

# BRIDE VALLEY NEWS

The Magazine of the Bride Valley Churches



March 2023

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## THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

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

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To enquire about Baptism, Marriage and Funeral arrangements,  
please telephone or email the Rector.

### **Pastoral Assistants & Prayers for The Sick**

Pastoral Assistants are available for visiting. If you or anyone you know would like such a visit, please contact Jane Williams 01308 898799. If there is someone that you would like to be included in our prayers for the sick, please contact Liz Howlett 07851032454 or a Churchwarden.

### **Church Floodlighting**

If you would like to have a church floodlit for a baptism or wedding, or in memory of someone, please speak to the following: Burton Bradstock (Chrissie Bailey 897603 or Ian Ibbotson 898484), Shipton Gorge (Phyl Webster 898657), Litton Cheney (Freddie Spicer 482617).

### **From the Registers**

Funerals: Eric Stubbs 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at Burton Bradstock  
Tracey Crisp 10<sup>th</sup> Feb at Burton Bradstock  
Nigel Hyde 20<sup>th</sup> Feb at Shipton Gorge

### **Volunteer Editor for the Bride Valley News**

The Bride Valley Benefice Council is seeking to appoint a new volunteer editor for the Bride Valley News (BVN). This important role involves collating, organising, and editing contributions from village organisations, correspondents and churches and preparing each edition by the monthly deadline for the printers.

You will occasionally need to liaise with contributors and Reverend Jane, either by telephone or email. The role requires access to a computer, and a working knowledge of Word or another similar program. Using the existing template and with some initial support and handover from the temporary editor, this volunteer position would require about 2/3 days a month- however, this job could be shared. If you are interested, please call Jane Williams or email [bvrector@outlook.com](mailto:bvrector@outlook.com)

### **Volunteer needed - Benefice Treasurer**

The Bride Valley Benefice is seeking a volunteer Treasurer, to work with the administrator and have an overview of the administration of the finances for the Benefice. You would need to have access to a computer, some knowledge of excel, be able to be in touch via email, and an interest in looking at and understanding figures. The Benefice Treasurer reports to the Benefice Council and produces a report of the finances for the meetings (bi-monthly) and an overall report for the year. If you are interested in volunteering for this role or discussing the details, please contact Reverend Jane Williams, [bvrector@outlook.com](mailto:bvrector@outlook.com) or the Administrator Helen Fry, [bvchurchesta@outlook.com](mailto:bvchurchesta@outlook.com)

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30am  
at Bridport United Church, East Street

The service this year has been prepared by the women of Taiwan with a message 'I have heard about your Faith'. They ask us to join them as they give thanks for their beautiful island and encourage one another in our faith as the apostle St. Paul did in his letters.

The day of prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be provided. For details please contact Kathy Hince 01308 485626 or email [hincekathy@gmail.com](mailto:hincekathy@gmail.com)



## FROM THE RECTORY

As I write, during this last week we have seen and heard the most tragic news following a horrific earthquake that has affected North Turkey and areas of Syria including the region of Aleppo. The earthquake registered 7.8 on the Richter scale. Nearly a week after the tragic event the death toll has risen to 33,000 and is expected to double. That depth and magnitude of loss is almost impossible to imagine and overwhelming in reality to respond to. Many charities are appealing for donations, financial and otherwise.

As churches from across the Bride Valley this year we are looking at **“Your kingdom come, here and now”** from the Lord’s Prayer. I cannot help but contemplate what that means for the people of Turkey and Syria right now. And yet, as we look at the news, there is the hope, of a 2-month-old baby, who had survived 128 hours under the rubble. Once again, we are urged to “look for the helpers” and there are many, leaving to go immediately the tragic incident happened, to do their bit.

Luke 11:1-4 frames the Lord’s Prayer slightly differently in that it’s the disciples that ask the question of Jesus. For Jesus it was in prayer that he brought his frustrations, his challenges, his burdens and the burdens he felt for others to his Heavenly Father. So often when Jesus acted, he responded from a place of compassion, being moved to respond and help those in need.

What comfort can be gleaned from Jesus’ words when asked by his disciples to teach them to pray.

I believe they have watched Jesus closely, seen how he modelled a life which followed a different way of being. Retreating to a quiet place to reset and refocus himself. And I wonder if we need to follow that example.

We live in an age when we can end up suffering with what is now termed ‘Compassion fatigue’. What, I believe, we mustn't do is allow ourselves to be neutralised to inaction but activated, moved to react and act to support in any way we realistically can.

It may not feel like much at the time but if we all do our bit then we can make an enormous difference to those in need.

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

## **The Reverend Sue Linford RIP**

It is with sadness we report the sad loss of Sue on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. She was a fabulous colleague and a dear friend to many. Sue served the Bride Valley Churches faithfully over many years and will be greatly missed. Her funeral will be taking place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at midday in St Mary the Virgin Church, Burton Bradstock. Tributes to her include how hard she worked here across the Bride Valley Churches and also as a Prison Chaplain as well as being a super human being. Please keep Tim and the family in your prayers.

*Jane*

### **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 £2.00 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 on 07393 607025 (note new number) between Monday and Friday.  
Calls cannot be taken at weekends.

## **Our Night Sky in March 2023**

Jupiter will be setting in the south west at about 7pm, while Venus remains bright in the South western sky until she sets at about 9pm. Mars will be high in the sky above Orion , but becoming visibly fainter compared with its brilliance during the Autumn, as it moves further away from Earth. It will set in the North west about 2am. Saturn has now moved to the morning sky, but is still lost in the brightening dawn sky.

Meanwhile, NASA's Mars Perseverance rover recovered two new samples from the Martian surface on Dec. 2 and 6 last year. But unlike the 15 rock cores collected to date, these newest samples came from a pile of wind-blown sand and dust similar to but smaller than a dune's. Now contained in special metal collection tubes, one of these two samples will be considered for deposit on the Martian surface sometime this month as part of the Mars Sample Return campaign. Scientists want to study Martian samples with powerful lab equipment on Earth to search for signs of ancient microbial life and to better understand the processes that have shaped the surface of Mars. Most of the samples will be rock; however, researchers also want to examine regolith – broken rock and dust – not only because of what it can teach us about geological processes and the environment on Mars, but also to mitigate some of the challenges astronauts will face on the Red Planet. Regolith can affect everything from spacesuits to solar panels, so it's just as interesting to engineers as it is to astronauts.

*Bill Turnill*

## **Bride Valley Gardening Club**

The new Club season begins on Monday March 20th at 7.30pm in LATCH, the Village Hall at Litton Cheney, with a talk by Joy Michaud on 'Choosing the right variety'. At this meeting we collect the £8 annual subscription. Please would members bring their money in an envelope including name, address, telephone number and email address. If you receive our newsletter there will be a form attached, which you can print and complete.

