

Bride Valley News



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www.burtonbradstockvillage.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

THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

St Mary The Virgin: Burton Bradstock
St Mary: Litton Cheney
St Michael & All Angels: Littlebredy
St Peter: Long Bredy
Chilcombe (dedication unknown)
St Mary The Blessed Virgin: Puncknowle
St Martin: Shipton Gorge
Holy Trinity: Swyre

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BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE



The BVCS is a volunteer scheme offering residents of the Bride Valley transport to and from medical appointments when they are unable to drive themselves or be driven by relatives or friends.

Clients are charged a mileage fee (currently 50p per mile) plus a standard charge (currently £1.00 per journey). Because the service depends on the availability of volunteer drivers, clients are asked to give as much notice as possible - we are unlikely to be able to respond to requests within 48 hours of an appointment.

BVCS simply provides door-to-door transport and cannot be responsible for assisting with clients' medical or mobility needs. Patients with complex transport needs for hospital appointments should contact the NHS Non-Emergency Patient Transport service.



To book a journey please call our voluntary co-ordinator Lesley on 01308 897695 between Monday and Friday.



Calls cannot be taken at weekends.

FROM THE RECTORY

Write your own headlines!

Am I the only one who is fed up with the printed headlines of the daily news, they are so depressing and focus so much on the negative events.

I've decided we should try to write our own, just for the Bride Valley. And so, to start us off ...

Hooray! Bride Valley News back in print and being delivered again.

With thanks to the small team who have diligently kept it going throughout Lockdown and ensured its availability online, but I'm sure most will agree it's good to have a copy through the door again. It's not the only thing I feel really thankful for, we have seen so much goodness and kindness throughout our villages during this unprecedented time, this feels like a great opportunity to say a big **THANK YOU** and well done to everyone for all that you've been doing as a community to keep us all safe and looked after. It truly has proved to me what a special place this is to live.

“Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5 v 16-18 (Good News Version)

At the beginning of Lockdown in particular, it struck me that though lots of things were having to be cancelled or not done in our usual way, we were experiencing many blessings and I started to record them as a reminder. Here are some of them in our own headline form:

“Lockdown funeral unites village” (this happened more than once and in more than one village),

“Couple can't wait to get married”

“Church buildings had to close, but prayer and worship continued throughout the Valley”,

“First vicar to be licensed on ZOOM”, “

“Choir continues making music together even though we are not allowed to sing in public”,

A“Welcome project is well underway”,

“Not safe to ring bells in the church tower, we’ll get the hand bells out instead”,

“New headteacher appointed for Thorners School”

and

“Neighbours continue to meet on Thursdays at 8pm to support each other, even beyond the Thank You NHS incentive”.

And of course, even post lockdown we continue to see amazing ways in which people are still helping each other and putting systems in place to ensure safety and minimise the risk of transmitting the virus.

As far as the virus is concerned, we are not out of the woods yet, we are still nervous and unsure of what the future holds, but we can be confident that we live as part of a great community that looks out for each other.

Here is one last headline:-

“Faith is restored in human nature by this reminder that our capacity to love is never ending!”

With every blessing,

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Burial of Ashes

8 August 2020 Eleanor Muriel Stroud St Mary’s Burton Bradstock

19 August 2020 Margaret Eileen Webby St Mary’s Burton Bradstock

Our Night Sky in September 2020

Jupiter and Saturn will remain prominent in the southern sky after sunset about 8.00pm in the middle of the month. They will be followed by Mars, noticeably bright in the East about an hour later. It will be due south about 4.00am when it will be closest to Earth. Meanwhile, Venus will be rising in the North east about 3.00am and will remain brilliant in the morning sky until Sunrise.

I hope you were fortunate enough to see the comet in July. It really was a treat to see, especially through binoculars.

Like buses, you wait for one space launch to Mars, and along come three in the same week! This is because every two years, Earth and Mars are at their closest, and so the journey time is reduced and the cost in fuel as well. NASA's Mars 2020 Perseverance rover mission is on its way to the Red Planet to search for signs of ancient life and collect samples to send back to Earth. Navigation data indicate the spacecraft is perfectly on course to Mars.

The Perseverance rover's [astrobiology](#) mission is to seek out signs of past microscopic life on Mars, explore the diverse geology of its landing site, [Jezero Crater](#), and demonstrate key technologies that will help scientists prepare for future robotic and human exploration. Jezero Crater is the perfect place to search for signs of ancient life. As the instruments investigate rocks along an ancient lake bottom and select samples to return to Earth, we may very well be reaching back in time to get the information scientists need to say that life has existed elsewhere in the universe.

The Martian rock and dust Perseverance's [Sample Caching System](#) collects could answer fundamental questions about the potential for life to exist beyond Earth. Two future missions currently under consideration by NASA, in collaboration with ESA (European Space Agency), will work together to get the samples to an orbiter for return to Earth. When they arrive on Earth, the Mars samples will undergo in-depth analysis by scientists around the world using equipment far too large to send to the Red Planet.

Also looking to the future is the [Ingenuity Mars Helicopter](#), which will remain attached to the belly of Perseverance for the flight to Mars and the first 60 or so days on the surface. A technology demonstrator, Ingenuity's goal is a pure flight test – it carries no science instruments.

Over 30 sols (31 Earth days), the helicopter will attempt up to five powered, controlled flights. The data acquired during these flight tests will help the next generation of Mars helicopters provide an aerial dimension to Mars explorations – potentially scouting for rovers and human crews, transporting small payloads, or investigating difficult-to-reach destinations. This mission is by far the most complex attempted by NASA and if successful, will increase our knowledge of Mars, and its ultimate capability to provide a home for future explorers from Earth.

