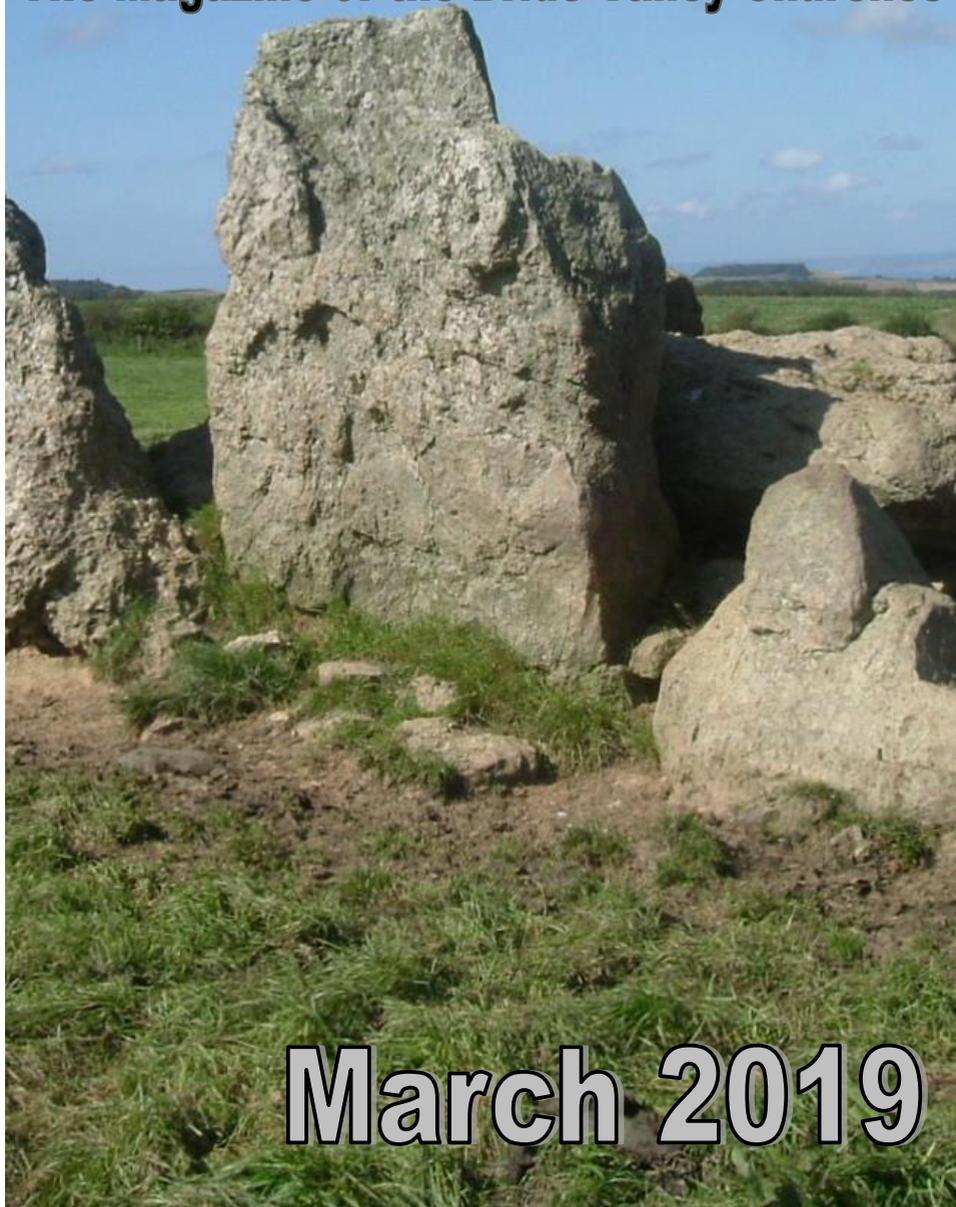


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giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc



www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

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www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

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www.littlebredy.com

www.longbredy.org.uk

THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

ST MARY THE VIRGIN: Burton Bradstock ST MARY: Litton Cheney

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy Chilcombe (*dedication unknown*)

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

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To enquire about Baptism, Marriage and Funeral arrangements,
please telephone the Administrator on 01308 897695

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

1 February 2019 Ruth Mary Lovell

St Martin's Shipton Gorge

5 February 2019 Graham Clive Stevens

Weymouth Crematorium

19 February 2019 Pamela Tallulah Juanita Graham

St Martin's Shipton Gorge

21 February 2019 Pamela Jean Jukes

St Mary's Burton Bradstock

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 3rd Friday of each month for a "cuppa" and a chat.



Contact Diana Wright 01308 456967

FROM THE RECTORY

Ownership

Company buyouts; compulsory purchase schemes; hostile take-overs – you name it: it's all about *who* owns *what* - even if, like me, you may have more everyday things to think about.

Since legalising the purchase of council housing, *ownership* has almost always been understood to refer to money or other material property, joined at the hip with the much-vaunted desirables of self-sufficiency, self-reliance and self-determination. The notions of corporate or collective ownership are increasingly alien to our Western culture where, in order to really own something, someone else may not.

With the increase in “on-line” living, this notion has taken on a very sinister turn described, recently, in a book by Shoshana Zuboff ¹ upon which she was questioned in the news media. ² She makes a connection between the raw, exploitative power and ownership exercised by the “tech. giants”, and their use and analysis of *our* digital data; all for the purposes of predicting our future commercial behaviours. She describes how, while believing we are enlightening ourselves by enjoying rich sources of free information we are, in fact, feeding the rapacious algorithms which will determine our future spending patterns – and ensnare us within them.

“Once we searched Google, but now Google searches us. Once we thought of digital services as free, but now surveillance capitalists think of us as free ² (and therefore ownable).”

Who owns whom? Who owns what?

“Ownership” was one of those buzz-words which buzzed around on the Oxford Ministry Course back in the early ‘90s when I was preparing for ordination: you had to *own* your story and truth; the parish had to *own* its practices and worship space - or whatever it may be. I did once meet a disgruntled retired archdeacon while ministering on a cruise ship who, recalling the number of times prayers and the faithful had referred to “*Our Archdeacon*” unguardedly retorted, “...and who wants a ***** Archdeacon anyway?” I think it was something to do with authenticity then, defining a sense of responsibility or validating association, rather than a matter of crude (financial) possession.

By and large, the Church of England has, on one level, navigated the pitfalls of believing itself party to selective or selected ownership, despite the efforts of some from both within and without to act as if the opposite is true. Constitutionally within democracy, it's hard-wired never to be. That's one reason I try to stay faithful to my priestly calling within it.

