but are unable to attend the carol service, please go to the website www.thehorsecourse.org. This has a BT donate button or send a cheque payable to The Horse Course, at: HQ, Top Yard, Littlemead, Weymouth DT3 5DL

St Peter's Ringers

The bellringers of St Peter's Church rang the bells half muffled to commemorate the 100 years anniversary of WW1 and for all those who have lost their lives during the wars. This was followed at 11.02am by the tenor being tolled 100 times.



Royal British Legion - Bride Valley Branch



We would like to thank everyone for their support during the last year and wish them

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY 2019

SOCIAL EVENINGS

As usual, there is no Social Meeting in December and details of any further meetings will be announced in the January BVN. We welcome additional new members, not just those who have served in the Armed Forces.

If you are interested please ring Hazel Dalgleish, Secretary, on 01308 897894.

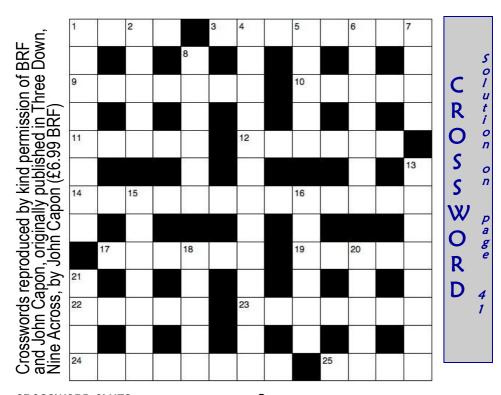
URGENT

New Officers Needed



As noted last month, the Branch may have to close due to the shortage of Officers. If anyone feels able to help to save the Branch, please contact the Secretary as above.





CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 'How long will you your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)
- 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the he bore' (Hebrews 13:13) (8)
- 9 Posh sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)
- 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)
- 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)
- 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)
- 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
- 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)
- 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3.2)
- 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
- 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)
- 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)
- 25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

Down

- 1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with --' (Numbers 20:11) (3.5)
- 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "— murder" (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)
- 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)
- 5 'We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5)
- 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)
- 7 'My yoke is and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)
- 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)
- 13 'O Lord, you have me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)
- 15 ' to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)
- 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)
- 18 'Then he said to Thomas, "— out your hand and put it into my side" (John 20:27) (5)
- 20 'God has said, " will I leave you; will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5) (5)
- 21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)

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SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH SPONSORSHIP FOR ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHTS

Suddenly it's December and we are looking forward to Christmas and this joyful Christian festival. Visitors and residents alike are able to enjoy the warming sight of St Martin's Church glowing across the village when they venture out into these winter evenings, thanks to our

sponsors for this month:

Jessica Robertshaw for Advent

Jill & David Curtis in memory of her Mum and Dad at Christmas time.
Chris and Robert remembering Geoff & Betty Shepherd.
Ann Jones of Polyzoa in memory of Mollies 99th birthday.
Steve Larcome in memory of his Mother's birthday.
Hillary & Richard for Hillary's New Year's Eve birthday.

Thank you also to our generous sponsors who prefer to remain anonymous. Happy Christmas everyone!

If you would like to light up St Martin's for a special occasion or a fond memory, a donation of £5 is much appreciated. You can contact me, **Phyl Webster** on **01308 898657**.

Should you want your occasion mentioned in the BVN for the appropriate month, please let me know in good time. You will find the submission date just inside the magazine. Our sponsor's names are also posted in the church porch.

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to **Hazel Coulter** and her team for the beautiful displays of flowers and produce for Harvest Festival. The work you do throughout the year is much appreciated.

CAROL SERVICE Sunday 16 December 5pm

This all-age service will be held on Sunday 16 December at 5pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. The Church will be decorated for Christmas and the service candle lit, with traditional carols and readings.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 11am

with Holy Communion

A joint occasion with St Mary's, Burton Bradstock. We welcome the new **Archdeacon of Sherborne, Reverend Penny Sayer** who will be ministering.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Reminder to Register before AGM

Our Church Electoral Roll has to be updated every six years and we need to do this in time for our **AGM in February 2019**.

It is important that people register for this so that we all have a say in what happens at our lovely church.

Anyone wishing to enrol please get in touch with **Linda Buck** on **01308 898278.**

PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 9 January

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall and as usual everyone is most welcome to attend.

