

# Bride Valley News



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St Michael & All Angels: Littlebredy

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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

**Do we live for our wealth and possessions, or do we live to use them for the glory of God?**

One of TV's unlikely hits in recent years is *The Repair Shop* on BBC 1. The concept behind the show, which now attracts audiences of 6.7 million, is, on the face of it, a recipe for very dull TV: People bring their dilapidated old possessions and heirlooms to a barn, where a group of experts restore them. Then the owners come and get them. But there is, of course, much more to it than that.

The reason behind the show's success is that almost every item brought into the repair shop has its own very special, and often very moving, story to tell. Last night I happened to put the television on as the team were putting the finishing touches to the restoration of a clock set into the side of a beautiful wooden ship with metal sails. The clock had been given as a gift by a grandfather to his grandson when he was boy. Now, grown up and with a son of his own, the grandson returned to the barn for the big reveal.

The clock's owner was deaf and communicated through sign language. His son interpreted as his father expressed his emotion at being reunited with the clock, now restored to its former glory. He said that he could suddenly see his



grandfather more clearly in his mind, and that seeing the clock as it was when he had received it so many years ago made him feel like he had been reunited with his grandfather who died when he was just 10 years old.

We are taught, as Christians, to have a very careful relationship with material objects. The Bible teaches us not to place greater importance on material things than God; it warns us of the dangers of covetousness which leads to an unquenchable desire for more and more. Indeed, those who are called to live a life of Christian devotion as monks or nuns are required to take a vow of poverty in which they give up their personal possessions and any sense of ownership, sharing all they have with the community.

So how do we square this teaching with the very real and often very emotional relationship that many of us have with at least some of our possessions? Can we enjoy our valued possessions and still be faithful Christians? The answer is clearly yes. The key to all of this is simple: it's about our hearts. Do we live for our wealth and possessions, or do we live to use them for the glory of God? If Jesus came to you today and said, **"I have great plans for you. Come, sell everything you have and follow Me"** would you be able to part ways with your things? This is the test to see if you make possessions an idol or not.

Back to that barn and those expert craftsmen and women. What the world really needs is an equivalent barn where broken people can turn up and share openly and honestly the stories behind how we came to be broken and to acknowledge our own part in that story; a place where, having shared the story, we can then ask to be carefully, lovingly, painstakingly restored to our former glory. Imagine if we had the opportunity to be repaired, restored, recreated by our master craftsman creator, lovingly held in his hands as he removes all the dirt and stains, cracks and damage of our lives, restoring us to his original vision for us.

Well, the good news is that such a barn does exist. In fact, there is one in almost every village, town and city in the country. Churches are the repair shops where we can go to be repaired, renewed and restored by God our Creator.

If we are moved by the restoration of a clock, imagine the emotion and power of seeing human beings transformed, forgiven, and restored. Now that's a show I would love to watch!

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

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Weddings**

4th June Ashley Randall and Gina Gape at St Martins Shipton Gorge

# Burton Bradstock Community Library

The Old Wesleyan Chapel, Middle Street, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QR

## The Library is OPEN

**Wednesday mornings 10.30am to 12.30pm**

**Saturday & Monday afternoons 2.30pm to 3.30pm \***

Browse and borrow books and jigsaws, pick up reservations  
& return items.

Obtain photocopies and DVDs

Reserve books & DVDs on Libraries West Catalogue from  
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when they become available*).



In line with Government guidance all risk assessments have  
been completed to ensure the library is COVID-19 secure.



Free Wi-Fi may be accessed outside the library, but currently  
the public PCs are not available.



e-books, e-audio books, e-magazines, e-comics &  
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\*The Library will be open Monday afternoons from 5<sup>th</sup> July 2.30 to 3.30pm.

# Artsreach returns to the Bride Valley



Circus Around & About presents a circus double bill featuring Ripe(Tilly Lee-Kronick) and Pirate Taxi(Pirates of the Carabina)

This is an outdoor performance at LATCH (Litton and Thorner's Community Hall) on Thursday 26th August, commencing at 6.30pm.

We are delighted to announce that the Artsreach promoters in **BURTON BRADSTOCK, LITTON CHENEY and SHIPTON GORGE** have joined forces to get an evening of entertainment in the open air from the Artsreach summer programme. You will experience extraordinary physical skill, humour and storytelling in this new double bill of jaw-dropping circus for all the family—whatever their age!

**Tilly Lee-Kronick** is an outstanding aerialist who performs static trapeze. Her solo show **Ripe** fizzes with fun and fresh ideas. Through humour, music and circus skills, she will unpeel your assumptions about the effortless grace of aerial acrobatics.

**Pirates of the Carabina** are award-winning circus artists, acrobats and musicians. Their brand-new show **Pirate Taxi** tells their own tale of running away to the circus, with humour, original music and an ingenious set. Join the adventure and watch an extraordinary aerial performance.

Booking is only online at: <https://artsreach.co.uk/whats-on>

Tickets are £10 (standard), £5 (under 18s) and £25 (family ...2 adults + 2 under-18s)

For general enquiries about the venue and arrangements (including parking) please ring (01308) 482661.





# Bridport Museum

## BRIDPORT AND REFUGEES

To mark Refugee Week 2021, Chair of Bridport Museum, Professor Karen Hunt has been taking an in-depth look at Bridport's history of welcoming and supporting refugees.

During World War I the town welcomed Belgian Refugees. Many of them had lost everything and few could speak English. Bridport provided furnished accommodation, food and financial support. Many Bridport people (women, men, children; workers as well as employers) were energetic fundraisers.

Donations of food and money were given from all ranks of society including girls working in the local netting warehouses. There was even a little dog that walked around with its own donation box.

In 1914 no-one knew how long this offer of hospitality would be needed. In the end, most of the refugees were unable to return home until 1919. Despite the privations of the home front, Bridport people continued to give practical support to the Belgians living amongst them. Bridport was remembered by many of them as a beacon of kindness and generosity at a terrible time.



Women were at the forefront of the fundraising efforts. In 1918 the King of the Belgians awarded a medal to Tryphena Cornick in recognition of the town's generous response. She had been Bridport's Mayoress at the outbreak of the war and drew together a committee of women who undertook the practical work of fundraising and translating the money and goods given

into practical and sustained support for the refugees. She was one of only 7 women in Dorset honoured with this medal.

We are hoping to track it down - can anyone help? Delve deeper into Karen's research on the Museum's website:







## Bride Valley Gardening Club



In the hope that lockdown will be lifted the committee have met (socially distanced in a garden) to make plans for the rest of the year.

We have 2 visits to Charles Chesshire's nursery in Symondsburry on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, one group at 2.30pm and one at 6.30pm. There will be a talk and an opportunity to wander round the nursery; we are asked to take our own mug for drinks. Please can members confirm with Cilla Jones if they are intending to go and which session they wish to attend.