Bill Turnill



Bride Valley WI



By the time you read this we hopefully will have had an August get-together, weather permitting, and will have had an opportunity to meet up with all our friends from WI.

Our September meeting is to be a visit to the outdoor milking parlour up at Little Bredy which should be an interesting evening. Although we will be outside in the fresh air we will continue to practice social distancing.

Also in September Meryl will be leading our walking Group up to Egardon Hill to enjoy the views from the top.

Our committee are keeping a close eye on the advice coming from WI Headquarters and hopefully we may be back at Puncknowle Hall for our usual meetings before too long, virus and restrictions permitting!!! Watch this space!

If you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact with one of the committee or on our email

Bridevalleywi@gmail.com



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



“September days have the warmth of summer in their briefer hours, but in their lengthening evenings a prophetic breath of autumn”. (*September Days* by Rowland E. Robinson)

While the garden should be full of early autumnal colour I hope those of you who have used these unusual circumstances to grow more vegetables and herbs will be enjoying your harvest.

So, beside collecting the produce and finding ways of storing it for winter, here are some other jobs to do in September.

Towards the end of the month take pelargoniums (and any cuttings taken during the month) under cover to protect them from the cooler nights.

In the meantime keep your late-summer flowering plants in bloom by dead-heading them regularly. Start planting winter bedding in gaps as you cut back summer flowers. Spring-flowering bulbs (except tulips) should be planted into containers and garden borders; while prepared hyacinth bulbs can be planted now for flowers at Christmas. Divide vigorous clump-forming perennials to rejuvenate their growth.

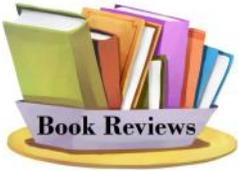
Gather and destroy leaves from roses with blackspot or mildew to stop spores spreading. Sow hardy annuals for flowering next year. Plant out spring cabbages and autumn onion sets.

Sage, marjoram, hyssop and thyme will all root easily from cuttings taken now and if you allow a few annual herbs to set seed you can store the seed and sow them next spring.

Establish new strawberry plants while the soil is warm.
Net ponds to catch any leaf fall.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473





THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB REVIEW



First of all we would like to send our very best wishes to everyone in the Bride Valley in the hope that all is well with you and yours during these challenging times.

Our last meeting was back in early March and we have been trying our best to keep in touch with each other since then. Initially this was through shared emailed book reviews but (after a bit of prompting and persuasion) we graduated onto Zoom and held some meetings this way.

Of course our group loans from Dorset Library Service ceased so we chose some topics which we would have read or most likely have on our shelves.

The first of these was Hardy's *Under the Greenwood Tree*. Some of us revisited other novels and/or the short stories - and we even discussed some of his poetry which is so different from the novels.

More recently - since we have been allowed to meet in groups of six - we have held several meetings in each other's gardens. These gatherings have been more social involving cake as well as book swaps and reading recommendations.

As I write Dorset Library Service are once again open but the Book Group loans have not yet re-started. We hope to continue with our socially distanced garden meet ups as long as the weather allows or the government rules change.

Liz Pinfield



Andrew Boggis, DHCT Trustee & Lyme Bay Deanery Area Representative, writes....

Ride + Stride on Saturday 12th September

Ride + Stride 2020 will be going ahead in a modified form to enable participants to remain safe but still enjoy what the churches and countryside of our wonderful corner of Dorset have to offer. The trustees have examined in detail the implications of holding the event and decided to proceed. The aims of the day remain the same as before: to enjoy a great day out, whilst protecting the health and wellbeing of those involved, as well as to raise funds so that the Trust can continue its work of preserving and sustaining our beautiful churches.

Each year recently the Trust has raised and distributed well in excess of £100,000. In 2019 its awards supporting 16 churches totalled £106,500; so far already in 2020 – including during lockdown – awards have been made to 14 churches (£75k) with no doubt more to come this year.

Where does the money come from? The lion's share comes from Ride + Stride, which will take place on Saturday 12th September. All parishes in the Bride Valley Team will have received information including how to sponsor participants (ideally electronically this year) and I know that several people will be participating in this sponsored event.

Please do support riders and striders, be they on bicycles, horseback, two feet, four wheels.... Please do sponsor them and please do welcome them warmly at (if not necessarily inside) all our churches on the day.

The Trust spends what it raises; it doesn't squirrel its money away... and so please don't hesitate to approach me as your representative, about any appropriate projects for your church which you may feel the Trust might support.

And please do be involved again this year – as rider, strider, sponsor or someone providing a warm welcome and whether your involvement is in person or on-line....

Andrew Boggis,
Hooke
01308 861176

Bridport Museum

Melplash Memories

We will all miss getting together at Melplash this year- tell us what you love the most about it!

We're working with the Melplash Show team to share Melplash photographs and objects from our collections. We'd love you to do the same.

You can share your favourite memories, anecdotes, memorabilia, photos or videos.... anything at all. We want to see your fluffy sheep, handsome cows, massive tractors.....just post on our Facebook page, Twitter or Instagram @bridportmuseum using the hashtag #MelplashMemories. If you're not a fan of social media- just email director@bridportmuseum.co.uk and we can post it up for you.

