

Bride Valley News

The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches



December 2019



We wish all our friends & neighbours
A Happy Christmas
&
Best Wishes for 2020

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St Michael & All Angels: Littlebredy
St Peter: Long Bredy
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St Mary The Blessed Virgin: Puncknowle
St Martin: Shipton Gorge
Holy Trinity: Swyre

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

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



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giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc



www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk

www.littlebredy.com

www.longbredy.org.uk

WEEKDAY SERVICES, DECEMBER 2019

Monday	2	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Monday	2	10.00	Julian Prayer Group at Swyre
Tuesday	3	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock
Wednesday	4	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Thursday	5	19.00	Reflect & Study with HC at Puncknowle
Monday	9	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Monday	9	9.00	Prayers - Swyre
Tuesday	10	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock
Wednesday	11	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	16	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Tuesday	17	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock
Wednesday	18	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Thursday	19	19.00	Reflect & Study with HC at Puncknowle
Monday	23	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Monday	23	9.00	Prayers - Swyre
Tuesday	24	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock

ADVENT REFLECTIONS 2019

A half hour reflection at 7.00pm on Monday evenings during Advent

Monday 2 December – in St Martin’s Church, Shipton Gorge
Led by Reverend Sue Linford

Monday 9 December – in St Peter’s Church, Long Bredy
Led by The Reverend Jane Williams

Monday 16 December – in Holy Trinity Church, Swyre
Led by The Reverend Jane Williams

All are welcome to attend.

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

I absolutely love the run up to Christmas, this liturgical season that we call Advent. The sense of preparation for something big, something wonderful and the anticipation of what's to come: with Jesus in our midst, the future is very bright!

That sense of awe and wonder about the place, of children's little faces lighting up with happiness and joy as we prepare to celebrate the fact that Jesus came and lived among us, starting out life as a baby, just like all of us here ... As one modern translation of the bible puts it:

“The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into our neighbourhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son. Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.” (John 1.14 The Message)

For Christians this has to be the most exciting thing ever, God sending his one and only Son. For some though the sad thing is that these liturgical seasons are, or have become, nothing but empty cycles without any meaning.

This Advent, whether you're excited about Christmas or not, let me challenge you to take some time out of your busy schedule and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, how the birth of Jesus Christ has impacted on your life spiritually.

Throughout December across the Bride Valley there will be some wonderful opportunities to anticipate and celebrate together, beginning with our Advent Service of Light on 1st December running right through to our services on Christmas Day and during the Christmas season. There will also be an opportunity to quietly reflect theologically at one or more of our Advent Reflections on Monday evenings.

EMMANUEL – GOD IS WITH US

My prayer for you all this year is that you will be more aware of God's presence than ever before, during the anticipation of Advent and that as you celebrate, Christmas will be joyful.

As a family we would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas 2019.

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



VALLEY LUNCHES 2020



A new experiment!

We have always held the Valley Lunches on the **first Sunday of all the odd months - except January.**

However, we have plans to have a lunch on **Sunday, January 5th at 12.30pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall** to see how it goes. Everyone is welcome, including your family and neighbours, and there is no charge - though (as we regularly say) you may like to bring a little cash to purchase items from Liz Orza's FairTrade stall. All we ask is that those who do come would bring some contribution - sweet or savoury or both - for this shared meal. Filter coffee and tea (with de-caff options) are provided.

For further details please 'phone **Cilla (898473) or Heather (897780)**

Tiny Tots

We started this Autumn session with more Tots than usual, but missed a number of individuals at our October event. However we hope that many more toddlers, babies, and bumps will join us for this free, messy, noisy Tots' time, when we meet as usual on the **2nd Friday in the month at St Mary's church, Burton Bradstock. This month it will be on Friday December 13th from 2.15pm to 3.30pm.**

The first Tiny Tots in 2020 will be on Friday January 10th. We look forward to everyone coming.

For more details contact **Audrey (897227) or Heather (897780)**



Bride Valley Gardening Club



At the last meeting of the Gardening Club for 2019, we had a fun quiz organised by Sue Brown. It was a great opportunity to test our knowledge and socialise. We closed our meeting with wine, mulled apple juice, cheese and biscuits.

Details of the new Gardening Club calendar of events, starting on March 16th 2020, will be published in the BVN next year.

Jobs to do during December and January

Deadhead winter flowering pansies to prolong flowering; mulch around hellebores with bark chips to help keep leaves clean. Finish clearing beds and cover bare soil with a layer of well-rotted compost or manure. Clear leaves away from woody stems and perennials to prevent a build-up of moisture.

Clean pots, trays and plant supports with mild disinfectant; clean, oil and sharpen tools. Keep checking stored fruit and vegetables for signs of decay. In January sow chillies in a heated propagator. Sow early carrot varieties under fleece and plant new rhubarb crowns. Continue to winter prune apples and pears. Use cloches to warm the soil 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 2020

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473



Bride Valley WI



Our meeting in November is making small Christmas trees in pots using Willow to use as Christmas decorations. Sounds very interesting!!! There will also be a tasting session for mince pies.

In December we are having a Christmas get-together with festive food and Christmas games followed in January with a meeting on how to dance the Charleston. Come along and try.

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 of what our WI is like and what activities we organize.

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month, except August, at Puncknowle Village hall at 7.30pm 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, Phyllis Warren or Charlotte Kinghorn.

Bride Valley Book Group - November Report

“The Disappearing Act of Esme Lennox” by Maggie O’Farrell

Most of us really enjoyed reading this book finding it quite a page turner.

The novel spans most of the 20th century and tells the story of two sisters from a colonial background in India. After a family tragedy they relocate to the previous home of their parents in Scotland. As they grow older one sister is happy to be docile and compliant whilst the other is headstrong and rebellious. Needless to say things do not go well for the less malleable sister.

The novel reminds us sharply about the unforgiving attitudes and morals of early 20th century - ignorance and judgemental prejudice all contribute to the book’s themes - the treatment of the mentally ill, the somewhat loose definition of mental illness itself, the low expectations of female education, illegitimacy, sexual assault, the consequences of defying social convention.

We were a bit divided over the sections where interior monologues formed the narrative - often broken off in a fragmentary and unattributed style. Some of us lost patience and pushed on regardless - others turned the pages back to try and “join up the dots”. However we did agree that this technique filled in important gaps in the story, especially key events in the background of Esme and her sister Kitty.

Several of us found the ending unsatisfactory - in which Esme wreaks her revenge on the sister who betrayed her - now deeply demented in a care home. This particular point prompted quite a discussion!

GOOD BOOKS

Bridport's Christian Bookshop

St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL

Tel: 01308 420483

email: orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk

website: www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk

Home of: Bridport Book of Hours, Threads of Hope, Pathways to Care, Bridport & District Good Neighbours & Hopeful Hampers.

**Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9.00am-1.00pm,
Wed & Fri, 9.00am-3.00pm, Saturday 10.00am-12.00 noon.**



Our Night Sky in December 2019

Jupiter will be setting shortly after Sunset, with Saturn following shortly afterwards. Venus will be the brightest object in the evening sky, setting at about 7pm by the middle of the month. The rest of the night sky will be dominated by the winter constellations with Orion being the most conspicuous.

Quasars are among the brightest and most distant known celestial objects and are crucial to understanding the early universe. They were discovered only about 50 years ago because the distance makes the signals so faint. The tiny, point-like glimmers are actually signals from galactic nuclei outshining their host galaxies. Quasars live only in galaxies with supermassive black holes — black holes that contain billions of times the mass of the sun. Although light cannot escape from the black hole itself, some signals can break free around its edges. While some dust and gas fall into the black hole, other particles are accelerated away from it at near the speed of light. The particles stream away from the black hole in jets above and below it, transported by one of the most powerful particle accelerators in the universe. Quasars emit energies which exceed the total of the light of all the stars within a galaxy. They are the brightest objects in the universe, they shine anywhere from 10 to 100,000 times brighter than the Milky Way. Quasars are capable of emitting hundreds or even thousands of times the entire energy output of our galaxy, making them some of the most luminous and energetic objects in the entire universe, Quasars are part of a class of objects known as active galactic nuclei (AGN). Other classes include Seyfert galaxies and blazars. All three require supermassive black holes to power them.

Most of the more than 2,000 known quasars existed in the early life of the Universe. In December 2017, the most distant quasar was found more than 13 billion light-years from Earth. {1 Light Year equals about 5.88 trillion miles (9.5 trillion km). Scientists observed the quasar as it appeared only 690 million years after the Big Bang. Quasars this young can reveal information about how galaxies evolved over time. The distances involved are mind blowing, and the fact that Quasars can be observed so far away makes one realise just how brilliant these objects must be.

On which thought provoking fact, I will close this article, the last of a year's worth for the Bride Valley News. May I wish all my readers a Very Happy Christmas and a prosperous year to come.

Bill Turnill



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School



We have had a great end of the half term with so much going on!



Robins Class (Year 1 and 2) went to the Sir John Colfox School for their multiskills festival during the last week of the term. It was a great opportunity for them to join with children from other primary schools in the area.

They took part in lots of sporting activities which were led by the Sports Leaders at the Sir John Colfox School.



The Kingfishers class (Year 3 and 4) held a 'Mad Hatters Tea Party' for parents as part of their Potions topic. They dressed up as characters from Alice in Wonderland and it was great to see so many of the parents dressed up as well.

Jam tarts and other goodies were served, and the children had a wonderful time showcasing some of their learning from the topic.



Owls class (Year 5 and 6) visited St Mary's church in Bridport for an exhibition about the Second World War.

This had been organised by the Bridport Heritage Forum. The children were able to try on clothes from the period, taste some food and see collections of stamps and other artefacts. We were very grateful to the Reverend Peter Stone for finding a charity grant to fund the transport.

We are now working on our new topics for this half term. These are:
Wagtail Class (Reception) – Why do Squirrels Hide Their Nuts?
Robins Class (Years 1 and 2) – Paws, Claws and Whiskers
Kingfisher Class (Years 3 and 4) – Tremors
Owl Class (Years 5 and 6) – Frozen Planet

Planning Ahead – The children are looking forward to hosting the village ‘Coffee Stop’ on **Wednesday 20th November in the Village Hall**. We hope that you will be able to come along and enjoy refreshments with us!

We will be taking part in the **Christingle Service in St Mary’s church, Burton Bradstock on Tuesday 3rd December at 2.30** and this is open to members of the community to attend.

We are also looking ahead to our Christmas events. These include our Christmas Fayre at the school on Saturday 7th December 2pm – 4 pm, our Christmas performance, which will be at Freshwater Caravan Park on Wednesday 11th December and finally our Carols around the Tree in the school hall on Friday 20th December. 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.

Christina Sanderson
Assistant Headteacher



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL



We had a moving **Remembrance service** in church on a brilliantly bright and sunny morning. The school was joined by the local community to remember.

The children brought poppy wreaths and bunches of poppies and some of the Eggardon children recited poems.



All the children, including the Fledglings preschoolers, observed a 2 minute silence.

They are amazing.



We donated shoeboxes to **HeartResponse charity**, for children in Romania. We also raised funds for **Children in Need**; the children came dressed in yellow or something spotty.

The **Ethos Council** performed 'The Good Shepherd' to demonstrate the value of joy.



Eggardon children participated in the National **Primary Maths Challenge**

TSA events:

The **Pumpkin Carving Competition** was hugely popular and made about £50. The children judged Miss Symes' pumpkin carving the best staff entry!

The Halloween themed **Eggardon cake sale** was brilliant too!

The children in school had some super creations on Crazy Hair Day!

The whole school is enjoying 6 weeks of **dance and cricket coaching**.

Our football team played the first round of **Kenway Cup matches**.

We participated in the **netball tournament** and in the **Quicksticks tournament**, both at Colfox.

Some of our Eggardon children took part in **Young Dorset Sport Leaders Day** at Redlands.



Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

Christmas Day Service in St Mary's at 11am

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 8 December in St Mary's at 5pm

In this Carol Service the Christmas story will be read and the children will assemble the crib, so do come and join us and stay for mulled wine and mince pies.

AN INVITATION TO CHRISTMAS TEA

Back by popular demand, you are invited to the Village Hall Christmas Tea Party on Sunday 8 December from 2.30 – 4.30.

This is a free community event at which refreshments will be provided and it is a chance for you to catch up with friends and neighbours. The Hall will be decorated for Christmas and the fire lit to welcome you in. There will also be artisan stalls and a chance to win a home baked Christmas Cake in the raffle.

At 4.30 all are welcome to join the candle lit walk to St Mary's Church for the reading of the Christmas story and carols by candlelight. This is an interactive service where the children help to create the nativity scene. The service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

CAROLS IN THE CROWN

Friday 20 December 7.30 – 8.30

There will be carol singing in the warmth and cosy surroundings of our village pub in the aid of ALABARE from 7.30 to 8.30. Do come and join in for a fun and festive evening.

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

We had a second attempt at painting in the style of Van Gogh. This was great fun and very jolly thanks to the coffee and cake supplied by Alison and Tina. It was a lovely morning. Our workshop with Tracy Linwood was

very helpful as always. The task was to draw pictures of trees struck by lightning [in charcoal]. The black and white picture on a pale brown background was most effective.