Wednesday 16 January

CPR & Defibrillator Training Session

Remember that if you want to attend our CPR & Defibrillator Training Session in January, to book you place with Tony Mallett on 01308 898701 or email him at mailett.01308@gmail.com It is being held on the evening of Wednesday 16 January but is limited to 25 people so don't miss out! The course is free to attend, although donations to cover the cost of the training will be appreciated.

We wish all parishioners a very Happy Christmas and a marvellous New Year.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Upcoming Events

Christmas starts in Shipton Gorge – 6 December

09:30 - Christmas Shopping Bus Trip to Exeter leaves the New Inn

16:00 - Bus collects Shoppers to return to Shipton Gorge

18:00 - Performance by the Symonsbury Mummers @ St Martin's Church

19:30 - Ceremonial Lighting of the Christmas Tree announced by John the Town Crier @ The New Inn (mince pies)

20:30 - Tony Sangrose plays Christmas Carols on the Saxophone Trip tickets are £12 from Sally 897168 Everything else is courtesy of the Village Society and New Inn Support Ltd.

THE VILLAGE SOCIETY AND NEW INN SUPPORT are looking for contestants to compete in the Winter Cooking Competition. If you are interested contact Jason, Chris or Ashley.

Don't forget – there's still time to prepare and mature your entries for the Village Pickle Competion to be held at the New Inn on 19 January. Categories will include Onions, Chutney & Beetroot.

Reviews and Thanks SIMON CLEVELAND'S BIG AUTUMN QUIZ

59 of Shipton's finest quizzers in 10 teams turned out for Simon's Big Autumn Quiz on 15 September which he kindly sponsored himself. Top Honours went to The Rock of Ages with 158 points followed by Jean Thorn's team in a creditable Silver Medal position with 150 and a tie for third between team Haydon and team Huxtable. Long's fish and chips were appreciated by all. It's a Big Thank You to Simon who has turned this into one of our Crown Jewel Events.

ERECTORS, FRIENDS & GOOD EGGS

Erectors, Friends and Good Eggs old and new turned out for our review of the year. Following the Newbies (Tony Rogers & Howard Marshall) initiation ceremony a towing instruction manual was presented to Tony Jones, an Ultra Safe insurance policy to Tony Lock, Graham Garner was appointed Commander Pot Noodle and the Wooden Peg awarded, yet again, to Tim Richardson! Ed Buck was given a bottle from his Erector friends as he's given up administering Marquee bookings.

The highlight of the evening was the Investiture of 2 new Good Eggs for their work on our behalf. Eileen Heaver and John Kent richly deserved their award and are now established in the Shipton Gorge Good Egg Hall of Fame along with Linda Buck and Big Bob Ayers. Well done!

HALLOWEEN NIGHT at THE NEW INN

Largest Pumpkin - Bob Ayers 12.27 Kg

Largest Marrow - John Kent 5 Kg

These Good Eggs now hold the Order of The Halloween Skull Best Pumpkin Lantern - Jess Hardie

THANK YOU to all those who supported my talk about my time with the Commonwealth War Grave Commission given on behalf of West Dorset Mencap especially John Kent (raffle), Big Bob (equipment), Simon (reading of The Soldier) and Graham (fleecing people at the door). We raised £246!

Chris Griffiths-Hardman

VILLAGE HALL TRUST

The Village Hall Trust would like to extend a big "thank you" to Doris Benselin who has retired as a Trustee after helping run the hall for the best part of 30 years, most recently as our bookings manager. Doris has been the main point of contact for individuals and groups wanting to hire the hall or book tickets for events staged by the Trust and will be greatly missed.

Graham Garner (01308 897357; g.garner111@btinternet.com <mailto:g.garner111@btinternet.com>) has kindly offered to take over managing bookings and is waiting for your calls! With Doris leaving us we have a vacancy for a Hall Trustee. If you live in the village are interested in joining us, please contact me (01308 898701) or one of the other committee members (details on the village website) for further information. Tony Mallett

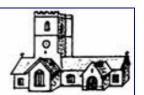
SG VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB RESULTS for November 2018

£25 No 65 Pam Jenkins £10 No 118 Verity Grisedall £5 No 89 Stephen Symes

Congratulations to all the winners

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Church

You will note that we have a new Village Correspondent and all his details are set out above. On behalf of St Mary's Church, and I am sure that I can speak for all the other organisations in, and the population of, the village, can I record our very grateful thanks to lan Wigglesworth for carrying out this role so efficiently for the last five years. He has done an excellent job, gently reminding and encouraging contributors to get their pieces in on time and making sure that they reach the Editor before the deadline. Thank you lan.