Here's a bit of history to get us in the mood:

The origins of the Melplash Agricultural Society and the Melplash Show go back to the day that Melplash church was consecrated on 20th October 1846. On the same day, a ploughing match was held to resolve a dispute between two farmers as to whose ploughman was the better, each staking £5- £400 in today's money! During the joint consecration and competition celebrations at the Melplash Inn (now the Half Moon), the assembled farmers and landowners decided to form the Melplash Agricultural Society and hold a ploughing competition, on 20th October 1847. From these beginnings, the annual show, held at the West Bay showground on the last Thursday before August Bank Holiday, has grown to become one of the South West's premier agricultural exhibitions.

What are your favourite #MelplashMemories?

Emily Hicks- Director
Bridport Museum Trust



Portesham Surgery News

Flu Season approaches

In these uncertain times some things do not change. Portesham Surgery will still be providing flu vaccinations to all our eligible patients from late September onwards, and this year it is even more important that you protect yourself from the “normal” viruses that circulate particularly during the winter season.

We await the final recommendations from Public Health England and will then be texting, emailing or writing to everyone who is eligible for the flu vaccination in the first phase ie those aged over 65 or with chronic health conditions such as diabetes and heart conditions.

(The government’s announcement of an extension of the vaccination programme to everyone aged over 50 will only be implemented after the first phase.)

Please look out for a text, email or letter from us detailing the clinics and how to book. This year we expect to deliver all the vaccinations at just two locations: Portesham Village Hall, and Litton and Thorners’ Community Hall. These venues are large enough, with multiple entrance/exits, to ensure a safe environment. Clinics will mostly be held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and you will be asked to pre-book an appointment slot. Patients will attend alone wherever possible and there will be no toilets or seating so you will move through the hall and out within minutes of arriving. No cups of tea this year!

Please make sure we have your up to date email and mobile telephone numbers as we will use these methods wherever possible to communicate the final arrangements with you.

Please email Portesham.reception@dorsetgp.nhs.uk if you need to update your information as our phone lines are extremely busy at the moment.

Appointments

All our routine consultations continue to be done by telephone, as they are across all GP surgeries at present. However our doors have remained open throughout this time and we continue to see and treat patients at the surgery

provided we have assessed you first by telephone. So please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

If you have an urgent problem that needs to be dealt with the same day, or you want to book a routine consultation over the next few weeks, telephone us on **01305 871468**.

eConsult

If you have a less urgent problem but you feel it cannot wait for a routine appointment please use **eConsult**, the new web-based service. This guides you through a series of questions and sends the information to our duty doctor who will respond within 2 working days with information, advice, a prescription or an appointment.

To find out more and for the link to use **eConsult**, look on the home page of our website www.porteshamsurgery.co.uk.

Visiting the Surgery

Wherever possible please telephone or email rather than coming to the surgery, to minimise the risks to patients and staff. Dispensary collections are now from 8.30 to 1pm and 5 to 6pm daily.

Please remember that we ask everyone entering the building to wear a mask or face covering. A simple scarf or bandana is fine. If this is difficult for you, or you are worried about coming into the surgery, please telephone us.

We are still delivering medications to all the village collection points and can also bring medication to you in the car park, and even carry out some simple treatments and procedures in the car park, so please talk to us if you have any concerns and we will help.

We will get through this together!



Burton Bradstock Pre-School

- 'Little Chicks' is part of the Foundation Stage Unit at Burton Bradstock Primary School
 - Dedicated and experienced staff
 - Wide range of resources within a nurturing and stimulating environment
- Morning, afternoon or all day sessions available
 - Open Monday - Thursday
- Children are eligible in the term following their 3rd birthday



More information available at www.burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk or contact:

Burton Bradstock Primary School, Church Street, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QS

Tel: 01308 897369

Email: office@burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk



Burton Bradstock CE School



As I write the report on a gloriously sunny day in August, I hope that all the children are enjoying the sunshine and are staying safe.

Following the strange four months that ended the academic year, plans are in place to welcome children back to full opening in September. The risk assessment is written and staff have remodelled their classrooms to put into place the guidance that has been set.

It was lovely to see all the children return, in year groups, at the end of July as part of the transition arrangements. The excitement at the school gates was almost tangible as the children greeted their friends and caught up with each other. The staff guided them through the new routines and, although a little apprehensive at first, the children soon adapted to the 'new normal'.

Our Year 6 pupils returned for their final day with us, something that we were unsure would take place when we closed our gates on the 20th March. A very different final day and a different farewell for our leavers than we have ever seen before but hopefully just as memorable.

We pass on our thanks to Reverend Jane for allowing us to use the church for our Leavers' Service and for her kind words and blessing. Although we were unable to welcome the rest of the school or the children's parents into church, it was so important for the children to be able to take part in this rite of passage. The children were able to share their memories of their time at the school and although there was no singing the children thought it was hilarious when their leaving gifts were presented using a litter picker (to ensure social distancing)!

Following the service, the children had fun with a picnic and party on the field. They were presented with a memory book from the staff and a Leavers' 2020 sweatshirt funded by the Friends of the School. Our 2020 leavers have been an amazing cohort. As well as being the largest year group in the school, they were also talented in so many areas – sport, art, reading, drama, leadership etc. They are all moving onto the Sir John Colfox Academy and we wish them the very best of luck.



When we return in September we welcome twelve children into Reception. They had a lovely transition morning at Forest School where they listened to stories from local storyteller Martin Maudesley.

We also have three families joining us in other year groups and we welcome them to our school community.