Our meeting on Dec. 13th will be our Xmas party and quiz.

Christine Molony

**PUNCKNOWLE,
SWYRE, WEST
BEXINGTON AND
CHILCOMBE**



PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL

Usually 3rd Tuesday each month

12.30 for 1.00pm - monthly

Raffle

December Menu

Roast turkey with all trimmings and roast potatoes or...
Cold poached salmon
.....
Christmas pudding & Custard or...
Rum & Raisin ice cream (homemade)
Cheese and biscuits
To include a glass of wine

We have some spaces!

Good Food!

Good to get out!

No cooking!

No washing up!

Good to hear from you!

Next Lunches:

10 December

18 February

2020

£5.00 for a home-cooked three course lunch

If you would like to join us and are over 50 and live, or have lived, in any of the above villages, please contact David Buckland, Tel No 01308 898492 for further details. Medical dietary needs catered for. Also please contact David if you are interested in volunteering your help in any capacity please - helpers always welcomed.

AUCTION OF PROMISES 18 OCTOBER

To all of you who supported this event:

THANK YOU!

The auction raised an amazing £1675 in aid of the Holy Trinity Church, Swyre and Crisis UK.

We couldn't have done it without such wonderful support.

LITTON CHENEY

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St Mary's Church

There will be no morning service here on **Sunday 1st December**, instead we shall be hosting an **Advent Service of Light at 6.00 pm** with special music for the season.

We hope many of you will come to our Christmas Services:

Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 22nd at 6.00 p.m. followed by mulled wine and mince pies. (No morning service that day.)

Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4.00 p.m. - a lovely start to Christmas for all the family, and **Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve starting at 11.30 p.m.**

Light up the Church this Christmastime - 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 482617.**

Carol Singing around the Village – Thursday 12th & Friday 13th December

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING led by Paul Cheater and the church choir on December 12th and 13th, starting at 6.30 pm from the Triangle on each evening - East End on Thursday evening and West End and Main Street on Friday evening, ending at The White Horse. Do come and join in the spirit of Christmas. All proceeds to Julia's House.

You may have noticed that Thursday 12th December is also Polling Day in the General Election. On balance you may find carol singing a welcome distraction and uplifting activity from having endured five weeks of incessant electioneering!

Happy Christmas and a great New Year from the Litton Cheney Social Committee

Remembrance Service held on 11th November

Thorner's School combined with local residents to commemorate Remembrance Day. The children recited poems remembering the fallen from the village over two World Wars. Two minutes silence was observed and the names of the fallen read out by Rector Jane. The poppy collection from the school suggested at the time of going to press that the children had given generously to a most worthy cause. Thank you.

Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 14th January 2020 – 7.30 pm, LATCH

You are actively encouraged to come to these council meetings. At January's meeting the precept for 2020/21 will be decided, plus there is democratic time when you can raise issues that are of concern to you.

Our thanks to volunteer members of the Premier Crew for their efforts throughout the year helping to keep our village in some semblance of order.

Litton Cheney Parish Council wishes all residents, visitors and home owners a very happy Christmas and joyous New Year.



Events at LATCH in December



- Mondays:** 5.00 – 9.00 BV Scout Group (2nd, 9th, 16th)
- Tuesdays:** 2.00 pm Ladies Choir in Meeting Room (3rd, 10th)
6.15 pm Ballroom & Latin dance classes
- Wednesdays:** 4.00 pm Table Tennis
7.00 - 8.30 pm Iyengar Yoga (NOT 18th)
- Fridays:** 10.00 am Yoga with Sue O'Sullivan (6th only)
- Sunday 1st:** 9.30 am Iyengar Yoga with Anna Forrest
Afternoon Yoga Workshop with Nadiya Wynn
- Thursday 5th:** 7.30 pm Artsreach production “**Carolling & Crumpets**”
- Sunday 8th:** 9.30 am Iyengar Yoga with Anna Forrest
- Thursday 12th:** **7.00 am – 10 pm General Election Polling Station (Meeting Room)**
- Sunday 15th:** morning: Yoga with Nadiya Wynn
- Wednesday 18th:** 6.00 pm Thorner's School production



Bride Valley Films at LATCH
REMINDER...*FRIDAY* 29 November
Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 p.m.



ROCKETMAN ‘an incredible performance by Taron Egerton captures the highs and lows of Elton’s life’ Rocketman is an epic musical story about Elton John’s breakthrough years. The film follows the fantastical journey of transformation from shy piano prodigy Reginald Dwight into international superstar Elton John. This inspirational story – set to Elton John’s most beloved songs and performed by star Taron Egerton – tells the universally relatable story of how a small-town boy became one of the most iconic figures in pop culture.
Cert. 15 2 hrs.

TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine) Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

We are sharing the licence for this film with Burton Bradstock who will show it the same day.

NEXT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Spring 2020

From the New Year films will continue to be shown on Thursdays as usual, but we will be bringing things forward half an hour for all future films –

Doors will Open: 7.00 p.m. Film will start: 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 6 February - CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?

Thursday 5 March - YESTERDAY

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



Short Mat Bowls at LATCH

Summer is well and truly over, weary travellers are returning fired up for a new season of serious competition on the green carpet. The sound of wood on wood, cries of anguish and despair as the dreaded white bar goes cartwheeling. Match of the Week has started again! Can YOU stand the tension, deciding whether to deliver a skilful curving shot, or wind up to send a powerful toe crusher down the mat? Who thought this was a peaceful pastime? Why not come along and try your hand for an hour, first session is free! After that it’s £2 a session, plus of course light-hearted banter and lightly applied skills.

Subject to numbers, every TUESDAY at 4.00 pm, give John Firrell a call on 01308 482313 or Ron Davidson 01308 482661.

Carolling & Crumpets –
John Kirkpatrick; Thursday 5th December
7.30 pm - LATCH

John Kirkpatrick presents a heart-warming look at the timeless rituals and folklore of midwinter England. Mysterious and magical songs of wassailing, wren-hunting, stirring the fire and incessant feasting come dressed up in a glittering finery of toe-tapping tunes and cracking choruses. A master of the melodeon, button accordion and anglo concertina, John also has an enviable reputation as a fine singer and interpreter of English folk music.

Tickets – Adults £9; U18s £6. Please contact Diana Cheater (01308 482223) or Steve Kourik (1308 482552).

Experience a wonderful, warm lead-up to Christmas

Scout Post

During the lead up to Christmas, and as has been the practice over the last few years, there will be a Scout Post Box situated in the village bus shelter for your local mail. Details of how to make good use of it can be found on the box.



The White Horse celebrates the month of December, Christmas and all things nice.

New Website

<http://www.whitehorseinnlittoncheney.co.uk/>

LOCALS LUNCH CLUB OFFER:

Every Thursday starting 21st November.