Standing as we are on the threshold of another Lent, we can link arms with the Lord of the Desert who, despite being tormented for his own basic survival, still declined to claim to own things. “Jesus said, ‘Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’”³

Much of Western Christianity’s history, as Fr. Richard Rohr points out, has staked ownership of specific God descriptions, including that Jesus and God are somehow separate; or that Christianity and Judaism are separate. Our faith-history has tried to claim ownership of ideas and teachings. But for now, for Lent, as we look at political divisiveness whipping across the world, our comfort may be found in his suggestion for prayer:

“Truly great ideas, like the dynamic union of humanity and divinity in Jesus, are invariably slow in coming, because the normal mind prefers to think in static dualisms. It allows us to take clean sides and argue from supposedly pure positions. Only **contemplative prayer** can overcome such splits and artificial separateness.”⁴

Edward Tildesley, February 2019

¹ *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism, published by Profile, Shoshana*

Zuboff ² *The Observer January 20th, 2019, James Naughton* ³ *Luke 9.53-10.1*

⁴ *Daily Meditations January 28th, 2019, Centre for Action and Contemplation, Richard Rohr*

Announcement from the Bishop of Sherborne

The Bishop of Sherborne and Sir Philip Williams, Patron, are delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Jane Williams as the next Rector of the Benefice. Jane is currently Assistant Curate in the Wareham Team in this diocese. Here she has gained much experience of a mixed benefice embracing town and villages with a variety of worship styles, formal and informal and has been involved in ministry to all ages, both pastoral and outreach to those in the community outside of church. She had a career in the NHS as a Senior Nurse Manager and Hospital Matron at Swanage and Wareham Community Hospitals before training for ordination at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. Jane has a passion for rural ministry and she and her husband Nigel are very much looking forward to moving to the Bride Valley in the summer once Jane has completed her curacy. It is hoped her licensing will take place sometime towards the end of July.’

Bride Valley Benefice extend a warm welcome to Jane and Nigel and hope they will enjoy their new home and friends, working and worshipping with us in the Bride Valley.

WEEKDAY SERVICES, MARCH 2019

Monday	4	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Monday	4	10.00	Julian Prayer Group at Swyre
Tuesday	5	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock
Thursday	7	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Thursday	7	19.00	Reflect & Study with HC at Puncknowle
Monday	11	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Monday	11	9.00	Prayers - Swyre
Tuesday	12	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock
Thursday	14	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	18	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Monday	18	9.00	Prayers - Swyre
Tuesday	19	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock
Thursday	21	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Thursday	21	19.00	Reflect & Study with HC at Puncknowle
Monday	25	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Tuesday	26	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock
Thursday	28	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion



World Day Of Prayer



Friday March 1st at 10.30am

at St. Mary's Church, South Street, Bridport

The service this year with the invitation "Come - Everything is Ready!" has been prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia.

The World Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries and has been translated into 95 languages and 1000 dialects. It is still prepared by women although the word 'Women's' has been dropped from the title of the organisation so that it will be more inclusive.

Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be provided.

For details contact Kathy Hince (hincekathy@gmail.com) or 01308 485626



VALLEY LUNCHES



It's here at last! The next Valley Lunch is on

Sunday March 3rd at 12.30pm in Burton

Bradstock Village Hall. ALL are welcome, church members, residents and visitors alike. There is no charge but, if you wish, bring a little cash to purchase items from Liz Orza's Fairtrade stall.

We do ask all who come to bring some contribution - sweet or savoury, or both - for this shared meal. Filter coffee and tea are provided.

Future Valley Lunches are planned for **May 5th, July 7th, September 1st, and November 3rd.**

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

TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE - FRIDAY 8 MARCH

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 this **free** tots event please contact either **Audrey** on **01308 897227** or **Heather** on **01308 897780**.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH

SOCIAL EVENT (for members only),

at Bridport and West Dorset Golf Club

Monday 25 March 2019

Supper 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Please call Richard Overend on 01308 897350 or Angela Armsby on 01308 898709 or email rblbridevalley@gmail.com to book your place. If transport from Burton Bradstock to the Golf Club is a problem, please let us know when you book your place.

At an Extraordinary General Meeting before the Social at Bridport and West Dorset Golf Club on 28 January 2019 the following Officers for 2019 were elected:

President Basil Dent; Chairman Richard Overend; Secretary Angela Armsby; Treasurer Bernard Chennells; Committee Members Howard Bongers and Mags Chue.



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



Representing all the Valley villages, the Bride Valley Gardening Club starts its 2019 season on **Monday March 18th at 7.30p.m in the Village Hall at Puncknowle**, when we will be having a talk on Pest and Disease Control.

We usually meet on the **3rd Monday of each month** between March and October (except in August, when there is no meeting and this year the **May meeting is on the 2nd Monday**). Annual subscription for members is **£6** and visitors are very welcome at any of our meetings for a cost of **£2**.

Dates to note: On **April 15th** our meeting will begin with a short AGM, followed by Cyril Whitlock talking about 'Gardening for Competitions'. **The Flower and Produce Show will be at LATCH on Saturday June 29th.**

Jobs to Do in March

Plant out hardy perennials and spring bedding; start summer bulbs and tubers in pots. New plants can be made by taking basal cuttings from clump-forming perennials or by dividing over-grown clumps.

Begonias can be propagated by taking leaf cuttings. Deadhead early bulbs as soon as the flowers fade. Prune buddleia and elder. Feed and water amaryllis plants after flowering. Sow hardy annuals. In the vegetable garden (if the weather is mild enough) sow broad beans, Brussels sprouts, parsnips, lettuce, peas, spinach and radishes; plant onion sets, shallots and first early potatoes if the conditions are good enough. Protect vulnerable young plants with fleece or cloches if the temperatures drop.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473



Bride Valley WI



The WI meeting for February is our AGM and has been changed to the 4th Thursday because of Half-term so there will be a report on that in April's BVN. The meeting in March (back to 3rd Thursday, 21st March) will be Spring Crafts and seasonal food tasting.

Our Skittles team have had a very successful season in the WI County tournament and are about to play in the semi-finals for the first time. Well done to all of the ladies especially as this is only the second year of taking part.

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.**

A Social Club for the Visually Impaired

Bridport Blind Club is a social club for the visually impaired people of Bridport and District. Though we are known as the Blind Club almost all our members have some sight. We meet twice a month for music, speakers, trips or games followed by an afternoon tea.

If you are interested for yourself or someone else who is visually impaired, please get in touch. We can generally provide transport to meetings. We are supported by our volunteers and the volunteer drivers from Brit Valley Rotary Club, Bridport Lions, Bridport Rotary Club and the Beaminster Drivers and by our link with Dorset Blind Association. Please contact:

ian.ibbotson@btinternet.com tel 01308 898484 or Ann Cook tel 01308 427915



The picture shows Debbie Jones of hoppydaysleisure@gmail.com running chairbics for the Blind Club

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.



OUR NIGHT SKY IN MARCH 2019

Mars will be setting in the North West about 2300, and will have lost much of its brightness that we enjoyed during the past year. Jupiter will be brilliant in the morning sky about 0300, followed by the fainter Saturn, with Venus making an appearance in the early dawn sky, but its brilliance being lost as the Sun rises.