There are available places in each year group and we would be extremely happy to give any prospective parents/families a tour of our school.

We also have our pre-school onsite, which is also recruiting new pupils for the next academic year.

Please contact the school for more information on 01308 897369 or office@burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk

Stay safe.

Claire Staple
Headteacher



THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL



Changing of the Guard at Thorner's CE VA Primary School

As many of you will know, Headteacher Mrs Jyotsna Chaffey retired at the end of the summer term, handing over the keys to the School to new Headteacher Mr Michael Sitch.

Jyotsna was appointed as Headteacher in 2011 and during her time here Thorner's was not only a successful school, it was also a very happy one. Her dedication to the School was outstanding and her ability to relate to all the children a real strength.

This was particularly evident over the last two terms of her tenure, when COVID -19 presented her, and her teaching and support staff, with many challenges. Under her leadership, the School provided the children with the best teaching possible, and remained a happy place, throughout a period of great uncertainty.

Mr Sitch (Mike) came to Thorner's in 2012 and has been Year 5/6 teacher prior to taking up his new position, which will officially commence on 1st September. Mike is known to many of you and probably needs little by way of introduction.

The Governing Body wishes Jyotsna a long and happy retirement. We look forward to working with Mike and his team in the new School Year and wish him well in his new appointment.

John Vercoe

Chair of Governors



LITTON CHENEY

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St. Mary's Church

Our normal Sunday services continue at St. Mary's following the usual pattern of Morning Worship on the first Sunday, Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sundays, and Morning Prayer (Matins) on the third Sunday. Of course we all have to wear masks now, but we can still hum along to our own recorded hymns!

Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 4th October, but at the moment we are not sure whether there can be lunch afterwards – it may have to be a “bring your own picnic” but that will depend on the regulations in place at the time – and also the weather. Look out for posters on the notice boards, on the village website and Litton Observer Facebook nearer the time.

Litton Cheney Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8th September**, almost certainly virtually but instructions will be provided indicating how you can join the meeting whilst still sat at home. The Parish Council held their last meeting virtually on 14th July and the draft minutes can be found on the village website.

Although there are relatively few planning applications within the village, links to details of any current application can be found on the village website and village notice boards. Unfortunately at some point you will need access to an online connection, perhaps via a friend/neighbour if you do not have access yourself.

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Maggie Walsh, on 01308 281561 who may be able to assist further.



Litton and Thorner's Community Hall



Although the hall is now officially open, most of our regular hirers have yet to return, though Thorner's pupils will be using the hall in a limited way again once term starts.

You may have seen scaffolding surrounding both ends of the building during August – this was to enable roof repairs to be undertaken and also some painting work to be done. Hopefully the building will now stay smart and watertight for several years to come!

Village Litter Pick – September

In line with the Great British Litter Pick being carried out during the months of August and September we are organising our own village litter pick during the month of September. As for 2019 we will be splitting the village up into sections with an organiser for each section to do what organisers do so well – organise! More information will be made available in due course but please stand ready to help, and, have no fear, it will be done with all due precautions in place. Please join in and help us clean up!

The Village Telephone Kiosk is being adopted

BT have indicated their intent to remove the village telephone kiosk, along with kiosks in many other Dorset villages, because of a lack of use. No calls have been made from the kiosk in the last eighteen months.

The Parish Council have objected to the kiosk's removal and have applied to adopt it at the cost of £1. Once the process has been completed, the telephone equipment will be removed.

Local residents are now being asked to decide what use the kiosk should be given – so, the world is your oyster – let your imagination run wild! When we eventually assemble for our belated annual village gathering, we will be asking for your opinions but you don't need to wait until then as you can pass your suggestion to John Firrell jfirrell20@gmail.com

Many thanks in anticipation of a deluge of (polite) suggestions!



BRIDE VALLEY FILMS at Litton Cheney Community Hall.



BVF had hoped to show our two spring films, *Judy* and *Knives Out*, in the autumn; however the Covid situation continues to be unresolved. Although we can seat 34 for a socially distanced viewing in Litton, Burton cannot achieve their break even numbers in their hall. So screenings are not viable at present.

With this in mind and the fact that many people may not be happy to attend indoor events until possibly a vaccine is created, we have decided to delay any new dates until 2021; hopefully we may be able to resume then. At such time we will need to try to ascertain whether everyone has seen all available films during lockdown etc. so we can confirm titles.

Meantime we hope everyone keeps well - and enjoys beautiful Dorset!

Would Litton Cheney benefit from a speed limit?

Several local residents have approached the Parish Council and enquired if a speed limit would be considered in the village. The Parish Council plan to discuss this matter at their next meeting on Tuesday 8th September.

In the meantime several posters will be displayed around the village suggesting motorists watch their speed. If you have an opinion with regards to bringing in a speed limit in the village – presently it is 60 mph! - then either contact a parish councillor (details can be found on the village website) or attend the virtual PC meeting on the 8th September.

Litton Cheney Fun Day – Sunday 20th September

Organised by the Litton Cheney Social Committee and beginning at **LATCH** from noon; bring a picnic, get involved with disc golf, welly throwing, amongst attractions at neighbouring “Kingston’s Towers” and then eventually, very slowly, edge down towards The White Horse or drift homewards.

Ideas, offers of more attractions, and help on the day are warmly welcomed. Please email ronandalison.davidson@gmail.co
Covid-19 Guidance regulations must be followed.