Pre-booked two course meal for ONLY £10 per

person. Served at 12.30pm. Please call 01308 482539 for more details and menu options.

CHRISTMAS MENU AVAILABLE:

Pre-ordered 3 course Christmas menu, Tuesday to Saturday evenings between 3rd-19th December. £25 per person. Please call for more details.

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS AND EVENTS:

December:19th - OPEN AS USUAL.

Locals Lunch Club - Christmas Dinner Special (12.30pm)

December 20th - OPEN AS USUAL.

Grand Christmas Meat and Cheese draw (8.30pm-ish)

December 21st - OPEN AS USUAL

LIVE MUSIC Jack Daniels and his Christmas Spectacular from 8.30pm

December 22nd - OPEN AS USUAL

Christmas draw and quiz - **Cash, booze and various other prizes to be won!**
(From 7pm -ish)

December 23rd - OPEN FROM 5pm AS USUAL - drinks only.

December 24th - OPEN ALL DAY - Lunch service only until 2.30pm.

Drinks only in evening.

December 25th - OPEN 12-2pm ***drinks only***

December 26th - **BOXING DAY WALK** (weather permitting). Meet 10.15am at pub for coffee. 1.5 hour walk, arrive back at pub approx 12.30pm for drinks and nibbles until 3pm-ish.

December 27th, 28th and 29th - OPEN AS USUAL

December 30th - Open for drinks only, from approximately 6pm

December 31st - **New Years Eve Party**. Fancy dress optional - First drink on the house for anyone in proper fancy dress. Bottle of bubbly for best dressed. Party music and Big Ben countdown shown on the TV.

1st January - **New Year's Day** - some sort of pre-booked brunch TBC. Please call nearer the time for details.

January 2nd - **HAPPY 2020!**

CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKS IN JANUARY - closed 6th-20th inclusive.

Re-opening Tuesday 21st.

PLEASE MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS DURING THESE DATES.

BURNS NIGHT - 25th January 2020.

3 course meal with Haggis, Tatties and Neeps, including a tot of whisky and a fabulous traditional piper and the verse of Robert Burns. £25 per person.

Must book before 31st December. SELLING FAST...Limited number of spaces.

Phew! Let the festivities begin!

NEW CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

Informal and fun.

Starting soon in Litton Cheney.

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LITTLEBREDY

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St Michael and All Angels

Many congratulations to Adam Barrett and Faye Summers, who will be married in Church here on Saturday 7th December. They are already living in the village (well, the parish anyway), in Bigwood Lodge, and their Reception will be held in a tepee on the cricket ground – the field's third such use in the past few years. We wish them all happiness and fulfilment in the years ahead.

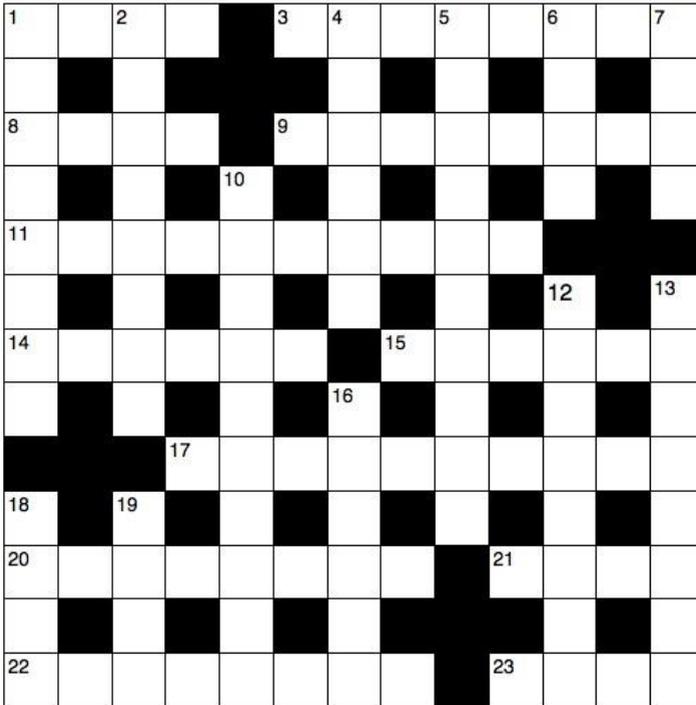
The recent re-thatching at Orchard Cottage marked the end of an era in the village. Pete Symonds from Bridport has been the regular thatcher here for roughly fifty years, and has worked on all the thatched houses during that time – some of them several times. He decided he wanted his swansong as his own boss to be in Littlebredy, and his partner Shaun Parkman has now taken over the business. Pete may still turn out to help him for old times' sake occasionally, but we thank him for his contribution to the look of the village over the years and wish him well in retirement.

This year we shall be hosting the customary shared **Carol Service** with Longbredy, and a traditional candlelit service of lessons and carols is planned for **5.00 p.m. on Sunday 22nd December**, followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Village Hall. **On Christmas Day itself, we have a Holy Communion service here at 11.00 a.m.**, and the Armstrongs are again generously providing a glass of sherry afterwards as Christmas cheer for the congregation before returning to their lunches. Thank you Jim and Nic.

The celebrated **Duck Race** from the waterfall to Riverside Cottages will be held on **Boxing Day morning**. The Hall and bar will be open from 11.00 a.m. for last-minute entries and judging of the Best Dressed Duck competition, before the race itself starts at about 11.45. Ducks can be bought in advance from Mandy Wilkinson (482550) or Jacqui Moxom (482237) for fancy dress to be applied if wanted, and we hope for a good turnout to enjoy the event and the camaraderie in the bar beforehand and afterwards.

A very happy Christmas season and 2020 to everyone with Littlebredy connections of any kind – and everyone else, of course.