Please make any cheques payable to Bride Valley Gardening Club. Your Village Rep will be happy to receive your envelopes if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Visitors are very welcome at any of our meetings for a cost of £2.

**Dates to note:** On April 17<sup>th</sup> following a short AGM, Saul Walker will talk on 'My time as the Show Manager of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show'. The Flower and Produce Show will be at LATCH on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Jobs to Do in March**

Prune bush and shrub roses, hardy fuchsias, buddleia and late-flowering clematis. Take cuttings from new growth on pelargoniums, salvias and fuchsias. Plant gladiolus corms and start dormant cannas into growth. Sow sunflowers indoors and begonia tubers in pots or trays of compost. Sow hardy annual seeds. If conditions allow sow short rows of beetroot, broad beans, carrots, lettuce, peas, spinach and radishes; plant onion sets, shallots and first early potatoes. Protect vulnerable young plants with fleece or cloches if cold weather is forecast.

*Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473*

## **Bride Valley Book Club – Book Review**

### **The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christi Lefteri**

This book is the story of two refugees, a husband and wife from Aleppo in Syria. It tells the story of their flight, after the death of their young son. Nuri, the husband, is trying to manage the whole process and take difficult decisions to get them through borders and across countries, while conserving his wits and enough money to guide his wife, who is blind, to a better and safer life.

It is a harrowing and gruelling tale but told with sensitivity and intimacy. One feels that the writer knows this couple and, in a way, she does. Christi Lefteri is herself the daughter of refugees and she wrote this book after a period working as a volunteer at a UNICEF centre in Athens. It follows Nuri and Afra as they take their perilous journey from Syria, through Turkey, across the sea and to Athens, where their journey seems, by turns, hopeful and doomed until they are confronted with the system for applying for asylum. The ending is perfectly crafted. To anyone not familiar with refugees or their plight, it is a haunting story and one which we would all be the better for knowing – whatever our dispassionate view of the possibilities for solving the refugee crisis. *Reviewed by Mandi Sturrock.*

## **The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead**

This is an action packed book but it is difficult to read due to the harrowing circumstances described. It is a fictionalised story based on true events in 1960s Florida USA at a notorious Juvenile Reform School called The Doziers School for Boys. In this novel the corrupt and abusive school is known as The Nickel Academy. Elwood Curtis is a bookish black teenager who admires Dr Martin Luther King but finds himself sentenced to The Nickel Academy for innocently accepting a lift in a stolen car. Once at Nickel he makes friends with Turner, a more streetwise boy. Elwood is an idealist and the two boys are very different. Elwood suffers cruel beatings and solitary confinement until Turner overhears a plan to kill Elwood and bury his body 'out back' in a secret graveyard. They escape but Elwood is shot by Nickel staff when apprehended. Turner manages to get away and later assumes the identity of Elwood. Turner eventually starts a successful removals company in New York. Many years later Turner learns that forensic archaeologists have uncovered the secret graveyard at the now closed down Nickel Academy and he travels there to face his traumatic past. *Reviewed by Ro Gallagher*

The year for the Bride Valley WI, as for many others in the valley, started for us sadly mourning the loss of our member Anne Gillson. Anne was a friend to many of us, a well loved and respected member of our WI, our skittles captain and most importantly “Mumma” to our President, Phyllis. Behind the scenes Anne also wrote the WI updates for the Bride Valley News and was editor for our yearly events programme.

On behalf of us all, we send our deepest condolences to Phyllis and her family.

Our first meeting of the year went ahead as planned and was an evening learning how to do the 'Jive'. It was a fun evening, lots of laughs and some very interesting moves! A big thank you to Jane who led the evening and showed great patience and understanding to those of us, it seems, who have two left feet!! We dedicated the evening to Anne who was a great fan of Strictly Come Dancing. We meet on the third Thursday of every month in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7:30pm. If you live in the valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in touch on our email, [bridevalleywi@gmail.com](mailto:bridevalleywi@gmail.com)



**Fascinator Workshop** at Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 10.00am to 4.00pm

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**Colbert Crafters Spring Craft & Gift Fair**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 10am-4pm

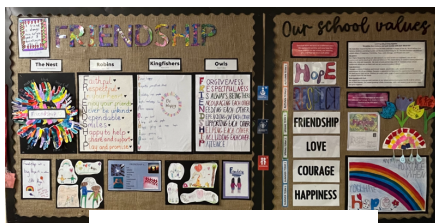
The Colbert Crafter's are back at Burton Bradstock Village Hall with their first Craft and Gift Fair of 2023! All products are handmade in Burton. Come along and see us!





## Burton Bradstock CE Primary School

It has been a busy half term with lots going on across the school. All the classes are enjoying their new topics and working hard. I have been particularly impressed with the newly elected school council who have certainly hit the ground running and have already got some great ideas of things that they want to do to. They are all very pleased to have been chosen to represent their classes and it has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm for the role.



***Our values display***

Our Bronze Ambassadors have been running lunchtime games and activities for other children. These have been a great success; it has been wonderful to see all the different activities happening.

In Collective Worship, we have looked at different stories that depict friendship, learnt about UNCRC articles and enjoyed watching the Open the Book team deliver worships linked to various bible stories.

After half term, our KS2 children are looking forward to getting back to either swimming lessons (Kingfishers) or PE in the sports hall (Owls). There are also more sporting events to look forward to such as Cross-Country relays and a dance festival! In Collective Worship, we will be focusing on our school value of 'Love' and continuing our Rights Respecting Schools work both in classes and with the school council. We look forward to our Easter Service at the end of term and hope to see lots of families there.



***Our KS2 Cross-Country Squad at a recent competition***

If you would like to visit our small and friendly school, please contact the school office ([office@burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk)).

*Adam Gough, Headteacher*



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## Thorners CE VA School

We have had a wonderful half term and the children have crammed in a huge amount in just a few weeks. Thank you to all who have contributed to many of the extra-curricular events we have put on for the children and to everyone who has made this first spring term such an exciting one. As well as our fantastic Science Day a few weeks ago (funded by the TSA,



picture on left)), the children have enjoyed dance lessons with Amy, singing lessons with Claire and a wonderful service up in church with visitors from the Diocese where the children sang, acted and read beautifully and were even treated to some snow as we walked back to school. At the end of the term the children had a series of assemblies and a live global lesson about mental health through our LYFTA platform to explore this concept and its importance in their development. Lastly, the TSA Disco promises to round off the end of term in style.