The Chinese have been very much the slowest in the space race, but they achieved an astonishing first last month by landing a roving space probe Change 4 on the far side of the Moon, something never before attempted by any other nation. There could be no direct link with Earth, because the far side of the Moon always points away from us; however, the Chinese placed another space relay station in a position that is permanently able to see both the Rover and Earth's control station.

The far side of the Moon has a number of qualities that make it attractive. The first is that the moon itself shields that side from the plethora of radio and television signals emanating from Earth, which make radio astronomy so difficult on our planet, and there is now a very real possibility that a large radio telescope will be built on the far side of the Moon. The space probe also carried a micro biome to see if a future manned station could be self supporting. It included seeds of vegetables which if they germinated and grew successfully, would provide oxygen for fruit flies. They in turn would provide Carbon Dioxide for the plants as well as fertiliser when they died, a system intended to be self sustaining, to mimic a human Moon station.

Although some seeds grew initially, they subsequently died, whether because of the harsh temperature changes or the intense solar radiation has not been established. Regardless of this disappointment, the Chinese achievement cannot be over estimated. It is hoped that like all other countries in the space field, the Chinese will share their scientific findings with the rest of the World. I hope to pass on some of these findings in later articles.

The Eclipse of the Moon

I wonder how many of you were fortunate enough to see the eclipse of the Moon the other night. Here in Dorset, we are not only blessed with a Dark Sky policy in our Village, but also the clouds parted and I was able to see the complete eclipse, unhindered by a single cloud. During totality, the lower half of the moon went a deep red as if it was a glowing coal fire, while even the faintest and closest stars to it were clearly visible. It made up for the clouded out summer eclipse, even though it was at a more unfriendly hour!

Bill Turnill

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS PRESENT

The Great British Bump-Off

An Interactive Murder Mystery by Lesley Gunn



*Watch the play and then work out
'who done it'!*

**Burton Bradstock
Village Hall**

**7.30pm on
WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH,
THURSDAY 7TH MARCH and
FRIDAY 8TH MARCH**

**Tickets (£10 including a light supper) will be available from
Burton Bradstock Post Office or by telephoning 01308 898707**

**Tables of 8 can be booked on the above number
or places can be allocated on the night**

Box Office opens Wednesday 13th February



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL



We had an **Ofsted inspection!** The children, parents, staff and governors worked together fantastically well. The children were completely unfazed and very confident talking to the inspector and were complimented hugely.

The weather deteriorated in the last week of January and we had to close the school due to snow. The children say they had a great day off!



Litton and Chesil had an excellent time in the Discovery Area with activities led by a volunteer from the **RSPB**.

Sport: Our **netball** team played really well in the West Dorset finals but, sadly, did not win. Some Eggardon children are participating in after school **orienteering**.

Two **vicar candidates** toured the school as part of their interview day.

Since the start of term, the best behaved and most polite lunchtime table becomes **top table on Fridays**. The top table children get special tableware and service! The behavior at lunchtimes is generally very good but this incentive has made it even better!

Teachers met parents to discuss their children's progress.



Bredy learn coding.



Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher



BURTON BRADSTOCK CE SCHOOL



I write this report at the end of a very busy first half of term.

We have had a few visitors into school this half term to support the children with their learning, focusing in particular on safety. Michelle Barry from the NSPCC led some assemblies and workshops on their 'PANTS' campaign on how to keep safe from abuse, Rosemary Locock delivered lessons on fire safety and the Safe Schools and Communities Team worked with our children on keeping safe online. The children continue to work hard and we were pleased to award our 'Star Learners' with their certificates this half term for outstanding attitude and effort in all that they do.



Our 'Green' day – raising awareness and fundraising for Tourette's Action – was a huge success. The children looked amazing in their 'green' clothes and accessories, with Breakfast club busy making green badges and flowers for the occasion! All children received a green 'Tourettes Action' wristband and also

watched a special message that a Tourettes Hero had sent to the school to thank us for our fundraising and raising awareness of tourettes. It was a fun, informative day which raised nearly £170 for this worthwhile charity.

The Friends of the School are busy organising the Annual Duck Race which will be taking place on Sunday 14th April this year on the village playing field. Following the disappointment of last year, where the ducks were unable to be raced due to the conditions of the river, we have our fingers crossed that this year the weather will be kind to us!

Claire Staple, Headteacher

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Litton Cheney Fete & Dog Show

Spring Holiday Monday 27th May at LATCH

Come and enjoy a BBQ lunch, Fun Dog Show, Prize Draw, teas, bouncy castle, bottle tombola, stalls and games

12 noon to 4pm - admission £1.50, children under 16 FREE

In aid of the upkeep of St Mary's Church

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Front Cover Photograph provided by Michael Pengelly

The Grey Mare and her Colts is a renowned megalithic chambered stone barrow, scheduled as an Ancient Monument, high on the South Dorset Ridgeway at the eastern end of Long Bredy. It is situated on the ancient path running from the Kingston Russell Stone circle past the Moot Stone, Hampton Hill Stone circle to the Hellstone at the top of Portesham Hill. It has been vandalised over the years but still has a well preserved earthen mound with some large megaliths still standing. The capstone is about 8 feet across and over a foot thick. Peter Knight describes it well in his book- Ancient Stones of Dorset.

The photograph has a splendid view of the Bride Valley looking west

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.

A bounty of £10 will be paid for any cover image used



LITTON CHENEY

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St. Mary's Church

There will be a **Frugal Lunch on Thursday 21st March** hosted by Jennie Prentice at Steddings, Chalk Pit Lane, from 12.30 p.m. Donations will go to Prostate Cancer UK. All are very welcome.

Looking ahead to Easter, our service of Holy Communion that day (21st April) will be taken by The Bishop of Sherborne, The Rt Revd Karen Gorham.

We are still looking for new recruits to the grass-cutting rota so if you have always wanted to use a ride-on mower, now is your chance! If you are interested, please contact John Vercoe on 482110.

St Mary's Church Electoral Roll

This year a new Church Electoral Roll has to be prepared. Inclusion on the Roll primarily enables you to attend the annual parochial church meeting and have your say as to how St Mary's is run and, if you wish, to seek election to the PCC. If you are not already on the Roll and would like to be included please contact me for an application form by March 21st.

Helen Jones, Skep House, LC. Tel: 482602, email: skephouse@btinternet.com

VILLAGE BRIDE VALLEY NEWS DELIVERY

You are reading this courtesy of volunteers who deliver the magazines throughout the village. A big thank you to them and especially to Bella Spurrier who receives the 230 copies each month from the printers and sorts them into six packages for delivery.

For many years Alison and Archie Dunbar and John, Tess and Kieran Mulhall have been a valuable part of the delivery team and have now retired – we offer them very many thanks for their service. If you would like to join the delivery team please contact Freddie Spicer (482617).