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CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the — walk' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 3 Got (Philippians 3:12) (8)
- 8 Leave out (Jeremiah 26:2) (4)
- 9 Castigated for using dishonest scales (Hosea 12:7) (8)
- 11 Weighty (1 John 5:3) (10)
- 14 'Now the serpent was more — than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made' (Genesis 3:1) (6)
- 15 'Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot — God' (Romans 8:8) (6)
- 17 Because Israel lacked one of these, tools had to be sharpened by the Philistines (1 Samuel 13:19) (10)
- 20 In his vision of the two eagles and the vine, this is how Ezekiel described the latter (Ezekiel 17:8) (8)
- 21 Rite (anag.) (4)
- 22 Nine gigs (anag.) (8)
- 23 'The eye cannot say to the —, "I don't need you"' (1 Corinthians 12:21) (4)

Down

- 1 'Flee for your lives! Don't —, and don't stop anywhere in the plain!' (Genesis 19:17) (4,4)
- 2 Principal thoroughfare (Numbers 20:19) (4,4)
- 4 'The tax collector... beat his — and said, "God have mercy on me, a sinner"' (Luke 18:13) (6)
- 5 'The zeal of the Lord Almighty will — this' (2 Kings 19:31) (10)
- 6 'The day of the Lord is — for all nations' (Obadiah 15) (4)
- 7 Specified day (Acts 21:26) (4)
- 10 Deadly epidemic (Deuteronomy 32:24) (10)
- 12 Roman Catholic church which has special ceremonial rights (8)
- 13 Tied up (2 Kings 7:10) (8)
- 16 In his speech to the Sanhedrin, Stephen described Moses as 'powerful in speech and —' (Acts 7:22) (6)
- 18 'Although he did not remove the high places, — heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life' (1 Kings 15:14) (4)
- 19 Tribe (Deuteronomy 29:18) (4)

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LONG BREDY

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St Peters Church

Long Bredy 100 Club October 2019 Draw

£25.00	No 76	J Cain
£15.00	No 138	C Trethewey and J Talbot
£5.00	No 131	J Greener

Drawn on October 26th at Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall

COFFEE MORNING FOR MARIE CURIE NURSES 9TH NOVEMBER 2019. LONG BREDY VILLAGE HALL.

Below is a breakdown of the money collected for this charity. In spite of awful weather, the open fire and a packed hall made a very warm and welcome atmosphere. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed items for the event and helped to set up and decorate the hall.

Thank you especially to Iris Way, who provided the initial idea for this extremely successful fund-raiser.

REFRESHMENT DONATIONS	123.99
CAKES	81.50
BRIC A BRAC 1	143.50
BRIC A BRAC 2	20.50
RAFFLE	119.00
DONATION	20.00
TOTAL	£508.49

The cost of hiring the hall was kindly donated.

Well done everyone for all your hard work.

Remembrance Sunday

Although no service is held specifically at Long Bredy for this occasion as there is a joint commemoration service at St Michael and All Angels' Church, Little Bredy, Eve Bailey has created a very beautiful handcrafted Remembrance cloth, which was draped by the altar in St Peter's Church on the Sunday, November 3rd.



If you were not able to see this lovely piece of needlework, photographs are on the pinboard in Church.....do have a look. Thank you, Eve, for the idea and commitment you put into making such a lovely tribute.

Monday December 9th

There will be a short service (about 30 minutes) in St Peter's Church at 7.00pm. This will be a time for quiet reflection in the midst of busy Christmas preparations and will be led by the Rector, Jane Williams. Everyone will be very welcome at this simple service.

Grand Christmas Draw - to be drawn on December 14th (see below)

There is still time to buy and or sell tickets for this if you have not already done so. This is a reminder of just some of the prizes:

- £100.00 cash
- Food hamper
- Cheese hamper
- Christmas tree
- Christmas arrangement
- A ham
- Christmas cakes

Proceeds will be divided between the chemo-therapy unit at Dorset County Hospital and St Peter's Church, Long Bredy.

Please contact Ruth Cullingford for extra tickets and return money and ticket stubs to her if you have not already done so.

Village Coffee Break

The next coffee break will be on **Saturday, December 14th from 10.30 to 12.00 noon in the village hall.**

The fire will be burning, and there will be plenty of cakes and savouries to enjoy for a small donation to cover expenses and a Christmas 'Bring and Buy' stall.

The **Grand Christmas Draw** will take place here.

December 15th Christmas Service

There will be a Christmas Morning Worship Service in St Peter's Church at 9.30 am, as this will be our last service before Christmas. Come and sing some carols and enjoy refreshments after the service, which will be taken by our Reverend Jane Williams.

Come Along Inn

The last opening in 2019 of our very popular village inn will be on **Friday, December 20th from 5.30 till 9.00pm.**

This has been a very successful monthly addition to village life, and thanks go to Gwen and Alan for the initial idea, hard work in getting it up and running, and to everyone else who helps to set up, cook food, collect the empties, wash up, run the meat raffle and clear up the hall afterwards.

The dates for 2020 have been published and will be on display so that you don't miss opening times for next year!

Other Christmas Services

This year it is the turn of St Michael and All Angels' Church at Little Bredy to host both the Carol Service and the Christmas Day Service. There is always a warm welcome for us there and an opportunity to enjoy the Christmas services in a venue with different traditions.

Please see the back page of the BVN for times of the services.

Christmas Quiz

The popular Christmas Quiz, devised and organised by Caddy Sitwell, has a bird theme this year and is now available from her for £1.00. Please contact her on 01308 482501 to order your copy.

Proceeds go to village funds.

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Floodlight Sponsors for December

December can be a harsh month, but thanks to our sponsors we are fortunate to have St Martin's church lit up and casting a warm glow over Shipton Gorge village throughout the festive season.

Our sponsors this month are:

Graham and Heather

John & Diane Bredemear remembering their dear friend Marlene

Barbara Willy in loving memory of David

Roy Symes in memory of his parents Percy and Nesta and wishing his family and friends season's greetings.

Harry & Lily Myers in loving memory

of their daughter Beverly's birthday on 28th

Richard & Hilary celebrating Hilary's birthday on New Year's Eve.

Our grateful thanks go to all who have sponsored the lights throughout the year and wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

If you would like to light up the church for a special occasion or a precious memory please contact me, Phyl Webster on 01308 898657. A suggested donation of £5.00 is much appreciated. Names are listed on the church notice board and the BVN but of course, we respect sponsors preference for anonymity.

Carol Service at St Martin's, Shipton Gorge

Come along to the traditional carols service at

St Martin's on Sunday 15th December at 5.00 p.m.

James will be leading the service and mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the Village Hall after.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY - Christmas activity

Thursday 5th December

Coach Trip to Exeter departs from New Inn Car Park @ 9am

A few seats are still available

Contact Sally 897168 – sallyparker342@gmail.com

Friday 6th December - Christmas starts in Shipton Gorge

18:00 Symondsbury Mummers perform @ **St Martin's Church**

19:30 Town Crier John Collingwood lights the village Christmas Tree with Archie and Kaitlyn (Mini Miss Bridport) @ **The New Inn**

20:30 Saxophone Christmas Songs and more with **Big Tony @ The New Inn**

For information contact Chris 897606 or villagesociety@icloud.com

All free and courtesy of the Village Society

Saturday 7th December

16:00 Pickled Bottom the Elf (Children's Entertainer) will perform her Christmas Show, demonstrate magic and tie balloons @ **St Martin's Church**. The Village Society will offer hot drinks for Mums, Dads and Grandparents and soft drinks for Shipton Juniors. Just turn up on the day.

