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St Mary: Litton Cheney

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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

'Take up your cross and follow Me' (Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23)

Nowadays people interpret "cross" as some burden they must carry in their lives: a strained relationship, a thankless job, a physical illness. With self-pitying pride, they say, "That's my cross I have to carry." Such an interpretation is not what Jesus meant when He said, "Take up your cross and follow Me."

When Jesus carried His cross up Golgotha to be crucified, no one was thinking of the cross as symbolic of a burden to carry. To a person in the first-century, the cross meant one thing and one thing only: death by the most painful and humiliating means human beings could develop.

Two thousand years later, Christians view the cross as a cherished symbol of atonement, forgiveness, grace and love. But in Jesus' day, the cross represented nothing but torturous death. The Romans forced convicted criminals to carry their own crosses to the place of crucifixion, bearing a cross meant carrying their own execution device while facing ridicule along the way to death.

After each time Jesus commanded cross bearing, He said, "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?" (Luke 9:24-25). Although the call is tough, the reward is matchless.

Following Jesus is easy when life runs smoothly; our true commitment to Him is revealed during trials. Jesus assured us that trials will come to His followers (John 16:33). Discipleship demands sacrifice, and Jesus never hid that cost.

This year at Easter especially you may be wondering what it means to take up your cross, consider these questions:

- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing some of your closest friends?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means alienation from your family?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means the loss of your reputation?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your job?

- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your life?

In some places of the world, these consequences are a reality. But notice the questions are phrased, “Are you willing?” Following Jesus doesn’t necessarily mean all these things will happen to you, but are you willing to take up your cross? If there comes a point in your life where you are faced with a choice—Jesus or the comforts of this life—which will you choose?

Commitment to Christ means taking up your cross daily, giving up your hopes, dreams, possessions, even your very life if need be for the cause of Christ. Only if you willingly take up your cross may you be called His disciple (Luke 14:27). For Christians the ultimate reward is worth the price. Jesus promises the gift of eternal life to those who follow him: “For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.” (Matthew 16:25-26).

With every blessing,

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley Churches).

Easter Services

Bride Valley Churches

Services for Palm Sunday and Holy Week 2021.

See page 45 for full details.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Sylvia Lipscomb

Jennifer Taylor

Pam Coventry

Peter Colbert

Job Advertisement

Church Administrator – Part Time (10 hours per week) at £10 per hour depending on experience

The Bride Valley Churches are looking to recruit a gifted and flexible Administrator who is:

An excellent communicator

Highly organised and efficient

Proficient in IT skills with an understanding of social media

Warm, welcoming and courteous with a 'can do' attitude

Able to work alone and as part of a team

Sympathetic to the aims of the Church

Application Process

For an informal chat about the role please contact the Reverend Jane Williams on **01308 898799**

The job description and personal specification are available by email request from liz@ruddle.org.uk

Applicants are requested to submit a CV with an accompanying letter outlining what makes you a good candidate.

These should be sent by email to bvrector@outlook.com (preferred) or by post to: The Reverend Jane Williams, The Rectory, Burton Bradstock, Bridport. DT6 4QS

The deadline for applications will be **Friday 23rd April 2021** and interviews are planned for **Friday 7th May 2021**

The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check and two references will be required.

Still Zooming but getting so good at it!!!! It is good to catch up with our members on screen but hopefully we can look forward to actually seeing them in person very soon.

Hope you caught sight of the display of green hearts which our members made for the Puncknowle Village Hall windows during March.

Our March meeting welcomed Keri Squibb, The Soap Coach, who demonstrated soap-making from her workshop in Poundbury.



She set up her part-time business initially making soap for dogs but the process for all soaps is the same. We now all know the ingredients, method and equipment needed and are waiting to see who will be the first to give it a try!!! Watch this space!!

Only downside is that it takes 4 weeks to be hard enough to use so patience is a necessity!!!

Our April meeting is an opportunity to make Scotch eggs with one of our members talking us through the whole process of conjuring up a tasty savoury treat. We're all looking forward to that.

With the lifting of some restrictions we are hoping to start up our walks and are planning a Sunday walk in our groups of six as we did last summer so hoping for some good weather.

The WI is still endeavouring to keep going in these trying times and **if you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact on our email Bridevalleywi@gmail.com**



THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



Our March meeting was via Zoom and seven of us managed to gather virtually to discuss the novel “Americanah” by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. This is a substantial novel and not everyone had finished so we tried to avoid spoilers (not entirely successful on my part). I think there was broad agreement that this was a fascinating account - perhaps lightly fictionalised - which covers a great deal of ground - from Nigeria - to America - the UK and finally back to Nigeria. “Americanah” is a Nigerian term used to describe those who have lived in America and who change their behaviour on returning to their homeland. The spotlight on race, feminism, class and culture is highly focussed following the lives of Ifemulu and her boyfriend Obinze. In a close relationship since their teens they both decide to leave politically unstable Nigeria and seek to further their education. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is very detailed in her description of relationships, her time as a student, her visits to the hairdressers, the differences between herself as a Nigerian bonafide scholarship student in America, Afro American women and other immigrant black women she meets from African countries. Clearly one of the points she is making is that there are many versions of “black” - something which is often misunderstood. This novel does quite a bit to shake white readers out of their complacency. Most of the narrative is told from Ifemulu’s viewpoint but we also get to experience things through Obinze’s eyes living in the UK - which it seems is a second choice for him as he is unable to gain entry to the USA.

We raised several questions during our discussion. How reliable a narrator is Ifemulu? How much of this is autobiographical? Do our sympathies for her overcome her character flaws and should we give her credit and respect for her honesty? Does she mature and grow as the book progresses? How much of a counterpoint is she to characters like her Aunt, who also moves away from Nigeria and ends up working in America as a doctor? What light does the narrative throw on the vexed issue of immigration, both legal and illegal? I found the description of Nigerian society intriguing - full of corruption and patronage and entrenched social attitudes. Those big themes of race, class, feminism and culture are certainly addressed in this novel and on these topics we thought it was thought provoking and impressive. This is the second book by this author we have read.

We plan to meet in early April - on Zoom - and hope to be able to meet in early May following the rule of six - possibly in one of our gardens weather permitting.

Liz Pinfield

Our Night Sky in April 2021

By the middle of the month, Mars will still be a prominent feature in the Southern and Western sky, and the winter constellations will still be with us until they set about 2300, so make the most of them.

On the 15th, the Moon will be between the V of Taurus, and the Pleiades, which will make a very pretty sight in binoculars. Saturn and Jupiter will be greeting the early risers in the South East, but will soon be lost as dawn breaks.