Thank you also to Dorset Council and in particular Katie Dawes, Max Bishop and Jason Greatbanks, who have been so fantastic in getting our solar panels finished and for enabling myself and the children to share our story via their YOUTUBE video and Dorset Council publicity. Thanks also to Mr White who contributed such wonderful drone videos and aerial photography to sit alongside the interviews with the children. Looking ahead, we look forward to welcoming Mrs Biggins back to school after half term and she has already made plans for World Book Day in March. We thank Ms Taylor for all her great work in Eggardon since September and look forward to having her down in Fledglings with Julie and the little ones from now on. Other plans for next term include a World Water Day challenge, Red Nose Day, Dance Festival, Pancake Race, KS1 Multiskills Sports Day and travelling Book Fair!

*Mr Sitch*

## LITTLEBREDY

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### St. Michael and All Angels

*Due to a technical error the February Little Bredy entry was omitted from the printed edition. It is now printed here, followed by the March entry.*

**The February Little Bredy entry:** This was originally anticipated to be giving prior notice that we would be saying farewell – or at least au revoir – to the de la Mare family, whose time at Orchard Cottage would be coming to an end at the end of February. However, circumstances changed and in practice Tom and Rosy and the youngsters left the village for a new home not far away, in West Chelborough, shortly before Christmas. We wish them all happiness there, and suspect (and hope) that Littlebredy may not have seen the last of them entirely.

They did indeed make what was technically a return visit for the annual Boxing Day duck race from the waterfall to the Riverside bridge, which was the culmination of the village's Christmas celebrations. These had included an exceptionally well-attended Christmas Day communion service in Church, when there was hardly a seat to be had. Many thanks as ever to Rector Jane for leading the service and of course for the commitment she and her fellow clergy and lay ministers always have to put in on what are so-called "festivals" for the rest of us.

As for the duck race itself, it was the customary enjoyable success in both social and financial terms, raising £600 for the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust. It was a more interesting course than usual, because of the still-overflowing sheep dip, and the winning duck was owned and trained by Ben Pentreath, who presumably celebrated with some local Sauvignon Blanc, as he and Charlie were in New Zealand on the day of the race. Congratulations to all concerned, especially Edgar and Jacqui Moxom for all the organisation they had put in.

Possibly at this end of the valley it is mainly those who are concerned with the local production and distribution of the Bride Valley News who are aware of the sudden and unexpected death in early January of Anne Gillson, who has been the Editor for the past several years. Getting the magazine out each month is a major task, and her great contribution has been much appreciated. We use this column to send our condolences to all who are close to her and are grieving her loss.

**The March Littlebredy Entry:** The village has received publicity from two very different sources recently. During the January snows (remember those?) the front page of the Dorset Echo contained a big picture of John Barker's Exmoor ponies amidst a white landscape in the Valley of Stones (not identified as such in the paper, though).

Conversely, in a more summery context, the editor of the January edition of "Wisden Cricket Monthly" magazine chose as his "cricket book of the month" a small anthology of evocative poems and prose entitled "Into the Long Grass". This has recently been compiled in admiration of the cricket ground here by members of a touring team which used regularly to visit Bride Vale C.C. on the strength of their friendship with David Inshaw, creator of the famous "Cricket Game" picture, painted here in 1976, part of which adorns the front cover of the book and was illustrated in the magazine.

Those who have visited Bridehead recently for carol singing, Harvest Suppers, etc., may have noticed the second large version of the same painting hanging in the hallway, a tribute to Inshaw's love not only of cricket in general, but especially of the picturesque ground where the game has been played here since 1900.

Many will already know of the sudden tragic death of one of Tom Foot's farm employees, Phil Trent, who collapsed and died at Longlands Farm at the beginning of February. We send sympathy and condolences not only to his widow Elaine and their two daughters, but also to the shocked farm staff who tried without success to resuscitate him. The village defibrillator was brought into use, also sadly without success, and a refresher course to remind us how to deploy it is now being planned for an evening before too long. This will be advertised round the village when a date and venue are chosen.

## LITTON CHENEY

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### St Mary's Church

#### St Mary's

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting at which the Churchwardens and the PCC members are elected will take place in St. Mary's on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March after the morning service. To vote at this meeting and to be eligible to join the PCC you need to be included on the Church Electoral Roll by 11<sup>th</sup> March. You are entitled to go on the Electoral Roll if you are baptised, over 16, a member of the Church of England or some other churches and either resident in the parish, or have attended worship here regularly in the last six months. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll, but would like to be included, please contact Kathryn Brooks who will provide you with the necessary form. 3 Litton Hill, 01308 482548.

#### Floodlighting St Mary's Church

The Church was well lit over the Christmas and New Year period. Many thanks to the following for sponsoring the floodlights in memory of friends and family departed, events, personal celebration or just because they like to see the lights – Mary and Hugh Lantos, Pete and Beverly Dennis, Diana and Freddie Spicer, Elizabeth and Paul Kingston, Sally and Philip Dyke, Peter Strange, John and Wendy Firrell, Ariadne Blyth, Lesley and John Salvetti and Jennie Prentice. Despite escalating electricity prices the nightly contribution for the lights is still £5 and they are not just for Christmas but can be requested at any time during the year – telephone Freddie Spicer 482617.

## **Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – LATCH - 7pm**

The end of the fiscal year approaches as we begin to look forward to the year 2023/24 and the lead up to council elections. Why not come along and get the low down on what goes on. We will be looking for new councillors come the elections in May 2024 – could that be you?

## **The Queen’s Bench**

Costings are now being sought for the construction of The Queen’s Bench adjacent to the Jubilee Hut. The project will include an interpretation board incorporating a village map, with the current notice board moving inside the Jubilee Hut. It is hoped the installation will be in place in time for the Coronation.

## **Village Assembly - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Chris Loder MP**

This year our Assembly will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7 pm at LATCH. The main presentation will be given by our MP, Chris Loder, and you will also have the chance to question him on both local and national issues. More details in due course.

## **CORONATION WEEKEND – Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> to Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Many local residents who helped put together the programme and celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee have come together again, and are beginning to put together a provisional programme of events for the Coronation Weekend (May 6<sup>th</sup> - May 8<sup>th</sup>).

Further news, information and bulletins will be displayed as more is known so keep your eyes on the village website, FB pages and leaflet drops. We are also looking for more folk to join us to make this a great weekend to remember – come on in!

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Coronation Day - Observe the pomp and circumstance of the occasion with your family from the comfort of your own armchair or sofa. Coronations don't come around that often!

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May - The Big Lunch Day - 12 noon until 4 pm at LATCH. Bring your own lunch, or arrange a 'bring and share' with friends. Musical entertainment, and family fun. In the evening - Concert at the Palace

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May - The Big Help Out Day followed by a big knees up at The White Horse including live music and (we think) BBQ. In the morning there will be a community gathering at the Playing Field/Children's Playground to

tidy up, fix up, clear up and put up. In the afternoon it will be Andy and Liz's turn to provide the entertainment and sustenance. Parents - with regards to work on the children's playground, this is your moment!

## Events at LATCH – for March

### Weekly:

Tuesdays: 15.30 – 16.30 Big Q Church (term time only)

16.45 - Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 482661)

18.15 – Pilates ([johanna@larkpilates.com](mailto:johanna@larkpilates.com) 07920 421783)

Wednesdays: After school - Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 482661)

19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest ([annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com](mailto:annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com))

Thursdays: 09.30 – 11.00 First Steps Play Group (term time only)

### Special:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>: 19.30 Parish Council in meeting room

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>: Tai Chi (Andrew Howard 07912 107950

[bamboogtc@tutanota.com](mailto:bamboogtc@tutanota.com))

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>: Yoga morning with Nadiya Wynn ([nadiyasime@hotmail.com](mailto:nadiyasime@hotmail.com))

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>: Bingo Night (see separate announcement in Valley Notes and below)

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Village Café in support of the BV Car Service – see ad in Valley Notes

**A note to hall users:** If you are last out of the car park, please shut the gate! Thanks.

**Village Cafés:** A reminder that the hall is available for hire free of charge on Saturday mornings for a Café to raise funds for any group. It's a good social event for the community and always popular – contact me to book a date.

Hall Bookings/viewings: Wendy Firrell 01308 482532  
[wtlittton@gmail.com](mailto:wtlittton@gmail.com)

In Aid of Clarity – In February’s BVN we hoped that everyone who came along enjoyed last month’s “**New Year Winter Warm Cafe**” at LATCH. A big THANK YOU was given to everyone who contributed, donated and helped raise over £330 which has been donated to the First Steps Play group and LATCH – not just First Steps as was indicated in the BVN. Both LATCH and First Steps have expressed much appreciation for the donations.

### **The White Horse Marches On!**

As we move closer to the spring we are looking forward to the clocks going forward and some warmer lighter evenings again.

In March we'll still be showing the rest of the Six Nations rugby, and we have a charity bingo evening on the 11th, called Bangers and Bingo! So that's bangers and mash from 5.30 to 7.30 pm with eyes down at 7.30 for the bingo. We will make you some nice veggie sausages as well for any vegetarians. We have the amazing “Howling at the Moon” band on Saint Patrick's night from 8.30 (Friday 17th March). A super popular band and great entertainers - sure to be a fantastic night.

We look forward to seeing you all in March. Andy & Liz

### **Litton’s Great Big Duck Race – Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

A sure sign of Spring is the village’s Easter Sunday Duck Race which this year will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April. The cry of “They’re Off!” will be at 12 noon, and organisers Sam & Ralph Daubeny will be at the start line from around 1030 a.m. ready for you to “buy” your ducks. If you can’t wait until then Liz and Andy at The White Horse will accommodate your purchase in the lead up to Easter Sunday. The ducks may not be that big, but it’s a great occasion – see you there!

### **Easter Bingo**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Doors Open 6.30pm**

**– Eyes Down 7.30pm**

**Litton And Thorner’s Community Hall**

The Bride Valley Bingo Fundraising Group invite you to a spectacular evening of Bingo in aid of Weldmar Hospice

**Great Prizes, Refreshments, Raffle & Bucket Draw.**

**Come one – Come All!**

## **BRIDE VALLEY FILMS at Litton Cheney Village Hall.**

### **Reminder: THURSDAY 2 March Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris *'pure escapism'***

Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris tells a humorously heartwarming tale about London housecleaner Ada Harris (**Lesley Manville**), who thinks her lonely life might turn around if she can become the owner of a Christian Dior gown. Saying goodbye to friends like Archie (**Jason Isaacs**) won't be easy, and neither will be winning over elite people in Paris from Madame Colbert (**Isabelle Huppert**) to idealistic accountant André (**Lucas Bravo**). But Ada's irrepressible charm just might end up saving the whole House of Dior in this uplifting story of how an ordinary woman becomes an extraordinary inspiration by daring to follow her dreams.

Cert. PG 2hrs

### **THURSDAY 6 April Operation Mincemeat *'a good story based on fact'***

It's 1943. The Allies are determined to break Hitler's grip on occupied Europe, and plan to launch an all-out assault on Sicily; but they face an impossible challenge - how to protect the invasion force from potential annihilation. It falls to two remarkable intelligence officers, Ewen Montagu (**Colin Firth**) and Charles Cholmondeley (**Matthew Macfadyen**) to dream the most inspired and improbable disinformation strategy of the war - centred on the most unlikely of secret agents: a dead man. Operation Mincemeat is the extraordinary and true story of an idea that hoped to turn the tide for the Allies - taking impossibly high risks, defying logic, and testing the nerves of its creators to breaking point.

Cert. 12+ 2hrs

**Doors Open: 7.00 p.m. Film starts 7.30 p.m. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine)** Tickets in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door. (All nos. 01308)

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


We will be sharing the licences for these films with Burton Bradstock who will show them on the previous Fridays.



**“Only FOOLS would miss this event.....!!”**

**Saturday 1st April 10am- 12 noon at LATCH  
Litton Cheney**

**VILLAGE CAFÉ IN SUPPORT OF THE BRIDE VALLEY CAR  
SERVICE (BVCS)**

  Tea, Coffee, Bacon Butties and Pastries   will be available.

Various stalls including a raffle, plants, cakes and a quiz.  
Find out more about the invaluable service BVCS offers.  
Hopefully a children's play area too.  
Any donations of cakes and plants would also be most welcome,  
either in advance or on the day.

For further information please contact Pete Dennis at:  
[menace2018@outlook.com](mailto:menace2018@outlook.com)



**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE  
& WEST BEXINGTON**  
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## St Mary's Church

**Winter Fun Club** welcomes everyone to our March meetings  
Puncknowle Village Hall 10.15- 11.45 am

### March 2<sup>nd</sup> Boxing clever

Lin will show us how to make simple boxes and prepare them for Easter gifts. Coffee and chat as usual.

### March 16<sup>th</sup> Let's make a scarecrow!

On this final session of the Winter Fun Club, we have a group activity to make a scarecrow together. What a laugh that will be! 😊

Come along and join the fun – even if you've never been before. There's usually cake! 😊

Any query, offer of help or request for transport?  
Please call/text Marion Derbyshire 07815 661973

### Swyre Church Garden Angels

We would love some help to tidy the churchyard in Swyre on the morning of 10 March. Everyone is welcome. If you bring your own tools and protective gear, we will provide tea and coffee. Starts at 9.30am but come any time to suit. Best wishes from us all at Holy Trinity.

## **Puncknowle Fete 8<sup>th</sup> July**

YOUR PROMISES ARE REQUESTED for our AUCTION OF PROMISES At Puncknowle Fete on 8 July. We are hoping for a range of promises for our auction. Anything from a couple of hours gardening or housework, to baking a cake, or walking a dog through to providing a professional service if you are a tradesperson. The possibilities are endless! If you can make a promise then please get in touch with Sally on 01308 897987 or Sue on 01308 898523 as soon as possible. Thank you in advance from all at Holy Trinity, Swyre.

## **Part Time Vacancy**

Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council are looking for a clerk to work 30 hours per month. Training will be provided. The role requires good IT and communication skills.

If you would like to know more, please contact Sally Bowsher 01308 898987 or Geoff Fry 01308 898068.

**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE, WEST BEXINGTON,  
CHILCOMBE,  
LONG BREDY AND LITTLE BREDY**

## **LUNCH CLUB**

**PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL - 1.00pm**

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

**LUNCHES COST £6.00**

**21 March 2023**

**Chicken in White Wine,  
Cream & leek sauce, new potatoes, Fruit crumble,  
cream or custard**

**Cheese and Biscuits, Tea/coffee.**

**Future dates: 18/4/23 - Roast beef, Yorkshire  
Pudding, Roast potatoes, vegetables**

**16/5/23**

**20/06/23**

***We continue to follow current COVID rules***

## LONG BREDY

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EMAIL: [bvn@longbredy.org.uk](mailto:bvn@longbredy.org.uk)



### St Peter's Church

Long Bredy 100 Club Results for January

£30.00 No 51 D. Andrews

£15.00 No 117 D. Andrews

£5.00 No. 36 A. Melton

Drawn on 31.1.23 in the Village Hall after a Parish Council meeting.

### Past Residents

In the past few months we have been told of the passing of several former residents of Long Bredy. Anne Gillson passed away early in January. She had lived with her late husband Fred, and daughter Phyllis, at Little Newbold when they first came to the Bride Valley. They later moved to Baglake in Litton Cheney and Anne became an integral part of valley life with all her activities. She will be sorely missed.

Also in January, Mary Bradshaw passed away peacefully at her home in Symondsbury with her two sons by her side. Mary had lived with her late husband at Knowle View, later moving to Symondsbury.

The end of January saw the passing of Evelyn Toogood, peacefully at home. The Toogood family lived in Long Bredy for many years. Evelyn and her husband Maurice raised their family at 1, Bedford Terrace before moving to Dorchester. Her son, Trevor, still lives in the village with his wife Liz. Sadly, Liz's mother also passed away in January, a very sad and difficult time for both them and their family.

We send our sincere condolences to all the families that have been touched with such sadness.

## **St Peter's Church**

There will be a Mothering Sunday service at St Peter's Church on Sunday March 19th at 9.30 am with refreshments being served afterwards. Everyone is welcome to the service or just for refreshments.

## **Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. This is an opportunity to find out what is going on in the village and to support your councillors.

If you would like to join the **Annual Village Spring Clean** on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> then please meet outside the Village Hall at 10.00am.

If you are new to the village, this is actually a popular and well-supported event which helps to spruce up the village and surrounding lanes. It doesn't take long as 'many hands make light work'!

Afterwards, reward yourself with the refreshments on offer in the Village Hall. If you have a question or would like further information please e mail the Parish Clerk at [krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

## **Come Along Inn**

Our very own local will open its doors for the second time in March on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> at the usual time of 5.30 and close at 9.00pm. There will be a good selection of soft drinks, beers and wine (supplied by Morrish and Banham).

## **Race Night**

There will be a Race Night on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall. This will be a fund-raising event in aid of the defibrillator appeal. 'Come Along Inn' will provide a licensed bar and there will be a raffle...and lots of fun. Doors open at 7.00pm; the first race is at 7.30pm.

## **Coffee Break**

As a result of donations from The Coffee Break in February, a cheque of £185.11 went to the Disaster Emergency Committee to help victims of the Turkish\Syrian earthquakes. Thank you to everyone who came and generously donated.

The March Coffee Break will be in the Village Hall on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 until 12 noon. This coincides with the Village Spring Clean (see

below). There will be a delicious range of refreshments to enjoy while comparing notes about the rubbish collected!

### **Coffee Break – Would you like to help?**

The monthly Coffee Break was set up to provide an opportunity for anyone to enjoy a regular 'get-together' with friends and neighbours over refreshments in our unique village hall.

If anyone would like to run one, or help one morning, or organise one to support a particular cause, please contact Ruth Cullingford, Sue Dyer or Jackie Cain.

### **Plant Sale**

The annual plant sale will be on Saturday May 13 and combine with the Coffee Break. This has developed over the years and been very well supported by a lot of visitors from the surrounding area largely because of the wide range of plants which have been generously donated. SO, if you are sowing seeds, dividing plants, getting rid of surplus stock or even clearing out old tools, Sue Dyer would appreciate any donations for the stall.

## SHIPTON GORGE

Village Correspondent: Richard Hewlett, Greenways,  
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### St Martin's Church

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

#### St Martin's Church Floodlights

##### March Sponsorship

**Roy Symes in Memory of his Mum Nesta for her birthday**

**Ann & Tony Jones for their Granddaughter Ellie**

**on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday**

**Janet, Caroline and Faith in memory of John Epp's birthday on 4th**

**Janet, Caroline and Faith in memory of Bee Epp's birthday on 9th**

**Thank you to our sponsors for lighting up the church.**

**Please help us to keep the church lights on! At the moment, we have no floodlight sponsors for the month of April and very few for the months after.**

If you wish to light up the Church, a suggested donation of £5 would be gratefully received. Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or if you are out and about, just push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box.

#### Breakfast Church

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 a.m. in the Village Hall

Everyone is Welcome to join us for Breakfast and informal worship



## **Shipton Gorge Village Society**

We are very proud of our community pub, so once again we want to make a summer feature of it with a spectacular display of hanging baskets. This year will be slightly different. We are asking you to make up a basket to be displayed on the pub wall, which will then be judged. The person entering the basket to be awarded “Best on Display” will receive a voucher for two of a Sunday Lunch at the New Inn. There are 22 positions. Baskets provided. There are 12 x 14 inch and 10 x 18 inch. Hanging by mid-June. Can you please register your interest soonest, to avoid disappointment, to Sally Parker 897168 or myself.

Good Luck

*Graham Garner 897357*

### **Future Dates for your diary.**

Coronation Party 7<sup>th</sup> May

Archives Weekend 3<sup>th</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June

Village Fete 5<sup>th</sup> Aug

Bingo Night 4<sup>th</sup> Oct

Howards Fish and Chip Quiz Night 1<sup>st</sup> Nov

More details of each event will appear in the BVN nearer the respective dates.

## **Shipton Gorge Village Hall**

### **February 2023 SG 100 Club Draw results**

1<sup>st</sup> £25 No 25 Jo Clatworthy

2<sup>nd</sup> £10 No 155 Lesley Winsor

3<sup>rd</sup> £5 No 110 Phyl Webster

Congratulations to all the winners.

## **Shipton Gorge Parish Council**

### **Village Litter Pick and Tidy Up**

Our **Annual Litter Pick and Spring Clean** will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April this year, as part of the national Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. Meet at the New Inn at 10am as usual. This is always well supported so come along and help tidy our village in time for Easter. It shouldn't take more than an

hour but makes such a difference! Rubbish bags, and tabards provided but please bring your own gloves and maybe secateurs or other equipment if you are happy to do some clearing around signposts etc. If there are any areas that you think need particular attention then do let us know so we can add it to the list.

### **Priority Services Register**

The electricity and water companies covering our area are establishing a register of priority customers who might be especially vulnerable during a disruption to their power or water supply. People on the register will be contacted in advance of a planned outage but also when a supply emergency occur. They will provide information on how households can be more prepared in advance for these events but may also provide back-up equipment, such as generators or portable heaters if needed so that people are less affected when these things occur. People eligible to go onto the register include those with health conditions, families with small children and any household with people aged over 60. So it is wide ranging and should prove very useful. We are hoping to have leaflets on how to apply shortly and will also post notices on the village boards, circulate information via the email link and on the community Facebook page too – so look out for this being circulated or if you prefer contact the parish clerk who can give you more information on this potentially very useful scheme for many households in the village.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everybody is most welcome.

The parish clerk can be contacted at [clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk](mailto:clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk) or on 01308-480966

### **Shipton Gorge Heritage**

**Heritage Gin Club** – The winners of the February draw were Louise and Steve Duckworth. A bottle of Conker Navy Gin has been delivered. Well done both of you, hope you enjoy it.



### **Saunders Richardson Wood**

On 21 January, we held a Bonfire and Marshmallow event in the wood. Although it was quite chilly and there was still frost on the ground in the afternoon, at least it was dry and sunny. A good time was had by all who came along. Enough dry wood was found to keep the bonfire roaring – we set this up just before people arrived, to avoid any danger of wildlife making itself at home under the wood. Marshmallows were toasted by young and not so young, and a glass or two of wine was drunk (by the grown-ups – purely to keep warm you understand!)

Last spring, we held a Nettle Day in the wood, which was quite popular – and have decided to repeat this – please look out for notices around the village regarding dates and timing.

### **Shipton Gorge Orchard**

Two pruning workshops took place, 23 January and 6 February. David Squirrell very patiently demonstrated how best to reshape / prune the various apple trees and also the large medlar tree. I think we now have a better understanding of growing tips, fruit buds/spurs, successional growth etc. We hope to measure our success later in the year with another bountiful harvest. For those who would like to help in the Orchard, we will be doing some maintenance and tidying of the borders on Monday 20 March – 10.30am to 1pm. We are intending to develop the top border with more emphasis on insect friendly plants. Please come along if you have some spare time.

For the green fingered among you, we are going to hold another **plant sale** in late spring – with the proceeds to go to an external charity. Details have yet to be agreed, but if you are starting to pot up seeds, divide perennials etc., you might want to do a few extra for us.

If you are interested in supporting the charity in any way, please contact one of the Trustees for information.

Details as usual on our website:

[http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton\\_Gorge\\_Heritage\\_16417.aspx](http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton_Gorge_Heritage_16417.aspx)  
and in the Shipton Gorge Diary <https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk>

## BURTON BRADSTOCK

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT Bryan Brown  
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Village website: <http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org>



### St Mary's Church

#### Notice Of Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin Burton Bradstock with Chilcombe will be held in the Church on Sunday 23rd April 2023 after the 11.00 am service. The meeting should start at approximately 12.15 pm. You might like to consider service to the church and parish as a member of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). There are several vacancies and we would be happy to discuss membership with you at any time before the APCM. There will also be a vacancy for a Churchwarden from April onwards. For information about this interesting and important role, or to apply, ring Ian Ibbotson (898484) or Chrissie Bailey (897603) or the Rector (898799).

#### St Mary's Church Songs of Praise!

The theme for our Songs of Praise service on Sunday March 5th will be 'Lent – or given?' as the Reverend Edward Tildesley leads us in a thought provoking one hour service with readings, hymns and music for the season of Lent. Starting at the convenient time of 10.30am this is a service to which all residents and visitors are warmly invited. Refreshments will be served after the service. Come and join us for these inspiring services!



#### Coming soon: "Saints Alive" - the musical

In the Bride Valley at Pentecost/Whitsuntide, May 26th-28th. Save the dates. More details later!

*Heather*

## Tots' Time

As Audrey would be talking about Jesus calling the first disciples, who were fishermen, the theme of boats and water sprang to mind. What could be more fun than blowing 'boats' across real water? (Hopefully outdoors.)

Earlier the Tots made red hearts out of red play-dough as valentines to show their long-suffering mums, and interesting cards with hearts and writing for any member of their families. One child amazed us by writing of 'Daddy' so well. We are all eagerly waiting for our broad beans to sprout. We are grateful to Steve for his help each week in setting up, and to parents and even the children for help in packing everything away afterwards.



Do come and join us. Contact Audrey (01308 897227), Heather (01308 897780) or Helen on [BVchurchesTA@outlook.com](mailto:BVchurchesTA@outlook.com) for more details.

## Ukraine Coffee Morning

At a coffee morning on February 10th, more than £360 was given for the bakery in Kyiv, Ukraine, where bread is given freely to those who are fighting on the front line, homes with no bread-winner, orphanages, homes for elderly residents, etc. in fact to all who cannot pay. Thank you so much to all who gave, and especially to those who popped envelopes through our door, some anonymously, with gifts. You were all so generous, and I hope to have further details next month.  
*Heather*

## Burton Coffee Mates

Burton Coffee Mates meet in the church on the second Thursday of the month from 10.30 -12 pm. Although everyone from the village is welcome, this is particularly suitable for older people and facilities are provided for wheelchair users. Do come and join us and if you would like more information please call Pauline. (898327)

## Burton Bradstock Village Hall

### Village Hall Bookings.

Should you wish to use the Hall at any time, the booking officer can be contacted via email at [bbvht.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:bbvht.bookings@gmail.com) or by phone on 01308897648.

### Coffee Mornings.

The popular monthly coffee mornings where you can get a sensibly priced coffee/tea and cake plus a chat with friends will be held on the dates below.

They run from 10:00 to 12:00 and all are welcome.

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Village Society

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March

Burton Bradstock School

Regrettably, there has been a small increase in prices to reflect increased supermarket costs.

### Burton Bradstock Films

Burton Bradstock Films will be showing **Operation Mincemeat** in the Village Hall on **Friday 31 March 2023**. A true story officially known as Operation Husky which was a secret ploy and pivotal to the allied success in fooling the Nazis into believing the allies were going to invade Greece rather than their intended target, Sicily. The need was to protect a massive invasion force from potential massacre and it fell to two intelligence offices to come up with one of the most improbable and inspired disinformation strategies of the war. Starring Colin Firth and Matthew McFadyen as the two intelligence officers who hit upon the extraordinary idea of using a dead man to be the unlikely hero of the invasion which helped to alter the course of the war.

Tickets will be on sale at Burton Bradstock Post office from 1 March 2023 priced £6 each, or on the door, if available on the night, and include a large glass of wine or a soft drink. Doors open at 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. See posters in village for full details.

This film will be shown by Bride Valley Films on the following Thursday.

## Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall Trust AGM will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 19:00 in the Hall. All are welcome to hear a short update on 2022 activities and finances, plans for 2023 and committee elections followed by free wine and nibbles. The Hall is an amenity for all the Village, please come along and contribute your views, or just listen and enjoy a glass of wine.

A couple of long serving committee members are leaving this year. If you feel like playing a part in the heart of the Village activities, please contact Richard Ferre on 897648 or [rwferre99@gmail.com](mailto:rwferre99@gmail.com) for more information.

## Spring Quiz

The popular Village Hall Spring Quiz will be on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> April. There will be the normal quiz, with table prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and last places, plus sensibly priced bar, raffle and a jacket potato supper in the break. Tickets go on sale in the Post Office Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at £10 each. There will be teams of 6 per table and you are requested to either purchase 6 team tickets from the Post Office, or contact Richard Ferre for smaller numbers and allocation to a team (details below). Once tickets are purchased you can book your team table with Richard and log your dietary requirements. The Christmas Quiz tickets sold out in 90 minutes, you have been warned.

## Heating

Like everyone, the Hall heating costs have soared, particularly gas. However, given the recent snap of very cold weather we have increased the amount of time the heating comes on before users start their booking to try and ensure a sensible temperature in the Hall. Unfortunately, given the age and construction of the Hall, energy efficiency improvement options we can make are very limited.

## Burton Bradstock Village Hall “200 Club”

February 2023 Draw: Congratulations to the winners:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£34.20	No 116:	Mrs Ann Brandt
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£17.10	No 15:	Ms Helen Rodier
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£8.55	No 81:	Mr John Bowden

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the March 2023 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £10 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Coracle, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Burton Bradstock Village Hall  
7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)



Coracle combines the talent, imagination and creativity of three contrasting musicians; accordionist Paul Hutchinson (Belshazzar's Feast) is a BBC Folk Award Best Live Artist nominee. Dorset based Karen Wimhurst is a widely commissioned composer and clarinet player, influenced by traditional, jazz and contemporary classical music. Anna Tam was shortlisted as Fatea's 2021 Instrumentalist of the Year, and adds nyckelharpa, viola da gamba, hurdy gurdy and cello to her crystal clear vocal. Expect ethereal to turn gutsy, passion to be tempered by a good laugh and a tide of improvisation which means no two evenings are ever the same.

[www.coracleband.co.uk](http://www.coracleband.co.uk)

Tickets (£10 adults, £5 under 18s, £25 family) may be available on the door but this show is likely to be very popular so if possible please book in advance, either online at <https://artsreach.co.uk>, or telephone Bryan & Sue on (01308) 897421.



## INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BRIDPORT

Presents



A **Soup and Pud Lunch**, plus tombola, In Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Saturday 4th March 2023 from 12.00midday until 2.00pm

Tickets £8 available from:

Chris Green (897215), Mo Williams (897512) and Mavis Gurd (423491)

*All proceeds to go to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance*

## Supper Club

The next Supper Club is on Monday 27th March. Any enquiries please contact Mags Chue 01308 897543.



# Burton Bradstock Village Society

## The Speakers Programme

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February our talk entitled “Bridport’s History of Supporting Refugees” was presented by Professor Karen Hunt, who addressed a large audience of village society members and their guests comparing Bridport’s history of support for refugees through many wars and disasters. She started with pictures of the current support offered by the BRSC which is a charity that supports refugees who struggle to find accommodation in the Bridport of today. The meeting continued longer than usual with lots of questions and Professor Hunt was only too happy to share her knowledge. Our March talk will be “My Life in Children’s TV & Entertainment” by Margie Barbour. Margie lives in Bridport, and is a Trustee of the Bridport Youth Centre. She is best known for her work on Jackanory, Grange Hill and Tuckers Luck. She has also been involved with the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis and the Bridport Art Centre. We very much look forward to a walk down memory lane, if not ours, then surely our children’s. Entrance will be £1.50 a head for members and £5.00 for non-members.

## Annual Outing

After a 2-year forced break the popular Village Society outing is back this year on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June. The trip will comprise a coach to Torquay, entry to either Bygones history museum or the Babbacombe Model Village (both excellent), followed by time in Torquay centre, then ending with a visit to the pre-historic Kent Caverns for a tour of the caves, followed by a cream tea. Cost is £45 per head, to register either sign up at the next Friday presentation or contact Richard Ferre on 897648 or email [rwferre99@gmail.com](mailto:rwferre99@gmail.com).

**The Society needs YOU!** Two of the current committee members are retiring after the AGM, one of them (me), holds the role of publicity secretary. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the committee please contact Roger Ashman, or for more details on the publicity secretary role, contact Alan on 01308 898049.

**Membership:** if you are not a member, consider joining our society, by contacting Roger Ashman on 01308 898442. Membership costs £5.00 per annum.

*Alan Pankhurst*

## Thank You

I would like to thank everybody, so many of you, who came to the church and made the celebration of Eric's life such a memorable occasion. Also Hannah and Jaap and their team at The Three Horseshoes who refreshed us so admirably afterwards.

*Jane Stubbs*

## Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

### **Library Opening hours**

Monday & Saturday afternoon 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Wednesday 10.30am to 12.30am & 2.30 to 4.30pm

*The library will be closed the Easter Weekend re-opening on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023*

### **'Murder and Beauty spots' –**

#### **Thursday 30th March at 7.30pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall**

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Community Library and as part of the celebrations; the Friends are invited to an evening with bestselling author Rachel McLean who will talk about how she finds inspiration and locations for her crime books in Dorset's landscapes. Also known for her thrillers *the Detective Zoe Finch series, the Division Bell series, and the Village series*, Rachel started writing as a technical author more than 20 years ago, her first publication was "*WordPress for Writers*". Rachel will be happy to take questions and signed copies of her books will be on sale during the evening.

The event will include a paid bar and nibbles. Tickets for the evening are free, available from 18th March at the Library or may be reserved by emailing the library or phoning Bryan on 01308 897421.

Donations to The Friends of Burton Bradstock Library are welcome. All Rachel's crime series titles are available to order on the library catalogue.

### **Volunteers**

The Library Trustees are looking for two new members to join their small team. We typically meet up every 6 weeks or so to keep abreast of any developments or plan new projects. Would you like to be involved in helping to provide this valuable service in the village?

Please give me a ring on 07887 533408 if you would like more information.

## *In Our Library*

### **Digital Champion**

Do you need help using your PC, tablet or smart phone? FREE one to one sessions with Louis, are available to book at the Library. Find answers to your questions and get friendly tuition at a speed you can keep up with. If you would like an appointment, please leave your name and contact details at the library or email [info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk) . Tell us what device you need help with, an idea of the problem and Louis will be in touch.

### **Jigsaws and DVDs**

There is an extensive free jigsaw lending catalogue and a good selection of DVD's, thanks to all your donations. We are always pleased to receive DVDs donations to help keep the selection fresh.

### **Contact the library:**

Telephone: 01308 897563; email: [info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk)  
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*Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)*



**Burton Bradstock WI**



It was with great sadness and disbelief that we heard of the sudden death of Anne Gillson, the editor of the BVN. She was very well known to our skittles team as she was the captain and organiser of the skittles team of the Bride Valley WI, of which she was a member. Anne will be remembered for her bright and bubbly personality and her friendliness to all. She was instrumental in helping our skittles team to get to master the game more skilfully, by inviting us to play regular friendly matches at The White Horse in Litton Cheney, their local skittle alley. She will be sadly missed and we send our condolences to her family.

On the subject of skittles, our team have unfortunately lost both of the league matches played so far – one of them by a mere one point! Hopefully they will soon get into the swing of things again and begin to show the other teams what they are really made of.

The kurling players have had a lot of fun at their meetings and it has been good to see a few new members coming along to try their hand at this interesting sport. It is often quite unpredictable as to where the kurling stones end up (not always on the target!), but we definitely blame this on the uneven surface of the Village Hall floor! We always have a good laugh though – and the banter is amusing too, especially when a stone behaves like a bouncing bomb and ends up nearly through the courtyard door! Certainly a light-hearted afternoon – and the tea and chat at half time is much enjoyed too.

Our March meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm is one to look forward to as we shall be welcoming Paul Atterbury (of Antiques Roadshow fame), who will be talking about his Dorset Garden. As this is rather a special meeting we have decided to open it up to visitors, who will be most welcome to attend for a suggested donation of £5.

Also in March we shall be holding our annual Spring Lunch, which is always an occasion to look forward to. The catering will again be done by Susan Allan-Baker, the daughter of one of our members, who will hopefully, by special request, be providing another delicious chocolate pavlova for everyone's delight. We can't wait!

Do come and join us. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

*Janet Pearson*

01308 898346

**Friends of Burton Bradstock School Present the  
Great Annual Easter Duck Race**



**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Burton Bradstock Playing Fields**



**Stalls open from 1.00pm  
Ducks away at 2.00pm**

**Tickets from the School, Burton Post Office, The Anchor  
and The Three Horseshoes  
£1 per duck**

**Cream Teas - Raffle - Games - Stalls and fun for all the family**

**1<sup>st</sup> prize for winning duck**

# **Burton Bradstock Parish Council**

## **The Next Burton Bradstock Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at 7.30 in the Reading Room. The Council agreed at its January meeting to revert back to meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings follow a hybrid format and a zoom invite will be published on the website the week before if you would like to attend virtually. Apologies for having to cancel the Full Council meeting scheduled to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Unfortunately it was unavoidable due to matters beyond the Council's control.

## **Parish Council Vacancies**

The Parish Council currently has Councillor vacancies and is looking for community minded people to join it. So if you would like to be involved in the life of Burton Bradstock and wish to support your village by representing residents then please get in touch with the Parish Clerk by email at [theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org](mailto:theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org) for a co-option form.

## **Parish Precept**

At its meeting in January the Council agreed to request a precept of £26,586 from Dorset Council for the 2023/24 financial year. This will mean the annual Band D charge will be £46.95, a £3.02 annual increase from the previous year. The precept allows the Council to continue to provide a range of services to the local community. These include the allotments, the play area and playing field which is used by the school, Corncrake field which is currently a popular dog walking area, the library building, the Post Office held jointly with the Village Trust and the Reading Room which is available for hire (see below).

In addition, the Parish Council comments on local planning applications and supports a range of organisations through grant funding and other support.

## **Reading Room for Hire**

Are you looking for a venue for your organisation to meet and undertake activities. The Reading Room is available at very competitive rates. Three sessions are available in the morning, afternoon and evening and the cost of hire is £7 per session. If you would like to find out more please contact the Clerk.

## **Contacting the Parish Council**

We welcome your involvement and suggestions. To contact the Council please email the Clerk: [theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org](mailto:theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org)  
Post- The Reading Room, High St, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QA.

## **Burton Bradstock Parish Council social media**

On Facebook you can keep up with all the latest events, developments, planning, road closures by following @burtonbradstockparishcouncil  
The Parish Council also has a new Twitter account. Please follow us at @BBParishCouncil (Burton Bradstock Parish Council).

## **Parish Council Consultations**

The Parish Council has extended the consultation period on the following consultations currently being carrying out. Please contact the Parish Clerk at [theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org](mailto:theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org) with your views.

## **Basketball**

Council is considering the replacement of the rather dilapidated basketball hoop on the playing field with something bigger and better. What do you think? Would you or someone you know use it? A good idea or a waste of money?

## **Flood Plan**

The Parish Council is developing a Flood Plan and is seeking Flood Warden volunteers, or you may just want to contribute to the Plan itself. If you are interested in being involved with the development of the Plan or its delivery please contact the Clerk for further details.

## **Additional Village Litter Bins**

While volunteer litter pickers keep the Village looking good, the Parish Council is keen to provide additional bins particularly aimed at helping to reduce dog mess. We'd like you to suggest suitable locations noting that these need to be near a road for ease of emptying. Please note that Council may not be able to provide bins at all the suggested locations submitted but will work with Dorset Council to help improve coverage.

**Please let us have your views on the items above by the end of March by emailing or writing to the Clerk or posting on the Burton Bradstock Parish Council Facebook page.**

<b>March 2023</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
Burton Bradstock	10.30 Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion  6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Café Church	11.00 Holy Communion
Shipton Gorge		9.30 Breakfast Church	11.00 Mothering Sunday Service	11.00 Holy Communion
Swyre	3pm Evening Prayer	11.00 Holy Communion by extension	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30 Breakfast Church
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion by extension		11.00 All Age Holy Communion	
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 Morning Prayer
Wednesday 1st March midweek Holy Communion at St Marys Church, Burton Bradstock at 11.30				