If you plan things carefully you can start your Fun Day at LATCH, move into Paul Kingston’s adjoining field and then late afternoon, as suggested

above, move onto The White Horse to end a fun day – see below

Do come along,

tell your friends, make new ones, and ENJOY



The White Horse – Back with a bang!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the reopening of The White Horse. Can't say it's been easy; it's all been a bit off kilter to be honest, but we are open, we are serving beer and food and you lovely people are coming in and the sun is shining, so that's enough for now.

Hope those of you who were able to attend Liz's big birthday enjoyed it - we certainly did; the chance for live music in the garden was a treat in itself.

So, weather permitting, we have a few weeks of summer left, then look forward to the **Village Fun Day** on **20th September**. Think we will do a quiz for you at the end of the day. Details to follow, but a simple general knowledge quiz with a few prizes to get everyone involved should finish the day off nicely.

Watch our Observer Facebook page for details.

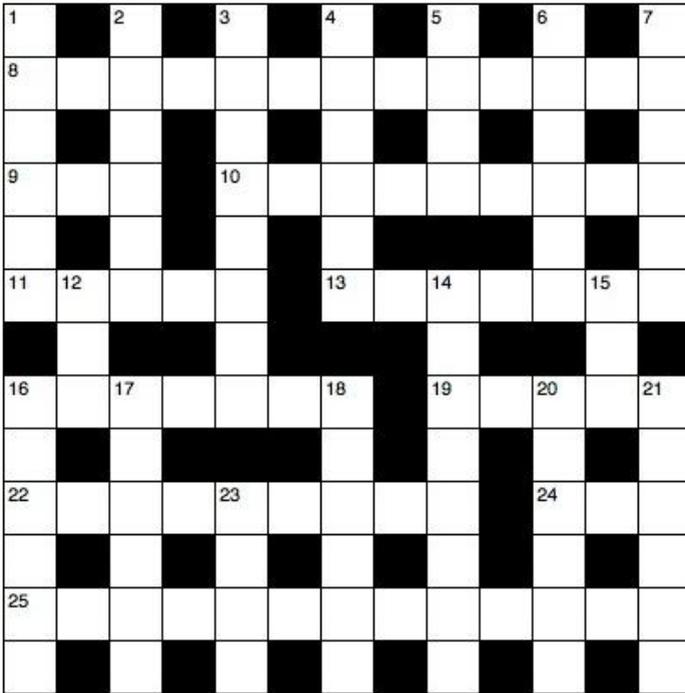
Thank you Bride Valley. You continue to be amazing in these weird and wonderful times and we can't think of anywhere better to live our weird and wonderful lives. Andy and Liz x

Mary's Walk the Channel completed!-

Very many thanks to all who supported and encouraged me; £1500 raised will be shared between Prostate Cancer, about £750, and the remainder almost equally between DCH Covid-19 appeal and The Margaret Green Animal Sanctuary.

All three Charities are most appreciative of your help and support - me too! Many Thanks Everyone - job done!

M x (Mary Anderson)



CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have —' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
 24 and 2 Down Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the —' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
 2 See 24 Across
 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus —' (John 11:35) (4)
 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

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SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

September Floodlight Sponsorship

It's good to have the BVN back in print although the online edition was read by folks who do not always receive the Valley Magazine. We also had a good response to our appeal for sponsors from the Community Facebook page, so thank you. The faulty time switch has now been replaced and the lights are operating as they should be.

Our sponsors this month are:

Tracey & Dave for Aubrey, Joan & Alf.
Diane James.

Kate & David celebrating their arrival six years ago in Shipton Gorge.

Kate Kent for Roo Hobby's birthday on 6th.

and for Nikki Kent's birthday on 25th .

Ann & Tony Jones for all their lovely friends in Shipton Gorge.

Thank you also to our sponsors who prefer to remain anonymous.

If anyone wishes to light up the church in the coming months, please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or if you prefer, push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box. .

A suggested donation of £5 is appreciated. Please check the cut-off date for the BVN if you would like your occasion mentioned in the magazine.

NEW INN SHIPTON GORGE

New Inn Support Limited are delighted that the New Inn Shipton Gorge opened its doors again on Friday 31st July. The new resident landlord is Paul Crisp who will be running the pub with Kate and his team.

Paul brings with him his great reputation gained from running the Anchor at Burton Bradstock, so now we can enjoy fresh, home cooked pub meals in Shipton. Paul will run both pubs and he has implemented a safe way of operating under Covid regulations with extended indoor and outdoor eating areas. Specials and theme nights are being planned so watch this space.

We wish them every success and hope they will be very happy and successful in the village.

New Inn Support Limited Board members

Ashley Harrow, Ann Jones, Sally Parker, Tony Colborne, Paul Thimont, Tony Jones



Appeal for used postage stamps.

The Bone Cancer Research Trust would be very pleased to have your used postage stamps for their charity. In 2019 they raised £9659 and are hoping to raise more this year.

I'm happy to collect any used stamps to forward to the Trust, but if you prefer to collect and send them yourself they can be sent directly to Mrs. Terri Bush, Volunteer Stamp Appeal Co-ordinator, 20 Bowers Road, Benfleet, Essex SS7 5PZ or directly to: BCRT Stamp Recycling, PO Box 6198, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9XT; any stamps that have been biroed, damaged or had any part of the stamp cut off must be discarded.

Sara Winter. Long Bredy

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church Organ

Over the years we have become aware that the Church Organ needed major attention . It is a James Walker instrument and some say the best organ in the valley .