Mars has been the target for three space missions last month, but by far the most audacious has been NASA's Robotic lander called Perseverance. The video of its descent through the Martian atmosphere and the subsequent lowering of the craft from the hovering rocket powered Skycrane was one of the most astonishing feats of ingenuity I have ever witnessed, and this was the second time it has been successfully attempted.

The mission is not only seeking signs of habitable conditions on Mars in the ancient past, but also searching for signs of past microbial life itself. The Mars Perseverance rover introduces a drill that can collect core samples of the most promising rocks and soils and set them aside in a "cache" on the surface of Mars. These will then be collected later in the decade by an ESA mission, and returned to Earth for closer examination.

Other tasks include testing a method for producing oxygen from the Martian atmosphere, identifying other resources (such as subsurface water), [improving landing techniques](#), and characterizing weather, dust, and other potential environmental conditions that could affect future astronauts living and working on Mars.

The Rover also carries a helicopter which will attempt to fly in the thin Martian atmosphere, and thus prove the feasibility of using airborne surveying to assist the Rover in its exploration.

I do urge you to go to the NASA web site to see some of the brilliant videos they have published. I hope to keep you up to date with some of the findings.

Bill Turnill

Dorset Libraries: It's not too late help to complete the Census 2021

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been happening for over 200 years.

Households were asked to take part in census 2021, the first census being run predominantly online. Census day was on 21 March 2021 and your household will have received a letter with a code enabling you to complete your form online.

If you have not already made your entry then you have until 4th May to complete the return for your household. If you have had difficulty in completing the form in any way, then Dorset Libraries can help.

They have a team of advisers who can help you to make your census return over the phone either by guiding you through the form, or completing it for you.

Phone appointments are available until 4 May 2021, and must be booked in advance by calling 01305 221028 (local call charges apply), an adviser will then call you to provide assistance.

Superfast Broadband

FULL OPTICAL FIBRE UPDATE

Some clarity has finally been achieved from Openreach as to when households would be able to sign up for their government grant vouchers; sadly not the result that was implied.

Although our application is in the system I have now been informed that there is no further funding until a new grant scheme (assuming there is one) is launched after April.

This is very frustrating, but we will continue to pursue the matter with Openreach and hope the government will offer a new scheme in April which we will be eligible for. We will update everyone as soon as we have any further news.

Angus Handoll. [bvffibre@yahoo.com](mailto:bvfibre@yahoo.com)



Bride Valley Gardening Club



We welcome new members to the club and hope to meet up with you, in person, before too long. Looking forward we hope to be able to hold some form of Flower and Produce Show in the summer, even if it has to be a virtual one, depending on the social distancing rules by then.

We also have speakers lined up for the autumn in the hope that we may be able to meet freely at that stage.

April can be a variable month weather-wise, even here in the Bride Valley. As I write this in March there are forecasts of snow for Easter, will we get it here? Who knows? With the temptation to get out and start planting, it is well to watch the forecast and be prepared to protect vulnerable plants.

With that said, here are the jobs you may consider doing in April:

Hostas should be divided every few years to improve their vigour, now is a good time.

Deadhead tulips to ensure they flower next year.

Tie in the vigorous new shoots of climbers.

Set up supports for taller plants ready to train in early growth.

Feed hedges with a general-purpose fertilizer.

Keep container displays watered.

Keep sowing hardy annuals for colourful summer displays. If you are buying plug plants, once you have potted them on, protect them until all risk of frost has gone.

Plant out Mediterranean herbs e.g. rosemary and oregano in free-draining soil; sow annual herbs indoors.

Remember when potting on tomato seedlings, plant them deeper than they were to encourage new roots from the stems.

If the soil is warm sow beetroot, cabbages, carrots, chard, leeks, peas, radishes, spinach and lettuces outdoors;

sow celery, melons, sweetcorn, runner and French beans under cover.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

News from Portesham Surgery

News these days tends to mean COVID news, but at least it is so much better news these days! Today's press conference (17th March) announced that we have now vaccinated more than 25 million people in the UK – more than half the adult population, after 100 days of the vaccination programme.

Our Invitations: at Portesham we are just about to start inviting the final group 9 of phase one of the vaccination programme, those people who are most at risk of complications and mortality from COVID-19.

So if you are aged 50 to 54 years old you should be hearing from us very soon.

Vaccine Efficacy: the excellent news from the vaccination programme so far is that after one dose of either vaccine,

Your risk of getting COVID-19 is reduced by 60%

Your risk of hospitalisation is reduced by 80%

Your risk of dying from COVID-19 is reduced by 85%

If you are unvaccinated but live with someone who is, your risk of contracting COVID-19 yourself is reduced by 30%.

Vaccine concerns: by the time you read this I hope the news stories about the risk of blood clots following the vaccine will be old news.

Reassuringly the overwhelming evidence is there is no link between the vaccine and any venous thrombo-embolic event. Statistically around the world about 3,000 people per month suffer a blood clot (leading to conditions such as deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism) for a wide variety of reasons. Where we have vaccinated such a high proportion of our population it is inevitable that some of those who suffer a blood clot will have recently had their vaccine. Our own JCVI and MHRA are clear that there is no evidence of a link between these two events, and we expect the European Medicines Agency to draw these same conclusions very soon.

I have done many shifts at the COVID clinic and would like to share my feelings of gratefulness for every person who walks through the door to have their vaccination, especially now we are vaccinating younger people who are less at risk themselves from the effects of the virus. Just a look at the statistics above tells us how important it is that we all “do our bit”, as many have said as they leave after their appointment. And every person who is

wavering, but goes ahead, will help to protect the few people who cannot have the vaccination for whatever reason, so thank you.

Vaccine supply: a temporary slowdown in supply during April will we think mean no new first vaccinations for the under 50s as we will focus on the last of the most at risk patients and offering the second vaccination to everyone in groups 1 to 9. I know this may be disappointing, but it does mean that low- and middle-income countries can be prioritised for supply which will give them a chance to catch us up. It is incredibly important that we take a world-wide approach to vaccinations which will help to stop other mutations from developing and threatening us in the future. So let us cheer our neighbours on whilst we continue to consolidate our future with the second vaccinations.

Please check our website and Facebook page for more updates as we get them.

Mass Vaccination Centre booking: if you receive an invitation from us but have already booked an appointment at a mass vaccination centre, please do reply to our text (or email or ring us if you prefer) to cancel our invitation. There is a link to do this in our text and you can give a reason such as that you've already booked your appointment. This saves us having to ring long lists of patients who haven't responded to their texts, as we need to make contact with those who genuinely haven't seen the text, have an out of date mobile number or have just plain forgotten to respond! Thank you.

Other work (the real day job!)