We have booked LATCH for our Flower and Produce Show on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August. There will be a reduced schedule to allow more space for people to move around the exhibits. This is an opportunity for our members to share with others the fruits of their labour during this continuing strange time.

### **Jobs to do in July**

Feed, water and deadhead flowers in containers regularly. Don't allow camellias and rhododendrons to dry out as it will prevent a good flower display next year.

Deadhead roses, feed them, tie in and support climbing ones. Cut back the twining shoots of wisteria to control the growth.

Plant autumn-flowering bulbs.

Harvest vegetables as soon as they are ready. Sprinkle fertiliser around the veg patch to give crops a boost. Sow vegetables for autumn harvesting e.g. beetroot, carrots and turnips. Harvest and store garlic once its foliage has turned yellow.

Plant out winter-and spring-maturing brassicas. Gather seed from herbs to store and sow next year.

Check bird baths are topped up with clean water.

*Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473*



## THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



**This month we read *Transcription* by Kate Atkinson.**

The novel jumps between the 1940s, 1950s and the present day. It follows the career of Juliet who is recruited straight from school to work for MI5 during WW2 and subsequently becomes a producer for BBC Schools radio after the war.

Atkinson was intrigued by classified documents released showing the transcribed conversations between Nazi sympathisers during the war and their meetings with supposed Gestapo agents who were in fact from MI5. Although her conversations are fiction they are closely based on what was actually recorded. Juliet is hired to type up the conversations between a rather comic cast of fifth columnists and their MI5 handler from a bugged flat in Dolphin Square.

There is a lot of humour in the book - the section dealing with Juliet's work in Schools broadcasting is particularly good.

However the story also has a much darker side and in the end Juliet proves a very unreliable narrator.

Those who have read other books by Atkinson (her best known is 'Behind the scenes at the museum') felt that this was not her finest work, but having never read one of her books before I am keen to try another as I enjoyed it.

Michelle Vassar



## Our Night Sky in July 2021

Venus and Mars will be setting by 10pm after sunset, the former still brilliant, but the latter might be hard to see, despite being close to Venus.

Meanwhile, Saturn and Jupiter will be rising in the South East about this time, and will be visible in the southern sky throughout the night.

The Mars Robot, Perseverance has been carrying out yet more experiments. The growing list of “firsts” for Perseverance, NASA’s newest six-wheeled robot on the Martian surface, includes converting some of the Red Planet’s thin, carbon dioxide-rich atmosphere into oxygen. A toaster-size, experimental instrument aboard Perseverance called the Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilization Experiment ([MOXIE](#)) accomplished the task. The test took place April 20, the 60th Martian day, or sol, since the mission landed Feb. 18. . After a two-hour warmup period, MOXIE began producing oxygen at a rate of 6 grams per hour. The rate was reduced twice during the run in order to assess the status of the instrument. After an hour of operation the total oxygen produced was about 5.4 grams, enough to keep an astronaut healthy for about 10 minutes of normal activity. Mars’ atmosphere is 96% carbon dioxide and MOXIE works by separating oxygen atoms from carbon dioxide molecules, A waste product, carbon monoxide, is emitted into the Martian atmosphere. The need to provide Oxygen for rocket fuel is very important, since transporting the tons of the gas to Mars from Earth in order to return astronauts would be prohibitive. A larger version of MOXIE would weigh less to transport, and would provide the Oxygen for all the astronauts needs from Mars’ own atmosphere.

While the technology demonstration is just getting started, it could pave the way for science fiction to become science fact – isolating and storing oxygen on Mars to help power rockets that could lift astronauts off the planet’s surface. Such devices also might one day provide breathable air for astronauts themselves

Meanwhile, the Mars helicopter Ingenuity made its sixth successful flight on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

More space news next month.

*Bill Turnill*

## News from Portesham Surgery

For those who haven't heard, Dr Fowler is retiring as a partner at the surgery from the end of June this year. He has written a lovely, thoughtful piece for our website reflecting on his life as a GP so please go to [www.porteshamsurgery.co.uk](http://www.porteshamsurgery.co.uk) and click on "News from Portesham" on the home screen.



As a team we will hugely miss his calm, constant presence, his care for patients and staff alike, and his quirky sense of humour. Fortunately he will be around for several months as a locum while we settle our new GPs into their roles. Hopefully by then we might be able to have mask-less conversations (and photographs)!

We have been so lucky to recruit two salaried GPs to work with us. Dr Amy Windsor starts at the end of June and Dr Claire Lavender starts with us in September.

### COVID news:

We completed our invitations to all our adult patients to have their first vaccination at the beginning of June, a huge milestone. If you are aged 18 and over, and have not yet received an invitation, it will be because we have no, or an old, mobile number so please call us to book your appointment, call 119 or use the National Booking Service online. We have evening and weekend Pfizer clinics at the Atrium most weeks and there are plenty of other local venues where you can find a convenient appointment.

You should now be invited for your second vaccination around 8 weeks after your first one so look out for the text, or call us if you haven't got a mobile and we will help you book.

By mid June the nine Mid-Dorset Primary Care Network (PCN) practices had given a first vaccination to 31,183 patients, which is 83% of those eligible (Portesham's figure is 87%). Portesham also leads the way with the second dose vaccinations where we have vaccinated 73% of those eligible (the PCN figure is 68% or 25,508 people). We are all proud to be helping the effort to help Dorset back on its feet, and hugely grateful to the volunteer marshals

who help week after week in all weathers to keep the clinics running smoothly.

**New Symptoms:** please be aware that the symptoms of the new (Delta) strain of the virus could easily be mistaken for a seasonal cold, ie headache, sore throat and runny nose, sometimes accompanied by muscle ache and fever. If you have these symptoms please stay at home and take a lateral flow test – you can pick these up from any pharmacy. Hospitalisations are rising, including for younger patients especially those who are unvaccinated or have only had one vaccination, so please take any symptoms seriously and keep those around you safe.

## **ULTRAFast BROADBAND for Litton Cheney, Long Bredy & Kingston Russell**

First we would like to thank people for supporting us in our efforts to secure this installation as soon as possible (especially those that have pretty good speeds already – those less fortunate will really benefit from an improvement).

So, let's go for a touch of brevity in this month's situation report. A new round of funding began in April, and our preferred provider, Openreach, are waiting for confirmation the funds are available from central government. We have an offer from Openreach and we are waiting for them to tell us when they require more information from us with regards to people who wish to take up the ultrafast fibre offer, and then those who have expressed an interest will be contacted by the Bride Valley Fibre Group. Who are they?

The Bride Valley Fibre Group is made up of members of Long Bredy & Kingston Russell Parish Council, Litton Cheney Parish Council and two local residents (Angus Handoll and Sally Dyke) who have already carried out an enormous amount of preparatory work on this project so that we are already well down the line once we get the green light.