With many thanks to Chris Sitwell who accessed a grant, generous donations and fund raising (which will continue) we have recently had it restored by Mr Edward Dove .He found that the organ had had shutters on it to reduce the sound. (This is common practice when an organ is in a small room - we think the organ was once in School House). These have been removed and we are waiting to hear its new glorious sound !

We hope this will be at our Harvest Festival on Sunday, 20th September at 9.30am. Government guide lines will be followed so there will be no singing, but, in what is being a very difficult year, come and enjoy the village get together, listen to the organ and give thanks for this year's harvest .

LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

July 2020 Draw

Drawn on 27/07/2020 at 11, The Gardens, by Charlotte, Dave & Ruth while social distancing.

£30	no.74	D Dowling
£15	no.27	Jo Milne
£5	no.83	R Elliott

Ride and Stride 2020

The annual Ride and Stride sponsored walking/cycling event will this year take place on Saturday 12th September. We cycle (or amble depending on preference) along the Dorset lanes, while visiting as many churches as we can. All monies raised from sponsorship are divided equally between the Dorset Historic Churches' Trust and the riders' or walkers' home parish church.

As in previous years, I will be cycling, aiming to visit 20 churches across Dorset in the course of the day. If anyone reading this would like to sponsor me I would be very grateful. You can contact me on the number below, as can any local cyclists who would like to join me on the day. Sponsorship forms are obtainable from St Peter's Church, Long Bredy, (and possibly also from other Bride Valley churches), or by contacting the R&S administrator, (Anna Butler on 07766 976 902, or anna-butler@hotmail.co.uk)

Colin Dyer
Long Bredy
Tel: 01308 482882

Village payphone - 01308 482295

Not many people realise that the payphone found in the iconic red box sited in the centre of the village takes debit cards, credit cards and phone cards. You can make reverse charge calls and all 0800/0808 numbers are free as are 111 non emergency medical advice; 101 police non emergency number; 105 power cut helpline; 116 freephone numbers; 118 directory enquiries and of course 999.

It has been out of order but the problem has been with the BT provider of payphone services, not the payphone, and if you have difficulty using it please dial 100 and the operator will help. If someone asks to use your phone as the payphone doesn't work, do spare a moment of your time to report the issue, it won't cost you anything and you will be doing the village a good turn.

It is most important when you are using the payphone to enter the number you require as an international number (even if it is a local number): remove the first 0 of the code but add 44 e.g. 44 1308 482295. You will then be asked to key in the long number of your credit/debit card and press the £ key (there is no £ key so press # or just wait).



In memory of Yvonne Legg

Recently we heard the sad news that Yvonne Legg had passed away at 94 years of age. Yvonne lived in Long Bredy for the majority of her life, she was born in Middle Farm on the 25th November 1925, and here she grew up and worked the farm with her Mother (Gran) and brother, David.

Her future husband Albert, lived at Lower Kingston Russell, they met, married and had three children all at Middle Farm. Albert was employed by Foots at

Manor Farm, but when David left to go to his own farm, Albert went to work alongside Yvonne. They lived and worked at Middle Farm until Gran's retirement, when Gran, Yvonne, Albert and the three children moved across the road to 6 Bedford Terrace.

After leaving Middle Farm Yvonne and Albert reared young stock at Ashley Chase, with Yvonne carrying on when Albert passed away. Yvonne enjoyed village events and for a few years played in the local skittle team with Norma Foot. Bedford Terrace was Yvonne's home until 2005 when she moved to a warm and cosy bungalow in Bradpole with her cat.

Here she had a very active social life and was out most nights playing whist and occasionally bingo. Throughout her life she enjoyed following all sports, particularly horse racing and snooker. Her daughter, Pam was keeper of the 'book' for the bets they placed. Sadly, Yvonne fell and broke her hip which curtailed many activities outside the home, but she managed to carry on enjoying her garden and watching sport on television. In mid-March Yvonne went to stay safe with son, George and his wife Barbara, in Dorchester.

Although she couldn't hear or see very well Yvonne was still very alert and was very keen on picking the winners in the horse races with George. This year she very much enjoyed watching the racing at Royal Ascot but due to the present restrictions she couldn't have the usual family bet of what colour outfit the Queen would be wearing!

Yvonne died suddenly after a short illness. A true country lady she was an unassuming, lovely, kind neighbour and friend who has been missed since she left the village. Our sincere condolences go to her daughter and son, Pam and George, and their families. Yvonne was laid to rest in St Peter's churchyard with her husband, Albert and near her family, including her daughter, Maureen.



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

WELCOME BACK TO OUR REGULAR SERVICES IN CHURCH

Sunday 6 September	Holy Communion	9.30am
Sunday 13 September	Evening Prayer	5pm
Sunday 20 September	All Age Holy Communion	11.30am
Sunday 27 September	Family Service	9.30am

The Church is kept closed all week to ensure that it is completely clear of any contamination by casual visitors. All are very welcome though you will be asked to observe social distancing and to wear a facial covering.

VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council needs new members for its team that represents the areas of Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington.

As a councillor representing your community you would help to keep it a great place in which to live and work. You would be expected to undertake some training, and should be comfortable working electronically.

Generally, councillors are elected by the public every four years. The next election is due in 2023, and we currently have spaces for co-option in the interim period.

If you think you would like to know more, and are over 18, please call the Clerk on 01308 897987 or email puncknowle@dorsetaptc.gov.uk.

THE CLOSING DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31st OCTOBER 2020

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Church

St. Mary's Mission Committee.