This is a free event provided by the Village Society

SHIPTON GORGE HEDGEHOG GROUP

We are blowing our own trumpet after winning the 2019 Best Kept Village Environmental Award for Dorset. Many of you will already know of our work and its impact on the Hedgehog population in our village. So thank you to all who have participated so far including Group Members, Hayley of Hayley's Hedgehog Rescue, Haydon's Vets, Chris Legg of Prickly Prickles, Foster Daddy Steve Larcombe, Susy and Colin Varndell of the Dorset Mammal Group and a host of others who have provided help, advice and guidance along the way.

If you'd like to join our group contact 897606 or shiptonhedgehogs@icloud.com

Shipton Gorge Hedgehog Group Coffee Morning

Thank you to all those who made cakes and came to enjoy an interesting couple of hours at the New Inn with Chris Legg of Prickly Prickles Hedgehog Rescue. Special thanks to Jodie and Elliot (generous as always in providing the venue and free coffee), Kate for the incredible Hedgehog Cake and Kate and Mags for serving guests and cleaning up.

We raised over £200 which was split equally between Hayley's Hedgehog Rescue and Prickly Prickles.

Hedgehog Coordinator - Chris G-H

CAROL SINGING ROUND THE VILLAGE - Monday, 16th December

It's that time again! We meet at 6pm at the telephone kiosk (now a library!) to visit as many homes as possible. Last year we had an amazing turnout so let's do it again - bring your family, friends and faithful pooches - it will be great fun, and raising money for Save the Children Fund makes it even more worthwhile. Carol sheets will be provided as usual, but bring your torches and wrap up well!

Looking forward to a great time with you all - all the best.

Janet Lane

100 Club draw results for October

£25 No 103 Pat Cox
£10 No 125 Mark Welman
£5 No 63

100 Club draw results for November

£25 No 101 Jackie & Jerry Pyke
£10 No 54 Robert Bradshaw
£5 No 70 Bob Simpson

Congratulations to all the winners.

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

Christmas Services at Burton Bradstock

The Candlelit Carol Service will be held on 15th December at 6.30pm led by Revd Sue Linford.

On Christmas Eve a Crib Service will be held at 5pm led by Revd Jane Williams and a Midnight Communion led by Revd Ryder Rogers will commence at 11.30pm

On Christmas Day there will be a Holy Communion service at 10.30am led by Revd Edward Tildesley who helped us during the vacancy and we will be pleased to welcome him back.

Advent Songs of Praise

The season of Advent marks the start of the Christian year when the Church looks forward to celebrating the birth of Christ.

Our informal Songs of Praise service on Sunday, 1st December, will be led by Yvonne Buckland, with traditional readings and hymns for Advent.



Those who have attended these monthly services will know that we usually include a new hymn and this month we will be singing 'Christ, be our light', written by Bernadette Farrell. The service starts at 10.30am, lasts one hour and is followed by refreshments.

Our next Songs of Praise service will be on Epiphany Sunday, January 5th at 10.30am and will be led by our Rector, Rev'd Jane Williams.

Come and join us for these inspiring services !

St Mary's Church: Pews for Sale

The long awaited improvements to the church have been given the go ahead. Thanks to the wonderful success of the Church Fetes and generous grants we can now make a start.

Thanks to the Dorset Historic Churches Trust grant, work is already taking place to weatherproof the South Transept window and when the wall has dried out the kitchenette will be installed. The changes to the Vestry, including the accessible toilet, will also be undertaken.

The remaining part of the Welcome Project, the levelling of the floor and the removal of some pews will have to wait for some time whilst further funds are raised.

Part of this fundraising will involve the sale of surplus pews. Some pews which have been in store will be sold soon and they can be seen at the Coffee Stop in the Village Hall on 11th December. You will have a chance to buy one should you so wish. They are made of oak and were specially designed by the well-known architect E.S.Prior.

Do not despair if you are not one of the lucky ones as there will be others for sale at a later date.

For further information apply to the Churchwardens : (Chrissie Bailey (897603) or Peter Broomhead (897408)

The Children's Society

Allegra Martin has very kindly taken over from me as the representative and hopefully by now you will have taken your boxes to her at The Old Coach House on Shipton Lane, to me at The Bramleys, Annings Lane or to a Church Warden at a Sunday service. They can also be collected by arrangement with Allegra (898108).

Our Christingle service this year is on Tuesday December 3rd at 2.30pm and will be led by our Rector, the Rev'd Jane Williams with help from the children. Although this will take place during school time everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Carol singing for The Children's Society is on Monday the 16th December and we will meet outside the church, torch in hand, at 5.30pm. Please come and join us!

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated to the vital work of the Society during the time that I have been the representative.

Celebration of 20 years of Open the Book

You might have seen balloons bobbing outside the church gates on Sunday 3rd November. This was to celebrate nationally 20 years of Open the book (OtB) in our Songs of Praise Service. Here in Burton Bradstock we have been doing it for well over 10 years. OtB is a project that offers primary school children an opportunity to see dramatisations of major stories of the Bible in a weekly short Collective Worship Assembly. Each school has a team drawn from interdenominational local churches who go into schools on a regular basis. The children delight in these sessions as they learn about God's love through the message of the Bible and Christian values that provide a moral framework for their lives. From a retired couple in Bedford in 1999, who sought to bring the Bible to their local primary school children, OtB spread very quickly and in 2007 a national charity was formed. It grew so large that they were unable to deal with the project and in 2013 The Bible Society took it over. There are now 3000 primary schools in the U.K. who use Open the Book and it has also been adopted in African countries – it is particularly strong in Ghana.

At the service some of the OtB team were joined by five children to present the story of The Good Samaritan. Children later read prayers and we were treated to two Bible stories written by children in their own words which were part of a national OtB competition. There were other entries of art and stories for this displayed in the church for people to view whilst they enjoyed a variety of homemade cakes and tea or filter coffee.



Burton Bradstock Village Hall Trust
For bookings please contact Mrs Val Ferré (01308897648)

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 2 meeting dates are listed below:

Date.	Organised by
Wed 11 th Dec	St Mary's Church
Wed 22 nd Jan	Village Hall Trust



BURTON BRADSTOCK FILMS



Burton Bradstock Films takes a Christmas break until **Friday 31 January 2020** when the second half of the season will start with **CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME**. Melissa McCarthy stars as Lee Israel the bestselling celebrity biographer and cat lover who made her living in the 70's and 80's profiling the likes of Katharine Hepburn, Tallulah Bankhead, Estée Lauder and journalist Dorothy Kilgallen. When Lee fell out of step with the marketplace and was unable to get her work published she turned her art form to deception, abetted by her loyal friend Jack (Richard E Grant). It has been described as a terrific film, a pleasure to watch, with a lot to say about ingenuity and heart wrenching loneliness.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

YESTERDAY - Friday 28 February 2020.