We already have the support of our MP, Chris Loder, and we are actively involved with Dorset Council's Digital and Change Department. Regular discussions are ongoing, organised by Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils. At the moment we are treading water waiting for government and Openreach to spring into action. We are told that action is imminent, but we are already well down the road in a process that would normally take between 2 to 3 years.

What can you do? If you have already indicated an interest in taking fibre broadband into your home, keep the faith and sit tight for the moment. If you have yet to declare an interest – it might be prudent to say at this point that the intent of this scheme is for it to be fully funded by the government and local council, but for it to be given the final go-ahead local residents need to get behind it, i.e. declare an interest. Even if your internet speed is adequate, you are still entitled to a voucher, the value of which will go towards the final cost of the installation. Others with poor speeds will be forever grateful – thank you.

**Enough! For more information and your expression of interest and support, contact [bvfibre@yahoo.com](mailto:bvfibre@yahoo.com) We want to hear from you. Village websites and FB pages will shortly contain updates as and when they happen.**



**Bride Valley WI**



Our June meeting took us out to Little Bredy to see the cows being milked at the mobile dairy. Tom Foot is so enthusiastic about this venture and took us through the mechanics of the milking procedure. We were amazed that the cows seemed to know exactly what to do and queued very patiently for their turn!!! The weather was not as hot as it had been but no rain thankfully.

Our next three meetings are all out-doors so we are hoping for good weather but by our October meeting we are hoping that we should be able to get back to our monthly meetings in Puncknowle Hall and a full programme of activities has been planned.

Although the past months have been difficult a great many skills have been learnt especially **ZOOMING**, a word which was probably new to most of us. But we have met as a group and used our members various skills to keep our WI working and learning together. A big thankyou to all members for supporting our committee and taking part in all that has been organised.

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](mailto:Bridevalleywi@gmail.com)**

## A message about producing the Bride Valley News

Whether you live in the Bride Valley or are just visiting you'll find plenty to do and see in the area, and you will get a flavour for that, and of our community from within these pages.

The Bride Valley News (BVN) is one of the keyways that we keep in touch and communicate as a valley community. Sponsored by the Bride Valley Churches, it is delivered to every home in the valley and carries, not only news of our local church services but also our societies, activities, clubs and businesses, making sure we all know what is going on in the Valley. From the editor to the front door all are volunteers.

Would you consider supporting the production of this valuable means of communication and news? Just £6 per household would ensure we are available throughout the summer months and help us to keep going.

We are very grateful to those who have already contributed and have already received £250 in individual donations. Thankyou.

If you feel able to contribute - please make a BACS payment to:

**Account: 'Bride Valley Churches Team Council'**

**Sort code 30-91-21**

**Account number 00074071**

**.....and quote BVN!**

Thank you for reading this.

### **BRIDE VALE CRICKET CLUB.**

Your local Cricket Club is the **Bride Vale Cricket Club**, which plays almost entirely non-league friendly fixtures on Sundays against local and touring oppositions. The very picturesque (as you'd expect) ground is right at the east end of the valley, in Littlebredy, and new players, volunteer groundsmen, umpires, supporters, spectators and/or wellwishers are of course always welcome. For a 2021 Fixtures List, or to express interest in any other way, please e-mail: [pw@bridehead.com](mailto:pw@bridehead.com).

This coming month the only **home match** (obviously weather dependent) programmed is on the **11th July**, beginning at 2.30 p.m.



## THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL



Since returning to school after half term the children have enjoyed daily swimming in our outdoor pool. Although not a large pool it has been wonderful to see the younger children take their first steps into the water and start their journey on developing this key life skill.

Many thanks to all the members of our parent group, the TSA, for their help in tidying up and cleaning the pool area as well as the kind contributions made by parents towards the cost of the upkeep and heating over the coming months.

Building on their time in the pool we have also seen many of the older children from years 3 to 6 start their sailing course at The Portland Sailing Academy where they have been taking out Zests either individually or in pairs. The weather has been wonderful and the light breeze is offering the perfect conditions for those starting their sailing experience.

During the school day the children have also recently been entertained by watching the extremely skilful tree surgeons from Dorset county council take down some of our poplars which are in poor health along the edge of the sports field. The felled trees will be replaced in due course and we are fortunate to have been provided with an abundance of woodchip which the children have helped spread around the paths of our wildlife discovery area together with an enormous amount of new log seating!

Because the weather has been so superb, in the afternoons the eldest children have also continued the summer tradition of country dancing at Thorners and we've been practising a handful of maypole dances. Though often tangled, the children have really enjoyed dancing together - and it's lovely to hear the old tape of country tunes echo round the school. It is also doubling up as a history lesson of sorts with the children fascinated by both the dances and technology as old as a tape player!

At the time of writing our year sixes have only a few weeks left before they move on to secondary school and we wish them all the very best in everything they do in the years to come. However, for now, it is lovely to see them enjoy and hopefully savour their last summer at Thorners.

Mike Sitch  
Headmaster





## Burton Bradstock CE School



As we start the final half term of this academic year we appreciate being back in school with our friends following lockdown and remote learning in the Spring term.

We are looking forward to celebrating the end of year with trips that staff have planned for the children. Our youngest pupils will be visiting Vurlands Farm, Key Stage 1 pupils will have a day on the beach, Lower Key Stage 2 pupils are off to Carey Outdoor Centre and our Upper Key Stage 2 pupils will be splashing around at Dorset Water Park.

After the disruption caused by Covid over the last 18 months and all trips being cancelled last summer term it feels wonderful to be able to do these things again.

As well as the extra-curricular trips the children also have new topics for this half term. Children in the Early Years are thinking about 'Shadows and Reflections' alongside a mini topic on the Olympics. They will also be taking advantage of the lovely weather by using the outdoor learning environment on their welly walks and at Forest school.

Children in Key Stage 1 will also use their locality when they study their topic 'Coastline'. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful area and the children can learn first-hand about our beaches and coast.

The Lower Key Stage 2 children's topic has a Science theme this half term with 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile' where they will be going on a voyage of discovery to investigate the busy world inside their bodies.

The Upper Key Stage 2 topic also continues on the theme of discovery with 'Time Traveller' where they will be considering changes in everyday life and in their lives – particularly apt for our Year 6 pupils as they transition to secondary education.

One area of school life which has been hit significantly by the restrictions is the work of the Friends of the School. For 18 months our normal timetable of fundraising events has had to be suspended. It is hoped that in September normal life can resume and it will be full steam ahead to not only add extra funds to reserves but also to participate in the events themselves which are so much fun. We are, however, extremely grateful to the anonymous financial donations that we have received during this time that has enabled us to increase the stock of Chromebooks that had been purchased by the Friends.

