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www.littlebredy.com
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THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES

ST MARY THE VIRGIN: Burton Bradstock ST MARY: Litton Cheney
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ST PETER: Long Bredy Chilcombe (*dedication unknown*)
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FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

22 February 2019 Victor Ernest Frederick Samways
St Mary's Puncknowle

7 March 2019 Albert Thomas Chainey
St Martin's Shipton Gorge

16 March 2019 Judith Pentreath
St Michael & All Angels Littlebredy

Cruse Bereavement Care runs an informal monthly meeting at Bridport Hospital for any who have been bereaved.



Feel free to drop in any time between 10.00am and 12.00 on the **3rd Friday** of each month for a “cuppa” and a chat.



Contact **Diana Wright** 01308 456967

FROM THE RECTORY

Christians delight in depicting the great events of salvation history. So we wear crucifixes to remind ourselves of Jesus' death on the cross. And we send Christmas cards depicting nativity scenes to remind people of the incarnation, God stepping into our world as a tiny baby, coming to live amongst us, and share all our life's experiences, its joys and its sorrows. Easter, the resurrection, is rather more difficult to depict. Some great artists have had a go. There's the wonderful Graham Sutherland painting 'Noli me Tangere' of Mary Magdalene meeting Jesus (who she mistakes for a gardener) outside the tomb on Easter morning, Caravaggio's atmospheric depiction of the disciples eating supper at Emmaus and realizing that their guest was Jesus himself, and both Rembrandt and Rubens have given us portraits of Doubting Thomas touching the wounds in Jesus' hands and side.

Perhaps the most powerful of the depictions of the Easter story is a portrait in words, an allegory aimed at children, but which has captivated adults also. I'm referring to the work that comes from the pen of C S Lewis, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.'

For those of you who've never read or who have forgotten this book the story, briefly, goes like this. Four children, Peter, Susan, Edmond and Lucy get into the enchanted land of Narnia through the back of a wardrobe. Narnia is a land under the enchantment of the White Witch where it is always winter and never Christmas. There they are met by Mr & Mrs Beaver, who recognise them as those who could fulfil the prophesy that when two sons of Adam and two daughters of Eve sit on the thrones at Cair Paravel, the White Witch's reign would be over. Edmond has already entered Narnia and been seduced into betraying his brother and sisters to the White Witch by the promise of Turkish Delight. When it's discovered that Edmond has slipped out into the night, the rest of the companions journey to meet up with Aslan, the Lion, King of the Woods and his troops. Edmond soon realizes that he has made a big mistake in allying himself with the White Witch, and that his life is in grave danger. He is rescued, but at great cost: Aslan dies, a willing victim in his place. Later he rises from the dead, battle is joined and the White Witch defeated. The children are duly crowned Kings and Queens at Cair Paravel.

C S Lewis's story is an allegory of the Holy Week narrative. Edmond is a traitor, like Judas Iscariot, slipping out into the night. Aslan, like Jesus, dies

an innocent victim, but death cannot hold him because of his innocence and he rises from the dead. It is the girls who accompany him as he goes to his death and they meet him first after his resurrection, just as the women stayed at the foot of the cross and were the first to meet the risen Christ. And despite Aslan's defeat of death there is still work to be done in building the new Kingdom. So we too are called to join in God's work of Kingdom building right here in our own communities.

I hope you feel inspired to revisit this classic yourselves. It's a delightful story and an inspired allegory. But most of all, it takes us deeper into the mystery of Christ crucified, Christ resurrected; Jesus Christ the Saviour of the World.

The Venerable Penny Sayer
Archdeacon of Sherborne

WEEKDAY SERVICES, APRIL 2019

Monday	1	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Monday	1	10.00	Julian Prayer Group at Swyre
Tuesday	2	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock
Thursday	4	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Thursday	4	19.00	Reflect & Study with HC at Puncknowle
Monday	8	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Monday	8	9.00	Prayers - Swyre
Tuesday	9	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock
Thursday	11	10.00	Burton Bradstock Holy Communion
Monday	15	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Monday	15	9.00	Prayers - Swyre
Tuesday	16	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock
Thursday	18	10.00	Burton Bradstock Morning Prayer
Tuesday	23	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock
Thursday	25	10.00	NO SERVICE TODAY at Burton Bradstock
Monday	29	9.00	Long Bredy Morning Prayer
Tuesday	30	9.00	Prayers - Burton Bradstock

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK 2019

Monday 15 April to Saturday 20 April

Monday 15th

Compline led by LLM James Webster at St Martin's Shipton Gorge, 7.00pm

Tuesday 16th

Compline led by LLM Mike Read at St Mary's Puncknowle, 7.00pm

Wednesday 17th

Compline led by Reverend Sue Linford at St Peter's Long Bredy, 7.00pm

Thursday 18th

Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday led by Reverend Sue Linford at St Mary's Burton Bradstock, 7.00pm

Friday 19th

Litany on Good Friday led by LWLs Janet Lane and Vicky Thomas at St Martin's Shipton Gorge, 10.00am

Litany on Good Friday led by LLM James Webster at St Michael & All Angels, Littlebredy, 10.00am

Good Friday Three Hour Service led by Reverend Sue Linford at St Mary's Burton Bradstock, 12 noon.

Saturday 20th

Easter Eve Vigil led by Reverend Sue Linford at Chilcombe Church, 7.00pm-8.00pm

Donation to the Soul Midwives School

Dear All,

I'd like to say a very big thank you for the donation given to the Soul Midwives School in memory of Rev Stephen Batty at Xmas. I was so touched by your kindness and generosity and have plans to put the money towards streamlining and updating our referral service.

Soul midwives are non- medical holistic and spiritual companions to the dying and their families. We are non denominational but work with people of all faiths (and none) and we complement the medical care they are receiving, offering soothing techniques to help with and pain and anxiety as well as providing companionship and support based on deep listening and pastoral care.

We work with "friends" often from point of diagnosis right until the end, often vigiling at the bedside , especially if the dying person has no one to sit with them.

Once again, thank you so very much,

Warmest wishes

Felicity Warner

Founder of Soul Midwives



VALLEY LUNCHES



After the winter break it was good to meet old friends again at the March meal. Susan's arrangements of garden flowers decorated the tables and made us feel that Spring had arrived. Some new people joined us, which is always a great pleasure. Several regulars missed out because of illness or holidays, but hopefully all will be able to come to the **next lunch on May 5th. ALL are welcome**, residents and visitors alike (don't know why 'church members' were crossed out last time, as they are also welcome). There is no charge but, if you wish, bring a little cash to purchase items from Liz Orza's Fairtrade stall.

We do ask all who come to bring some contribution - sweet or savoury, or both - for this shared meal. Filter coffee and tea (and de-caff options) are provided.

Please note in your diaries that future Valley Lunches are planned for July 7th, September 1st, and November 3rd.

For further details please contact Cilla (898473) or Heather (8897780)

TOTS AND PRAM SERVICE - FRIDAY 12 APRIL



An informal friendly service for all tots, babies and bumps and their parents/carers is held at **St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock** on the second Friday (usually) of each month at **2.15 pm**. It includes singing, activities, story time, refreshments and playtime.

For more information about this **free** tots event please contact either **Audrey** on **01308 897227** or **Heather** on **01308 897780**.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH



SOCIAL EVENT (for members only)
Bridport and West Dorset Golf Club
Monday 29 April 2019
Supper 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Please call Mags Chue on 01308 897 543 to book your place. If transport to the event from Burton Bradstock is a problem, please let us know when you book your place.



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



The Gardening Club A.G.M. will be held on **Monday 15th April at 7.30pm**. This year we are hoping to recruit new members to the committee following the retirement of our Chair, Treasurer and Programme Organiser. This will be followed by a talk on 'Gardening for competitions – tips from a judge' by Cyril Whitlock. All visitors are welcome to join us at the Village Hall in Puncknowle, entrance £2, annual membership £6.