Peter Broomhead



ST MARY'S CHURCH Advent and Christmas



Sunday 2 December at 10.30am

Our special **Songs of Praise service for Advent** will be led by **Revd Philip Ringer.** The service starts at 10.30 am and lasts around one hour. All residents and visitors are warmly invited to join us and stay for refreshments afterwards.

The Village Carol Service is on Sunday 16 December at 6.30 pm.

Sunday 6 January

Our Songs of Praise service for Epiphany will be led by Yvonne Buckland.

Come and join us for these inspiring services

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL TRUST

For Hall bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré on 01308 897648

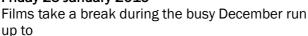
Coffee Stop Mornings Wednesday 12 December

The regular 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 event is on Wednesday 12 Dec from 10.00am until midday, and is organised by St Mary's Church.

Burton Bradstock Films



Friday 25 January 2019





Christmas and will be returning to the Village Hall in January 2019 with **THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY** - a film based on the 2008 bestselling novel of the same name.

Starring **Lily James** as Juliet, a charismatic writer whose curiosity is aroused when she receives a letter from a mysterious literary club in Guernsey. She decides to visit and meets the delightfully eccentric members of the Society and forms an unexpected bond with the residents as the secrets of their

wartime past unfold. Both her growing attachment to the island and the book club change her life for ever.

This film will be shown by Bride Valley Films on Thursday 31 January 2019

CHRISTMAS MARKET & COFFEE MORNING Saturday 8 December

This year's Christmas Market in the Hall will be on Saturday 8 December, fom 10:00am to 12:30. Entry £1 for adults, children under 16 free. The hall will open at 9am for Vendors to set up.

Coffee, Tea, Biscuits and Cakes will be available to purchase.

The market sells a wide variety of mostly Christmas related crafts, sweet and gift products, so please come and do some of your Christmas shopping and have a coffee and a chat at the same time. You may even win a reindeer in the raffle.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Saturday 15 December

The hugely popular, light hearted Village Quiz is on Saturday 15 December, commencing at 7.30pm,with quiz questions arranged by **Sue Brown**, supported by **Bryan**. In a festive Christmas atmosphere there will be a reasonably priced bar, raffle, prizes for teams doing well (and badly), plus supper in the interval. This fun event is ticket only and is always sold out, so get your tickets early.

Tickets: Tickets are on sale at the **Post Office** now, price £7:50 each which includes supper. All are welcome, villagers, locals and visitors; in teams of 8, or as small groups and individuals who will be put into a team.

Booking: To book a table for a team of 8; or a vegetarian meal (essential if you want one); or to request being added to a team, please call or email **Richard Ferré**, contact details below. Alternatively, providing you have a ticket, you will be placed in a team on the night.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.

Contact: rwferre99@gmail.com or tel 01308 897648.

HALL CARETAKER VACANCY

The Hall is looking for someone to fill the paid role of **Hall Caretaker**. Duties involve ensuring equipment required by users is available in the Hall, routine maintenance and safety checks, putting bins out and generally keeping the Hall exterior tidy (interior cleaning is not part of the duty). Typically, it assumes about 4 hours activity a week, but on the basis of short visits several times a week, so a Village-based person would find it easier, providing they are able to move tables and chairs around. Anyone interested

should contact the **Trust Chairman, Richard Ferré** for more information. His contact details are below.

Contact: rwferre99@gmail.com or tel 01308 897648.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club" November 2018 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£37.80	No 118	Mrs Pat Raven
2nd	£18.90	No 95	Mrs Mary Ibbotson
3rd	£ 9.45	No 135	Mrs Audrey Smith

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the December 2018 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have $\pounds 1$ – one pound for the remaining draw in December for which there are double prizes.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Friday 7 December

Unfortunately Nick Thomas has had to cancel, so in a change to our Programming, our December talk will be by **Christine Mcfadden**, otherwise known as **The Dorset Foodie**. Her talk will be on 'My Life In Food'. Christine is a well-established food writer and cookery teacher, well-known for her inspiring cookbooks and magazine articles. She has been involved with food one way or another for the past twenty-five years.