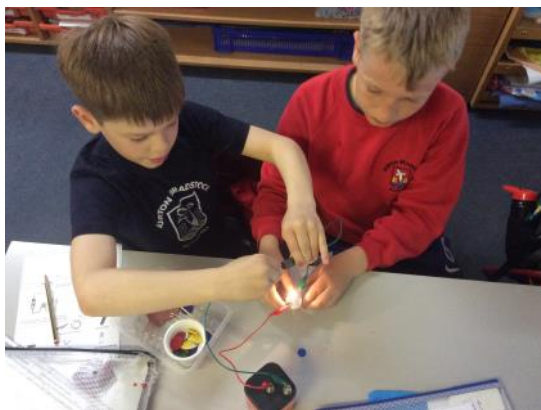
One of our Year 6 pupils has also recently carried out her own fundraising event to support the school. Over the bank holiday weekend, she held a cake sale at Vurlands Farm and Eggcup Tearooms and raised an amazing £265. Her aim was to raise money to contribute towards the end of year trips and for extra treats for the Year 6 Leavers. We are very proud of her initiative and generosity!



As we consider the move into September, we have a full intake of 15 pupils starting with us in Reception. We are looking forward to welcoming them to the school and getting to know them and their families. There are spaces available in our pre-school for the next academic year for children following their third birthday. If you would like to find out more about our pre-school then please contact the school office on 01308 897369.

Stay safe.

Claire Staple  
Headteacher



# LITTLEBREDY

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## St Michael and All Angels

Anyone who heard the Church bells ringing at noon on Saturday 26th June and wondered why, may like to learn (we only heard about this too late for advance notice to be given last month) that we were taking part in a worldwide celebration.

Prior to 2002, the unmatched bells here (described in the authoritative book on the subject as “surely the most astonishing installation in Dorset”) were hung on a decaying wooden frame and chimed in the tiny belfry through a maze of pulleys, slats, ropes, wires and baler twine. The 2002 re-ordering replaced all this with a steel frame in the tower, a better combination of bells – some old, some re-tuned and some new to us – and a much tidier arrangement of chiming them through a timber construction on the belfry wall called an “Ellacombe Frame”. It is this invention which was celebrated by Churches worldwide, starting at noon in New Zealand, at the end of last month.

Apparently in 1821 The Revd Thomas Ellacombe, Rector of a parish near Bath, grew tired of his Church bells being rung – or not rung – by a team which was frequently variously “unkempt, unruly or drunk”. So he devised an arrangement by which all the bell ropes could be gathered together and the ringing handled by a trustworthy individual, and that was the forerunner of the now widespread system in St. Michael & All Angels today – which in our case is only capable of being chimed by one person anyway.

The bellringers of Longbredy kindly alerted us to this commemoration, and a few from each village will have marked the bicentenary here by the time this is read. Thank you to all who have been involved in any way – we now feel a small cog in a much larger machine than we were ever aware of!

It appears I was too quick to cast aspersions on the vulpine race last month in seeking a suspect for the death of the nest-sitting swan. Thanks to Edgar Moxom, his father Don and the staff at the Abbotsbury Swannery, a post

mortem was arranged and found no trace of an attack, by a fox or anything else. The likely solution now seems to have been a heart attack of some sort – a very rare occurrence, apparently. Anyhow, the result is the same, and the male (cob) swan has now flown away, presumably to try his luck with another mate for next year. Maybe they will return: maybe not.

Also on the theme of nature notes: as we move further into summer, what a fantastic season it has been this year for bluebells and especially wild cowslips.

But oh dear, what a season it has been for dandelions everywhere as well...!



## **FORMER CHAIR OF BRIDPORT MUSEUM TRUST AWARDED MBE**

Former Chair of Bridport Museum Trust, George Streatfeild has been awarded an MBE for his services to the food industry and the Bridport community.

George was Chair of Bridport Museum Trust between 2012 and 2019. It was during his tenure the Museum underwent its major £1.3 million redevelopment.

He was elected as Chair after being instrumental in securing the Sanctuary Rope and Net Collection bequest for the Museum in 2012. George and his wife Amanda were already Trustees of this important collection, from the Museum of Rope and Net Manufacture, collected and housed by Anthony and Frances Sanctuary in Uploders.

The collection includes a substantial archive relating to the town's industry, as well as rope and net making machinery. Many of the items are now on display in the Museum and were one of the main reasons for attracting Lottery funding for the redevelopment.

George said: 'Bridport Museum is one of the jewels in Bridport's crown and it was a huge privilege to Chair the Trust over such an exciting period of change. There is an amazing team of volunteers which always made involvement fun and rewarding'.



George shakes hands with 'Dr Roberts' alongside Director Emily Hicks, on 27 May 2017 at the Museum's grand reopening. (photography courtesy of Mervyn Higgs)

Museum Director Emily Hicks said: 'there is no doubt that Bridport Museum would not be what it is today without George's substantial contribution.'

His leadership of the Trust was one full of positivity, dedication, drive and a 'let's get this done' attitude.'

It's wonderful to see him recognised for all that he gives to the local community.'

# LITTON CHENEY

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## St. Mary's Church

Our usual pattern of services continues with occasional outdoor services so we can sing! We're eagerly awaiting the day when we can all sing hymns in Church and the choir can start practicing again. All very frustrating, but we live in hope that things will eventually return to normal. Maybe next month.....

Details of services can be found on the bus shelter noticeboard.

**Litton Cheney Parish Council – We await confirmation from Govt on details below**

The next meeting of the parish council is planned to be on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, and for the first time in many months it should be an actual face-to-face meeting at LATCH. The meeting will hopefully be preceded by a Village Assembly (see below) at 7 pm. Play your part in the life of Litton Cheney, come along and have your say.

**Village Assembly, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7 pm, - Date may change**

This is an actual meeting – yes really! It will be held in the main hall of LATCH and will be the first chance in many months for “live” debate. This BVN notice is intended to serve as a reminder for local residents to please note their diaries, turn up on the day and have their say. Needless to say, last minute adjustments may be necessary dependent on Covid restrictions.

*We want to know how you see the village evolving over the coming years.*

Current planning intents suggest it will be placed in tier 4 which means further development will be limited to affordable housing, community facilities and redevelopment of redundant farm buildings. In recent times we have seen a number of young families move into the village to the point where the school is close to its maximum capacity. There is a possibility areas of Dorset could be in line to become a national park. What impact

would that have on life in the village? Options will be discussed and explained but if you want to influence the debate you will need to be there.

### **30 MPH Speed Limit**

The second consultation has been completed concerning the areas of the village that would be included in the speed restriction. It will now be down to Dorset Council as to when they programme the work to have the various signs installed.

### **Ultra Superfast Broadband for Litton Cheney, Long Bredy & Kingston Russell**

You will find an update on this subject in Valley Notes at the front of the BVN. Further updates can be found on village websites and village FB pages. Thank you for your support.