At this time of year, we would normally be half way through a fund raising programme devised just after Christmas. The Church Mission society has representatives in more than 50 countries world-wide, bringing the love of God in word and deed to those rocked by the current global storm. The Sudan Medical Link provides medicines and medical training to strife-torn South Sudan, one of the world's 10 poorest countries.

These charities, as all others, are desperate for the funds which we are not now able to deliver through our activities. The Committee therefore, now appeal to our Covid-weary supporters; please consider giving, directly to the charities, a sum which you would probably, in your generosity, have spent at a soup lunch, cream tea, or produce sale, which has not now taken place.

To donate directly to **The Church Mission society** please visit <https://churchmissionsociety.org/>

To donate directly to **Salisbury Sudan Fund** please visit <https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/mission/the-sudan-link> where you can follow a link to their Emergency Appeal and also find news on the Medical Link

Any enquiries to Liz Orza, St Mary's Mission Committee Rep, phone 07799333205. email: lizerza@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Opening

The Village Hall has now completed the necessary risk assessment and associated actions and as from Monday 3rd August has been open for permitted activities. At the time of going to press these included activities such as Art Classes, Yoga, Pilates, Indoor Bowls and small group meetings or activities. The list changes regularly.

Most groups do not expect to re-start before some time in September, when they do re-start is entirely up to them. There are some strict limitations on

numbers and all who book the Hall will be required to follow the Hall instructions and complete a risk assessment. Full details will be provided by the booking officer at the time of the booking request.

The booking officer can be contacted via email at bbvht.bookings@gmail.com or by phone on 01308897648.



Film nights

Given current restrictions, the Trust has decided to delay all film night showings until the start of 2021. We hope to start off with the films we planned to show this year.

Coffee Tables

The Hall Trust has agreed to purchase 20 new, larger coffee tables to replace the old, baize top tables. The new tables will be more stable, easy to wipe clean and generally more useful to the activities run at the Hall. If anyone, or organisation, is interested in the old tables (there are about 22 folding wooden tables with green baize tops 22 or 24 inches square) please contact Richard Ferre on rwferre99@gmail.com.

Coffee Mornings

While Coffee Mornings are in theory a permitted activity, the controls around how they could operate are such that having them organised by ad hoc groups would be impractical. The Trust is exploring the possibility of a dedicated team of volunteers running once a month coffee mornings for limited numbers of Village residents only. If arranged, there will be posters around the Village to that effect.

Richard Ferre

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL “200 CLUB”

August 2020 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£35.60	No 70:	Mr John Bowden
2nd	£17.80	No 114:	Mr Keith Ellis
3rd	£8.90	No 23:	Mr Geoffrey Spencer-Smith

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the Sept 2020 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £4 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

Unfortunately we will be unable to host any Village Society talks in the Village Hall for the rest of 2020. Subject to restrictions, we look forward to being able to relaunch our speaker cycle from January 2021.

We will delay collection of member subscriptions until March of 2021 when your membership will be valid from April 1st 2021 for a year.

Our plans currently are that we will hold our postponed Village Society AGM in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Friday November 13th 2020. Naturally this will be subject to any restrictions still in imposition at that time.



Burton Bradstock WI



In the last Bride Valley News I commented on the fact that the time to write the contribution for the August edition seemed to have come around rather quickly, especially as we had not been meeting due to Covid-19 and therefore had nothing much to report. I had frantically wracked my brain and was pleased to have come up with a few, hopefully interesting, facts and so settled back down for what I thought would be another month before the next report was due - only to then hear that the contribution for September was needed just two weeks after writing the last report because the printed version was coming back and deadlines are earlier for this.

So, wracking my brain once more I thought I would do something completely different and include an item from September in a past WI Committee Minutes Book, that I happened to have at home. This report is from 1964.....56 years ago! I hope you can remember the value of old money!!

..... "The President congratulated members on winning the Fielding Cup and suggested that the exhibit be staged again at the General Meeting so that members who were unable to attend the (Melpash) Show could see it. This was agreed. The comments of the judges were read and discussed.

The estimate of £393.2s.0d from F.G. Tolman Ltd. for the mending of the heating system and installing a new oil-fired boiler was presented to the committee. After discussion the Secretary was asked to enquire from the firm what deferred payment could be offered.

It was agreed that the request of the caretaker to be paid a flat rate of £1 per week all the year round instead of the rather erratic piece work payment, be granted.

It was agreed that the Group Conference for the 1965 programme, Christmas Bazaar Date, Drama Group's Excursion, Group Competition and Volunteers for turning out attics, all to be brought into the General Meeting Programme"

Interesting reading about very different times and it sounds as if there was a lot going on back in 1964!

However – breaking news – by the time you read this we will have had our first Committee Meeting at the end of August and who knows what we will have planned for that very first meeting after all this time – whenever it will be!! Probably there will be lots of tea and cake and a jolly good natter!! Or maybe even Prosecco to celebrate! Who knows! It will just be so nice to see everyone again! Watch this space!

Janet Pearson

BURTON BRADSTOCK FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

Due to the coronavirus pandemic we were unable, like many others, to hold our village Flower and Produce Show this year. But never daunted we have managed to have an allotment competition. The judges have judged and their's is the final word!

We have ended up with joint winners....not a cabbage leaf between them. The winners are Helen Sinclair and Sandy Adderley. We also had a competition for the best newcomer which has been won by Carol Brown.

Well Done everybody who took part.