Finally please bear with us if you can't get through by phone to the surgery. Don't forget eConsult is an easy alternative if you have access to a computer – see our website.

We have never known such pressure of work of all sorts, on top of the COVID work, but our new system of triaging all requests the same day seems to be helping and it is certainly helping us to get quick same day responses to most of your queries.

Take care, be safe, and blessings to you all

Alison Dunbar, Practice Manager



THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL



Dear all,

As you will know, all our pupils returned to school on Monday the 8th of March and it has been wonderful to welcome them all back. Our bubble system and other COVID measures remain in place but it has been fantastic to see all the children return so enthusiastically after the second lockdown. Although we are certain that lockdown has taken its toll in different ways for different families, we are enormously proud of how well the children have come into their classes. Thank you to all the parents for supporting their children in this big first step back into the old routine.

As we noted last month, we have started our term with a Forest School fortnight - incorporating as much outdoor learning as possible. Pupils have read and drawn maps of the village, created shelters and bug homes in our wildlife area as well as carried out nature studies and landscape paintings 'en plein air'. The weather is now thankfully kinder and credit to all staff members for creating such a fantastic series of lessons using the outdoors.

The children have also been instrumental in helping us brighten up our reception area with some wonderful self portraits - including some brilliant caricatures of the teachers! We have also created some frames so we can exhibit work by our "artist of the week". This is going to be a child who has created a particularly striking image or painting which will be displayed in the foyer for all to see.

On our first Friday back, we all dressed up as our favourite characters from a book that we love. There were numerous Harry Potters, a Gandalf, Pippy Longstocking and a terrifying Cruella Deville not to mention a dark gowned figure posing as Severus Snape. The children then took it in turns to explain their costumes and favourite stories via Zoom to the whole school. This coming Friday we are dressing up again (this time in red) to raise funds for Comic Relief and prizes will be awarded for the best Red Nose design. We hope that these special days and the children's outdoor work will help the children look back on these uncertain times with happy memories.

Mr Sitch



Burton Bradstock CE School



This month's school report is written against the backdrop of 'normal' school life. All pupils returned to school on 8th March following the national lockdown and there was much excitement amongst the children as they walked through the school gates and greeted the staff and their friends with beaming smiles.

This half term's value is 'friendship' which has been very apt both in highlighting the importance of friends, but also in supporting the children in re-establishing and building their friendships after a long period apart.

The children continue their learning this half term through our cross-curricular topics.

In our Early Years, the children have been finding out about prehistoric life with their topic 'Dangerous Dinosaurs'. They were in awe when they found evidence of a strange visitor to the school!

In Key Stage 1, their topic 'Rio de Vida' has involved the children finding out about Brazil and they have had great fun learning samba dance, singing in a different language and preparing for their end of topic carnival.

Lower Key Stage 2's project, 'Misty Mountain, Winding River' has had a geography focus where the children have been finding out about the characteristics and physical processes of rivers, including how they shape the landscape over time, their significance around the world and the impact of flooding.

Finally, the children in Upper Key Stage 2 have been learning about Victorian life and its people with their topic, 'Revolution'.

As well as the day to day learning the children have also enjoyed taking part in World Book Day and Comic Relief this term. Despite the majority of children working remotely during World Book Day we were still able to promote the importance of stories and reading.



Many thanks to Bridport Book Shop for their fantastic videos and resources which enhanced the learning for the children at home and at school. This year, Comic Relief had a 'superhero' theme and the children had great fun dressing up as well-known and fictitious superheroes!

As the children returned to school in March, we said 'goodbye' for a short time to Mrs Steward (Kingfisher Class Teacher) as she started her maternity leave. We send her our best wishes and look forward to hearing news in the near future. In her absence we welcome Ms Slocombe to the school as she takes up the post of class teacher.

We thank the village and school community for your continued support, including the additional Chromebook that was donated by a village group – we are very grateful. Also, the kind words and encouragement that we have received have been uplifting. Thank you!

Stay safe.

Claire Staple
Headteacher

Exploring Volcanoes



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St. Mary's Church

Some services will take place in the church during April – on **EasterDay** (4th) there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m., on the 18th Morning Prayer at 9.30 a.m. and on the 24th Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. It is good that “live” services can start again, though Zoom and phone services will also continue for the time being. Hopefully our regular service pattern will resume over the coming weeks if things continue to improve.

St Mary's Church Choir

Without breaking any rules, the members of St Mary's Church Choir have continued to sing together every Wednesday evening throughout lockdown. Do not be alarmed, dear reader: we have been doing so virtually, not in person! Let me explain.

At 5.45pm we log on to Zoom for a pre-recording 'social' session. It's a pleasure to catch up with one another each week and enjoy 15 minutes of banter, and we are also able to meet with BBC sound legend and two-time BAFTA winner, Michael McCarthy, who joins us from his studio in New Malden, to discuss what we are going to record.

At 6pm we log out of Zoom and log on to the audio recording app called Clean Feed, using the link that Michael McCarthy has sent to us all, which we listen to through headphones. Even though we have all been ascribed our own channel, we can all hear one another to begin with, and once we are all successfully on-line, Michael turns us all down so that members of the choir are only just audible. The reason for this is that everyone's broadband speed is different, so if the volume were left up the resultant sound would be a collective (and very unpleasant!) cacophony!

In order to record the hymns, Michael uses the recordings of the many hymns that he and I, in conjunction with the late David Taylor and Wendy, recorded on the Litton Cheney organ several years ago, and which have been used by many, if not all, of the Bride Valley churches ever since.

The choir can hear the organ part very clearly, and, from the comfort of our own homes, the choir members can sing collectively into our respective devices and down the line to New Malden. Over the next couple of days, Michael synchronises the individual singers in order to make the choir cohesive and sends the results through on Saturday mornings.

We are indebted to Michael McCarthy, whose gentle and ever-patient manner, combined with his delightfully self-effacing sense of humour, ensures that our weekly choir practices are a joy from start to finish. And as their choirmaster, I can't thank the members of our choir enough for their loyalty and their willingness to prepare so thoroughly, especially in recent weeks when we have been recording a four-part Easter anthem!

Paul Cheater

Litton Cheney Parish Council – Meetings in May & July

Currently in accordance with government regulations the Parish Council is required to meet remotely/virtually via Zoom. We are awaiting information as to whether that requirement will change in the coming months. The next meeting is timed for Tuesday 11th May and will be the Annual Meeting. At the time of going to press there is a possibility the date may be brought forward to Tuesday 4th May.