Comings & Goings Please let the Village Correspondent know of any comings and goings in the village so that we may welcome some and say goodbye to others in timely fashion.

Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 12th March – 7.30 pm

The meeting will be held at LATCH (Meeting Room). Local residents are actively encouraged to attend. With a number of local councils set to merge into one very shortly we will hear the latest news from the front. If you are thinking of becoming a local councillor the time is fast approaching when you will need to complete a nomination form. If that is your objective contact Parish Clerk, Maggie Walsh on 01308 281561 for more information. Also <https://twitter.com/NALC>

Litton's Premier Crew

If, on occasion, you come across a band of local residents cleaning and tidying up areas of the village that have become somewhat unkempt then you have met the Premier Crew, a group of volunteers of both genders who lend themselves to smartening up our village when required. Huge grateful thanks for all their past, present and future efforts.

Many thanks also to the unknown lady who was seen with a bulging black bag of litter that she had removed from Whiteway. The Premier Crew have no objections if local residents on discovering an area/item that requires attention deprive the “crew” of a few hours work by completing the task themselves.

The ever growing Premier Crew are, in no particular order:- John Bloom, Jillie & Neil Blincow, Ron Davidson, Freddie Spicer, Andy King, Hugh Lantos, Graham & Madeleine Hickling, Andy & Ruth Price, Bill Orchard, Harry Berry, Pete & Beverly Dennis, Steve Kourik and John Firrell. This is not an exclusive club either by age or numbers so if you would like to join us please contact John Firrell whose contact details are shown at the beginning of the Litton Cheney section of the BVN.

Village Regeneration

Plans are afoot to revitalise the area around the bus shelter and village triangle, including possibly deciding what use to put the telephone kiosk to when and if BT remove the telephone equipment. These are early days but it is hoped to produce a provisional idea of what might be possible in time for the Village Assembly in May when you will have an opportunity to comment.



EVENTS AT LATCH FOR February

Monday evenings: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Tuesdays: Short Mat Bowls 4.00 p.m.

Wednesdays: Table Tennis 4.00 p.m.
Iyengar Yoga with Anna Forrest—2 classes
6.00 - 7.30 p.m. and 7.30 - 9.00pm

Thursdays: First Steps Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30 a.m.

Fridays: Yoga 10.00 - 11.30 a.m (Sue O’Sullivan)

Sundays: 3rd & 10th : Iyengar Yoga with Anna Forrest 9.30 - 11.00 a.m.
31st : Morning Yoga with Nadiya Wynn
6.00 p.m. Swing Dance Classes

Saturday 9th: 7.30 p.m. Artsreach brings members of Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra for a spring concert of flute, viola and harp music. BSO musicians Barbara Brown (flute), Judith Preston (viola), Eluned Pierce (harp) present an intimate evening of trio music featuring Debussy, Faure, Handel and Arnold Bax in a wonderful spring concert.

TICKETS: £10, £6 (U18s). Family Tickets £25 (4 people, max 2 adults).

AVAILABLE FROM: STEVE KOURIK 01308 482552 or DIANA CHEATER 01308 482223 or online at ARTSREACH.CO.UK

A BSO treat not to be missed, and on your doorstep! Do come along, and please pass onto your friends and groups who might be interested. Alcoholic and soft drinks available.

Thursday 12th: Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m.

Coming up in April.....

Thursday 4th: Film Night: “The Wife” Starts 8.00 p.m.

Friday 5th: Bingo Night.

Village Cafés at LATCH are a great way to raise funds for your organisation or project. They are normally held on the **third Saturday of the month** and there is no hire charge to pay! All we ask is that you provide some bacon butties, homemade cakes and good coffee, as well as any stalls etc. you might like to add. **If you are interested in running a Café, please contact Wendy Firrell to book a date (01308 482532).**



Litton Cheney Social Committee

Next event is the **DUCK RACE, (Easter Sunday 21st April)** but there is quite a lot of vegetation, broken branches etc to be removed for the ducks to have a clear and swift passage. So, volunteers will be appreciated in early April...you have been warned!!!



BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY COMMUNITY HALL.



Please note – films at Litton are always on THURSDAYS.

Thurs. 28 February FINDING YOUR FEET ‘a hilarious and heart-warming modern comedy’

When ‘Lady’ Sandra Abbott (**Imelda Staunton**) discovers that her husband of forty years is having an affair with her best friend, she seeks refuge with her estranged, outspoken, serial dating, free-spirited older sister Bif (**Celia**



Imrie). The two could not be more different but Sandra reluctantly lets Bif drag her along to her community dance class, where gradually she starts finding her feet... and romance. The colourful group show Sandra that retirement is only the beginning, and that divorce might just give her a whole new lease of life - and love. Also starring **Timothy Spall**, **Joanna Lumley** and **David Hayman**.

Cert.12 2hrs

The way the dates fall means no film in March but...

Thurs. 4 April THE WIFE ‘a poignant, funny and emotional journey’

Joan Castleman (**Glenn Close**) has spent forty years sacrificing her own talent, dreams and ambitions to support her charismatic husband Joe (**Jonathan Pryce**) and his stellar literary career. The foundations of their marriage have, however, been built upon a set of uneven compromises and Joan has reached a turning point. On the eve of Joe's Nobel Prize for Literature, the crown jewel rewarding a spectacular body of work, Joan will confront the biggest sacrifice of her life and some long-buried secrets. Cert.15 1.5hrs

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

NEXT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: (2019)

2 May - First Man

30 May - Mamma Mia – Here we go again

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

The White Horse at Litton Presents in March – Two Fund-Raising Events for your enjoyment

Horse Racing Night & Raffle – Saturday 9th March – 7 pm – First Race 7-45 pm. In aid of the Long Bredy Playground Bird Nest Swing Appeal



St. Patrick's Day – Sunday 17th March – From 2 pm

Come join in the Craic – Music from international violinist, Barbara, with pipes and drums, poems by Seamus Heaney and your chance to try out your Irish dancing.

Irish Stew with a Veggie option. Proceeds will support adults with learning disabilities on a day trip to Longleat organised by the Volunteer Centre Dorset (Charity No. 1113758)

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: PHILIP WILLIAMS

Email: pw@bridehead.com Tel: 482232



St. Michael and All Angels

What with all the winter village events recorded over the last few months, we have omitted (so far) to extend a greeting to **Rod and Carol Macaskill**, who moved before Christmas from Hampshire via a couple of years in Cornwall to come and live at Foxholes Farm Cottage (where their visiting grandchildren have already, not Surprisingly, pulled up with the Foot children next door).

So, with apologies to them for the delay, we welcome them to the village, and we hope their time among us will be long and happy. To give them a plug, Carol is a call centre manager for Hays Travel, “the UK’s largest independent travel agent” and no doubt would be glad to hear from anyone planning a holiday, if they contact the website and use the 01202 number.