Christine writes a lively blog that reflects her current food-related enthusiasms - from seasonal food and local food producers to cooking tools, food markets and gastro-travel. She also works as a professional recipe developer for food producers and publishers, and is a volunteer judge for the **Taste of the West Awards** and the **Great Taste Awards**. You can find out more on her website [www.thedorsetfoodie.co.uk]

Come along and set your taste buds alight listening to a professional talking about her love for food in all its guises.

Tickets: Members pay just £1 on the door; guests/non-members £4.

Saturday 20 July 2019

Please note another change to our programme for 2019: the date of the **Burton Bradstock Village Society Annual Flower and Produce Show** has changed from Saturday July 13 2019 to Saturday July 20 2019.

Start to get your cameras clicking - the subjects for the two Photographic Classes will be 'People at Work' and 'Windows of Burton Bradstock'.

BURTON BRADSTOCK WI

The last few weeks have been as busy as ever for Burton Bradstock WI. On 18 October a group of us INSPIRING WOMEN went to the Dorset Federation Annual Meeting at



The Lighthouse in Poole. It was an early start by coach from Bridport but a most enjoyable day. After all the

formal reports we settled down to hear a talk about Pearls, which turned out to be not only informative but extremely hilarious! This was followed in the afternoon by **Nancy Birtwhistle**, a past winner of the Great British Bake Off, who gave an equally amusing talk and insight into just what those contestants have to go through! A great day out.

Our **Skittles Team** have played more games this month, and whilst still not quite winning yet, have thoroughly enjoyed the friendships (and the food!) that these evenings provide.

Now on to the **County Quiz**.....well, we didn't win but neither did we disgrace ourselves. We were delighted to get full marks for the first round but after that there were a few of those tricky questions that you just can't quite remember the answers to! Oh well, we did enjoy the evening and will start swatting up for next year!

The **Walking Group** walked from Abbotsbury to Portesham for coffee and then back to Abbotsbury for lunch - an extremely sensible way to spend the day!

On the subject of food, we had the first outing of our newly formed **Lunch Club** in October and 15 of us enjoyed a delicious meal and jovial company at The Three Horseshoes in the village

I am also pleased to report that our Early Christmas Coffee Morning at the beginning of November was very well attended and made just over $\pounds 500$ for our funds.

Finally our busy knitters managed over 40 poppies which were safely tied on to the netting for the River of Poppies on Colmers Hill for Remembrance Day. We have been informed that after the display they will be cleaned and sold next year for the British Legion funds. Well done knitters (and crocheters)

In December we are looking forward to our **Christmas Party** with entertainment from **Vera Hughes and David Weller**, as well as the **District Carol Service** and Christmas meal out at **Bridport Golf Club**.

Merry Christmas to all.

Do come and join us: in Winter we meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall at 2.15pm (7.30pm during the Summer). We have a full programme of speakers throughout the year, plus outings, theatre trips, meals out, reading, walking and activity groups, card players and Mah Jong, not forgetting our new indoor kurling group. Something for everyone! For further information please contact: Janet Pearson on 01308 898346

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL BURTON BRADSTOCK COMMUNITY LAND TRUST LTD [CLT]

The CLT continues to progress, following its incorporation with the formation of a Board of Directors all of whom are long term village residents with a passion for the provision of affordable homes within the Parish. They are namely **David Dixon** (Chairman), **Andrew Bailey, Mike Green, Anne King, Elaine Crooke and Darren Batten**. The Board will be dealing with governance and administration issues and will operate alongside the existing Steering Group who will continue working to identify a suitable and available site in the Parish.

IMPORTANT DATE:

Thursday 6 December

An Open Meeting will be held on Thursday 6 December at 7. 30pm in The Village Hall.

All are welcome and there will be an update on the progress so far and an explanation of how the Trust will progress towards the ultimate goal of providing affordable homes in the Village. Membership of the Trust will also be explained and Application Forms are available from the Secretary,

Andrew Bailey,

telephone: 07778 261796

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)

I would like to thank everyone for supporting the **Library Ploughman's Lunch** fund raising event, especially all the people behind the scenes, who work so hard to make it such an enjoyable event.