A story which is touching, funny and romantic with top rate music.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year

Christmas Market & Coffee Morning

This year's Christmas Market in the Hall will be on **Sat 7th December, 10:00 to 12:30**, entry £1 for adults, children under 16 free. Coffee, Tea, biscuits and cakes will be available to purchase. The market sells a variety of mostly Christmas related crafts, sweet and gift products, so please come and do some of your Christmas shopping.

To book a table (cost £7) contact Richard Ferre on 01308897648 or email rwferre99@gmail.com

The hall opens at 09:00 for Vendors to set up.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all those people in the Valley who sent their condolences and prayers on the deaths of both my parents, Ken and Gladys Richardson. It was good to hear that many people had such positive memories of them despite them only living in Burton Bradstock for the past 11 years. They had been together for over 80 years and had only been separated twice during their time together, once for 4 years during WWII and latterly for 7 weeks when Dad pre-deceased Mum. Now they are together again. With thanks from all the family. Susan (Moores) and David (Edwards).

Christmas Quiz

The hugely popular, light hearted **Village Quiz is on the evening of Saturday 14th Dec**, with quiz questions by Sue & Bryan Brown. 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 book early and put the date in the diary now. Tickets are on sale at the Post Office now, price £8 each which includes a light 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.

To book a table for a team of 8, a vegetarian meal (essential if you want one), or to request being added to a team please call or email Richard Ferre, contact details in previous paragraph. Please note, all bookings will be provisional until you confirm you have tickets. Alternatively, providing you have a ticket or tickets, you will be placed in a team on the night.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

November 2019 Draw

Dorset Council Licence no: SL0080

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£36	No 9:	Mr Malcolm Peach
2nd	£18	No 161	Mr David Venn
3rd	£9	No 10	Mr Phil Schemaesta

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the December 2019 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £1 for the last monthly draw this year. There are double prizes in the December draw.



Burton Bradstock WI

HEADLINE NEWS.....!!!!!!!



Our skittles team have finally won - not one, but two matches – and also drawn a third! How about that! Well done all! It certainly gave everyone such a good feeling and certainly added to the enjoyment of the evenings. We have played all our matches now but are

determined to continue practising in order to keep up our improving standard. We look forward to more success next year, hopefully.

On 17th October eleven members attended the Annual Meeting of the Dorset Federation at The Lighthouse in Poole. After all the formalities and the various reports we were treated to two very interesting speakers. In the morning James Cussins, a past chairman of the NFU spoke about the running of his family farm, emphasising the importance of locally sourced food and in the afternoon Tom Heap of Countryfile fame gave us all hope on hearing that some worrying environmental issues were beginning to improve. He went on to give us an insight into current investigations as well as more information on what else needs to be done to secure a better future for us all. We also had a lively presentation from the Armed Forces Diversity Team.
An interesting day.

In November eleven members enjoyed a meal out at Haddon House in West Bay and five of us attended the Bride Valley Group meeting hosted by Martinstown. It was a 60's themed evening and we not only enjoyed a delicious meal with amazing desserts, but also participated in a brain searching table quiz and then a sixties singalong to "Jam Please" a vocal harmony group who had us reminiscing about songs from our youth.

In view of the rather extreme weather recently the walking group decided, very sensibly, to just meet up for coffee, the kurling group enjoyed their first meeting of the Autumn session during which much fun and laughter was evident and the activities group have continued to be very busy making items for our stall at the Village Christmas Fair on 7th December.

We are now all looking forward to our Christmas celebrations – a meal at Bridport Golf Club on 4th December, the Bride Valley Group Carol Service at Martinstown on 5th and our Christmas Party on 10th – a very busy, festive time!

Do come and join us – we meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall at 2.15pm in the Winter (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, Mah Jong and Skittles, not forgetting our new indoor kurling group.

Something for everyone!

For further information please contact: Janet Pearson 01308 898346

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

On **Friday 6th December at 7.30pm** in **Burton Bradstock Village Hall** we have our final Village Society talk of 2019 - **Sue Outhwaite of 'Snooks'** will regale us with '**Confessions of a Hat Shop**'. She will give us a brief history of the hat industry, with photographs, anecdotes and - surprise surprise - hats!

Come along and enjoy an entertaining evening - **£1** for members and **£4** for non-members and guests.

In 2020 we can look forward to **Bob Ayers and Bridport's rope industry**, Ian Williamson and his adventures in **Nepal**, **Mary Benger** and her development of **Burrow Farm Gardens** and **Steve Etches** with some prehistoric adventures from **under the sea**.

An eclectic mix if ever there was one!



BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL



News and updates:

Play Area Project

The Play area group and Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to all who have donated, raised funds and supported the play area project so far, it is very much appreciated. The shelter is due to be installed shortly.

December PC meeting

Please note that the next meeting has been moved to the **11th December as the 4th Dec is the Bridport Cheer evening**, refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Corncrake - The Fence

Dear fellow residents and visitors,

A number of people have commented about the fence across Corncrake, both on Facebook and in Parish Council meetings.

This is the Parish Council's response:

We understand the concerns of some about walking through fields where livestock is present and we are sorry that this has caused anxiety to regular walkers.



No arrangements have been made for grazing as yet. If or when we do agree a grazing licence with a local farmer it will be for a small number of stock for short periods of time to graze off the grass growth in Sept/Oct and again, if necessary in early March. It is important to stress there will be no grazing animals between mid March and mid September. It maybe that grazing is only necessary for 2 or 3 weeks in the autumn and again in the spring. Please be assured that any grazing cattle will be placid breeds in family groups considered safe for the public, including children and dogs, to walk through.

Many people no doubt remember that Corncrake was grazed until 2015. The Parish council was proactive in buying it a few years earlier to ensure that the fields were secured for public enjoyment. Otherwise, it is highly likely that the area would not be open to free access and may even have been lost to development.

Some regular users feel they have not been asked their opinion, but the PC consulted widely in developing the Corncrake Management Plan 2015-2020, which included grazing animals, and fencing in the position now installed. The fence protects the trees from cattle - and also means it is possible to walk through Corncrake north - south without entering the grazed area at all. The gates will be fitted with secure closers before any grazing takes place.

Many people contributing to the Parish Plan asked for it to be managed as a 'wildlife area'. Volunteers have contributed hours to planting fruit trees, laying hedges, scything grassland and trying to diversify the wildflowers. If we are to be more successful with creating a wildflower meadow we need to remove the competing grass growth so that the flowering plants have a chance to grow in the spring. We take a hay cut in July but getting machinery onto the site in wetter times (Sept/March) is not practical and grazing is the best method for reducing the grass and creating openings in the sward for flower seeds.