Also, thanks to Dorset County Council, whose lorries scraped and salted the valley road within a few hours of the snowfall in February. With White Hill cleared it was possible to get in and out of the village with caution, and we seem to have fared a lot better than some other local Dorset communities. We should obviously be grateful for that.



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

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

The lunch club is for all people aged 50+ who live or have lived in our 3 villages. It is a great social time with a beautiful meal as well. It would be good to see you join us every **3rd Tuesday of the month**. Please get in touch if you would like to come along. Our next meal will be on **19th March**. 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. Many thanks.

David Buckland

BOOK GROUP February meeting

This month we had a very lively discussion of **The Truth About the Harry Quebert Affair by Joel Dicker**.

Marcus Goldman is a young writer whose first book becomes a massive bestseller. Trying to write a second book he has a bad case of 'writer's block' so goes to stay with his mentor Harry Quebert at his beach house in Goose Cove, Maine. But Harry is arrested after the body of a young girl who disappeared 33 years earlier (and with whom he had a secret relationship) is found on his property. Marcus is sure Harry is innocent and is determined to prove it. With a positive shoal of red herrings, a narrative that jumps back and forth in time and a slew of unreliable narrators,

this is quite a page turner. Dicker is young, Swiss and this is his first novel – he used to holiday in Maine with an uncle so knows the area well. The original French version was a bestseller in Europe and won several prizes. Members were split on its merits – we all felt it was overlong (700p) and rather repetitive. One member thought it the worst book she had ever read, another gave up after spotting a continuity error. Two of us thoroughly enjoyed its black humour and filmic quality (it was made into a mini-series in the US shown last December) and would read more by this writer. We did wonder how much the translation had affected its literary qualities.

Michele Vassar

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 6 March at 7.30 in The Crown** when we are looking at **Under a Pole Star by Stef Penney**.

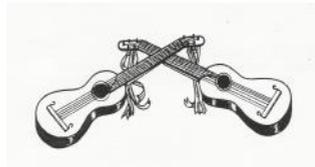
Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village Hall 100 Club

January winners

Ken Martin- £15

John Marsh- £10

Holy Trinity Church, Swyre



The Holy Trinity Church was almost full with people who came to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of classical guitar duets by Colin Thompson and Anthony Dodds on 20 January.

The programme included pieces from across five centuries and was in two halves, with mulled wine served in the interval.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Colin and Anthony for their superb playing, and to everyone who came and made such a successful and enjoyable fund raising event for the church

LONG BREDY

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St Peter 's Church

100 Club January results

£25	no. 86	Liz Hemsley
£15	no. 72	Lyn Kettridge
£5	no. 60	Andrew & Donna Crank

Drawn on 28/1/2019
At Parish Council Meeting

Christmas Quiz

This is growing more popular every year! There were 13 correct entries this year to go into the hat; Ruth and David Cullingford were the winners. The quiz raised **£183.00**, which will be shared between funds for the village hall, playing field and St. Peter's Church.

Thank you, Caddy, for organising this. There is a rumour that this year's Christmas Quiz is already organised!



Village Coffee Break and Frugal Lunch

There will be a 'Second Saturday Coffee Break' on Saturday, March 9th, between 10.30 am and 2.00 pm in the village hall. Coffee and biscuits/cakes/scones will be available all the time, with home-made soups, breads and cheeses available from 12.30 pm onwards.

Pop in for a coffee, buy a cake or savoury to take home or come for lunch and a chat.

There will be no charge but donations will go to Gully's Place.

Gully's Place is part of Kingfisher children's ward at Dorset County Hospital. It supports children with life limiting or life threatening illness, and their families, from diagnosis to death, and beyond, including bereavement support.



A good number of people all ages enjoyed the February 'Second Saturday Coffee Break' and it provided a good opportunity for chatting and catching up with friends and neighbours. The table tennis provided some fun for children and adults alike.

May Plant Sale

The 'Second Saturday Coffee Break' in **May** will be combined with a plant sale. If you are sowing seeds, taking cuttings or splitting plants and could keep a few extra for the sale, they will be gratefully received. As it will be much warmer by then and almost time to plant out more tender plants, we hope to be able to sell summer bedding plants.....geraniums, lobelia, begonias etc as well as herbs and vegetable plants.



Facebook

Long Bredy has now gone Facebook live with it's very own community page! The page is primarily for residents, past and present, and those with a close connection to Long Bredy.

On the page we would like to encourage you to share events, pictures, history, memories and engage in positive conversations about the beautiful village we're all part of. You are also welcome to use the page for lost and found, and for sale or wanted items.

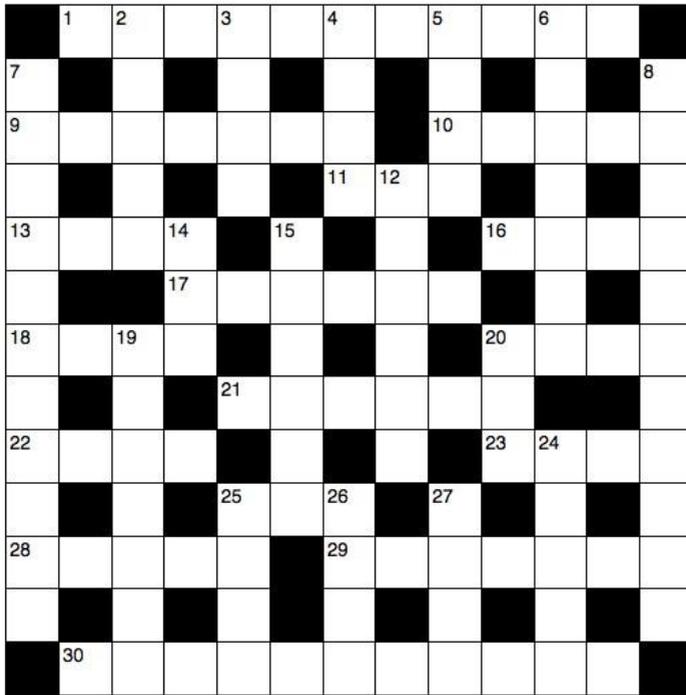
The page is "closed" so only members can see what is being written.

If you would like to join the page then search for "Long Bredy Community page", click join and answer a couple of questions, that simple!

If you aren't on Facebook but would like something put on the page then please email me the details and I'll add it on -

charlottekinghorn@hotmail.co.uk





CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been —, he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) (4)
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord —' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

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SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Friends of St Martin's

We are planning to set up a 'Friends of St Martin's' group.

The church has a small PCC (Parochial Church Council) which undertakes the work required to

look after the church, facilitate regular services and run or take part in village social events throughout the year.



Our PCC is looking for people to help us set up for services, serve coffee afterwards and/ or be involved with other social events in the village. We are a small, friendly group and would really value your contribution, regular or occasional and whether you're a regular church attender or not. Please see contact details below.

Our PCC would also welcome more members. For more information, please contact Sheena Hall 01308 897776 or Cathryn Johnson 01308 897169

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the church on Tuesday 26th March at 7.30.

The Parochial Church Council is elected at this meeting and a report is given on activities over the past year. Please join us to find out more and give us your support.

ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHTS

We were driving from Uploaders recently, on a very cold frosty night and from way across the fields we could see St Martin's tower all lit up. It really was breath taking, so thank you to all those folks who generously sponsor the floodlights.

For this month we thank:

Chris & Ruth Nunn

Barbara Willy in memory of David

Janet, Caroline and Faith Epplestone remembering John on his birthday on 4th March and remembering Bee for hers, on 9th March.

Diane James in memory of her mother's birthday

Lyn Grace in memory of Tom.

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 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 magazine's submission date which can be found on in the inside page. Our sponsor's names are also posted in the church porch unless of course, they wish to remain anonymous.

Phyl Webster

PARISH COUNCIL

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall** and as usual everyone is most welcome to attend.

Our CPR/Defibrillator training session went well with people from Shipton and other hall users taking part. Donations received from those attending covered the cost of the training provided by Exe Training Solutions.

In May this year elections for a new Parish Council will be held. Some existing councillors are not standing for re-election so we will have vacancies and so would welcome nominations from anyone in the village who is interested in getting involved with the Parish Council work. An election will be held if 10 or more people come forward to stand as councillors. The present council has achieved and provided a number of benefits for the village during past four years including –

The provision of a Public Defibrillator that is located outside the village hall

Maintenance of our Playing Field and provision of new play Equipment

Overseeing and consulting on the re-opening of Cuckoo Lane following a landslide

Continuing to contribute towards the upkeep of St Martin's Churchyard

Organising the annual Litter Pick and Village Tidy-Up Day each Spring

Giving the village's view on planning applications in the parish
Providing an Emergency and Resilience Plan for the village

Liaising with Dorset County Council to ensure our highways and footpaths are maintained

The ownership and maintenance of the Village Green, including changing our obsolete telephone kiosk into a Book Exchange and Information Centre

Providing and maintaining the village website - www.shiptongorge.org.uk

But we can only continue to do this work if people come forward to stand as Parish Councillors, so please consider if you can help us by getting involved. Nomination forms need to be submitted by **3rd April** and are available now from the parish clerk, **Paula Biss**, clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk
01308 898189

Litter Pick and Village Tidy-Up Day will take place this year on **Saturday 13th April at 11.00am meeting outside the New Inn.**

Gloves, litter pickers, rubbish bags and safety tabards are provided. Please come along and help get our village spick and span before the Easter holiday.

Mary Boughton

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

The Shipton Gorge Village Society Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 18:30 at The Village Hall.** Everyone is Welcome - we are always looking to recruit new Committee Members. Contact villagesociety@icloud.com

NEW INN

Cribbage knockout

Thursday 7th March From 7.30pm

When was the last time you played cribbage? No matter how long ago, why not come along for the evening knockout competition in both singles and doubles. Everyone is welcome. £1 to enter. Cash prize for the winner/s.

NEW INN SUPPORT LIMITED

It's been a busy time for us at NISL as we manage the interim arrangements until a new tenant can be found. Our primary objective has been to keep the New Inn open for business which we are doing from Wednesday to Saturday (18:00 – 22:00) and Sunday (12:00 – 17:00).

Should you choose to visit us you'll find the happy smiling faces of Tim and Natalie pulling your pint or recharging your wine glass. We're grateful to them for stepping in at short notice, as we are to the team of volunteer cleaners under Sally's supervision who made the pub sparkle before we reopened.

John Kent has been working hard with Ed Buck to reboot the Friends of the New Inn (FONI), John saving the Six Nations day by organising a licence and reconnecting the TV - we're showing all the games by the way!

Our Wednesday Night Ladies Darts Team are back in harness and beating all opposition, the Skittlers also compete on a Wednesday and we've had an impromptu Community Cheese Board on a Friday. Alex held his first quiz of 2019. It's fair to say that the atmosphere at the New Inn has been special as the Community pulls together.

Look out for our 'What's On' posters with details of our activities. A gig featuring Sacrificial Sam and Elfantale in support of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance is planned for a Saturday in March, date to be confirmed.

FRIENDS of the NEW INN (FONI)

On behalf of FONI we would like to acknowledge some unsung heroes working tirelessly behind the scenes.

So it's a massive thank you to Ashley, Caroline, Sally, Heather and Chairman of NISL Eric!

SHIPTON GORGE HEDGEHOG GROUP

Following a meeting on 30th January Shipton Gorge has been accredited with Hedgehog Friendly Village status by the Dorset Mammal Group. Thankyou to everyone who participated in this project. If you are interested contact shiptonhedgehogs@icloud.com

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 10th April**. As well as providing information on what's been happening at the hall over the past 12 months and a review of its financial position, there will also be an election of trustees to the Hall management committee. If you are interested in learning more, and perhaps joining the committee, please come along.

The AGM will be followed immediately by the first business meeting of the new committee.

All are welcome to attend, with refreshments beforehand from 7pm.

Tony Mallett

100 CLUB February Results

£25 No 57 Tony Rogers

£10 No 73 Bob Cornish

£5 No 21 Nova Varney

Congratulations to all the winners.

CAROL SINGING ROUND THE VILLAGE

Many thanks to all who joined our merry group of carollers on 19th December last year. We collected £180 for Save the Children, so well done everyone, especially our generous villagers and bucket rattlers. See you all again next Christmas!

Janet Lane

THANKS

'Edie would like to thank friends for her cards and presents, and all who made her 92nd birthday so special this year. She very much appreciated the surprise! Thank you!'

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St Mary's Church

This is the year when the electoral roll is completely revised and renewed. It is necessary for Parishioners to complete the form provided for this purpose which can be found at the sidemen's stall within St. Mary's Church. A notice will be displayed on the church-porch notice board from the end of February until 15th March as a further reminder. Parishioners are asked to note the Consent Form at the bottom of the application form. This provides the church with permission to keep you informed about news, events and services in the parish and conforms to GDPR. Please return the completed form to Jane Stubbs.

Chrissie Bailey – Churchwarden

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING



Parish of St Mary the Virgin Burton Bradstock with Chilcombe.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church on Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 7.00 pm

ST MARY'S CHURCH

'Church Action on Poverty Sunday' takes place each year on the last Sunday before Lent, which this year is **March 3rd** and so this will be the theme for our Songs of Praise service that day. It will be led by Revd Edward Tildesley. As usual the service starts at the convenient time of 10.30am and will last about one hour with six uplifting hymns, Bible readings and followed by a time for refreshments to which all are welcome.



The next Songs of Praise service will be on **Sunday 7th April at 10.30 am**, 'Passion Sunday', and it will be led by Revd Prebendary Alastair Wheeler. Come and join us for these inspiring services.