Christmas Cards for 2018

(illustrated on the right) plus a selection of cards from previous years are available to buy in the Library and in both pubs in the village.

Saturday 8 December

The cards will also be on sale at the Christmas Market on Saturday 8 December in Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

Buy a Ticket, £1 each, at Village Post Office & Farm Shop for a chance to win the original water colour: 'Special Delivery' by James Webster.

Saturday 15 December Coffee in the Library

You are invited to join us for a coffee in the Library on **Saturday 15 December,** from 10.15am. The winner of James Webster's picture will be announced at 11.30am.

The library will be decorated for Christmas during December with many thanks to **Andrea Wilkinson**. Andrea, who has been Minute Secretary to the FBBL Charity Committee for the last 4 years, has decided to step down and we will all be sorry to lose her valuable assistance. If you are interested in taking on the role or would like some more information then please give me a ring 01308 898049.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAY OPENINGS

The library will be *CLOSED* for the holidays on **Monday, Tuesday and** Wednesday 24, 25 & 26 December; and Monday 31 December & Tuesday 1 January 2018.

The library will be open as normal all other days.

Please order your books for the holidays in good time, so you are not disappointed, the last delivery to the library this year will be on **Thursday 20 December**.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Library in whatever way over the last year and take the opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rosemary Daniels (On behalf of FBBL Trustees)

Normal Opening hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 3.00pm to 5.00pm Tuesday & Saturday 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Contact information:

Telephone: 01308 897563;

email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Friday 7 December

Our **Christingle Service** this year is on Friday 7 December at 2.45 pm in St. Mary's Church Burton Bradstock (please note the change of time) and will be led by the **Revd Pete Stone** from the Bridport Clergy Team. Children will be making Christingles in school and then joining us for this candlelit service.

It is 50 years since the first Christingle service was held in **Lincoln Cathedral** when it was adapted by The Children's Society from the Moravian church in Germany. This involved children decorating an orange with a red ribbon, dried fruits, sweets and a candle to

create a new visual

representation of Christ, the light of the world, celebrated by the lighting of the Christingle candles.

There will be a retiring collection for The Children's Society which provides a network



of support for vulnerable children who feel they have no one to turn to for help. Children from the school will be taking part and we invite you all to come and join us.

CAROL SINGING

Monday 17 December

Carol singing around the village, for the Children's Society, takes place on Monday 17 December and we will be meeting at 6 pm outside the church. Please bring a torch.

Pauline Woodford 01308 898327

APPLE PRESSING 2018 Burton Bradstock's First Apple Pressing

On Saturday 21 October, we were blessed with a beautiful sunny day, plenty of apples and lots of helpers for the first community apple pressing in



recent times. Over the preceding week or so, we collected enough apples to press **400 litres of apple juice**, which was eagerly drunk fresh by local and visiting children! There was so much juice that we ran out of containers – people took it away to store in their fridges and freezers, or turn into cider.

A huge thank you to **Noreen**, for providing electricity and water, and to the **Parish Council** for buying the equipment, with help from **Palmers Brewery.**

An equally large thank you is due to all those who helped collect the apples, those that offered them (especially **Charlie and Abi at Bredy Farm** whose trees provided probably half the total), and those who helped in every way on the day.



Post Office & Village Shop

Please note new winter closing times: We close at 12.30pm on Tuesdays

Full Post Office services are available, as well as a banking service for cash withdrawals/deposits, foreign currency, cheque deposits, pension payments.

A collection/drop-off service for major overnight carriers and prescription collections from the Portesham Surgery is also offered. There is a wide range of stationery compliant with Royal Mail's standard sizes. You're sure of a warm welcome from **the Mayo family**.

Burton Bradstock Play Area Project

The project is underway, planning permission has been applied for the new equipment, and the group have commenced applying for grants and are looking at local funding options as the whole project will cost in the region of £90,000. If you would like to get involved, donate to the project or help in any way, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact the Clerk for more information: Mrs Michele Harding on 07814 016971.

Wednesday 12 December

The Next PC meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 December at_7.30pm in the Reading Room. All welcome!

We would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy new Year.