Involvement from all users is welcomed. The Corncrake Management Plan is due for review next year. Any alternative proposals for management of Corncrake can be considered as part of this review.



Burton Bradstock Parish Council would like to wish
everyone
a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year!

The next PC meeting will be held on
Wednesday 11th December 2019
7.30 pm in the Reading Room.
All welcome!

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

<https://twitter.com/BurtonBParish>

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)

Opening hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library

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

The library will be CLOSED on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 24th
25th & 26th December, and Tuesday 1st January 2020.

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 before Christmas is Thursday
19th December.

Friday 6 th December from 3pm to 4.00pm	Digital Champion - Drop in	at the Library
Saturday 7 th December	Sale of Christmas Cards.	Christmas Market at Burton Bradstock Village Hall
14 th December from 10.15am	Coffee and Book Sale	at the Library
14 th December at 11.30am	Draw for James' painting	at the Library

Carol, will be in the library on Friday 6th December to answer questions on using your PC, tablet, or smart phone. There is no need to book. **Starting in January the drop in sessions will move to the second Monday in the month.**

If you are unable to attend the “drop-in”, but still require help, Carol will arrange **FREE**, one to one tuition in the Library at a date to suit you.

Christmas Cards

Are available to buy in the Library, both pubs in the village and at the Christmas Market on 7th December in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Buy a Ticket, £1 each, at Village Post Office & Farm Shop for a chance to win this year’s original painting by James Webster. Join us for a coffee and book sale, in the Library, on **Saturday 14th December from 10.15am**. The winner of the picture will be announced at **11.30am**.



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.

Andrea Wilkinson has once again kindly agreed to decorate the Library for Christmas. As we look forward to the festive season I would also 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)

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BURTON BRADSTOCK SOCIAL SUPPER GROUP

Our Social Supper Group will not be meeting in December and so we take this opportunity to send our Best Wishes to you all for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our next Social Supper will be on MONDAY – 27th JANUARY 2020, 6.30pm for 7pm at the Bridport and West Golf Club

**Burton Bradstock Village Hall,
7.30pm, Saturday 18th January 2020
The People's String Foundation - Res Publica**

The People's String Foundation are an army of bohemians and vagabonds hailing from the grass roots of British music culture.

Mixing world, Classical and urban styles, this Cornish band is fronted by the virtuoso violinist Ben Sutcliffe (Director Of Music for Rogue Theatre, Kneehigh and the Minack Theatre) with co-founder and composer Zaid Al-Rikabi at the core. The live duo packs the 32-piece Gypsy Orchestra into a suitcase and takes them on tour to perform their newest album release 'Res Publica' to audiences nationwide.



This music is sure to set your heart racing, get your toes tapping, warm the soul using music, puppetry, art, cinematography and animation. The story is one of a solitary soul, a marionette puppet searching for meaning during these turbulent times. Twinned with the lead musician's violin and edited to slip seamlessly in and out of the orchestral footage, the puppet's journey takes the audience on an emotional and intriguing journey. Res Publica is a unique project that combines many art forms to create one immersive and exhilarating show created by talented film and theatre professionals. The second half of the show offers the audience the chance to hear The People's String Foundation's most popular songs and compositions from their time working as musical directors for companies such as Kneehigh and Rogue Theatre and The Minack.

See them at <https://vimeo.com/282816156>

Tickets on sale from 2nd January at Burton Post Office, adults £10, under 18s £6, family £25, or call the booking office on (01308) 897421. You can also book online at artsreach.co.uk

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Thank you to all those who helped with and attended the Poppy Appeal Band Concert on 18th October 2019 in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. St. Swithun's Band provided a wonderfully entertaining programme of music. As a result and including a collection of £68 in memory of Basil Dent we have sent £518 to the Poppy Appeal.



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DIARY, DECEMBER 2019

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun	1	10.30	Advent Songs of Praise	St Mary's Church
Fri	6	19.30	Confessions of a Hat Shop	Burton Village Hall
Fri	6	15.00-16.00	Digital Champion drop-in	Burton Library
Sat	7	10.00-12.30	Christmas Market	Burton Village Hall
Sun	8	14.30	Xmas Tea Party	Puncknowle Hall
		17.00	Carol service	St Mary's Church Puncknowle
Mon	9	19.00	Short service	St Peter's Church Long Bredy
Wed	11	10.00-12.00	Coffee Stop	Burton Village Hall
Fri	13	11.00	Art Xmas Party	Puncknowle Hall
Sat	14	10.15 Onwards	Coffee & Book Sale and draw for painting at 11.30	Burton Library
		10.30	Village Coffee Break	Long Bredy Village Hall
Sat	14	19.30pm	Christmas Quiz	Burton Village Hall
Sun	15	18.30pm	Candlelit Carol Service	St Mary's Church
Fri	20	17.30	Come Along Inn	Long Bredy Village Hall
		19.30	Carols in the Pub	Crown, Puncknowle
Tues	24	17.00pm	Crib Service	St Mary's Church
Wed	25	10.30am	Holy Communion Service	St Mary's Church

SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES DECEMBER 2019



	1 st Sunday 1 December Advent 1	2 nd Sunday 8 December Advent 2	3 rd Sunday 15 December Advent 3	4 th Sunday 22 December Advent 4	Christmas Eve 24 December	Christmas Day 25 December	5 th Sunday 29 December 1 st Sunday of Christmas
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion SL 10.30 Songs of Praise YB	11.00 Holy Communion Rector 6.30 Evening Prayer JW	8.00am Holy Communion RR 6.30 Carol Service SL	11.00 Holy Communion SL 6.30 Evening Prayer SL	5.00 Crib Service Rector 11.30 Midnight Communion RR	10.30 Christmas Communion ET	11.00 United Valley Holy Communion Rector
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion Rector	9.30 Morning Prayer Rector	5.00 Carol Service JW	5.30 Evensong SL		9.30 Holy Communion Rector	
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer MR	11.00 Holy Communion RR	11.00 Morning Worship JW	9.30 Holy Communion Rector	9.30pm Early Christmas Eucharist SL	No service	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion SL	5.00 Carol Service MR	11.00 All age Holy Communion Rector	9.30 Family Service YB		11.00 Family Service and short Communion RR	
Litton Cheney	6.00 Choral Evensong Rector	9.30 Holy Communion RR	9.30 Morning Prayer MR	6.00 Carol Service YB	4.00 Crib Service VT 11.30 Midnight Communion Rector	No service	
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion SL		9.30 Christmas Morning Worship Rector			Joint with Littlebredy	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion by ext JW		5.00 Carol Service Rector		11.00 Holy Communion Rector	