MEDITERRANEAN EVENING

Come and join us for an evening of **Mediterranean delights at the Burton Bradstock Village Hall on 22nd March.**

A three course meal will be served following a one act farce performed by our local heroes. Also featuring our very own Mediterranean Missionary, Doug Marshall, who will update us on his work with refugees in Malta, plus a contribution from 'Mad Mike' Maclaughlan of the Salisbury Sudan Medical Link. Please obtain your **FREE TICKETS** for this event from the Burton Bradstock Post Office! Contributions to our two charities will be gratefully received following the event.

Any queries, contact Liz Orza on 01308 897451.



Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust

For Hall bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré
(01308897648)

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club" January 2019 Draw:

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£34.80	No 70:	Mrs Jenny Maylon
2nd	£17.40	No 50:	Mrs Margaret Thorpe
3rd	£8.70	No 81:	Mrs Veda Bull

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the March 2019 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have **£10** – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

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Coffee Stop Mornings.

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 Coffee Stop dates are as follows:

Date.	Organised by
Wed 13th March	W.I.
Wed 17th April	Bowls Club



Burton Bradstock Films



We will be showing "The Wife" on Friday 29 March 2019. This is an adaptation of a 2003 novel with Glenn Close playing the wife of a celebrated author and Nobel prize winner for literature.

In the future we plan to be showing

First Man – Friday 26 April 2019

Mamma Mia – Here We Go Again – Friday 24 May 2019 (Bank Holiday weekend)

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 or, if available, on the door on the night.

All the above films will be shown by **Bride Valley Films** the Thursday following the Burton Bradstock performance.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY



Our next talk will be on **Friday March 15th at 7.30pm** in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Ian Caskie, an ex-Head Teacher and now a volunteer with the **SS Great Britain Trust** will tell us about 'SS Great Britain: from launch to 're-launch'.

Brunel's SS Great Britain was a true wonder of the Victorian Age. She was the first ocean-going steamship with an iron hull, and the first driven by a propeller. This extraordinary ship, launched in 1843 as the largest and fastest afloat, transformed shipbuilding and sea travel for ever.

Ian's enthusiasm for his subject is clearly evidenced in this illustrated talk which tells the ship's remarkable story from her original design through the different phases of her working life. It also describes her remarkable salvage and return to Bristol in 1970, and finally her restoration, preservation and 're-launch' as a multi-award winning museum of International renown.

Do come along and hear about one of the wonders of British 19th Century engineering. Members pay just £1 on the door and non-members/guests £4.

A reminder that the date of this year's Flower and Produce Show has been changed to Saturday July 20th.

The new date coincides with the 50th Anniversary of the first manned lunar landing, so get your pencils out and your creative cells working to win the Limerick Competition - 'Putting a Man on the Moon'. And remember to keep your cameras clicking for the Photographic Classes - 'People at Work' and 'Windows of Burton Bradstock'.

The Village Society Outing this year will be on Wednesday 26th June to Sherborne. As well as a tour of the sumptuous Castle there will be an opportunity to visit the Abbey and the Museum, ending with an afternoon cream tea in a private room. Registration for this popular annual event will commence at our Village Society talk on Friday 15th March.



BURTON BRADSTOCK WI

The ladies of the Burton Bradstock WI have been out and about and enjoying themselves again!



At the end of January twenty-eight members met up for a very nice lunch at The Anchor in the village. We seemed to take over the whole pub and had a good time chatting and enjoying the wonderful food.

The walking group enjoyed a lovely Snowdrop Walk around Compton Valence, finishing up with lunch in the Village Hall there, where they were joined by several other members who had not been able to take part in the actual walk.

Indoor Kurling has been going well - so much fun! Unfortunately we were not able to get a team together for the Dorset District Competition due to people having other commitments but we will keep practising and hopefully be on top form for next year!

In March our speaker will be Alex Bishop, our local Police Community Support Officer. He will be talking about Scams and Internet Safety, two very important issues these days.

On 13th March we shall be running the Coffee Stop in the Village Hall from 10 until 12 o'clock. Do please come and support us. The WI are well known for their cakes and there will be plenty available!

We are also looking forward to a trip to the Fashion Museum in Bath on 20th March. They are currently showing a collection of costumes worn by such Royals as Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret. There will probably also be time for a little shopping, tea at Sally Lunns, or even just a bath bun before our return.

All the Activity Groups will be meeting during March, the dates for which can be found on our noticeboard outside the Village Hall.

Do come and join us. We meet on the **second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm (2.15pm during the Winter months).**

We have a full programme of speakers throughout the year plus outings, theatre trips, meals out, reading, walking and activity groups, card players, Mah Jong, Indoor Kurling and Skittles!!

Something for everyone.

Further information from: Janet Pearson 01308 898346

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2nd May 2019

Are you passionate about the village, have a few hours to spare and can attend meetings on the first Weds of each month except August then this could be the role for you.

Come along to the 6th March PC meeting to see what goes on.

Contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors for more information or come along to any of the meetings.

If you would like to stand for election the forms will be available from 15th March and must be submitted by the 3rd April, ready for the elections on the 2nd May....

Your Village needs you!

EMERGENCY PLAN

The PC are in the process of preparing an emergency plan for the Village. This document will have details of what is deemed an emergency, who to contact and where you can find equipment to assist in an emergency, obviously if a situation is life threatening then you should call the emergency services immediately.

The Working group now need help from the community, identifying those in need, preparing for the risks, and identifying resources. If you can help we would welcome your feedback. You can either contact the Clerk or come along at 7pm prior to the next PC meeting on 6th March to register your interest or support.

We look forward to hearing from you!

PLAY AREA FUNDING

Thank you so much for your donations so far, we are still in need of funds. We have been unsuccessful with the lottery grant but are continuing to apply for grants to continue with the project. We are now looking for volunteers to assist with fund raising ideas and events. If you can get involved we would love to hear from you!

Please contact the Clerk in the first instance or come along to the next **Play area meeting on Monday 11th March at 6.30pm at the Reading Room.**

DOG POO BAGS

Following our notice in last month's BVN we are still experiencing issues of dog poo bags being just left in hedges, on verges and pavements. Our volunteers work extremely hard but should not be expected to clear up after those dog owners who do not take their dog poo bags home and place them in their own rubbish bins.

**The Next PC meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th March 2019
7.30 pm in the Reading Room.**

All welcome!

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

<https://www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockparishcouncil>

Burton Bradstock are now on Twitter follow the link below take a look and follow us....

<https://twitter.com/BurtonBParish>

BURTON BRADSTOCK INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Looking for something to do
on the long winter nights?



Why not join us at Burton Bradstock Indoor Bowls Club?

We meet at the village hall on **Monday evenings, 7.00pm-9.00pm**

Everyone is welcome, no experience required.

Just turn up and give it a go!