### **Sponsor a Bench so that others may appreciate our surroundings**

The Parish Council will hopefully be able to explain more about this scheme in greater detail at the Village Assembly on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The intent is to set up a ring-fenced fund that local residents can donate to, the idea being to locate a number of benches in and around the parish where there are spectacular views to behold and offering the perfect place to simply rest and enjoy them. Please contact Quentin Blacke 07919905588 or John Firrell 482313 to find out more.

### **Village Soccer Derby**

For the first time in many moons a football match was played between Litton and Puncknowle on Sunday 13th June on Litton Cheney's village playing field. The cheering was raucous, the tackling robust and the football talent on display a trifle wanting but hey, everyone had a great time, the result didn't matter (actually Puncknowle won 5 - 2) and, post match, everyone ambled or hobbled down to The White Horse for sustenance laid on by Andy and Liz and some well deserved liquid refreshment. Huge thanks to Peter Gull for organising this day of fun, frolics and football.



Can we make this an annual home and away event and alternate the result?





## Litton and Thorner's Community Hall



The hall is open and gatherings of up to 30 are allowed, but numbers are still restricted indoors, with social distancing and mask-wearing still required. This may change depending on Government guidance.

The patio area has now been extended, giving a much more useable space and there are plans for some shrub and tree planting over the coming months. There will be maintenance work carried out in the car park during the week of July 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> so access and parking will be limited during that time.

Wednesdays 1600 – Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 482661)  
1900 – Yoga with Anna Forrest (annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com)

Fridays 1000 – Art class in Meeting Room (annvgray@hotmail.com)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 1900 Village Assembly – **All** welcome. Confirmation awaited.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 1030 - 1230 Restorative Yoga & Yoga Nidra with Nadiya Wynn (nadiya@restorativebeing.co.uk) Mobile: 07800 712998

Bookings: Wendy Firrell 01308 482532 [wtlitton@gmail.com](mailto:wtlitton@gmail.com)

**Artsreach** will be coming to **LATCH** on **Thursday, August 26th** and full details can be found in **Valley Notes**. Please note that booking is **online ONLY** at: <https://artsreach.co.uk/what's-on>. For any further details please contact Ron Davidson on 482661

### **Summer Art Classes at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall**

Drawing, watercolour, sketching, still life, landscape and natural world  
Beginners and Improvers - Six week sessions  
Small friendly group of up to six - Reasonable rates

Please contact Ann Gray [annvgray@hotmail.com](mailto:annvgray@hotmail.com) 01308 482216 or 07923907298



**In Celebration of the life of Steven Spurrier** we will be holding a commemorative wine tasting event at **LATCH** on **Saturday 23rd October**. It will be organised along the lines of the famous "Judgment of Paris" when, in 1976, as a result of a blind tasting carried out by recognised international wine luminaries and organised by Steven, the world of wine came to the shocking conclusion that fine wine did indeed exist beyond the confines of France and indeed Europe.

More details on what will be called "**Judgment of the Bride Valley**" and how to reserve your judgment will follow in August/September, and, understandably, will be dependent on any restrictions in place at the time.

## **Marriage of Mariesha James and Maciej Biernacki**

After being cancelled last year due to COVID-19 Tess and John Mulhall are delighted to announce that Mariesha and Maciej got married on the 28th May 2021. We celebrated with a small family Wedding Breakfast at The Club House on the Friday, followed by a Marquee reception at LATCH on the Saturday.

The sun shone and the beautiful Bride Valley was an outstanding backdrop for the celebrations. Although limited to 30 guests, there was ample celebratory behaviour to honour such an occasion.

We thank all the support given by villagers and friends with special mention to those who provided a secret refuge for The Best Man!

We wish Miesh and Maj continued happiness and good fortune as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

## **Village Kiosk – A Huge Thank You**

The village kiosk officially opened its doors in its new guise as a book exchange, and offering children's puzzles, games and small toys and seed sharing on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The kiosk itself is a thing of beauty, with considerable innovation provided within. This has come about via the sterling efforts of Beverly and Pete Dennis, and Liz Pinfield to whom we owe a huge vote of thanks. The kiosk now stands as a wonderful centrepiece, welcoming visitors to the village as they descend Whiteway. Beverly will keep people up to date with kiosk matters via the village FB page. If you can contribute to its present function please do so, and if you would like to help keep the kiosk looking tickety boo, Beverly would love to hear from you – [b.dennis995@btinternet.com](mailto:b.dennis995@btinternet.com)



## The White Horse

Not much to say this month really. At time of writing, restrictions have just been extended for four more weeks so we carry on in uncertainty.

However, we are open, we are starting to get back on our feet and doing our best to serve our lovely locals and holiday-makers as quickly as possible.

Opening times have been a bit variable, but for now we are open Monday to Wednesday evenings from 5pm, Thursday lunchtime and evening, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 12.

On Monday nights Sourdough Ted is here with his lovely home-made pizzas, Friday night is fish 'n chip night of course and Sunday roasts are back at lunchtime. Pub menu available the rest of the time.

It's great to see you back; let's hope we are all nearly through the tunnel at last. Enjoy the sun! Andy & Liz



## **And lastly, but of huge importance for All of US!**

BC (before Covid) the village was a sociable and active place to live – the sociability to some extent continues in a limited capacity today, conditioned by Covid restrictions, but understandably activity has been limited.

Over the last 20 years there have been: Village Fetes, Village BBQs, Producers' Markets, Village Cafes, Wine Tastings, Artsreach shows, Harvest Suppers, film nights, bingo evenings, quiz nights at the pub, Duck Race, Carol singing, short mat bowls, table tennis, yoga, Pilates, ballroom dancing, archery, art, creative writing and calligraphy classes, toddler group, Scouts, Cubs & Beavers, and a Youth Club..... Many of these have been fund-raisers, others organised for the sheer joy of being there.

Although some of these have already restarted (table tennis, yoga, art classes, an Artsreach show for children in August, toddler group in September and wine tasting in October) it would be lovely for some of the other events and entertainments to happen again.