Sandy Adderley

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

Congratulations to everyone involved in getting the Library OPEN, and a big thank you to everyone who has been to visit us on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm.



The library has been re-arranged and every effort has been made to ensure the safety of our customers and volunteers. The number of members allowed in the library at one time is limited and your contact details will be taken and kept for one month in line with the NHS track and trace system.

Although only books on our shelves are available to borrow at this time, we have a lot that are new to our library and some of these are on display for easy access. As time goes on we hope to be able to open on another day during the week. The reduced service will be kept under review, and more facilities offered when it is considered safe to do so. Come and visit us on Wednesday mornings and please follow the guidance of the library volunteers.

If you are unable to visit the library or just prefer to access e-resources, there is a range freely available from home with your library membership card. To find out how, please visit our website at <https://www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk>

Summer Reading Challenge

For the children, this year's **Summer Reading Challenge** continues online and you can see all the details [on https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/)

Sign up now, safely and for free, join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!



There are lots of children's books to choose from in the library, suitable for all ages, even babies.

Rosemary Daniels

On Behalf of FBBL Trustees

email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

PLAY AREA PROJECT PHASE 2

The installation of Phase 2 of the play area is due to commence on 21st September but prior to this the equipment will need to be removed. The play area will be closed to the public during these works and a notice will be placed on the play area as soon as we know the exact date. Thank you for your patience!

PARKING IN FRONT OF THE TOILETS

The vehicle entrance by the toilets to the play area is still being blocked. This is a real problem for contractor access to the field to cut the grass and for any emergency vehicles should they be needed. We have tried to install bollards but these have been damaged within days of installation.

Please can we request that this entrance is clear all of the time, we appreciate it is likely to be visitors to the area.

ALLOTMENTS

Just a reminder that we have vacant allotments, please contact the Clerk for more information.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

Are you working from home at this time, could you do with some space to run your office, well maybe we can help, upstairs in the Reading Room there is space for an office, there is broadband and toilet facilities.

The area would not have sole use as the downstairs is sometimes used for music practice or meetings. If you are interested in this space contact the Clerk for more information or come and take a look.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30pm via Zoom**, unless the guidance changes. Please see the PC website for full meeting details at least 3 clear days prior to the meeting. All welcome!

All the information and supporting documents for meetings is available on the Parish Council website prior to meetings at burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org/. We will aim to continue meeting on the dates publicised being the first Wednesday of each month except August and include any meetings to consider planning items.

Clerk: Mrs Michele Harding- email:

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

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<https://twitter.com/BurtonBParish>

LITTLEBREDY

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St Michael and All Angels

Back into print again, but with no village events planned for the moment, and none to report on, for obvious reasons, maybe we can rehash some of the items from recent online editions which some may have missed.

First, we welcomed the village's newest inhabitant on Independence Day, July 4th, when Hunter Barrett was born to Faye and Adam of Bigwood Lodge. This created glad grandparents and an uncle and aunt and two cousins in the village as well. There were complications at first, but it is good to report that Faye and Hunter are now back at home, and both doing well. We wish them all continued happiness as a family, and for Hunter a long and fulfilling life.

Less significant arrivals were the seven cygnets hatched by the swans on the lake at the beginning of May. Two disappeared or died on the same night about a fortnight later, but the parents have successfully reared the remaining five, who are now nearly as big – but not yet as white – as them.

They have been entertaining many more temporary arrivals, namely the hordes of visitors who have discovered the peace and serenity of the lakeside as lockdown was eased, before many other local tourist haunts were open. Whether they all brought peace and serenity with them – especially in the early stages – has to be open to doubt, and it has not been an unmixed blessing for the village, but Littlebredy has certainly provided respite for many people who probably needed it more than some of us can even conjecture.

The most prominent departure by far has been that of Phil and Julie Hallett. Phil arrived in Littlebredy in 1973 as assistant to Reg Ring, then the estate handyman. With joinery and decorating as his stock in trade, he lived in No. 1, Yew Tree Cottage for a while with Annette, while Rachel and Peter were born, before moving to Blacksmith's Cottage on the retirement of Fred Burt, and he has been in charge of the workshop and most of the general repairs and refurbishments in the village ever since. Sadly widowed in 2013, he has found new happiness with Julie, and they moved into Dorchester during July.

Phil is continuing his work on the estate and in the village part time for the time being, so will not be lost to sight, but his most significant contribution may well be largely unsung, as his is the hand which has controlled the vagaries of the estate water supply over many years. It is some time now since his (and your contributor's) phone was regularly ringing with tales of waterless woe, despite the much greater strains the Longlands Dairy has put on the (enlarged and enhanced) system in recent years, and he will still take the lead in looking after the water - quality as well as quantity in today's much more stringent (and expensive) environmental health climate.

Once "normality" is fully restored, we hope the village will be able to say an appropriate *au revoir* and thank you to Phil and Julie in due course.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Interested in joining us as a Here to Talk volunteer?



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admin@carersupportdorset.co.uk

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- Offering a regular, informal chat with unpaid carers to help reduce isolation and loneliness.
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SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES SEPTEMBER 2020

	1st Sunday 6 September Trinity 13	2nd Sunday 13 September Trinity 14	3rd Sunday 20 September Trinity 15	4th Sunday 27 September Trinity 16
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 10.30 Alternative Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion
Chilcombe			No service	
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion by ext	11.00 Morning Worship
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	11.00 All age Holy Communion	9.30 Family Service
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Harvest Festival	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion by ext		11.00 Holy Communion