Clerk: Mrs Michele Harding-

email: email: burtonbradstock@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Telephone: 07814 016971. Website: www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

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BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

On **8th and 9th November** the Players commemorated the centenary of the end of WW1 with their latest production, After the Flags and Bands, a one act play which gave an insight into life for those left at home during the First World War. The play, poignant at times with some lighthearted moments, was much appreciated by the audiences on both evenings.

The second half of the evenings began with children from Burton Bradstock School reading letters they had written, either to or from a father serving in the war.

David Powell then told the history of his melodian, which was made in Cologne before the war and brought home in 1918 by a relative. He then entertained the audience with music and a song he had written.

The Players then sang songs from the War and read poems and diary excerpts from the period. Most memorable and poignant for many was the singing of Silent Night in English and in German to portray the Christmas Truce.

An excellent evening's entertainment.



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CROSSWORD SOLUTION



HARK HARK - A WINTER'S LIGHT

Saturday 1 December 2018 St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, 7.30pm



Barry Coope, Lester Simpson, Jo Freya & Fi Fraser are a quartet well known for their Christmas shows. and they have worked extensively with the author Michael Morpurgo. The evening will feature songs that will touch your heart, engage your intellect and wow your ears. They are known for four part harmony, but they are all also instrumentalists and augment some of the repertoire with accompaniment.

Hark Hark is the quartet's Christmas show and is a seasonal mix of songs and tunes that reflect the whole of Christmas and the winter season. The wonderful four part harmony Yorkshire carols are mixed with songs showing the less reverential and more humorous side of Christmas.

This Artsreach event will be held in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, and is in association with Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Refreshments will be available. This will be a wonderful experience for the start of the Christmas season. It is sure to be popular so please book early! Tickets (adults £10, under 18s £7, and family groups £28), are available in Burton Bradstock Post Office; and can also be ordered from the box office on 01308 897421; or just book online at artsreach.co.uk

Unfortunately the Artsreach show planned for Friday 18 January 2019, as noted in last month's BVN, is now not able to take place as the theatre company has been unable to obtain further funding from the Arts Council. Artsreach are working on an alternative show but details were not available as we go to press so please watch the Village noticeboards for further information Artsreach

in the near future!

Janet Tolputt

HOME LIBRARY SERVICE



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO LOVES READING BUT IS UNABLE TO GET TO THEIR LOCAL LIBRARY?

The Home Library Service is free, available to anybody who cannot easily get to their local library, and is delivered by Royal Voluntary Service volunteers every 3 weeks. Books are chosen individually for each reader, and large print and talking books are also available.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. My details are below:-

Maria Jacobson, Service Manager, Dorset Home Library Service ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The Old School House, 49 High West Street, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UT Telephone: 01305 236 666 Mobile: 07786 635154

E: maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

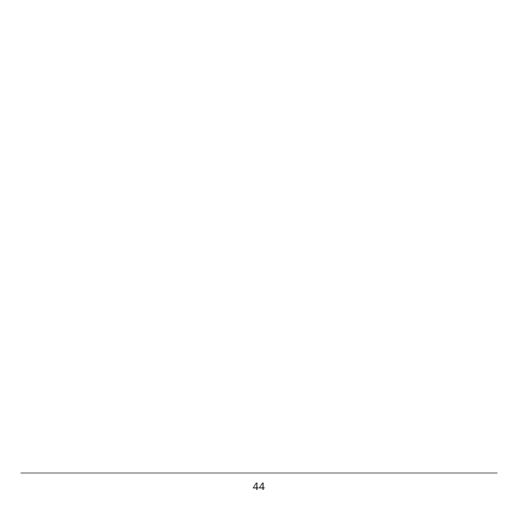
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MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all our readers, advertisers, and also grateful thanks to the army of volunteers who help to put together the BVN and distribute it across the Valley.

Thankyou from the Editing team of BVN





Christmas Greetings to all involved with the **Bride Valley Car Service**

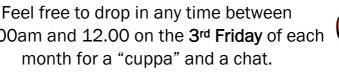
I would like to send special thanks to all the volunteer car drivers, past, present and future, who give of their time, voluntarily, throughout the year to transport many people living in the Bride Valley to their medical appointments. It is a volunteer service which is very much appreciated and valued by all of our clients. Thank you for supporting them in this way.

May you all enjoy a Peaceful and Happy Christmas

Many thanks Lesley (co-ordinator BVCS)



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



10.00am and 12.00 on the 3rd Friday of each month for a "cuppa" and a chat.