Currently lockdown restrictions do not allow for more than six people to meet inside, face to face, either during the 4th or 11th May. In order to hold a Village Meeting/Assembly when it is hoped lockdown restrictions will have been lifted and residents can meet face to face at LATCH, it has been provisionally agreed to hold the Village Meeting in July, probably following the normal Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 13th. More details and confirmation will be provided at a later date. At the Village Meeting it is hoped to hold a discussion on how residents see the village developing in the coming years. We hope that as many residents as possible will be able to contribute to this discussion either in person or online.

Litton Cheney Social Committee

As we prepare this contribution the weather is very suitable for DUCKS, who are preening themselves and raring to go, but unfortunately COVID regulations will not allow us to gather along the stream and down to The White Horse. However, we do hope to release the ducks and eventually have a race which celebrates lockdown easing, whenever that may be!

Best wishes and good health, from the Social Committee.

In Memory of Steven Spurrier (1941-2021)

As you might expect, tributes have abounded following the death of Steven and our thoughts are very much with Bella and family during this heartbreaking of times. Below you will find a memory written by friend Anthony Ashwell who was Vicar in the Bride Valley and resided at The Vicarage in Litton Cheney for around ten years until 2007.

"I was so sorry to hear that Steven has died, but rejoice that he will have taken his place in that eternal Kingdom where God reigns and vines flourish many hundred fold in green valleys.

It was a privilege to have been Steven's vicar for 10 years or so. He was a humble Christian, loyal, faithful, quiet and wise. He enjoyed traditional language services and often had a couple of words to say about the vicar's homily. However, being quite a shy person, he was normally last in - first out. I was aware he was a wine supremo and first came across his work when I read an article of his on ice-wine in an in-flight magazine on my way to Canada. The article was, of course, beautifully written.

Bella and he very generously allowed our Church to use part of their house's grounds as the location for the annual Summer Fete. I think this was from the early "noughties". We tried our very best to leave as we had found. My job on those occasions was simply to be The Vicar, and in doing so to help wherever I could. One year and with the fete opening time looming, I asked the Churchwarden-organiser if there was any last minute urgent job that I could do. The Churchwarden blushed slightly and suggested I might clear away a small deposit of dog detritus which had been placed right in front of a stall. I duly obliged remembering that a local dog had earlier had an urgent job that it should do. I think I know who owned the dog.....

Steven also contributed exceedingly generously to the fete's bottle stall, from the store of free samples it was his onerous task to receive and taste. I understand that when Steven began to travel less, he was more able to find time for Church and Village. Thus he gave talks on his work, arranged and presented wine-tastings, and in due course with Bella established the Bride Valley Vineyard. This of course produces fantastic sparkling wine. How appropriate for Steven, a citizen of Heaven."

An "In Memorium" to Steven can be found at litttoncheney.org.uk



Litton and Thorner's Community Hall – April 2021



Now that children are back at school, the hall is being used again in a limited way for some school activities, including lunches. However, it is not possible for any exercise classes or parties to resume until after 17th May at the earliest and then only with reduced numbers. Hopefully things may be more normal by the end of June, so we are taking bookings for later in the year – begin to believe.

The White Horse - Light at the end of the tunnel!

Our intentions are (weather permitting) to reopen outside only on Friday 30th of April for the Bank Holiday weekend. We believe we can offer alcoholic drinks without a "substantial meal" although a simple menu will be available. We have also provisionally booked, once again weather permitting, live music in the garden on the Bank Holiday Monday afternoon from 3pm. Then we will open the next two weekends taking us to 17th May when we can welcome everyone back indoors and increase our opening hours. Let's all pray for a May like we had last year. In the unlikely event that we get a heat wave in the last couple of weeks in April we would possibly open earlier.

We would also like to thank everyone for their continuing support with our Fish and Chips and Saturday Specials Takeaways.

Stay safe everyone and we look forward to seeing you all at the end of April.
Andy & Liz.

Covid Remains Ever Present

Those of us who are the senior side of 60 may well have received our first jab, and with it a feeling that we are now better protected against the dreaded disease. Please do not be complacent, no matter what your age, young and old.

As we hopefully edge towards better weather and lighter days please do not forget those who may still not have the ability to get out and about and require support and assistance. Please continue to check that your neighbour is ok. It is at times when we think the worst may be over that we relax our guard and perhaps forget about those in our community still needing our help in its various forms

PARISH GIVING APPEAL FOR ST MARY'S

The PCC is most grateful to those in the village who responded positively to the appeal letter delivered to every house in February.

It is never too late to do so!

The common thread from replies received is “ we must keep the village church going”; to do so does require funding so please ask for an application form (from Freddie Spicer, PCC Treasurer – 482617, 8 Garden Close or email fandspicer@gmail.com).

Manage your carbon emissions?

For those of you interested in cutting your carbon emissions, The Centre for Sustainable Energy based at Exeter University has launched a tool for measuring CO2 emissions in each parish. It also allows you to compare numbers between parishes and find out more about national averages. You may be surprised at your results <https://impact-tool.org.uk/>

MEMORIAL BENCHES

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN OUT WALKING AND THOUGHT HOW LOVELY IT WOULD BE TO BE ABLE TO JUST SIT DOWN, TAKE A BREAK AND ENJOY THE WONDERFUL VIEWS AROUND OUR VALLEY?

A new Litton Cheney Parish Council initiative aims to enable residents and visitors alike to do just that and would like to offer you the opportunity to sponsor a bench. This can be in memory of a loved one or to simply give you a chance to enhance your local amenities for others to enjoy.

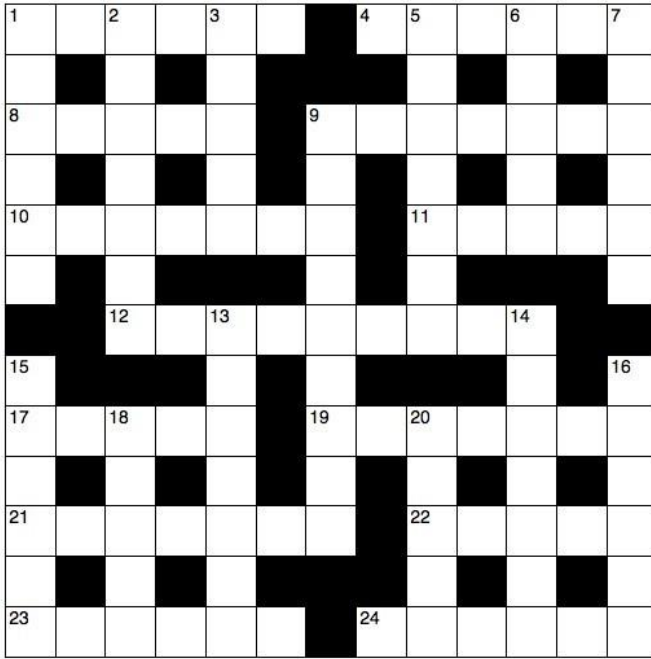
We have identified several possible sites but would welcome further suggestions especially from local landowners.