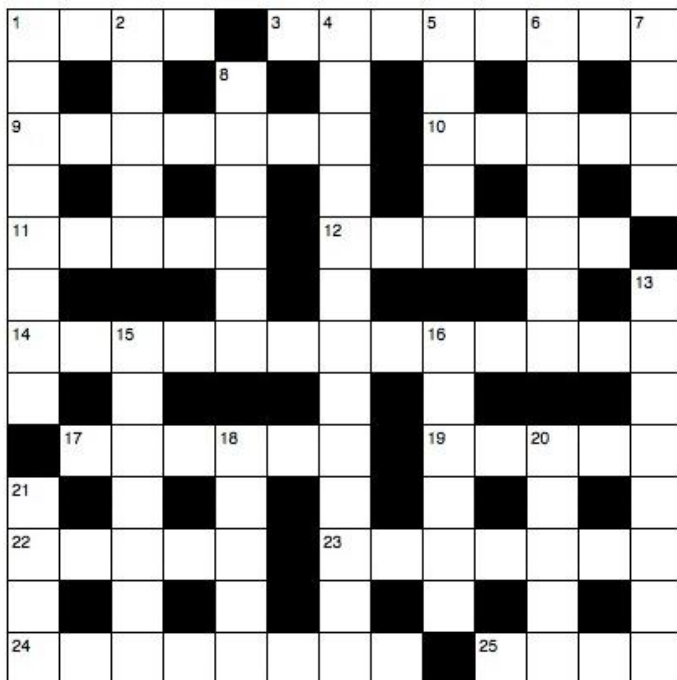
Surely now is the time for a new start to bring the village back to life and give newcomers a proper chance to meet up with the village community. Those who have lived in the village for many years have organised and run all these events and entertainments. It is now the time for new and enthusiastic ideas and action from the “younger” members of our community to come to the fore.

Could YOU be the instigator of a vibrant new lease of life for our village; perhaps join with a group of friends to set up and run some eminently sociable events to bring the community together and, yes, have some fun!

The resetting of Entertainment and Events will be a feature of the Village Assembly agenda on Tuesday 13th July (date may need to change due to Covid restrictions) and by coming along **YOU** can be part of it.

In ten/twenty years time you could be putting a notice just like this in the BVN seeking someone to take your place! Now there's something to look forward to!

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### CROSSWORD CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8-12) (4)
- 3 'The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8)
- 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7)
- 10 'Whoever — his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 10:39) (5)
- 11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5)
- 12 Gideon's home town (Judges 6:11) (6)
- 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13)
- 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6)
- 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5)
- 22 'If any of you — wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5)
- 23 I gain me (anag.) (7)
- 24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8)
- 25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)

#### DOWN

- 1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8)
- 2 Church of England incumbent (5)
- 4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7)
- 5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5)
- 6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in —' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7)
- 7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3)
- 13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8)
- 15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7)
- 16 Real do (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and — about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5)
- 20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day —' (Romans 14:5) (5)
- 21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)

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## SHIPTON GORGE

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### ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

More than half way through the year already and as I write, whilst there is still some uncertainty about, life is becoming a bit more "normal". The Church services are back on stream and the building is open every day again – Covid precautions do still remain in place though.

We even had a wedding here in St Martin's, last month. Ashley and Gina were married on 4<sup>th</sup> June and the sun shone for the happy couple. We wish them a very happy life together.

You may have noticed the shiny new notice board at the bottom of the Church drive. The old one was well and truly past its best so it was definitely time for a replacement. It will also help to cut down the use of plastic as we do not have to laminate so many notices. All the details of the church services are placed on this board monthly, along with the list of floodlight sponsors. Hopefully, we will have special services to include soon too.

Thank you to the folks who responded to my appeal for more sponsors. Even though the nights are longer, it's a lovely sight to see the church lit up when out on an evening walk.

### **The Floodlights Sponsors for July are:**

**Diane James – Thinking of Ivan**

**Ann Jones for Tony for their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary**

**Ann & Stephen for their daughter Helen's birthday**

**John & Diane Bredemere**

**A thank you to Colin and Barbara Chambers for all they  
have done for the village**

**And for all our hardworking farmers**

Sponsorship is still a bit low for the next few months so it would be lovely to hear from you. Maybe you have a special occasion coming up or you wish to remember someone special or if you are one of those folks who just enjoys seeing St Martin's floodlit, please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through Cuckoo Cottage letter box. (a suggested donation of £5 per entry is much appreciated).



## SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE DIARY

Welcome to our village diary

Just search for Shipton Gorge Diary or go directly to <https://shiptongorgediary.co.uk/> You'll be able to find out all that's going on in the village from the Village Society, the New Inn/ New Inn Support, the Village Hall, Shipton Gorge Heritage, the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council

### June 2021 SG 100 Club Super Draw results

1 <sup>st</sup>	£100	No 13	Guy Clatworthy
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£25	No 105	Jan Sorrell
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£20	No 119	Dave Prickett
4 <sup>th</sup>	£15	No 108	Tony Mallett
5 <sup>th</sup>	£10	No 62	Tony Lock

Congratulations to all the winners.

Graham Garner

## Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 14th July, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It's lovely to finally be back to having our meetings again on the regular second Wednesday of alternate months.

Thank you to everyone who turned out in the lovely sunshine to help with our Litter Pick and General Village Tidy-Up 5th June. Between everyone we removed greenery from around signs and fingerposts, cleaned the bus stop and road signs and road name boards. What a fantastic job you all did! Thanks also to Kate Kent who, despite her broken ankle, made some lovely cakes that along with coffee from the New Inn raised £35 for NISL. You were all wonderful and everyone will appreciate your hard work when looking at our cleaner and tidier village, which is now all ready for the Summer. Let's keep it that way!

At our June meeting a request for the Parish Council to provide allotments was accepted from around 20 householders in the parish. We will do everything we can to make this happen, but first we need to find suitable land – but we are ever hopeful, so watch this space!

## Shipton Gorge Heritage

Thank you to everyone who provided plants and other goodies to sell at our **Plant Stall and Coffee Morning** on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Your support is much appreciated in these difficult times for charity fund raising.

## **SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY**

Subject to covid restrictions our AGM will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> July at the Village Hall. All villagers are invited. The AGM will include the election of committee members and officers and will be followed by the first meeting of the new committee. New members are always welcome onto the committee so if you would like to get involved in village activities please come along to the meeting.

The Village Fete and show will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> August at the Village Hall and paddock, with the usual array of competitions and prizes, an entertainer for the children and stalls, raffle etc. Stalls will include the ever popular Village Society Tombola and we would appreciate all donations of bottles, jars or tins for the stall. Donations to Graham Garner (17, Rockway - 01308 897357). As always everyone will be welcome at the fete, and if you would like to set up a stall to sell your produce or craftwork please contact Sally Parker on 01308 897168. If you have a trophy from the last show would you please return it to Sally Parker ready for presentation this year.





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## ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

**OPEN** – after many weeks of closure St Mary's is now open every day during daylight hours. So do feel free to visit this beautiful little church which with its Saxon arch which is the oldest in the valley.

### PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE, WEST BEXINGTON AND CHILCOMBE

#### LUNCH CLUB

#### PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL – 1.00pm

If the roadmap out of lockdown continues, we will be resuming the Lunch Club in July, and following any current COVID rules.

Enquiries - please contact David Buckland, 01308 898492 for more details.