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **FBBL AGM is 7.30pm on Thursday 4th April 2019 in Burton Bradstock Village Hall.** There will be a short review of the past year and a look ahead to the next 12 months.

The FBBL is a registered charity committed to raising sufficient funds to pay for the annual running costs associated with the Library, manage and maintain the fabric of the library building, organise volunteers to provide the library service and where possible extend the services we are able to offer to the local community.

Our constitution requires that we elect up to seven Trustees for the coming year. Nominations for trustees should be submitted to the Secretary, **Andrea Wilkinson, The White House, Chapel Street, Burton Bradstock by Thursday 28th March 2019.** Nomination forms are available in the library. **Please come to the AGM meeting if you can and join us afterwards for drinks and nibbles.**

Activities in the Library this month

DIGITAL CHAMPION – DROP IN SESSION –ON - MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2019 between 3.00pm and 4.00pm

Do you need help using your PC, tablet or smart phone? Would you like to know what an app is, how to email, access the internet or understand the cloud? Following the very successful event in January, Carol will be in the library from 3.00pm to answer your questions and if necessary arrange friendly, **FREE** one to one tuition at a speed you can keep up with.

Supported by Superfast Dorset, Digital Champions are volunteers who help and support people in their local community to use the internet and gain basic online skills.

Police Surgeries

PCSO Alex Bishop visits the library on the **1st Tuesday** in the month at **10.30am.** The next date is **5th March.**

For more information: <https://www.dorset.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/bridport/beaminster/>

Opening hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library:

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

Contact information:

Telephone: 01308 897563; email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk and our web address is www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk and you can find us on Facebook at 'Friends of Burton Bradstock Library'.

Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)

THE 38th YEAR OF THE BURTON BRADSTOCK FESTIVAL

August 10th to the August 18th 2019 (Music and Art)

We enter 2019 facing a time of political uncertainty, but life, music and art go on. We are happy to announce that the 38th Year of the Burton Bradstock Festival will go ahead no matter where our European allegiances finally settle. We are definitely non-partisan and our only aim is to bring you the best possible village festival in the region.

If you have yet to experience the wonder of this festival then make 2019 your golden opportunity to really sample performances from internationally respected musicians at the top of their careers. We bring a family of musical talent to your doorstep, you would need to travel to a major city to experience performances of this calibre. The range of music on offer encompasses well known and best loved classical music by famous composers alongside new and exciting pieces you may not have heard before - some receiving their world premier at the festival. We also feature nights of Jazz and World Folk Music. There really is something for everyone.



Appearing at the Festival in 2019 –
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A call to interested parties, patrons, sponsors and volunteers. This Festival is organised and run by volunteers on a 'not for profit' basis. In this way we can keep costs to a minimum and also serve our charitable aims. To ensure that the Festival maintains the quality and consistency our audiences have come to expect we need help.

We are particularly looking for additional volunteers to join the catering team and the stage building crew. email : william_cain@icloud.com for more information.

If you would like to become a Friend of the Festival **email Chris Sundt email sundtc@echini.co.uk for details.** It's the same address if you would like to sponsor one of concerts. We hope to see you at the Festival this year ... come and see for yourself what it has to offer.

For more information visit our web site or Facebook page
<http://www.burtonbradstockfestival.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockfestival>

Spring Fish & Chip Quiz.

This popular quiz, which will include a fish & chip supper from Longs in Bridport, will be held on **Sat 27th April in Burton Bradstock Village Hall** with quiz arranged and run by Sue Moores, helped by David Edwards.

The quiz runs in teams of 8, but all are welcome, from individuals to small groups and not just Villagers. Smaller numbers will be put together into teams either beforehand or on the night. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and last teams, a sensibly priced bar and raffle. Tickets will go on sale at the Post Office Friday 5th April at £9:50 per person. This includes the cost of your fish and chip meal, which regrettably goes up each year.

To book a team table, request a place in a team or request something other than cod & chips as a meal, contact Richard Ferre on 897648 or email rwferre99@gmail.com.

This is a ticket only event and last year sold out, so please get yours early.

DIARY, MARCH 2019

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Friday	1	10.30	World Day of Prayer	St. Mary's Church, South Street, Bridport
Sunday	3	10.30 12.30	Songs of Praise Valley Lunch	St Mary's Church, Burton Burton Bradstock Village Hall.
Monday	4	3.00 - 4.00	Digital Champion - Drop in session	Burton Library
Tuesday	5	10.00	Police Surgery	Burton Library
Wednesday	6	19.30	The Great British Bump Off Interactive murder mystery Play by Burton Players	Burton Bradstock Village Hall.
Thursday	7	19.30 19.30	The Great British Bump Off Interactive murder mystery Play by Burton Players Cribbage knockout	Burton Bradstock Village Hall. The New Inn Shipton
Friday	8	14.15 19.30	Tots and Prams Service-Free The Great British Bump Off Interactive murder mystery Play by Burton Players	St Mary's Church Burton Burton Bradstock Village Hall.
Saturday	9	10.30 19.30	Second Saturday Coffee Break and Frugal Lunch Spring Concert by Trio from Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	Long Bredy Village Hall Latch Hall, Litton
Tuesday	12	19.30	Litton Parish Council Meeting	Latch Hall, Litton
Wednesday	13	10.00 - 12.00 19.30	Coffee Stop Shipton Gorge Parish Council meeting	Burton Village Hall Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Friday	15	19.30	Burton Village Society - "SS Great Britain"	Burton Village Hall
Monday	18	19.30	Bride Valley Gardening Club	Puncknowle Village Hall
Monday	25	18.30 for 19.00	Royal British Legion social event (members only)	Bridport Golf Club
Tuesday	26	19.30	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	St Martin's Church Shipton
Friday	29	19.30	Burton Films - "The Wife"	Burton Village Hall

SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES MARCH 2019



	1st Sunday 3 March Sunday next before Lent	2nd Sunday 10 March 1st Sunday of Lent	3rd Sunday 17 March 2nd Sunday of Lent	4th Sunday 24 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	5th Sunday 31 March Mothering Sunday
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion SL 10.30 Songs of Praise ET	11.00 Holy Communion AW 6.30 Evening Prayer MR	9.30 Family Service RR 6.30 Holy Communion SL	11.00 Holy Communion ET 6.30 Evening Prayer JW	
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion RR	9.30 Morning Prayer ET	9.30 Holy Communion ET	11.00 Morning Worship MR	
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer YB	11.00 Holy Communion ET	11.00 Morning Worship JW	9.30 Holy Communion ET	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion SL	5.00 Evening Prayer JW	11.00 All age Holy Communion ET	9.30 Family Service RR	
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship MR	9.30 Holy Communion AW	9.30 Morning Prayer YB	9.30 Holy Communion SL	
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion SL		9.30 Morning Worship MR		11.00 United Valley HC Service SL
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion by ext YB		11.00 Holy Communion SL	