If you would like to register an interest please contact **Quentin Blacke on 07919905589** or email quentin.black@gmail.com

Timely Reminder - Keep Dogs on a lead when near livestock

There are already reports in the local press of dogs killing lambs. You are reminded that all dogs must be kept on a lead when near livestock. It is a criminal offence to allow a dog to worry or attack livestock. In those circumstances a farmer has the right to shoot the offending dog. Pick up after your dog and take it and the dog home - please!

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CROSSWORD

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CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks -- hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry -- (7)
- 11 'Look, here is -- . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Gen 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was -- because he had spoken with the Lord' (Ex 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the -- apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in -- and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is -- ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not -- ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

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SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Good news at last for St Martin's. It seems promising at this moment, that the church will be open on Good Friday for the Litany and for Easter Communion. We can now look forward to a gentle return to church life. The other good news is that Cathryn Johnson is now officially a Lay Pastoral Assistant. Her commissioning was held on Zoom by Bishop Karen on Sunday 28th February. We are very pleased to welcome a home grown Shiptonite to the Bride Valley Ministry Team. The Floodlights Sponsors for April are :

Richard & Chris Hewlett – Welcoming all the newcomers into the village
Chris & Mags Griffiths-Hardman – (12th) Renewing friendship and seeing family again.

John & Sue Porter for their daughter Sarah's birthday
Jo Warren – In loving and everlasting memory of Gary Warren
Ed and Linda Buck

Our sincere thanks to our sponsors and to those who have asked to remain anonymous. Your support has been very much appreciated during these difficult times. There are still spaces for the months ahead if you would like to light up St Martins for a special occasion or maybe just for yourself. Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box. (suggested donation of £5 per entry) Please check the cut- off date for the BVN if you would like your occasion mentioned in the magazine.

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

There will be no meetings of the Parish Council until restrictions on meetings are lifted. This unfortunately means that the annual Parish Assembly, normally held in April will again not take place this year. The Council's work continues with necessary items being dealt with by the Clerk and Financial Officer and other matters being discussed and decisions made through email and phone calls where necessary. The website lists the items that we

will be dealing with and any members of the public who would like to make comments or raise any queries with the Council should contact the clerk. Our budget and funding for the financial year 2021/22 has been agreed and the details are available on our website.

Please check the parish website for any updates and further information [www. http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish_Council_15331.aspx](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Parish_Council_15331.aspx) or contact the Parish Clerk on 898189 or clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk

SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

Once again we have a lot of mole hills in the Orchard, and this makes grass mowing very difficult. So we have again had to ask the mole man to come and remove them, so be aware that there will be traps in some of the hills over the next few weeks. We have also had an attack by deer who have eaten the bark off a number of the smaller trees, which are now protected by guards. Colin Chambers has been busy pruning and clearing the top border for us, and many thanks to him for his consistent hard work for us.

Our income has been greatly affected over the past year, but when restrictions are lifted we are hoping to be able to hold some community and fund raising events, hopefully in June, October and November but details will be listed on the website when dates are agreed.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

Continuing restrictions on indoor public events mean that our Annual General Meeting, normally held in April, will have to take place later in the year. Currently we are planning to hold this on the evening of Wednesday 30th June.

As well as reviewing what's been happening at the hall over the past two years, the AGM is when trustees are elected to the hall management committee. If you are interested in joining us, or would like to learn more about how the hall is run, please make a note of the date and come along. Further details will be published closer to the time.

We are also closely following progress with the government's COVID roadmap, which currently suggests that halls and community spaces will be allowed to reopen for some activities in the middle of May. We will be in contact with our past regular users when we know **more**, and look forward to the time when club and society activities restart in the hall.

Tony Mallett. Chairman

100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS March 2021

1st £25 No 125 Mark Welman
2nd £10 No 69 Jenny Haydon
3rd £5 No 100 Richard Hewlett
Congratulations to all the winners

Please note that for all winners in the Jan, Feb and March draws, payouts will occur once we are out of lockdown. So do not worry that you have not received your winnings. Waiting all this time will make receiving them all the sweeter. *Graham Garner*

Note from the Editor

May I take this opportunity to give a big thankyou to Barbara Chambers for her sterling work as Village Correspondent and every good wish for her move to her new home. Welcome to Richard Hewlett who is taking over and I look forward to working with him.



Smile Lines



Notices found in church newsletters - that didn't quite come out right!

- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Brown, our church warden, to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- Ladies are requested not to have children in the church kitchen.
- For those who have children and don't know it, we have a crèche in the crypt.
- Bring & share church supper: Prayer and medication will follow.
- The organist invites anyone who enjoys sinning to volunteer for the choir.
- At the church meeting last week the rector spoke briefly and delighted the audience.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick both of our church and the community.



LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: PHILIP WILLIAMS

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St Michael and All Angels

After several months of suspended animation in the village, it seems as if there are now a few news items ready or nearly ready to report.

However, these will have to await the next edition, as it seems important to circulate the information in the box below, which comes from IT consultant Chris Burr. Anyone wanting to contact him about what follows can reach him on littlebredy@corners.plus.com or 01342 888033. Despite the recent provision of fibre broadband into the village by BT Openreach, it appears that not everybody is yet connected up.

Littlebredy Broadband

BT Openreach have now finished running new internet broadband cables along the telegraph poles at Littlebredy. This was done using a government grant managed by Dorset Council, because the old broadband speed was below the minimum standard. This was a good outcome for the village, as Openreach initially wanted us to raise £120k to pay for the work.

Littlebredy residents and businesses can now upgrade their property from the old 'ADSL' specification (1 to 8 Mbps speed) to the new 'FTTP' specification (35 to 400 Mbps speed).

The higher speed allows proper TV streaming in HD from the likes of BBC iPlayer or Sky Catch-up using Smart TVs, set-top boxes, PCs and tablets. It provides more reliable web browsing and faster gaming and downloads.

The speed increase won't happen automatically; you have to ask a Supplier to connect your broadband and phone to the new cables under a new contract.

For more information on which postcodes are covered, which suppliers you can contact and what broadband speed you may wish to order (and what broadband not to order), please look at the village website: www.littlebredy.com/broadband

Finally, some houses suffer poor internet not only due to their broadband speed, but because they have weak or inconsistent Wi-Fi. The latest 'whole house' Wi-Fi distributes good broadband everywhere indoors. See the village web site above for more on this.



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

Churches in the Bride Valley are still closed during lockdown but a gradual reopening will begin on Easter Sunday. Meanwhile the Sunday service can

be accessed via the telephone or Zoom technology. For further information please contact Geoff on 898068 or Liz on 897751.

Services For April

Easter Sunday April 4	Holy Communion	11am
Sunday April 18	Family Service	9.30am

Pamela Joyce Coventry 1927 – 2021

Pam was laid to rest in the cemetery at Puncknowle after over 40 years of devoted service to the community. She came to Puncknowle when her husband took early retirement from working many years abroad. She began working as a nurse at Bridport General hospital but gave up to care for her husband who later died of cancer. She also gave invaluable help looking after her middle daughter Sam, together with her two children, during her illness and tragically early death from cancer. It was following this that she trained as a bereavement counsellor

During all this time she was a devoted member of St Mary's, serving on the PCC until her death. She also ran the local Mother's Union and was especially involved with its overseas branches, raising much needed funds. She was also involved in fund raising with both Christian Aid and The Children's Society and helped from the beginning with the Fledging's Play group when it started in the hall in Puncknowle. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her in the Bride Valley.

Goodbye/Au Revoir

'We are moving to pastures new and because of the Covid restrictions are unable to say goodbye/au revoir as we would have wanted to all our friends in Puncknowle village and the Bride Valley that we have made over the past 15 years.

We have really enjoyed living here in this beautiful and friendly valley and thank you all for your valued friendship. We hope many of you will keep in touch and visit us in our new home in Herefordshire when you are up our way'.

David & Chris Robbins



THE CROWN INN – There for the village and proudly supporting Puncknowle through lock-down with delicious take-away food.



BURTON BRADSTOCK



The Village Hall Trust maintains the public use Defibrillator sited at the Village Hall. It was purchased some 5 years ago after a fundraising campaign. Surplus funds have been used to maintain the machine and run free "how to use" training. Almost all of these funds have now been spent and the money raised by this Draw will go towards future costs.

TO GET YOUR NUMBERS

- Select and pay in the Post Office from Tuesday 6th April.
- Contact any of the following:
Linda Knapp 897300
Tina Huggins 897384
Jan Clark 897412
Richard Ferré 897648
Graham Moody 898548
- To purchase by bank transfer (min £5) please email flionalomax55@hotmail.com who will provide transfer instructions and allocate numbers.

GRAND VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR DRAW

FIRST PRIZE £100 IN CASH!

NUMBERS

Numbers in the Grand Draw will cost £1 each and will be available from the beginning of April. The Draw will take place on Spring Bank Holiday Monday 31st May.

FANTASTIC PRIZES

Some suppliers have generously donated prizes. All other prizes will be paid for from the Draw proceeds, all in a way which directly helps local suppliers.

PURCHASING NUMBERS

You will be able to purchase numbers from the Post Office, via contact with members of the organising committee or via email and bank transfer.

DONATIONS

If you would like to make a contribution to the fund, please contact any member of the team.



First Prize: £100 Cash

Meal Out Prizes – Hurrah! Vouchers for:
The Three Horseshoes*
The Seaside Boarding House*
The Parlour*

Other Prizes of £25 Vouchers:

Modbury Farm Shop*
The Village Shop and Post Office
Groves Nurseries
Ashley Chase Cheeses

* kindly donated

See Posters around the Village for how to buy tickets

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Church

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Notice Of Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Parish of St Mary the Virgin Burton Bradstock with Chilcombe

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church on Sunday 2nd May 2021 after the 11 o'clock service at approximately 11.45 am. The meeting will be subject to any COVID restrictions applicable at the time.

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Activity

At time of writing the Hall hopes to re-open for Covid secure activities on Monday 17th May. Based on previous experience this could include activity classes such as Yoga, Pilates and Keep Fit that can conform to distancing requirements. It could also include Covid secure coffee mornings. When activities actually restart is entirely down to the organiser.

We hope all normal activities are able to resume from June 21st onwards, but again this will depend on Government relaxing restrictions and organisers wanting to restart.

Should you wish to use the Hall later in the year, the booking officer can be contacted via email at bbvht.bookings@gmail.com or by phone on 01308897648.

Film nights

Given the current situation, the Trust has decided to delay all film night showings until September 2021, so keep looking in the BVN for updated information. We hope to start with the films we originally planned to show last year.

Coffee Mornings

We are planning (fingers crossed) to resume Covid secure coffee mornings between 10.00am – 12.00 midday on Wed 19th May for permanent village residents only. It will be run by the team of volunteers familiar with the Hall's Covid-19 guidelines.

The next date will be Wed 16th June which will be run by the same team. After that we will endeavour to follow the previous schedule of monthly events, although who will run them is yet to be decided.

AGM

The Trust Committee has set the date of Thursday 29th April at 7pm for our AGM. This is the latest we can hold it and still comply with our Charitable Trust rules. The meeting will have to be entirely by Zoom as the Hall will still be closed at that time. All Villagers are entitled to join the meeting and are very welcome to do so.

Notices will be put up around the Village with details 3 weeks before the event, copies of last years minutes will be displayed at the Library and on the noticeboard outside the Reading Room, and we hope to be able to leave some hard copies in the Post Office. These notices will include details of the Zoom meeting, but you can also request a direct link by emailing Richard Ferre on rwferre99@gmail.com. All who do so will be emailed a direct link, plus be sent an agenda, a copy of last years accounts and AGM minutes.

Richard Ferre

Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

March 2021 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£36.40	No 167	Mr David Suckling
2nd	£18.20	No 118	Mr John Bowden
3rd	£9.10	No 47	Mr Bryan Brown

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the April 2021 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £9 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

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Village Welcome

We have noticed that a number of properties within the Village have changed hands in recent months. If you have yet to meet your new neighbours and would like to welcome them to the Village, please pick up a **Welcome to Burton Bradstock Card** from the Post Office and pass it on. The card gives details about the **Village Welcome Pack** which provides a brief introduction to



facilities and activities in the Village. This Welcome Pack is also easily accessible online on the Village Website - www.burtonbradstockvillage.org.

Burton Bradstock Village Society

The Village Society Committee is pleased to announce that **Peter Broomhead**, who is well known to you all, has agreed to be our new President. He has much experience as our previous Chair and from his involvement in so much of Village life. Peter, welcome back!

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

Opening Hours during the current lockdown for Burton Bradstock Community Library.

The Library Porch is open to return books or jigsaws and collect pre-ordered books;

on Wednesday mornings between 10.30am - 11.30am.

and Saturday afternoons between 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

The Library is CLOSED for Easter on Saturday 3rd April 2021.

Please order books and DVDs on-line from [Libraries West Catalogue](#).