Next lunch – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

#### Menu

Cold meats, Salad,  
New potatoes and  
Coleslaw/chutney

Fruit Pavlova and cream  
+ cheese and biscuits, tea/coffee

CREAM TEA - 17 August – 2pm,

**LUNCH – 21<sup>st</sup> September 1pm (Roast Lamb),**

**LUNCH 19th October 1pm (Fish Pie)**

**BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS AUDITIONS**  
for 2 one act plays  
'Cut in the Rates' by Alan Ayckbourn, and 'The Rule of Three ' by  
Agatha Christie.

**Performance dates Thursday 28, Friday 29 and Saturday 30 October**

**Read through** in Burton Bradstock Village hall on Thursday 15 July 7 – 9pm

**Auditions** in Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Monday 19 July 7 – 9pm

If you would like to be involved in any way do please come along and join us  
as new members would be most welcome

**Any queries please contact Liz Slater 01308 897751**

**Holy Trinity Church, Swyre.**



Happily our church is now open again every day during daylight hours; A place of peace and quiet, for private prayer, reflection , consolation and inspiration.

Many thanks are due to our small, loyal group of church key holders who will be opening and closing the church each day.

**Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village hall 100 club**

It's time to start a new year for our 100 club , thank you to everyone who has been a member over the last year.

I will send emails to existing members but if you aren't a member yet and would like to join in the fun please contact:-

Jill on 897479 or [jill.neill@live.co.uk](mailto:jill.neill@live.co.uk)

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### St Mary's Church

#### St Mary's Church Michaelmas Fete 2021 - Save the Date!

While the usual St Mary's Church Fete will sadly not be taking place again this August, the Fete team is delighted to announce that a St Mary's Church Michaelmas Fete will be held on Saturday 25 September 2021.

Planning for the event is in the early stages, and while it will not be as large an event as the summer fete, it is hoped that it will provide an entertaining afternoon for people in the local area – and hopefully raise some funds for the church!

Please note the date in your diaries and watch this space for more information.

#### Burton Bradstock Village Hall

##### Village Hall Activity

At the time of writing this we are awaiting to hear if restrictions are to be removed on 21<sup>st</sup> June. We hope they are removed and normal service can be resumed at the Hall. A number of activities able to operate under the current Covid restrictions have already started and more intend to do so if restrictions are eased.

Please contact the organiser of your activity for more information.

Should you wish to use the Hall later in the year, the booking officer can be contacted via email at [bbvht.bookings@gmail.com](mailto: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. Keep looking in the BVN for updated information. We hope to start with the films we originally planned to show last year.

## Coffee Mornings

The next coffee morning will be between 10:00am-12:00noon on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. If restrictions are relaxed it will be run by the W.I and open to all. If not, it will be run by the team of volunteers familiar with the Hall's Covid-19 guidelines. Either way, there will definitely be a coffee morning on that date.

## Party in the Park

The Hall Trust has played a major role in co-ordinating the Party in the Park on Sat 24<sup>th</sup> July on the Sports Field opposite the garage adjacent to the play park. It is intended to be a re-opening event to encourage Villagers to enjoy themselves, with an afternoon and evening of entertainment, games, stalls and live music, plus the formal opening of the newly refurbished play park. Entrance is free to all Villagers and pupils attending Burton Bradstock School along with their families. Full details are given later in this edition, on Village web sites, posters around the Village and on a flier in the BVN, which also acts as a ticket for entry.

*Richard Ferre*

## Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

### June 2021 Draw

### Congratulations to the winners:

<b>1st</b>	<b>£36.80</b>	<b>No 138:</b>	<b>Mrs Jan Clark</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>£18.40</b>	<b>No 170:</b>	<b>Mrs Audrey Hayward</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>£9.20</b>	<b>No 15:</b>	<b>Mr Roger Ashman</b>

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the June 2021 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have **£6** – 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**

## **Our AGM**

The Village Society AGM was held on 21<sup>st</sup> May, via Zoom and in the village hall, with a total of 32 members in attendance. Our new President, Peter Broomhead, opened the meeting and said it was a great honour to be asked to fill the role. However, it was tinged with sadness because it was necessitated by the passing of Peter Colbert earlier in the year. Peter had done so much for the village, in many different ways, over many years.

The minutes of the 2020 AGM were agreed to be a true record, accepted and passed unanimously. The accounts for the year were reported, and their adoption was approved unanimously. All officers of the committee, with one exception, agreed to stand again and were elected unanimously. The one exception was Fred Fearn, who stood down as Publicity Secretary, and his efforts over the years were acknowledged with a small gift. The role of Publicity Secretary has subsequently been taken by Alan Pankhurst (that's me).

A full copy of the AGM minutes has been sent to all members with the latest newsletter. If anyone not on email would like a copy, please contact Roger Ashman 01308 898442.

## **Plant and Cake Sale**

The AGM was followed on 22<sup>nd</sup> May by the plant and cake sale, held in the Rectory gardens, where teas, coffees, biscuits and cakes were available, the Village Hall was also open for teas and coffees. The rain held off until the proceedings were just finishing, and the morning raised an amazing £676, many thanks to all those who attended and spent their pennies, and to our Rector Jane for the use of her garden.

## **Flower and Produce Show**

Our Village Flower and Produce show is being held at the Village Hall / Rectory Garden on Saturday 17th July. Doors open at 2.15pm for viewing. Come and show us your home-grown Vegetables, Fruits and Flowers, Chutneys, Jams, Cakes, Children's Bakes and a 'Men only' Chocolate cake. Try your hand at Crafts, Painting, a Photography competition, subject "Fun in the Sun" & "Three of a Kind", or a Limerick Competition subject "Mobile Phones"

To exhibit please obtain a schedule from the Post Office or Library or you can download applications from our website

<http://www.burtonbradstock.org.uk/flowershow/>

The fee is 50p per exhibit. Entry forms must be submitted prior to the Thursday before the show. Late entries 60p on the day and exhibitors must stage their entries on Saturday 17th July between 8am and 9.30am. We hope to see you there to enjoy the day.

For those of you who still have Trophies that they won in the 2019 show, I would be grateful if after giving them a clean you would contact Helen Rodier on 01308 897349 to arrange their return.

### **Speakers Programme**

Sadly, there was no Village Outing this June, for obvious reasons, but the really good news is that a full programme of speakers has been booked for the 2021/22 season. All paid up members should have received their Programme, which also acts as their membership card, now one per member instead of one per household. If you have not received your Programmes, or you would like to join our wonderful Village Society, please contact Roger on 01308 898442.

And finally, don't forget "The Party in the Park" on 24 July in the playing field, more detail in the attached flier.

## **End of an Era at Burton Bradstock CE Primary School**

We bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Claire Staple, the Headteacher of Burton Bradstock CE Primary School, who will be leaving us at the end of the summer term after twelve years of dedicated service.

Throughout her leadership, Mrs. Staple has been an inspiration to all the children who have passed through the school and has motivated them to perform to the best of their ability. She has promoted the belief that a school should be a place where all children are given the chance to learn and develop as individuals and achieve their potential. Mrs. Staple's love of teaching, her sensitivity for those who need support, her pleasant and helpful manner and excellent teaching capabilities are just a few of the qualities that are to be commended. Pupils, parents and carers will miss her smile and friendly greeting at the beginning of each day.