On May 13th Pauline Jones will be speaking on 'Year round colour for every garden'

Jobs to do in April

Plant summer-flowering bulbs. If you buy plug plants keep them growing vigorously by regularly potting them on into larger pots. Keep container displays watered. Cut back over-wintered pelargoniums and use the material for cuttings to make new plants. Divide Hostas to reinvigorate them. Keep sowing hardy annuals for colourful summer displays. Plant out Mediterranean herbs e.g. rosemary and oregano in free-draining soil; sow annual herbs indoors. Remember when potting on tomato seedlings, plant them deeper than they were to encourage new roots from the stems. Sow beetroot, cabbages, carrots, chard, leeks, peas, radishes, spinach and lettuces outdoors; sow celery, melons, sweetcorn, runner and French beans under cover.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473



Bride Valley WI

Our Committee reported a successful year when the members met for the AGM in February and presented a full programme of meetings for the coming year starting in March with Spring Crafts and seasonal food tasting.



Unfortunately the Skittles team lost their semi-final match against a team from Walditch but it was a good evening with a very friendly group of ladies and we wish them every success in the finals.

New members to our WI are very welcome and the first meeting is free so you can come and meet us and get an idea what our WI is like and what activities we organise. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at

Puncknowle Village Hall unless our activities take us out .

For further information please contact Nic Arundel on nicarudel@gmail.com or speak to any of the committee **Debbie Legge, Christine Pacey, Meryl Edwards or Charlotte Kinghorn.**

A Social Club for the Visually Impaired

Bridport Blind Club is a social club for the visually impaired people of Bridport and District. Though we are known as the Blind Club almost all our members have some sight. We meet twice a month for music, speakers, trips or games followed by an afternoon tea.

If you are interested for yourself or someone else who is visually impaired, please get in touch. We can generally provide transport to meetings. We are supported by our volunteers and the volunteer drivers from Brit Valley Rotary Club, Bridport Lions, Bridport Rotary Club and the Beaminster Drivers and by our link with Dorset Blind Association. Please contact:

ian.ibbotson@btinternet.com tel 01308 898484 or Ann Cook tel 01308 427915

Friday 17th May at 7pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall

A fascinating talk and slideshow on the life and travels of Marianne North, Victorian Botanical Artist. Presented by Sarah Oldridge of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Friday 17th May At 7pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Tickets £10 to include a cream tea are on sale at Burton Bradstock Post Office and Bridport Arts and Crafts. Also by calling 01308 422894. There will also be a raffle and craft stall.

All proceeds to Myaware, (Myasthenia Gravis), registered charity : 1046443.

BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE

The BVCS is available to anyone living in any of the Bride Valley villages who is unable to drive themselves to get to medical appointments.

Volunteer drivers may be able to get you there.

Call Lesley (co-ordinator) on 01308-897695 to book.

There is a charge for this service to cover costs.



Tea & Chat at Portesham Surgery

The Friends of Portesham Surgery are holding a **Tea & Chat on Thurs 4th April from 2pm to 3pm**. It's an opportunity for patients to come and talk to the staff and friends and learn about how the "FoPS" support the surgery and hear of any concerns or suggestions. It happens to fall in Diabetes Prevention Week so there might even be some diabetic-friendly cake on offer!

The Friends meet regularly and aim to have a representative from each main village to work closely with the Surgery staff, helping to provide feedback from patients to improve the work and smooth running of the Surgery. To fill the vacancies, the Friends are looking for volunteers from Abbotsbury, Martinstown, Winterbourne Steepleton and West Bexington and would particularly welcome volunteers with young families.

Various projects are underway such as gardening and decorating as well as producing a leaflet on how to contact local activities, clubs and services including those which offer home visits which may be of benefit to house-bound patients, e.g. toenail cutting and opticians. If you know of anything that could be included, or would like more information, please e-mail enquiries@friendsofporteshamsurgery.co.uk. The leaflet will be available at the Surgery very soon!

If you represent a club or service which is looking for custom, why not come along on April 4th and promote it!

Double your money

Did you know that the Government will match every gift, pound for pound up to 2 million pounds until May 11th, sent to **Tearfund** for the present humanitarian crisis in many needy places like war torn Syria, or the slums of Pakistan?

Tearfund was set up 50 years ago by the Christian Churches nationwide, and its sterling work is recognised by its inclusion in the Government approved Disasters Emergency Fund.

Please send your Lenten gifts to Tearfund either online at www.tearfund.org/doublegift or by calling 020 3906 3906 or by post to Tearfund, 100 Church Road, Teddington, TW11 8QE

Thank you

Our Night Sky in April 2019

Jupiter is rising in the east about midnight in the middle of the month, followed by Saturn, Venus rises in the East about 0500, but will soon be lost in the dawn light. Meanwhile, Mars is still visible in the west after sunset, and will be setting in the North West at about 2300. It is much fainter now than it was earlier in the year.

Spare a thought for the engineers and scientists who provide us with such brilliant images from the far reaches of our solar system and beyond, when one of their spacecraft comes to the end of its life.

We remember the glorious pictures that Cassini sent back from Saturn, before being guided to a fiery death in Saturn's atmosphere. The same fate also occurred to Galileo which was sent into Jupiter's clouds when it ran out of fuel, both spacecraft destroyed to avoid the possible contamination of one of their parent's moons.

When you consider that the people involved with these missions have spent most of their working lives to bring about a successful conclusion to their hard work, all of which could have been destroyed at launch. But then, to have watched their "babies" mature and carry out astonishing science must give them tremendous pride, and give them some compensation for the sadness when the end inevitably comes.

The latest such spacecraft to finish its days, albeit after considerably longer than its expected 90 days, 15 years to be exact, and travelling 28 miles instead of the few yards its makers had hoped for.

This was the Mars Rover, Opportunity, whose arrival cushioned by balloons 15 years ago was the start of its exploration. It was accompanied by another Rover called Spirit which lasted 6 years, but died in a sand dune on the opposite side of Mars. Many of their discoveries pointed to the existence of water in the distant past, an essential requirement for life as we know it, and other spacecraft planned or already on their way, hope to establish once and for all whether life did exist in microbial form in the past, or if the existence of Methane plumes are caused by some life form now.

Mars has always been a planet of fascination for us on Earth, and is likely to provide even more questions and answers in the coming years.

Bill Turnill



THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL



I am delighted that our **Ofsted inspection** has said that we continue to be a good school. Thank you to our parents, staff and governors for their huge support during and after the inspection. It was so evident to the inspector that everyone in the school community works together for the benefit of our children. He commented that the children are confident, 'enjoy learning and are proud to attend the school.' The children had an out-of-uniform day as a treat for their superb attitudes and confidence!

We were treated by Eggardon to a fantastic **play on the Trojan war**. The narration and acting was so excellent that we were all transported to that time and place. Even the younger children watched, mesmerised. An amazingly moving and confident performance. Our **Ethos Council** acted out the Bible story 'Daniel and the lions' to demonstrate the half term value 'truthfulness'.

Some Eggardon children participated in after school **orienteeing** at Thorner's. The whole school continues to have **dance** coaching. Bredy participated in the pyramid **dance festival** and went to the **Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre**. Litton and Chesil had a taster **cricket** session and mapwork and orienteeing workshops by the **Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre**.



The houses competed in a **pancake race** – Edmund Hillary house won!

Bredy's light and shadow experiment



Thanks to Caroline and Freddie (the dog), Chesil children are enjoying **reading with a dog** every week. Everyone loves it! We are hoping that this initiative will increase the children's enthusiasm for reading, with or without a dog!

Eldora the goat visited the Discovery Area to help Chesil, Litton and Fledglings children with their writing and storytelling about the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'!

TSA cake sale: The TSA ran a Bredy cake sale. There were lots of cakes brought in and sold!

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher



BURTON BRADSTOCK CE SCHOOL



The second half of the Spring Term has been awash with exciting experiences for the pupils through the new creative curriculum.

Our Reception class are investigating **'Are we there yet?'** and have been on a fantasy walk around the village spotting such things that only young eyes can see – there were mermaids at mermaid beach, a fairy forest, a dragon field and a troll bridge!

Our Key Stage 1 class are palaeontologists this half term with their topic **'Dinosaur Planet'** and they have been uncovering amazing finds.

'Gods and Goddesses' is the topic in our **Lower Key Stage 2 class** and they are looking forward to their dress-up day at the end of term.

Finally, **Upper Key Stage 2's** topic, **'Revolution'**, involves exploration of life in the Victorian era, and they were transported back in time with a **'Victorian Day'** at the start of their topic.



Continuing the theme of dressing up, the school again celebrated **'World Book Day'** by coming into school



dressed as a book character. We had various characters from the Harry Potter books, a few Peter Rabbits and so much more! The staff also joined in the fun and dressed up as characters from a variety of fairytales.

In the Summer it will be the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo landing on the moon and the Minerva Learning Trust, of which we are a part, are working on a joint project. We are lucky to be working with Geof Edge, a singer songwriter, who has written a cantata all about the Apollo landing. He has visited the school and worked with our choir in preparation for a musical performance at Colfox in June. Not only was Geof an inspiration to our choir but he also performed to the whole school who were mesmerised by his storytelling and musical talent.

In the run-up to Easter, and as part of Lent, the school is taking part in the 40 Acts of Generosity Challenge. Instead of the traditional 'giving something up for Lent' we will be carrying out an act of kindness each day

for the 40 days of Lent. The children have really embraced this challenge and are busy ticking off the acts of kindness from their lists!

Next we are turning our attention to the Dance Festival at Freshwater, our KS2 residential trip to PGL Osmington and our Easter Service, which will be held at St Mary's Church at 9.15am on Friday 5th April.

The Friends of the School are also busy as they are organising the **Annual Duck Race**. This will be taking place on **Sunday 14th April** this year on the village playing field. Duck numbers are available to purchase from the school and from various businesses around Burton Bradstock. There will be stalls from 1pm with ducks away at 2pm.

Happy Easter!

**Claire Staple
Headteacher**



SPRING SUNGLASSES EVENT



Sunglasses £3 each
Also our local wood turner will be selling his wares

Puncknowle Village Hall
Saturday 6th April
10am -5pm
Refreshments will be available



Little Bredy Frugal Lunch



Our regular **Lent Frugal Lunch** will be held at **Bridehead** on **Friday 12th April**. Soup, bread and cheese and fruit will be on offer between 12.30 and 2.00 p.m. that afternoon, and we hope for a good (and generous!) attendance.

Contributions to the Future Roots Care Farm, near Sherborne, will be welcome – this encourages youngsters who are facing difficulties at school or in lifestyle choices to re-engage by contact with farming, animal husbandry and the countryside.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join us.



LITTON CHENEY

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St Mary's Church

The Annual Church Meeting will take place on Thursday 11th April at St. Mary's at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome, but you may only participate in any vote if you are on the recently updated Church Electoral Roll.

On Easter Sunday, 21st April, our service of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. will be taken by The Bishop of Sherborne, The Rt Revd Karen Gorham.

Parish Council – Village Assembly & Annual Meeting – Tuesday 14th May

This year's Village Assembly will be held in the main hall of LATCH on Tuesday 14th May at 7 p.m. The Assembly will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. It is an ideal opportunity to find out what is going on in your village and also to ask councillors questions or raise an issue of concern.

Local Elections for the new Dorset Council and Parish Council

Local elections will be held on Thursday 2nd May. It is not known at this time if there will be elections for the parish council – that will depend on the number of nominations received. Any number of nominations above seven will result in a parish council election, in addition to the election being held for the new Dorset Council. Your Polling Station will be the meeting room of Litton and Thorner's Community Hall.

Village Litter Pick – Stand-by; your assistance is requested.

Along with many other villages and towns in the UK we are joining the Spring Clean campaign supported by Keep Britain Tidy, the intent being to litter pick through the entire village over a number of days and we'd like your help to achieve this. During April in the lead-up to the Easter holidays we will be leafletting houses in the village informing local residents of plans to clean up a particular section of the village, and if you are able join us on what will be a mammoth community effort to rid the village of unwanted debris along our highways and byways that would be wonderful. All the details will be in the leaflet coming through your door in April, and on the village website – please join in.

Thorner's School's Ofsted Report

Congratulations to our village school for receiving an impressive "Good" assessment by Ofsted inspectors. That is thoroughly deserving of a hearty Bravo Zulu – Royal Navy signal code for "Well Done!"

Regeneration Project

We continue to develop ideas for the regeneration of the area around the bus shelter, and we will be presenting those ideas at the Village Assembly on Tuesday 14th May.

EVENTS AT LATCH FOR April

- Monday evening: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts (1st & 29th)
Tuesdays: Short Mat Bowls 4.00 p.m.
Wednesdays: Table Tennis 4.00 p.m.
Iyengar Yoga 6.00 - 7.15 and 7.30–9.00 p.m.
(Anna Forrest)
Thursday: First Steps Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30 a.m. (4th & 25th)
Fridays: Yoga 10.00 - 11.30 a.m (Sue O'Sullivan) (5th & 26th)
Sundays: 7th & 14th : Iyengar Yoga with Anna Forrest 9.30 - 11.00
28th : Morning Yoga with Nadiya Wynn
Thursday 4th: Film Night: "The Wife" Starts 8.00 p.m.
See details elsewhere.
Friday 5th: Bingo Night

and coming up in May...

- Thursday 2nd May - Local Council Elections Polling Station in the Meeting Room
Thursday 9th May - AGM Fest: LATCH, Social Committee, Web Group – 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 14th May – Village Assembly – 7 p.m.
Thursday 12th: Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Coming up in April.....
Thursday 4th: Film Night: "The Wife" Starts 8.00 p.m.
Friday 5th: Bingo Night.

Village Cafés at LATCH are a great way to raise funds for your organisation or project.

They are normally held on the third Saturday of the month and there is no hire charge to pay! All we ask is that you provide some bacon butties, homemade cakes and good coffee, as well as any stalls etc. you might like to add. If you are interested in running a Café, please contact Wendy Firrell to book a date (01308 482532).





Litton Cheney Social Committee – Easter Sunday Duck Race

The Ducks, kindly loaned by the Rotary Club of Bridport, are getting ready for their annual trip down the stream to The White Horse cheered on by their thronging supporters. High Noon on **Sunday 21st April** is the time, and Litton Cheney is the place to be!

To aid our fluffy yellow friends the Premier Crew will be clearing away the vegetation the previous week to ease their passage down the turbulent waters. Premier Crew members please note - **Wed.17th at 10.00am** is the time and date to meet opposite Fry's Yard. Secateurs, pruners, forks (of gardening variety), spades and perhaps the odd pair of wellies - all may be required. Thanks. Ron Davidson LCSC 4832661

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

AT LITTON CHENEY COMMUNITY HALL.

Please note – films at Litton are always on THURSDAYS.

Thurs. 4 April THE WIFE ‘...behind every great man...?’

Joan Castleman (Glenn Close) has spent forty years sacrificing her own talent, dreams and ambitions to support her charismatic husband Joe (Jonathan Pryce) and his stellar literary career. The foundations of their marriage have, however, been built upon a set of uneven compromises and Joan has reached a turning point. On the eve of Joe's Nobel Prize for Literature, the crown jewel rewarding a spectacular body of work, Joan will confront the biggest sacrifice of her life and some long-buried secrets. Cert.15 1.5hrs



Thurs. 2 May FIRST MAN ‘the human side to the build up to the Apollo 11 moon landing’.

Oscar winning director Damien Chazelle and star **Ryan Gosling** reteam for the riveting story behind the first manned mission to the moon, focusing on Neil Armstrong and the decade leading to the historic Apollo 11 flight. A visceral, intimate account told from Armstrong's perspective and based on the book by James R. Hansen, the film explores the triumphs and the cost on Armstrong, his family, his colleagues, and the nation itself for one of the most dangerous missions in history. Cert. PG – 13 2.25hrs.



Doors Open: 7.30 p.m. Film starts 8.00 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)

We are sharing the licences for these films with Burton Bradstock (who will show them the previous Friday).



NEXT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

30 May - "Mamma Mia – Here we go again"

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

First Aid/Defibrillator Training

On Thursday 21st February a group of 12 villagers from Litton Cheney and West Bexington met at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall to learn the basics of CPR and how to use a defibrillator.

The training was given by James Irvine and Paul Barker of the Royal Life Saving Society. The evening taught us, or refreshed our knowledge of CPR as well as giving us hands on training in the use of a defibrillator, which was very re-assuring should we ever be called upon to use one.

As most local villages have a defibrillator it is essential that as many people as possible are familiar with it. Having some training and familiarity with the machine hopefully will allay some of our fears on its use.

The training lasts around 2 hours and is free. If anyone would like to attend a future course in April or May please contact Bev Robbins on **01308 482497** or email bevrobbs@btinternet.com and get yourself on the list.

This offer is open to anyone in the Bride Valley or beyond, but if you wish to set up a session in your village please contact James Irvine at chesilfirsaid@gmail.com James will also teach a course on Paediatric First Aid if required.

Stop Press!

BSO's Concert in March – You missed a treat!

The BSO concert given by a trio of harp, viola and flute was a great success with around 70 people enjoying a scintillating high quality musical event. This was despite the electrical supply "outage", resulting in subdued lighting, but compensated by the high voltage performance on stage!

Many thanks to all who came and supported the concert, to Artsreach and the BSO for providing the opportunity, to the excellent musicians, and not least to Steve, Kathy, Diana, and Alison for organising the ticket sales and the evening.

Litton Cheney Fete & Dog Show

**Spring Holiday Monday 27th May
at LATCH**

**Come and enjoy a BBQ lunch, Fun Dog Show,
Prize Draw, teas, bouncy castle, bottle tombola,
stalls and games**

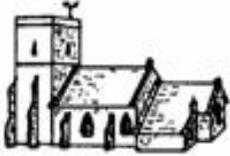
**12 noon to 4pm - admission £1.50
children under 16 FREE**

In aid of the upkeep of St Mary's Church

Dog Show Classes:

**Most handsome dog
Prettiest bitch
Worst bad hair day dog
Waggiest tail
Best junior handler (under 13) with commands
Best trick or obedience action
Best catcher (bring your own throw object)**

Entry fee 50p per dog per class on the day



**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE
& WEST BEXINGTON**
VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

**PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON
LUNCH CLUB**

The lunch club is for all people aged 50+ who live or have lived in our 3 villages. It is a great social time with a beautiful meal as well. It would be good to see you join us every **3rd Tuesday of the month**. Please get in touch if you would like to come along. Our next meal will be on **16th April**. Anyone wishing to join us or those who have booked a meal and cannot make it please telephone David Buckland on 898492.

The meal is a choice of 2 main meals and 2 puddings finished off with cheese and biscuits, tea and coffee all for £5. We serve at 1 pm but most of our regulars come early for a great social get together. Hope to see you soon. Many thanks.

David Buckland

BOOK GROUP March meeting

Under A Pole Star by Stef Penney.

Most of us enjoyed this novel, especially its descriptions of the frozen north of the Arctic circle Greenland/ Ellesmere Island region. Some of us found the length (another almost 600 pages novel!) a bit hard going whilst others did not mind this and felt the narrative was propelled along with energy. Several of us referred to the author's previous novel "The Tenderness of Wolves" which was very successful a few years ago - also about the frozen territory in the far north of Canada. Some of the criticisms were about the "long arm of coincidence" employed in the plot - especially when

characters reconnect to complete “unfinished business” or turn out to have unexpected family links several generations into the future.

We felt the dialogue was a bit modern but that this helped to galvanise both plot and character. Some of us were prepared to forgive perceived flaws in exchange for the considerable canvas covered in this novel. 19C Scottish whaling voyages, early trading with the north Greenlander Inuits, whether a young woman could actually lead an arctic expedition, the tension between exploring for the purposes of Science and the more acquisitive and commercial enterprise of exploring hostile frontiers for future exploitation, an enduring love story and the tragedy of Inuits brought out of their environment, vulnerable to disease and illness of the “developed world”.

And there was much more.....! Anthropology may not have been regarded as a true science in the 19C but the novel nevertheless covered some fascinating details of Inuit culture. **Liz Pinfield**

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

We must say thank you to Jill who put in a great deal of preparation to give us a workshop on portraiture, which we all enjoyed.

Our workshop with Tracy Linwood was an imaginative use of crafters acrylics. Everyone had very interesting results and could carry this forward at home.

On 12th April we will have a workshop on using a hake brush, 26th acrylics on gesso.

We sent our poppy paintings to the Society of All Artists and a cheque for £35 for the British Legion who sent us a letter of thanks.

Christine Molony

April Art Group

Friday 12th	10am	Village Hall Puncknowle
Friday 26th	10am	Village Hall Puncknowle

**Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village Hall 100 club
Winners for February 2019**

1st Prize- Sue Mitchell

2nd Prize – Meryl Edwards

PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY



Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall
Tuesday, 30th April, 2019
7.30pm

FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR VILLAGE!

Hear about what's happening in and around our villages, plus an illustrated talk by Dr Brian Bowsher OBE. Entitled "A Quick Canter through a Life in Science", he will talk about his career from Winfrith Technology Centre through to the National Physical Laboratory and some recent science discoveries such as gravitational waves.

We will also hear from various local groups including: Allotments, Art Group, Book Club, Churches in Puncknowle & Swyre, Footpaths, Home Watch, Women's Institute, Local History Group, Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site, Table Tennis, Luncheon Club, Playing Field, and the Village Hall.

Then there's opportunity for discussion on anything you might want to bring up.



**DO JOIN US,
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

Sally Bowsher Parish Council Clerk Telephone 01308 897987

SPRING SUNGLASSES EVENT



Sunglasses £3 each
Also our local wood turner will be selling his wares

Puncknowle Village Hall
Saturday 6th April
10am -5pm



LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: PHILIP WILLIAMS

Email: pw@bridehead.com Tel: 482232



St. Michael and All Angels

We send our sympathies to Ben Pentreath on the recent death of his mother. Judith had become a regular feature of village life, especially in Church at Festivals or when visiting The Old Parsonage, and she was laid to rest here on the 16 March. All condolences to Ben, his two brothers and his widowed father David.

The Church's **Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at Bridehead at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday 11th April.** This is open to all parishioners or anyone with an interest in the present and future of the village Church and its governance, and others in addition to the P.C.C. will be very welcome.

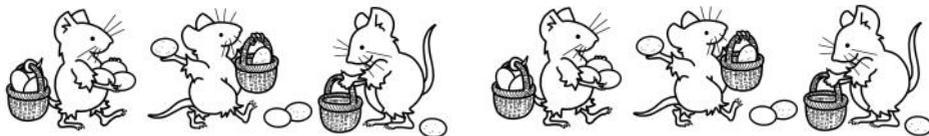
Looking forward to the Easter period, the first event will be the regular **Lent Frugal Lunch to be held at Bridehead on Friday 12th April.** Soup, bread and cheese and fruit will be on offer between 12.30 and 2.00 p.m. that afternoon, and we hope for a good (and generous!) attendance.

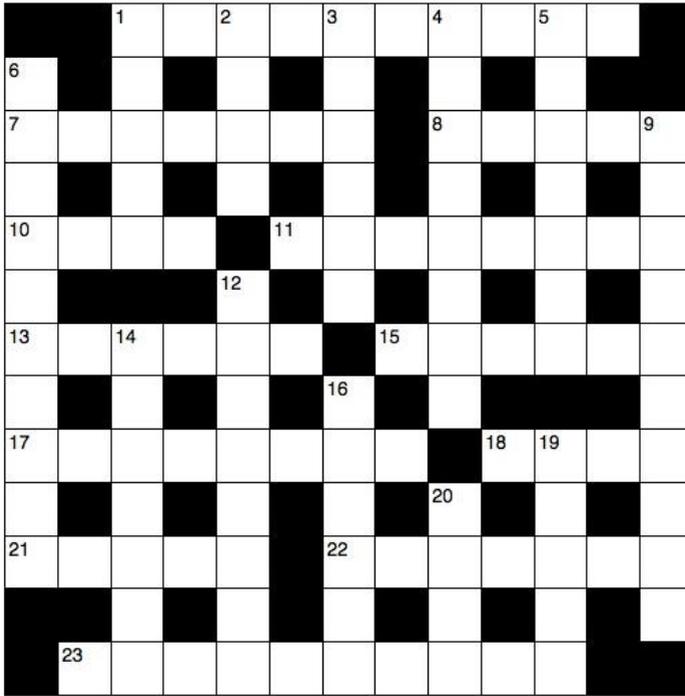
Contributions to the Future Roots Care Farm, near Sherborne, will be welcome – this encourages youngsters who are facing difficulties at school or in lifestyle choices to re-engage by contact with farming, animal husbandry and the countryside.

There will be the customary short said **Litany Service at 10.00 a.m. on Good Friday** (19th April), after which we hope a team of volunteers will help decorate the Church for Easter.

On Easter Day itself, 21st April, the service in Church will be Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

We wish a happy Easter period to all readers of the BVN.





CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 'You are a chosen people, a royal — ' (1 Peter 2:9) (10)
- 7 Exact copy (Joshua 22:28) (7)
- 8 Jesus' first words to Jairus's daughter, 'My child, — — ' (Luke 8:54) (3,2)
- 10 Idol made by the Israelites while Moses was on Mount Sinai (Exodus 32:4) (4)
- 11 Role allotted to Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 42:6) (8)
- 13 'Lord, when did we — — hungry and feed you?' (Matthew 25:37) (3,3)
- 15 'Though seeing, they do — —; though hearing, they do not hear or understand' (Matthew 13:13) (3,3)
- 17 Happening (1 Kings 21:1) (8)
- 18 'Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the — of Christ' (Philippians 3:7) (4)
- 21 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (1,1,1,1,1,1)
- 22 Stamp on (Amos 2:7) (7)
- 23 Liable to rot (1 Corinthians 15:42) (10)

Down

- 1 Of the pope (5)
- 2 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything — — ' (Psalm 24:1) (2,2)
- 3 Hebrew word for the kind of peace that Jesus promised (6)
- 4 Member of a 16th-century Protestant reform movement in France (8)
- 5 Sing out (anag.) (7)
- 6 Ceremonial column of people on the move (1 Samuel 10:5) (10)
- 9 One of the things love always does (1 Corinthians 13:7) (10)
- 12 Esther's cousin who foiled a plot to assassinate King Xerxes (Esther 2:7, 22) (8)
- 14 See cape (anag.) (7)
- 16 'No one can — them out of my hand' (John 10:28) (6)
- 19 Often mistakenly identified as the fruit that led to the first sin (Joel 1:12) (5)
- 20 'He was led like a — to the slaughter' (Isaiah 53:7) (4)

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SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

ST MARTIN'S FLOODLIGHTS

Floodlights Sponsors for April

St Martin's floodlights are shining brightly this month for:

Dai Lewis, – Thinking of Trish this Eastertide – her special time of year.

and for

Ann Thimont because she loves to see the church lit up

Thank you so much to our sponsors for supporting St Martin's.

We have very few sponsors for the forthcoming months so we would be especially pleased to hear from anyone who would like to light up the church for an occasion or in memory of a loved one or just because.....

A donation of £5 is welcomed and you can contact me on Tel. No. 01308 898657 but please let me know in good time if you wish your occasion to be published in the BVN in order to meet the BVN submission date. Our sponsor's names are also posted in the church porch unless of course, they wish to remain anonymous.

Phyl Webster

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall** and as usual everyone is most welcome to attend. This will be the first meeting of the new council following the election on **2nd May**.

Litter Pick and Village Tidy-Up Day will take place this year on **Saturday 13th April starting at 11.00am** and meeting outside the New Inn. Gloves, litter pickers, rubbish bags and safety tabards are provided. Please come along and help get our village spick and span before the Easter holiday.

Nominations for Parish Council elections close very soon as they must be submitted to West Dorset District Council offices by **3rd April**. Nomination

forms are available from the parish clerk, Paula Biss,
clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk 01308-898189

The Annual Parish Assembly is being held this year on **Wednesday 17th April** and will follow the same format as the very successful meeting last year. A totally informal get together where everyone can have a chat, enjoy some wine and nibbles, talk to representatives from the various village organisations, exchange views and bring forward ideas and enjoy the evening. It was a great event last year, so make sure to put it in your diary.

Mary Boughton

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Following our AGM the Society would like to announce that its Committee for 2019/20; Chris Griffiths-Hardman (Chairman), Tony Jones (Vice-Chairman), Tony Lock (Treasurer), Sally Parker (Community Engagement), Janet Whight (Secretary), Tracey Barclay, Colin Chambers, Simon Cleveland, Graham Garner, Howard Marshall, Natalie Sorrell & Ruth Nunn. AGM minutes are currently being written and will be available to those who attended the meeting and on request from villagesociety@icloud.com

NEW INN SUPPORT LIMITED

Thank you to all those who've been helping out over recent weeks. We are especially grateful to Kate and John Kent for setting up the display at our Open Day. Your comments were very welcome and should help a new tenant to progress their business.

We are optimistic looking forward as there has been keen interest from a number of prospective new tenants. In the meantime we have enjoyed the welcome help of the FONI, Village Society, Good Eggs and others in running events and using the pub as a venue to ensure it stays open during the intervening period.

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB - March Draw

£25	No 48	Emma Welman
£10	No 115	Tracy & Dave Barclay
£5	No 117	Andrew Haydon

Congratulations to all the winners.

FRIENDS OF THE NEW INN

Our True or False Night was won by David Smith who graciously accepted Pinocchio's Nose for his efforts. Apparently the photo has been committed to Social Media by his children and has gone viral. Thanks to Tim and Claire for looking after us on the night and all those who contributed to a superb buffet. We've been asked to run this idea again next year, anyone for a Winter's Tale?

Kate Kent has also hosted the first in a series of Coffee & Cake Mornings. She was joined by 50 Villagers and is now officially qualified as the Shipton Gorge Barista.

Never a lady to miss an opportunity Kate even managed to solicit a £1 donation from someone passing through who asked to use the loo. Well done Kate and thanks to the cake makers, coffee drinkers, dish washers, furniture movers and other helpers.



By the time you read this Sally Parker and Tracey Barclay will have hosted further Coffee and Cake Mornings with Simon Cleveland, Ann Hunt and others in the wings to continue this worthwhile venture. The list is as long as your arm!

Keep your ear close to the ground as a range of activities are planned. They can often be at short notice.

SHIPTON GORGE HEDGEHOG GROUP

The first sightings of 2019 have already been recorded near Shipton Road. Please let us know if you have anything to report or wish to join our Group. We hope to carry out a footprint survey in early summer.

Fosterer Steve Larcombe's Hedgehog Gretel has now increased in size from 595g to healthy a 938g and will be ready for release once conditions improve. Gretel has been Steve's companion over this Winter and he'll have a tear in his eye when the release date comes. Our Group has followed the progress of Gretel on her journey.

shiptonhedgehogs@icloud.com



USE OF SCHOOL BUS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

First School Bus services can be used by members of the public to travel to and from villages during school terms, Monday to Friday subject to seats being available. The C2 service runs from Winterbourne Abbas to the Sir John Colfox Academy and runs through Shipton Gorge at the following times:

Time	Departs from	Goes to
OUTWARD		
0810	Peas Hill, Shipton Gorge	Sir John Colfox
RETURN		
1540	Sir John Colfox Academy	Peas Hill, Shipton Gorge

The return bus goes on to Askerwell, Litton Cheney, Long Bredy, Littlebredy and ends in Winterbourne Abbass

Fares are as follows:

	Single	Return
Adult	£3.50	£5.00
Child	£2.50	£3.50

Please note: Concessionary passes may be used in the afternoon service, but not in the morning service.

GOOD BOOKS

Bridport's Christian Bookshop

St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL
Tel: 01308 420483

email: orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk
 website: www.goodbooksbridport.co.uk

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

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



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St Mary's Church



Passion Sunday takes place each year on the fifth Sunday of Lent, marking the start of the two weeks of Passiontide,

which this year is **April 7th** and so this will be the theme for our Songs of Praise service that day. It will be led by Revd Prebendary Alastair Wheeler. As usual the service starts at the convenient time of 10.30am and will last about one hour with six uplifting hymns, Bible readings and followed by a time for refreshments to which all are welcome.



The next Songs of Praise service will be on **Sunday 5th May at 10.30 am**, when Revd Philip Ringer will be leading a service where the Theme will be the important work of Hospital Chaplains.

Come and join us for these inspiring services

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of St Mary the Virgin Burton Bradstock with Chilcombe.



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church on **Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 7.00 pm**

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF ANN READ

A total of £574 has been donated, divided equally between the Bible Society and Bymead House Nursing Home, for which my family and I are most grateful. Thank you so much.

Mike Read

The Easter Story at Burton Bradstock

The story of Easter will be told with the aid of six different staged settings placed around the church from **1st April**.

These will be:

The Road to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday

The washing of the feet

The Last Supper

Alone in the Garden of Gethsemane

The Crucifixion

The Resurrection from the tomb

Children from the school will be led round in small groups and participate in different ways at each station. **This will happen between the 1st and 4th April and they will attend an Easter Service on the 5th.** They will be invited to return with their families in the following days running up to Easter. Everyone is welcome to visit the church to experience and understand the story in this simple way



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

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club"

March 2019 Draw:

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£35.40	No 160	Mrs Karen Venn
2nd	£17.70	No 9	Mr Malcolm Peach
3rd	£8.85	No 34	Mrs Fiona Lomax

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the April 2019 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have **£8** – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080



Burton Bradstock Films



The enthralling story of NASA's mission to land a man on the moon is the subject of our next film **FIRST MAN on Friday 26 April 2019** in the Village Hall. It may be unbelievable to many that all this happened fifty years ago. The story focuses on Neil Armstrong and the years 1961-1969 and is a first person account of the sacrifices and cost to Armstrong and the nation of what was at the time one of the most dangerous missions in history.

Winner of the Best Achievement in Visual Effects at the Oscars and best original score at Golden Globes this is a behind the scenes look at a slice of our history.

Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 each and include a glass of wine or a soft drink and will be on sale at Burton Bradstock Post Office or, if available, on the door on the night.

This film will be shown by Bride Valley Films on the following Thursday, 4 April.

Dates For Your Diary

Mamma Mia – Here We Go Again – Friday 24 May 2019 (Bank Holiday weekend)

The film will also be shown by **Bride Valley Films the following Thursday, 31 May**

Coffee Stop Mornings.



The regular monthly Coffee Stop mornings in the hall where a hot drink and a biscuit are available for 50p are run monthly to provide a general “meet and chat” venue for Villagers and visitors alike. They run from 10:00 to 12:00 and all are welcome. The next meeting date is listed below.

Date.	Organised by
Wed 17 th April	Bowls Club
Wed 22 nd May	Bride Valley Drivers.

Spring Fish & Chip Quiz.

This hugely popular quiz, which will include a fish & chip supper from Longs in Bridport, will be held on **Sat 27th April** with quiz arranged and run by Sue Moores, helped by David Edwards.

The quiz runs in teams of 8, but all are welcome, from individuals to small groups and not just Villagers. Smaller numbers will be put together into teams either beforehand or on the night. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and last teams, a sensibly priced bar and raffle.

Tickets will go on sale at the Post Office Friday 5th April at £9:50 per person. This includes the cost of your fish and chip meal, which regrettably goes up each year. To book a team table, request a place in a team or request something other than cod & chips as a meal, contact Richard Ferre on 897648 or email rwferre99@gmail.com. This is a ticket only event and last year sold out, so please get yours early, especially if you have booked a table for 8

Budapest Café Orchestra

They will be playing in the Hall on Thursday 25th April. Doors open 7pm for 7:30 start.

£12 normal ticket, £11 over 65's, under 16's free, bar service available.

Burton Bradstock Village Society

On Friday April 12th at 7.30pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall, Jane Ferentzi-Sheppard gives our final talk of the 2018/2019 season. She will talk about '100 Years of the House of Windsor from Saxe-Coburg-Gotha to Windsor'.

Jane is a professional family and local historian and tutor in Adult Education. She runs a variety of family history courses in Somerset and Dorset and talks to organisations all over the country. Jane is a regular speaker at the Society of Genealogists and the 'Who do you think you are?' yearly event at Olympia.

Jane will illustrate that it's not just on Jeremy Kyle you can learn about families, scandals, disposed wives and rotten husbands.

Come and enjoy hearing about the recent history of our Royal Family, with a glass of wine if you wish. Members pay just £1 on the door and non-members/guests £4.

BURTON BRADSTOCK WI

February was another busy month for the
Burton Bradstock WI.

Our speaker, Shirley Critchley kept everyone interested with her talk about HMS Wager, telling us details about its history and how the crew mutinied and the Captain committed murder after the ship was wrecked on a desolate island off the south coast of Chile – all very gruesome! Shirley took part in an expedition led by John Blashford-Snell to find the wreckage of the ship and had many photographs to show of her adventures. We were pleased to be able to give Shirley several pairs of unwanted binoculars, for which she had appealed and which will be used by game wardens to look out for poachers of elephants in Nepal – another one of Shirley's passions.

At the end of February, 21 members enjoyed a Pancake Lunch in the Village Hall – a first for our WI. There were choices of savoury and sweet fillings and they were all very tasty. We had a Pancake related quiz and the afternoon was rounded off with a somewhat hilarious pancake tossing race!



The Walking Group have enjoyed a walk from Weymouth, taking in the RSPB Discovery Centre and Lodmore Nature Reserve and the Kurling and Skittles groups have been continuing with their practices.

April sees us preparing for our AGM on 9th, at which we will be enjoying cheese and wine whilst reflecting on the past year and electing our committee members for the coming year. We shall also be looking forward to our Spring Lunch on 3rd April, when we shall be joined by guests from other local WI's plus our next Lunch Club trip to Broadwindsor Craft Centre on 17th.

Do come and join us – we meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. (2.15pm during the Winter). We have a full programme of speakers throughout the year plus outings, theatre trips, meals out, reading, walking and activity groups, card players, Mah Jong and Skittles, not forgetting our new indoor kurling group. Something for everyone!

For further information please contact: Janet Pearson 01308 898346

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Burton Bradstock Clean Up Day Saturday 13th April

Please come along to our annual clean-up day on **Saturday 13th April commencing at 10 am**. Meet at the Reading Room, please bring gloves, bags other equipment will be provided. All Welcome!

Play Area Project

Thank you so much for your donations so far, we are continuing with our search for grants and funds. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with fund raising ideas and events.

If you can get involved we would love to hear from you!

Please contact the Clerk for further information.

Issues raised and discussed at the Parish Council:

Dog Poo issues- We are still having issues with Dog Poo and used Dog Poo bags just left for others to pick up. There has been an increase of this happening on the playing field. This area is used by children so please pick up after you and put it in a bin. Also a reminder to dog owners to keep their dogs on leads whilst walking through the playing field via the footpath please! The PC are looking into highlighting un-picked poo using coloured sprays as done recently in a local project with some success.

Light Pollution- we want to discourage light pollution in the village. Would residents please be aware and turn off external lights when not required. Thank you

Parking at the Toilets- excessive parking at the toilets is still causing problems for those who need to use the facility and this will only get worse during the summer months with more tourists. Please park considerately.

Emergency Plan- the data gathering for the Village Emergency Plan is under way, if you would like to get involved please contact the Clerk.

The Next PC meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 7.30 pm in the Reading Room. All welcome!

Clerk: Mrs Michele Harding- email: burtonbradstock@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

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

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

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

<https://twitter.com/BurtonBParish>

Burton Bradstock Village Fayre – Monday 27 May 2019

The Burton Bradstock Village Fayre will be held in the **Rectory Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday 27th May from 2.00 to 4.30 pm**. This is the main fund raising event for the Village Hall and the money raised will help to pay for its on-going maintenance and improvement.

We're planning on there being the usual wide range of stalls, games and raffles with lots for children and adults to enjoy.

In order to make the Fayre a success again we need your help please with the stalls and games, set up and take down, and also donations for the General Raffle, Auction, White Elephant and Book stalls, and the Bottle Tombola.

The Organising Committee may well contact you to ask for your help in running the stalls and games, but please contact the following people if you can help:

If you can help with set up (from 9 am on the 27th) and take down (from 4.30 pm) please contact Graham Moody (01308 898548)

White Elephant and Books: items in good condition only please. We shall be opening the Village Hall on the morning of Saturday 25th May for people to bring items along. If you need help or can't make it on that day, please contact Richard Ferré (01308 897648) or Graham Moody (01308 898548)

Bottle Tombola: your contributions of bottles of wine, beer, cider, soft drinks – and even spirits, gratefully received for this very popular stall: Richard Ferré (01308 897648)

For Raffle and Auction donations: Graham Moody (01308 898548)

We'll be publishing more details in the May BVN, but whether you're helping on the day or coming along to enjoy it, make it a date for your diary now.

Graham Moody

Burton Bradstock Village Fayre Organising Committee

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY AGM

The FBBL AGM is on Thursday 4th April 2019 at 7.30pm in Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

The FBBL is a registered charity committed to raising sufficient funds to pay for the annual running costs associated with the Library, manage and maintain the fabric of the library building, organise volunteers to provide the library service and where possible extend the services offered to the local community. There will be a short review of the past year and a look ahead to the next 12 months.

Please come to the AGM meeting if you can and join us afterwards for drinks and nibbles.

ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY THIS MONTH

2nd April - POLICE SURGERY with CSO Alex Bishop,

or visit: <https://www.dorset.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/bridport/beaminster/>,

4th April - DIGITAL CHAMPION – On line shopping session

All you need to know about online shopping and using Paypal.

Carol will be in the library on Thursday 4th April between 3.00pm to 4.00pm to provide help and answer your questions on using your PC, tablet or smart phone and if necessary arrange friendly, FREE one to one tuition at a speed you can keep up with.

10th April - LEGO at Burton Bradstock Community Library

All Lego Builders, (young and old) are welcome in the Library on Wednesday 10th April from 10.15am until 12.00. Children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian (please note we have no duplo for younger children).



OPENING HOURS FOR BURTON BRADSTOCK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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

Contact information:

Telephone: 01308 897563; email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk
and our web address is www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk and you can
find us on Facebook at 'Friends of Burton Bradstock Library'.

Rosemary Daniels (Chair of the FBBL Trustees)

Burton Bradstock Festival : Ticket Sales information.

Just a reminder that tickets for the **Spring Concert on Friday 31st May** will go on Sale at the Burton Bradstock Post Office on 1st May. If you prefer you can contact Gill Redford from that date on : 01308 897203.

Tickets for the Summer Festival will go on sale from **Saturday 18th May** when we open the Village Hall from 8.30 when you can purchase tickets in person. If you wish you can contact Gill Redford from the following Tuesday May 21st. Programmes will be available from 6th May when we will mail them out to Friends of the Festival and they will be available for collection from the Post Office and a range of other outlets.

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of our concerts. More information will be available soon. Look out for posters, brochures and a full account in the press.



BURTON BRADSTOCK COMMUNITY LAND TRUST BEGINS HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY



The Burton Bradstock Community Land Trust and Dorset Councils Partnership are working together to conduct an online survey to establish the need for housing in the village.

The survey will help to ascertain what kind of housing, including affordable housing, local people in the parish need.

The results of this survey, which runs from 22 March until the end of April, will help the Community Land Trust in planning for future development.

CLT Board Chair David Dixon said: “In order to progress with the CLT’s aims of providing new housing for people in need in Burton Bradstock, we need an up to date picture of the number of people in need and the type of housing they require.

“We would be very grateful if everyone in the village could take a few minutes to complete this survey by logging on to <http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/housing-needs-survey> from **22 March until 30 April, even if they are already registered with Dorset Home Choice or Help to Buy South-West.**

“Board members are delivering information about the survey to households in the parish and we are very happy to talk about the survey and the CLT’s aims. Residents can also be able to request a paper copy of the survey if they are unable to complete one online.

“We hope that people will also buy a £1 share to become members of the CLT and have a say in the future of Burton Bradstock.

“With the survey results, we will be able to continue to evaluate possible sites for future affordable housing with current information about the numbers involved and the sort of development that will match their needs.”

Anyone who would like a paper copy of the survey or who has any questions should contact the Housing Enabling Team on 01305 252448, housingadvice@westdorset-dc.gov.uk or Burton Bradstock Community Land Trust on 01308 897603.

CALLING ALL LOCAL CREATIVE TALENT!

We’re always on the look out for photographs or artwork to grace the cover of the BVN. Forward electronic copies of images for submission, along with any queries about format resolution etc. to the editor at bridevalleynews@gmail.com.

A bounty of £10 will be paid for any cover image used



This month the front cover features a photograph sent in by Bruce Maltby of young Romney rams below the Long Bredy Churchyard Limes.



BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYERS

The Burton Bradstock audience watched “The Great British Bump-Off”, an interactive murder mystery by Lesley Gunn at the Village Hall in early March in style. The subject of the play being baking, the refreshments included a baked potato served between the opening scenes in Crabblebottom village hall and the Baking Competition staged in the tent “just like they do on the telly” superbly illustrated by a splendid back drop painted by John Worsley and featuring beautiful competition cakes by Jill Harper.

To keep the audience on their toes, the murderer was different on different nights. On Wednesday and Friday, it was the controlling husband played by Will Orsa, protecting his wife’s, Lynne Thomas, reputation as a baker and attempting to keep secret his theft of prize winning recipes from the Co-op. Thursday it was the pot growing user of “special ingredients” played by Vicky Thomas, to hide her criminal life style.

The Major, Ian Ibbotson with a curious accent, was the husband paying blackmail money to protect his wife from the evil tales told by the murdered acerbic Patricia, Liz Slater. Patricia was also blackmailing the celebrity Italian chef whom she knew by his real name, Eddy Angel, played with *gioia di vivere* by Mike Read. Caroline Fountain, Janet Tolputt, was the ardent fan of the chef, risking jail with a false confession of guilt to protect him. The teams who picked her were elated and then deflated when they realised their mistake. Detective Sam Nelson, Roy Perkins, with the help of villagers played by Lesley Keatley and Gill East, encouraged the audience to question the suspects and solve the crime. Constable Humphrey Walwyn was master of ceremonies and also produced the special cover of Celebrity chef, Eduardo D’Angelo’s book.

Congratulations to the director Cilla Jones on an entertaining evening and to all the supporting team, Prompt Daphne Ekins, Stage Crew John Tassell, Catherine Batten and Trevor Ekins and to all the front of house helpers.

The Players went on to present the play for the Dorset Federation of Women’s Institutes at the village hall in Charlton Down on Saturday.

This was the fourth murder mystery presented by the Players in recent years, the previous productions being “Murder at the New Vicarage”, “Good Deeds Deadly Deeds” and “Amdram is Murder”.

The Players’ last production was a combined play and musical performance commemorating the end of the First World war from which a donation of £250 has been made to the British Legion.

Ian Ibbotson

LONG BREDY

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St Peter 's Church

100 Club February 2019 Draw

£25	no. 77	Eve Bailey
£15	no. 94	B & A Peppiatt
£5	no. 39	Cathy Williams

Drawn on 25/02/19

At 11 The Gardens

by Kate, Dave & Ruth

Frugal Lunch

Very many thanks to everyone who helped or supported the lunch in any way at all and to all who enjoyed and made a donation for a 'frugal lunch' (soup, bread, cheese, fruit, cake, tea or coffee). The provisional sum of £265. 00, was raised for our charity for this year - Gully's Place. Information about this was included in last month's BVN. Any one who spoke to Hannah Howell, who is the Paediatric Advanced Nurse Practitioner and Lead Nurse for Child Death at the lunch, will know how passionate she is about this charity and how grateful for the amount raised to help families going through very difficult times of terminal illness and bereavement with a child.

Village Spring Clean

Long Bredy & Kingston Parish Council will be holding the annual Village Spring Clean on **Saturday 6th April 2019**. We will meet at the **Village Hall** at **10 am**. Not only does this help keep our village looking lovely but it is also a great fun event and a good chance to meet up with neighbours and make new acquaintances.

Wear stout shoes, warm clothing and if possible bring strong gardening gloves and if you have one, a high visibility jacket or vest. Children are very welcome, and indeed encouraged, but due to the nature of the event they must be supervised by a responsible adult. If plenty of people turn up it will only take a couple of hours and it will be followed by complimentary light refreshments in the warm and welcoming Village Hall.

Parish Council: krlb@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Coffee Break

The next 'Second Saturday' Coffee Break is on **Saturday April 13th, between 10.30 and 12.00 in the Village Hall.**



This is a chance to meet up or catch up with friends and neighbours for a mid-morning break. There is no charge for refreshments - always plenty of choice - just a small donation to cover the hall expenses for the morning.

Race Night at the White Horse

Despite the power problems more than £825.70 was raised for the Long Bredy Playground Equipment Fund at an excellent event and a big **THANK YOU** to all those that sponsored races, bought horses, to Andrew and Eve Bailey, Alan and Gwen Kinghorn, Anne Gillson, Phyllis Warren, The White Horse Inn, Ford Farms, everyone who had donated raffle prizes and....to everyone for coming and making this event such a success!

A Date for Your Diary.

Long Bredy & Kingston Russell Parish Council are organising an **Auction of Promises on Friday 17th May 2019**. The event will be held in our popular local pub, The White Horse in Litton Cheney. It will be a really good night with many interesting, useful and unusual "lots". Funds raised will go towards the provision of new play equipment for the Village Playing Field in Long Bredy, so as well as being an enjoyable social evening it will support a valuable local amenity. More information will follow next month including details of some of the stand out lots.

Make sure you keep the date free so you that you can come and join in the fun. **Stephen J Evans, Parish Clerk** **Long Bredy & Kingston Russell**

Tel: 01308482647



Long Bredy community page! Following on from its launch information in March BVN we are pleased to report that it is being well used. On the page we would like to encourage you to share events, pictures, history, memories and engage in positive conversations about the beautiful village we're all part of. You are also welcome to use the page for lost and found, and for sale or wanted items. The page is "closed" so only members can see what is being written.

If you would like to join the page then search for "Long Bredy Community page", click join and answer a couple of questions, that simple! If you aren't on Facebook but would like something put on the page then please email me the details and I'll add it on - charlottekinghorn@hotmail.co.uk

Looking for a highly efficient and responsible person to clean holiday let (sleeps six). Must be available to work two days a week, Monday and Friday mornings.

Please contact harriet.sykes@btinternet.com



Benefits Advice Session at Age UK Shop, Bridport



... an initiative by Dorset Welfare Benefits Partnership

Age UK Dorchester and Dorset County Council's Welfare Benefits Team are working together to help older Bridport residents to maximise their benefits entitlements.

Advice sessions will be held on the **first Wednesday** in each month, between 9.30am and 12.00 at Age UK Shop, Bridport, and will be **strictly by appointment**.

To make an appointment, please contact our Bridport Shop on **01308 424859** or at 16 West Street, Bridport DT6 3QP

DIARY, APRIL 2019

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Tues	2	10.00	Police Surgery	Burton Library
Wed	3	19.30	Burton Parish Council meeting	Burton Reading Room
Thurs	4	14.00–15.00 15.00–16.00 19.30 20.00	Tea and Chat Digital Champion On-Line Shopping Session Friends of Burton Library AGM Litton Films—The Wife	Portesham Surgery Burton Library Burton Village Hall Litton Cheney Hall
Sat	6	10.00 10..00–17.00	Long Bredy Village Spring Clean Sun Glasses Event and Wood Turning	Long Bredy Village Hall Puncknowle Village Hall
Wed	10	10.15–12.00 19.00	Lego Session Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Burton Library St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock
Thurs	11	19.30 18.00	Annual Parochial Church Meeting Annual Parochial Church Meeting	St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney Bridehead, Little Bredy
Fri	12	10.00 12.30–14.00 14.15 19.30	Puncknowle Art Group Little Bredy Frugal Lunch Tots and Prams Burton Village Society talk by Jane Ferentzi-Sheppard	Puncknowle Village Hall Bridehead, Little Bredy St Marys Church, Burton Bradstock Burton Village Hall
Sat	13	10.00 11.00 10.30	Burton Village Clean-up Day Shipton Village Clean-up Day Second Saturday Coffee Break	Meet at Burton Reading Room Outside the New Inn Long Bredy Village Hall
Mon	15	19.30	Bride Valley Gardening Club AGM and talk by Cyril Whitlock	Puncknowle Village Hall
Wed	17	10.00–12.00	Coffee Stop organised by the Bowls Club	Burton Village Hall
Thurs	25	19.30	Budapest Café Orchestra	Burton Village Hall
Fri	26	10.00 19.30	Puncknowle Art Group Burton Bradstock Films—The First Man	Puncknowle Village Hall Burton Village Hall
Fri	27	19.30	Spring Fish and Chip Quiz	Burton Village Hall
Mon	29	18.30 for 19.00	British Legion Social Event	Bridport and West Dorset Golf Club
Tues	30	19.30	Annual Parish Assembly Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington	Puncknowle Hall

SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES APRIL 2019



	1 st Sunday 7 April 5 th Sunday of Lent	2 nd Sunday 14 April Palm Sunday	3 rd Sunday 21 April Easter Day	4 th Sunday 28 April 2 nd Sunday of Easter
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion SL 10.30 Songs of Praise AW	11.00 Holy Communion ET 6.30 Evening Prayer JW	11.00 Holy Communion Bishop Karen	8.00 Holy Communion RR 9.30 Family Service with baptism RR
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion SL	9.30 Morning Prayer JW	9.30 Holy Communion with baptism ET	5.30 Evensong JW
Swyre	6.30 Evening Prayer MR	11.00 Holy Communion by ext YB	6.30 Evening Holy Communion SL	9.30 Morning Worship JW
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion RR	5.00 Evening Prayer YB	11.00 All age Holy Communion ET	9.30 Family Service MR
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship YB	9.30 Holy Communion ET	9.30 Holy Communion Bishop Karen	9.30 Morning Prayer SL
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion RR		9.30 Holy Communion RR	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion by ext MR	11.00 Holy Communion RR	11.00 Holy Communion SL