Select books, where possible, from Dorset Libraries, to avoid

disappointment. You will be contacted when your order arrives, to arrange a time for collection from the library porch.

All items are quarantined prior to delivery.

If you would like help ordering from the Library catalogue call Rose on 898049, Keith on 898008, or email; info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk using the subject “Help”.

There are over 100 Jigsaws in the “Friends Collection” with something for everyone. While the library is closed, if you would like to borrow a jigsaw, please contact Rose on 898049.



We are always pleased to receive donations to add to the collection. If you have any you would like to donate, please leave them at the library porch when it is open.

Opening Hours after this National Lockdown:

Looking forward, when government restrictions are lifted, we plan to OPEN the Library to browse and take out books, jigsaws, or DVDs and obtain photocopying on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30am.

We will continue with the arrangement to return books or jigsaws and collect pre-ordered books from the library porch on Saturday afternoon between 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

Library Services are available on-line.

Manage your account, order books; borrow e-books, read magazines and Newspapers from home. “Libraries from Home” provide useful resources for both children and adults. They range from Story times, Rhyme times & code clubs, to book discussion groups, and e-Festivals. Links to all activities and events can be found on the [Libraries West](#) home page.

Contact information:

Email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk  Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

web: www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

For our volunteer's safety the letterbox at the library is closed, please address any correspondence; c/o Vine House, Shadrack, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QF

Rosemary Daniels (on behalf of FBBL Trustees)

Library Poem

By Julia Donaldson

*Everyone is welcome to walk through the door
It really doesn't matter if you're rich or poor
There are books in boxes and books on shelves.
They're free for you to borrow, so help yourselves.*

*Come and meet your heroes, old and new,
From William the Conqueror to Winnie the Pooh.
You can look into the Mirror or read The Times,
Or bring along a toddler to chant some rhymes.*

*The librarian's a friend who loves to lend,
So see if there's a book that she can recommend.
Read that book, and if you're bitten
You can borrow all the other ones the author's written.*

*Are you into battles or biography?
Are you keen on gerbils or geography?
Gardening or ghosts? Sharks or science fiction?
There's something here for everyone, whatever your addiction.*

*There are students revising, deep in concentration,
And school kids doing projects, finding inspiration.
Over in the corner there's a table with seating,
So come along and join in the Book Club meeting.*

*Yes, come to the library! Browse and borrow
And help make sure it'll still be here tomorrow.*

WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO JULIA DONALDSON, THE CHILDREN'S LAUREATE FROM 2011 TO 2013, WHO WROTE THIS POEM SPECIALLY FOR NATIONAL LIBRARIES DAY 2012.

So, I was reading my WI report in the last edition of the Bride Valley News, turned over the page to read the last paragraph.....and it wasn't there!! At first I thought I'd probably been a little bit over-excited when writing about our beloved memorial bench (recently installed in the playground) and that I had written too much, causing it to be cut out. However, the editors both assure me that it definitely did go in but somehow or another it just disappeared – and we are all very mystified as to where it went!!

Therefore, in case you don't see that final paragraph floating around in the air over the Bride Valley, I'm entering it again at the beginning of this month's report as I thought it was quite important.

This is what it said.....

“So, thank you to the Parish Council and to the Playground Committee for all their help, as we are so pleased that it (the bench) finally has a place. All we need now is for a commemorative plaque to be placed on the back of the bench and as soon as Timpsons in Bridport is allowed to open again that will be remedied. I just hope that the committee member who has been looking after the bench in her back garden for all this time remembers that it has now gone and doesn't try to sit on it!!

Let's hope it won't be too long before people can enjoy some warmer weather and freedom from the Covid restrictions and are able to sit on our bench with friends and enjoy it.

Hopefully there will soon be the news that restrictions are being eased so that we can begin to think about when we can start to meet again, either inside or out. That will certainly be a day to look forward to.” (March 2021)

Well, I'm pleased to say that with the latest “roadmap” in place, the much anticipated day of being able to meet up again seems to be on the distant horizon at long last, fingers crossed. After the easing of restrictions were announced in February we had another Zoom committee meeting and decided that we might just be able to think of having our first meeting back on.....Tuesday, 13th July!!! (all things being well). We daren't plan too much for that meeting at the moment but just want it to be a time when we can all get together again and catch up on what everyone has been doing to while

away the seemingly never ending days of lockdown. There was, however, a small mention of food and celebratory drinks to be available at this meeting, which seems appropriate as we are combining it with our Annual Meeting that should have taken place earlier in the year and at which we have to elect a new President and committee. What a joy it will be to get back into the swing of things!

We've also had some excited thoughts about planning a future outing, a trip to a Christmas market and our annual Christmas dinner. Certainly things to look forward to with anticipation even though it will seem strange to be doing them again after all this time.

So, let's hope everything goes to plan, people stay safe and remain vigilant so that we can get back to near normality as soon as possible.

Janet Pearson

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

We need your Help

Burton Bradstock Parish Council is looking for some new people to join us. We need a cross section of people to represent our villagers. To represent **YOU...**

I know you have all probably seen the antics of Jim and Geraldine at the 'Vicar of Dibley' Parish Council meetings and more recently the 'Jackie Weaver incident' on the Handforth Parish Council and, rest assured, we are not like that in Burton Bradstock. I admit we have had our moments and it has been a little different on Zoom!

Being a Parish Councillor is interesting, frustrating, educational and above all **REWARDING**. It's about doing your bit for your community and giving something back to the village we all know and love. It is generally one meeting per month and emails to read.

Yes, we do discuss dog poo, yes, we do have lots of conversations on planning issues, we do co-own the Post Office, we did organise the fantastic refurbishment of the Play Area, we do own Corncrake and are trying to keep the dog walkers happy, we do have representatives in the Village Hall Trust,

we are interested in our village school, we have a band of brilliant volunteers we look after and support. I admit there is some 'red tape' and some boring stuff we must read and have an opinion on, but if we didn't do these things, who would represent you?

We are down to six Parish Councillors. We can have **ELEVEN on our PC....** If you are interested in the work we do and want to come and join us, then please chat to any Councillor or Lesley (Parish Clerk) If you are over 18 and live or work in Burton Bradstock then become a Councillor and help us make important decisions that interest and affect you. The more diverse our councillors are the easier it is to represent all in the parish. We are volunteers from many walks of life and welcome you to join us and have a voice in your community.

PLEASE think about giving up a bit of your time to support the village you love. I have served as a Councillor for 20 years and am still here doing my bit. We need your help.

Look at <https://burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org/> for more info.

Cllr. Darren Batten

Contacting the Parish Council

The Parish Council are here to support our Parishioners. We welcome your involvement and suggestions. If you are contacting us though, it is helpful if you can give your name and contact details as we cannot respond to anonymous letters. You can contact the Parish Council by email or post. Details below.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 7th April 2021- 7.30pm via zoom, see the PC website for full meeting details at least 3 clear day prior to the meeting. All welcome!

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

To contact the Council please email the Clerk:

theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

The Reading Room, High St, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QA

Website: www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

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

Dear Friends,

We have had 21 very happy years in Burton Bradstock and are leaving to be nearer one of our daughters, in another active and pretty village. All our grandchildren have thought of The Barn as their "House by the sea" and are so sad they will no longer have the use of the Barn.

Bernard has loved being involved in the Village Hall, the Walking Club & The British Legion and both of us with the Church, Village Society and so many friends.

Thank you to everyone for your kindness and love shown to us. Burton really is an exceptional village. Best wishes to you all.

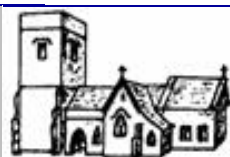
Kate and Bernard Chennells

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

Long Bredy 100 Club

February 2021 Draw

£30.00 No 121 L. Hemsley and S. Evans

£15.00 No 86 J. Greener

£5.00 No 69 S Dyer

Drawn on 25/2/2021 at 1, The Gardens, by Charlotte, Dave and Ruth

Albert Pitcher

We would like to thank all the people in the village for the lovely send off they gave to our Dad on his way to be buried and be reunited with our mum in the church yard of the church where they were married on the 23rd of September 1967 .

Albert Pitcher was aged 79 when he sadly lost his battle to kidney failure. Over the years he has had to deal with lots of ill health but was always smiley and never lost his sense of humour; even a few days before he died peacefully at home he was cracking jokes.

Albert moved into Long Bredy when he was 4 years old with his Dad and lived in various houses in Long Bredy before moving in to 5 Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy with Rosemarie.

Albert had helped at many events in the village over the years at Fetes, Bring and Buy sales and coffee mornings, Village parties and celebrations and running the Donkey Derby and was a big part of the village. Even when he was bed bound after coming out of hospital in March 2020, he would wave to the people walking up and down the village with a red flag on a stick and always knew what was going on. He also celebrated his 79th Birthday with a tea party in the garden and celebrated Christmas and New Year with his family.

He will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

From Joanne & Robin & Penny & Parky & Charlie & Lucy



Easter At St Peter's Church

Everyone is welcome to help decorate the church on **Saturday April 3rd.**

Either leave an arrangement in the porch or decorate an area in the church at a time to suit you but please observe social distancing if someone else is in the church.

Easter gardens will be very welcome.

On **Sunday April 4th**, there will an **Easter Day** service in church. James Webster will officiate and Janet Lane will play our re-furbished organ. There is no hymn singing allowed yet. Everyone is very welcome to the service. Weather permitting, we hope to serve coffee in the churchyard afterwards from about 10.30. Anyone will be welcome to come for that - whether or not you attended the service. We hope it will be our first 'distanced' village get-together of 2021.



Our **Christmas Nativity service** was very well attended outside.

Plant Sale - Advance Notice

We are planning to resume our annual plant sale towards the end of May but at a different venue from usual.

Please put to one side any plants or seedlings which you have spare and would be willing to contribute to the sale.



Weldmar Hospicecare to launch brand new care service to support patients at home in Dorset



Weldmar Hospicecare is launching ‘Weldmar at Home’, a new service described as the local charity’s biggest ever development in patient care, and has launched a major fundraising appeal to help finance it.

Working in partnership with Weldmar Community Nurses, the Weldmar at Home team will ensure that care is available in the home, when it is needed, to provide hands on nursing care and support to patients, regardless of diagnosis, who wish to be in their own home for the final days of their life.

To meet these wishes, individualised care packages are often required, and sadly there is frequently a shortage of carers available to provide a reliable and consistent service at short notice.

Demand is rising too, as last year alone 46% of Weldmar patients wanted this care, an increase of 11%.

Caroline Sweetland, Director of Nursing at Weldmar Hospicecare, says, “When patients are living with a terminal diagnosis, they need the reassurance that no matter where or how they want to receive care and support, it will be available.

Patients often require rapid specialist assessments and appropriate care packages being implemented within hours. For some patients this has been taking days, or even weeks, which just simply is not acceptable. The Covid-19 pandemic has made this even worse.

Many of our patients don't have the time to wait for a full package of care to be in place. In the meantime, if their health deteriorates rapidly, they are admitted to hospital instead of being able to stay in their own home. This can hopefully be avoided if an appropriate and necessary care package can be put in place quickly.

“We provide hands on care to the patients when they are in our Inpatient Unit.

Now that we are finding that many people would prefer to stay at home to die, we want to be able to extend this hands on care there too, especially in the last few weeks when it can be so tiring for families.”

“We continue to work closely with a number of other health care agencies in Dorset to fulfill our patients' wishes, but we want to be able to ensure that every patient who wants to die at home receives the level of care that they deserve, provided by a charity that they already trust, respect and feel comfortable with.”

A major fundraising appeal has been launched today by Weldmar Hospicecare to fund the new service and a team of Health Care Assistants, and donations can be made securely and easily at weld-hospice.org.uk.

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More information on fundraising ideas can be found on Facebook and at www.weld-hospice.org.uk/weldmar-at-home-appeal.



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Bride Valley Churches: Services for Palm Sunday and Holy Week 2021

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Palm Sunday 28 th March	Monday 29 th March	Tuesday 30 th March	Wednesday 31 st March	Thursday 1 st April	Good Friday 2 nd April
9.30 United Service Zoom*	7pm The Bible Course Zoom*	7.30pm Compline Zoom*	7.30pm Compline Zoom*	7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service Zoom*	10am Good Friday Litany At Littlebrey and at Shipton Gorge
11am Burton Bradstock Outdoor Family Service with a donkey procession					
					12-3 3 hour vigil Zoom*
3pm Music and Reflection for Palm Sunday Zoom*					

***For our Zoom services here is the link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338601240?pwd=dW93QnJ4M1p5b1c1M1hzTWN4VjhBQT09>

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	4 th April Easter Sunday	11 th April Easter 2	18 th April Easter 3	24 th April Easter 4
Burton Bradstock	8am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion	Zoom United Service*	Zoom United Service* 9.30 Family Service	Zoom United Service* 11am Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge	9.30 Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion	
Swyre	3pm Holy Communion (by extension)		3pm HC Jane	
Puncknowle	11am Family Communion			9.30 Family Service
Litton Cheney	9.30 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	9.30 Holy Communion (by extension)		9.30 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy	11am Holy Communion			11am Holy Communion