Benefits Advice Session at Age UK Shop, Bridport



... an initiative by Dorset Welfare Benefits Partnership

Age UK Dorchester and Dorset County Council's Welfare Benefits Team are working together to help older Bridport residents to maximise their benefits entitlements.

Advice sessions will be held on the **first Wednesday** in each month. between 9.30am and 12.00 at Age UK Shop, Bridport, and will be strictly by appointment.

To make an appointment, please contact our Bridport Shop on 01308 424859 or at 16 West Street, Bridport DT6 3QP

> Future dates: 5th December

DIARY, DECEMBER 2018

		10.10			
Sat	1	10-12	Christmas Fayre	Burton Bradstock School	
		10.30	Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Long Bredy	
		10.30	Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity Church Swyre	
		19.30	Artsreach - A Winters Light	St Mary's Church, Burton	
Sun	2	10.30	Songs of Praise	St Mary's Church, Burton	
Thurs	6	10.00-12.00	NCI Lyme Bay Coffee Morning	Burton Village Hall	
Thurs	6	19.30	Community Land Trust Open Meeting	Burton Village Hall	
Fri	7	14.45	Christingle Service	St Mary's Church, Burton	
Fri	7	19.30	Burton Village Society - 'My Life in Food - Christine McFadden	Burton Village Hall	
		19.30	West Gallery Carol Concert	St John's, West Bay	
Sat	8	10.00-12.30	Christmas Market & Coffee Morning	Burton Village Hall	
		14.30	Concert Of Organ and Harp music	Holy Trinity Church Swyre	
Sun	9	14.30 - 16.30	Christmas Tea	Puncknowle Village Hall St Mary's Church	
		17.00	Carols by Candlelight	Puncknowle	
Wed	12	10.00-12.00	Coffee Stop organised by St Mary's Church	Burton Village Hall	
Wed	12	19.30	Burton Bradstock Parish Council Meeting	Burton Reading Room	
Fri	14	14.15	Tots and Prams Service	St Mary's Church Burton	
Sat	15	19.30	Christmas Quiz	Burton Village Hall	
Sat	15	from 10.15	Coffee in the Library (picture winner announcement at 11.15)	Burton Community Li- brary	
Sun	16	10.00	Living Nativity Service	St Peter's Church Long Bredy	
		17.00	Carol Service	St Martin's Shipton Gorge	
		18.30	Village Carol Service	St Mary's Church, Burton	
		18.30	Carols by Candlelight	St Mary's Litton Cheney	
Mon	17	18.00	Carol singing around the village	Meet at St Mary's Church, Burton	
Mon	24	16.00	Crib Service	St Mary's Litton Cheney	

	SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES DECEMBER 2018								
	1 st Sunday 2 December Advent 1	2 nd Sunday 9 December Advent 2	3 rd Sunday 16 December	4 th Sunday 23 December	24 December Christmas	25 December Christmas	5 th Sunday 30 December		
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion _{SL} 10.30 Advent Songs of Praise PR	11.00 Holy Communion _{ET} 6.30 Evening Prayer _{JW}	9.30 Family Service _{RR} 6.30 Carol Service _{PR}	11.00 Holy Communion _{SL}	5.00 Crib Service YB 11.30 Midnight Communion PR	Joint with Shipton Gorge			
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion _{RR}	9.30 Morning Prayer _{ET}	5.00 Carol Service w			11.00 Holy Communion Archdeacon			
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer _{YB}	11.00 Holy Communion PR	11.00 Morning Worship _{MR}		9.30 Early Midnight Communion sL	No service			
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion _{SL}	5.00 Carol Service MR	11.00 All age Holy Communion _{RR}			11.00 Holy Communion _{RR}			
Litton Cheney	6.30 Advent Evensong _{MR}	9.30 Holy Communion _{PR}	6.30 Carol Service _{YB}	9.30 Holy Communion _{SL}	4.00 Crib Service _{c/w} 11.30 Midnight Communion _{RR}	No service	11.00 United Valley Holy Communion _{SL}		
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion _{SL}		10.00 Carol Service with 'Live' Nativity w			Joint with Littlebredy			
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion by ext YB				11.00 Holy Communion _{ET}			