Mrs. Staple has worked with the governors to set strategic goals and priorities resulting in Good gradings in Ofsted and SIAMS Inspections. It was acknowledged that the school's distinctive Christian ethos was the consequence of her outstanding church school leadership.

She led the school through the formation of the Minerva Learning Trust and has collaborated with the executive principal and senior leaders of the schools in the Trust to provide an excellent education and improve standards for all its pupils. The school has gone from strength to strength and in the last 2019 SATs results pre Covid-19 pupils' attainment for reading was in the top 1% in the country.

Mrs. Staple has built strong working relationships with St.Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock, and the local community. The Christmas Fair and Duck Race have been highlights in the village calendar and working closely with the Friends of the school additional funds have been raised to enhance the pupil's learning and extra-curricular activities. Mrs. Staple has encouraged the children and their families to participate in the activities organised by the Village Society, Library, Burton Bradstock Players and the Village Hall coffee mornings.

In conclusion, Mrs. Staple will be remembered for her dedication to education, for believing in children, for guiding through example and for inspiring with passion. The school she leaves is popular and successful because of her leadership.

Mrs. Staple will be truly missed and everyone involved with Burton Bradstock CE School wish her good health and lots of fun in the new stage of her life.

*Pat Lewis-Badgett*  
*Chair of the Local Governing Body*

## **The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library**

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends was held by Zoom on 27<sup>th</sup> May. Members learned of the successful continuation of library services, including during the most recent 'lockdowns' in challenging circumstances, thanks entirely to the continuing hard work of our volunteers. It was noted that users were very grateful for continued access to books and also to the extensive jigsaw collection, especially during the winter months. As restrictions ease it is hoped that we will be able to open more frequently and resume the full range of services including to the public access computers. We would welcome additional volunteers, and are keen to find some additional Trustees. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can help please call Rosemary Daniels (Chairman) on 01308-898049 or Bryan Brown (Secretary) 01308-897421 for an informal discussion.

# Children's Summer Reading Challenge

As in the past, we will be participating in the national Summer Reading Challenge 2021, called Wild World Heroes! Developed with WWF, the world's leading independent conservation organisation, Wild World Heroes is a celebration of reading for pleasure that will inspire children to stand up for the future of our planet.

The Summer Reading Challenge is delivered in partnership with public libraries, including of course Burton Bradstock. Children will also be able to take part in Wild World Heroes at home through the online Challenge platform at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>.

Wild World Heroes will be brought to life with bespoke artwork from award-winning author and illustrator Heath McKenzie. Full details are available in the Library but here is what to do:



**WILD WORLD HEROES**



- Go to your library this summer to join the Challenge – IT'S FREE!
- Sign up to receive your special Wild World Heroes collector poster
- Choose books to read over the holidays
- Collect stickers for each book you read
- Add the stickers to your poster to complete the Challenge and become a Wild World Hero!

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## **PARTY IN THE PARK - SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021**

**Sports Field – Gates open at 1.30pm**

**FREE ENTRY to an afternoon and evening of fun and games for all!**

**Open to all Burton Bradstock Residents,  
Children from BB's School and their Families**

**To include:** Formal opening of the new Playpark  
Stalls – Plants, Crafts, Books and School's Tombola  
Teddy Bear's Picnic with prizes  
Free Games for all ages  
Strawberry Jam - Children's Entertainer  
Burgers & Ices on sale Live Music from 5-9pm

**Look out for the Flyer in the JULY BVN for more information about the  
event and how to reserve your FREE tickets**

*Any Questions? Please email [fionalomax55@hotmail.com](mailto:fionalomax55@hotmail.com).*



I am absolutely delighted – (and relieved)-to be able to report that the Burton Bradstock WI Recipe Book, celebrating our Centenary, has finally been PUBLISHED!! It has been a very long time in the making what with collecting 100 recipes, typing them all out, collating the various sections, not to mention lockdown etc., and so it has been very exciting to see this project come to fruition at last and to see the book itself. Here it is, hot off the press.....



Many thanks to Colin at Vertiworks for all his help - and patience in helping us with this venture. He has done an amazing job, especially with the artwork and we are greatly appreciative of all the time and effort he has put into it.

As already mentioned, the book contains 100 recipes and includes sections on Breakfasts, Main Meals, Puddings and of course, the inevitable cakes and preserves!! All tried and tested recipes – the favourites of our members. If you would like a copy of this fantastic book – a snip at £6.99 – please do give me a ring on the number below. (WI members do not need to do so!)

Moving onto the next exciting event – our much anticipated first meeting back on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm, assuming the road out of lockdown goes according to plan! It will be a grand get-together with an exhibition of all the activities missed during the 16 months since we last met, namely the Photographic, Crafts and Art competitions, our “Green Hearts” day, as well as our AGM and election of a new President and Committee. There will be food and celebratory drinks and hopefully plenty of time to chat and catch up. What an evening to look forward to! Fingers crossed it will go ahead!

The day after we shall hopefully be hosting the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall so do pop in for some delicious home-made cakes and a chat. See you there!!

Janet Pearson  
01308 898346

# LONG BREDY

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## St Peter's Church

Long Bredy & Kingston Russell Parish Council

### Country Gates.

Local Farmers have reported that on a number of occasions country gates have not been closed and secured properly. This can cause problems by allowing livestock to wander. Walkers using footpaths across farmland are asked to be careful and to ensure that they close any gates that they use during the course of their walk. We are lucky to have access to such rural footpaths and this simple step will ensure we can all enjoy the countryside whilst keeping livestock safe.

Thankyou

### Long Bredy 100 Club

#### May 2021 Draw

£30.00	No. 41	B. Lee
£15.00	No. 115	B. and A. Peppiatt
£5.00	No. 146	I Way

Drawn on 27/5/2021 at The Gardens by Charlotte, Ruth and Dave

### Plant Sale

Very many thanks to everyone who donated plants, helped to set up the stalls and, not least, purchased plants, either on the day or subsequently at the gate sale. The positive comments which were received about the sale and venue were much appreciated.

The total raised was £523.00, which will be divided between Weldmar Hospice and St Peter's Church.

# CROSSWORD and SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

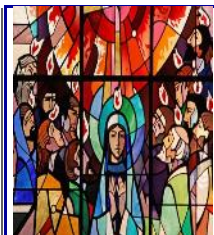
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## SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES JULY 2021



	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 4 July Trinity 5</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11 July Trinity 6</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 18 July Trinity 7</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 25 July Trinity 8</b>
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion  11.00 Outdoor Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion
Chilcombe			6.30 Evening Prayer	
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	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 Com- munion	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 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion