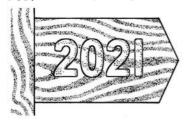
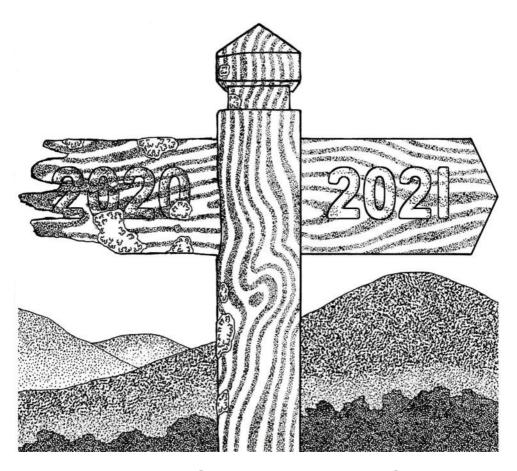
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BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE

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

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

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

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



Calls cannot be taken at weekends.



FROM THE RECTORY

Happy New Year 2021!

Like many of you, I'm sure, I remember opening a new diary and starting off last year with lots of plans; where I was going for my holiday, it was all booked, but of course it didn't happen. Who I was going to make an effort to spend more time with and who to visit and what activities I would like to begin afresh. In February, as part of our Wedding Festival, we met with several couples who were planning to get married later in the year, sadly most didn't then take place.

As a church family we met and talked about my first six months here and what we'd learned and how we were all going to take things forward. Some of those changes we had planned we thought were going to be amazing. Ultimately though, due to the pandemic, not a lot of what was planned was able to go ahead. In March, all our churches were closed, an unprecedented event. No-one could remember this ever happening before. It was all incredibly disappointing.

By the end of 2020 I have realised that despite feeling out of control of so much we had planned there was still so very much to be grateful for. Events were often completely different from what we had initially put in place: but in lots of ways these were almost always better than we originally thought they'd be. Just recently our Advent and Christmas arrangements have had to be so different, but in a way, these have been refreshing, certainly the way that whole communities have taken part in the Advent Window Projects was so much better than we could have anticipated. Thank you everyone.

Throughout our lives there are times when things don't go as planned, when there are disappointments. Sometimes looking back though, we can often identify that change was necessary and some of the things that have happened may enrich our lives for the future. Communities working better together, the environmental improvements, the way we take less things for granted and realise life can be much simpler. Of course, none of this diminishes the devastating effect that Covid-19 has had on bereaved families and those who have lost their jobs and income as a result of ongoing restrictions. Our prayers are with you all and also with the scientists and healthcare systems working hard at developing and delivering vaccination programmes across the whole world.

As we begin to journey into a New Year and through the Epiphany season, there are fresh signs of hope. May we all remember the radiance of God's presence with us at Christmas. Just as the Magi, those wise men were reassured by the guiding of a star, my prayer is that our churches will continue to be welcoming and sensitive to all who are looking for meaning and purpose in an ever changing world.

With every blessing,

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley Churches)

Christmas Greetings in the Bride Valley News

Thank You!

The Bride Valley News team would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to the Christmas Greetings page in the December issue. The magnificent total of £1,060 was raised, and £560 has been gratefully received by the Cupboard Love Food Bank in Bridport and the remainder to support the costs of printing the Bride Valley News.

Liz Orza

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

1st December 2020 Siegfried Kopp St Mary's Church Puncknowle

11th December 2020 Barbara Willy St Martin's Shipton Gorge

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



THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



December 2020

Things continue to be difficult for our book group but at least Dorset Library Service has resumed our regular supply of the books we chose all those months ago - Pre Covid.

We had intended to meet for lunch after the end of Lockdown2 at The Crown in Puncknowle and had provisionally booked separate tables for Wednesday 9th. Of course we then found ourselves to be in Tier 2 so the rules did not allow multiple households to meet inside.

Our book for November was "A Gentleman from Moscow" by the American author Amor Towles. The story follows a distinguished aristocrat who finds himself under house arrest on the wrong side of the Russian Revolution. However in his case the 'house arrest' turns out to be a cramped space in the servants quarters of a very swanky hotel in St Petersburg.

Over the course of years he exercises wit, charm and intellectual cunning to achieve all kinds of things; becoming a surrogate father, acting as a mentor, working as a waiter - and - eventually masterminding his escape to a kind of exile.

From the feedback received so far most of us found it an engaging read with a definite upbeat feelgood factor - so much needed at the present time.

Our December book is Michele Obama's "Becoming". Who knows when we will be able to actually meet in person to exchange views on this?

On behalf of the book group I would like to extend our good wishes for a safe Christmas and a healthy New Year to all recipients of the BVN. Hopefully 2021 will be a better year!

Liz Pinfield



Bride Valley WI



Another Lock Down completed and now Tier 2 restrictions—what next we ask? Still unable to meet in person so WI meetings are still Zoomed.



Our November meeting was very successful with most of our members having a go at making a Christmas snowman decoration. A big thankyou to Eve for demonstrating to us the various processes and to the committee for putting together and delivering the necessary equipment safely to our doors. Everyone had a go and some excellent Snowmen were made with some members making a second one after the meeting. Who knew Christmas socks could be used in such a way!!!!!

At our next meeting on 17th December we are continuing our Christmas craft theme and making Christmas crackers. Eve will again demonstrate and talk us through the process. Watch out for pictures in the February report!! An evening of laughter, good conversation and Christmas jumpers!!!



It's so good to catch up with each other even if it has to be on a screen—we are all getting rather good at it even ensuring that we are Unmuted before we start!!!!

We are hoping to start a winter walk programme soon — socially distanced of-course and in the correct numbers according to government guidelines!!!

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

Our Night Sky in January 2021

Saturn and Jupiter will be setting shortly after Sunset, but if you have the magazine in time, do look out for the conjunction of these two planets on 21 December, which will make them look like one bright star, appropriately enough timed for the Christmas star of old! Look for them about 40 minutes after Sunset. They will be very close to each other either side of the 21st. Mars is visible in the eastern sky soon after Sunset and continues to be the brightest planet during the night; its reddish colour is quite distinctive.

You might just catch Venus rising in the south east at 07.30am just before Sunrise, but she will be lost in the twilight soon after. Meanwhile, enjoy the full glory of the winter stars, dominated by Orion throughout the night. Binoculars will give you a real treat, especially if you look at Sirius sparkling like a diamond with all the colours of the rainbow. Who needs diamonds when you can see one for free?!

I wonder how many of you have seen the International Space Station (ISS) gliding silently overhead like a brilliant, non-twinkling star, to vanish in Earth's shadow after a few minutes. It is the largest artificial object in space and the largest satellite in low Earth orbit, regularly visible to the <u>naked eye</u> from Earth's surface. It maintains an orbit with an average altitude of 400 kilometres (250 miles), and circles the Earth in roughly 93 minutes at 17,000 mph, completing 15.5 orbits per day. The first ISS component was launched in 1998, and the <u>first long-term residents</u> arrived on 2 November 2000. The station has since been continuously occupied for over 20 years, the longest continuous human presence in low Earth orbit, and it presently accommodates 5 men and two women from various nationalities.

You can sign up to "Spot the Station" web site, where you will be asked for your location and email address. You will then be notified of the exact time the ISS will be visible here, where to look, and for how long it will be visible, anywhere from 2 to 4 minutes. It is usually visible here over a number of days, and then not for perhaps a month or so, but you will be told on the days when it is visible.

So next time you see it, spare a thought for the occupants, and wish them God Speed as they circle their home planet. It is an awe-inspiring sight.

Bill Turnill

Allotment Diaries

In 2018 a number of Burton Bradstock allotment holders took part in an **allotment diary project.** This was set up by academics from The University of Sheffield's Department of Animal and Plant Sciences and Institute for Sustainable Food.

Across England and Wales 163 volunteers kept a year-long diary as part of a citizen science project to investigate activities on allotment gardens.

Participants were asked to record details of each visit to their plot and to record the weather, time spent, mode of transport, whether we had watered and source of water. The latter is very tricky at times at the Southover Allotments as we are reliant on pumping water from the river or simply throwing in a bucket!

(Thanks must go to Bryan for diligently maintaining and repairing the pump on numerous occasions throughout the growing season).

Also recorded was the use of compost, manure, topsoil, pest/weed control and fertilisers, and the use of any power tools.

Of course the main reason for having an allotment is to grow produce so the next section was planting and harvesting and other gardening activities such as weeding- always plenty of those!

Next any wildlife observed both good and bad, so cabbage white butterflies and marauding pigeons as well as our friendly robin or the swallows and swifts sitting on the power lines like musical notes.

Finally there was a Notes section where you were free to make any other observations and from this section there has been an unexpected and very interesting outcome resulting in a whole other study based just on the Notes.

This study was published on 2nd Nov 2020 in the British Food Journal and can be read by clicking https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/sustainable-food/news/diary-project-shows-wellbeing-benefits-allotment-gardening, In a press release Miriam Dobson lead author and researcher said that through these unprompted comments it has become clear "that allotments provide their tenants with a huge spectrum of benefits beyond fruit and vegetables. Mental and physical health, community resilience, social connection, experiencing nature and a culture of sharing knowledge and produce being just some of the co-benefits".

The fact that this part of the study has been published during these difficult times of Covid19 highlights the benefits to health and wellbeing that gardening and 'growing our own' can have.

We are eagerly awaiting the publication of the main study which should prove to be equally interesting.

Gill Perkins



News from Portesham Surgery

We are all excited to hear that there is real progress on a Covid vaccine and that this should improve the quality of life for all of us. Everything is progressing

rapidly so by the time you read this we will probably know more but in the meantime we will keep our website up to date with the latest information so do check www.porteshamsurgery.co.uk regularly, or look on www.gov.uk.

We know that you, like us, are struggling with the confines imposed upon us all due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- The Pfizer/BioNTech has now been approved by the British regulator (Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency) as safe to be used.
- Due to issues about having to store the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine at very low temperatures, it is going to be delivered to 50 hospitals first, in areas where there is a large population group of eligible patients (care home patients and staff, frontline healthcare workers and those aged over 80).
- The 2 other Covid vaccines that are in development have not yet been licensed to be used on patients in the UK – but we are expecting them to be licensed very soon.
- It appears that those eligible for the vaccine will need to have two Covid-19 vaccines for them to be most effective
- There will be some large vaccination centres and some mobile units to deliver and administer the vaccines. We do not know yet what there will be in our area.
- Many thousands of people have volunteered to be part of the project to organise and administer these vaccines which is really encouraging.

- The expectation is that the vaccinations will not start for most people until 2021 and it will take some time to vaccinate everyone who is eligible.
- Please don't ring us to find out the latest information as our phone lines are so busy and this may stop an urgent call from getting through. We will contact each group of eligible patients as soon as we have the vaccines locally and clinics set up.
- So that we can contact you quickly, please make sure we have your up to date mobile number or email address.

Email <u>Portesham.reception@dorsetgp.nhs.uk</u> if you need to update your contact details.

Meanwhile, we all need to keep to the advice of handwashing, face masks and social distancing but we all look forward to the time when we will return to life as normal.



Other News from Portesham Surgery:

We are pleased to announce our new Social Prescribing Service

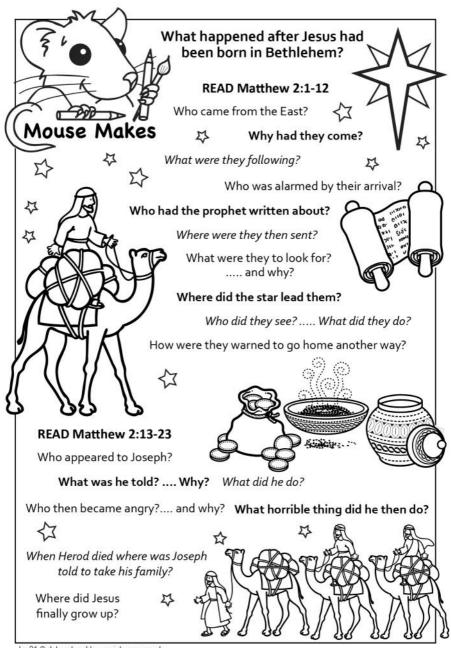
Sometimes we all may need a little help that your GP cannot support you with, and that does not require a prescription for medication. You may want to increase your social circle, or have barriers removed that stop you from doing what you want or like to do. You may have a long term condition that you would like assistance to manage, or you might want to find a local support group. You may need help seeking housing advice / benefits or assistance with improving your chances of finding employment.

Social Prescribing may be able to help you.

Social Prescribing is a non-clinical approach focusing on what matters most to you and recognising how "life situations" can impact on your health and wellbeing. Your Social Prescribing Lead will actively work alongside you to offer a menu of community activities and support services to help you make those positive changes.

If you would like more information, please ask your GP or surgery team to refer you, visit our social prescribing page on our website <u>porteshamsurgery.co.uk/Information and advice</u>, or email the social Prescribing team on <u>portesham.socialprescribing@dorsetgp.nhs.uk</u>.





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THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL

The children and staff celebrated the end of term with a fantastic range of 4 Christmas plays. As well as a wonderful traditional nativity, KS1 performed a range of Christmas songs and carols. KS2 split up and recorded a modern version of Scrooge - in which a teacher lost their Christmas spirit! I am assured that the grumpy humbug displayed by the curmudgeonly headmaster was an entirely fictitious creation and characters portrayed in the film bore no resemblance to figures from real life! Lastly, the eldest pupils performed "Bombs and Blackberries" - a play about Christmas during WW2 which they cappedmarvellously with a performance of Stille Nacht. Well done to all - actors, producers and camera crew! We were very glad to be able to share the productions electronically with parents but we do look forward with some hope that real audiences can return later this school year.

Much this year has needed changing and alterations to almost all aspects of school life have been necessary but it was lovely to see the children enjoy their traditional Christmas lunch in the last week of term. As well as crackers and hats from the TSA, staff worked really hard to ferry over 50 Christmas dinners from LATCH to those children who currently have to eat in their classrooms. Many thanks to local food links and everyone who pitched in to make sure the children got their turkey, pigs-in-blankets and of course their brussel sprouts!

Thanks also to the TSA for enabling us 'to go to The Ball' (virtually) with the purchase of tickets for an online performance of Cinderella which the children enjoyed with popcorn.

As well as starting the new year with the traditional set of personal resolutions we also hope to set out in school a shared set of COVID aspirations for the coming year as we move towards spring and hopefully more freedoms being restored for the children. Crucial to this will be working with the children on the values we wish to develop in our school.

To support this aim, we have been fortunate to receive notification from the Thorner's Charity that the terms of Robert Thorner's will of 1690 (which established our school) remain binding and that we are to receive a small increase in our bequest which will be put towards this work and in particular the creation of awards for pupils throughout the school who have embodied our key values of hope, love, truth, forgiveness and lastly endurance - a quality I'm sure we have all sought to draw upon in the past year!

MSitch Headteacher



Burton Bradstock CE School



As I write this report in December the children are almost bursting with excitement in the run-up to Christmas. Despite some events not taking place or having to be amended, due to the restrictions, the children's joy is still as abundant as ever as they retell the daily exploits of their naughty elves at home, share their lists for Father Christmas and describe their plans for the festive period.

We have also welcomed new opportunities this Christmas, such as taking part in the village Advent Window display from the 1st December. As the children describe their wishes for 2021 so many hope 'that Covid goes away', a hope that resonates around the world.

As we approach a new year and a new term, plans are in place for new cross-curricular topics.

In our Early Years, 'Winter Wonderland' will encourage the children to explore the changes that happen in Winter.

In Key Stage 1, their topic 'Bright Lights, Big City' will see the children finding out about the physical and human features of the United Kingdom, with a focus on the city of London.

Lower Key Stage 2's project, 'Gods and Mortals' has a history focus where the children will be finding out about Ancient Greek civilisation.

Finally, the children in Upper Key Stage 2 will be learning about the ancient Mayan civilisation with their topic 'Hola Mexico!'. So much exciting learning to look forward to.

We are also looking forward to welcoming two more children into our pre-school in the Spring term. I am sure that they will enjoy the fun and flourish in the nurturing environment with Mrs Proudfoot. It has been lovely to see the awe and wonder as the children have experienced new learning this term – including watching caterpillars emerge as butterflies, baking yummy treats and learning about the emergency services! To book a place at pre-school for your child, please contact the school office.

On the fundraising front, we have been unable to organise the usual events this term, such as the Christmas Fair or the pub quiz organised by the Three Horseshoes.

However, we are extremely grateful for everyone's contributions towards the Christmas Raffle, which is looking like it will be bigger and better than in previous years. We would like to thank the village and local community for supporting the school during this time. The funds raised will enable the school to improve their IT resources. We have nearly reached our target of purchasing a class supply of 30 Chromebooks (we have 23 at the moment!)

A final thank you...

As 2020 draws to a close, I would like to express thanks on behalf of staff, the Governors and myself for the wonderful support that the school receives. The staff and children of the school wish you a very happy, healthy and safe 2021!

Claire Staple Headteacher





Bridport Museum reopens in time for Christmas!

From Tuesday 8 December Bridport Museum will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10-1pm, and Fridays from 10-4pm. It's the perfect place to pick up some unique and unusual Christmas gifts and stocking fillers.

For those searching for gifts, the volunteers have been busy crafting, cottage industry-style. The Museum shop is the sole stockist of beautifully hand-crafted bags, coasters and bowls, all reflecting the town's rope and net heritage. Available in a variety of colours and sizes, each gift is unique, made by hand and created in Bridport.

To reflect the museum's collection, there are Jurassic stocking fillers: ammonites, orthoceras and gemstone key rings. Budding archaeologists can hone their discovery skills with dig your own fossil kits and dinosaur skeletons to assemble. There are also traditional toys such as wooden

yo-yos, catch-cups and swords.

The Museum ropemakers have designed and produced rope people magnets and monkey's fist keyrings. There even have 'make your own' key-ring kits to give you the satisfaction and pleasure of producing a personal gift – or to keep for yourself.

The Museum's best-selling twine and yarn collection cover all sorts of purposes – gifting a gardener with useful balls of coloured twine, or using the multi-coloured candy twist twine as an ethical wrapping choice to brighten up presents and parcels.

Take a break from online shopping. Have a fresh air stroll into your local museum shop and browse: you'll be surprised at what's right on your doorstep. Every purchase supports the Museum's work as a charity.

To find out more about your visit, please visit the website www.bridportmuseum.co.uk or follow @bridportmuseum on Twitter and @bridport_museum on Instagram.

LITTON CHENEY

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St. Mary's Church

On Sunday 31st January the United Valley Benefice Service will be held at LATCH at 11.00 am. All are welcome but numbers will be limited in line with Covid

restrictions.

A wonderful display of "Advent Windows" were seen around the village, which really brightened up the December evenings and made the Christmas story come to life. Very many thanks to all those who have taken part, those who donated to Crisis, and to Hannah Bunting who took on the organisation. Thanks also to those who have sponsored the floodlighting of the Church over the Christmas period.

Our voices heard far away:

An old friend who lives in a remote part of northwest Scotland heard about the choral hymn recordings made by some of our choir members recently. She asked whether she might have some CDs to use at her church as they rarely have an organist, and cannot sing under the current restrictions. With Paul's agreement CDs were sent to her and they are now being used at Saint Maelrubha's Church in Poolewe. The Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness, who is also Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, took a service at that church during December so he will have heard our voices too!

Litton Cheney Parish Council:

The next virtual meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 14 January 2021 at 7.30 pm. Instructions on how you can join the meeting will be given on the agenda which will be found on the village website and village notice board several days before the meeting. At that meeting it is hoped to introduce a new councillor who has been co-opted onto the Parish Council, bringing the council up to its full complement of seven.

Village Ex-Telephone Kiosk

The village now has ownership of its former telephone kiosk, and will shortly be putting into place measures that will signal its new identity currently under consideration.

Our thanks to Beverly Dennis and Liz Pinfield who have gamely volunteered to take on this project and make it happen. Various ideas have been put forward over time as to what use the kiosk might be put to, and Beverly and Liz will consider the pros and cons of each one before coming to a conclusion. Watch this space!

<u>Litton Cheney Parish Council wishes everyone in the Bride Valley a</u> Happy New Year, hoping that this time around it really is!

Census 2021

There will be a National Census held on Sunday 21st March 2021, more

LATCH

details for which will be made available over the coming months.

Litton and Thorner's Community Hall - LATCH

The hall continues to be open, though at the moment it is primarily used by Thorner's School on a daily basis during term time.

There are two Yoga sessions booked on Sundays in January – the first on Sunday morning 3rd and the second in the afternoon of Sunday 31st. If you are interested in joining either of these sessions, contact Nadiya Wynn on 07800 712998.

Also on Sunday 31st there will be a United Valley Service at 11.00 am in the main hall. All are welcome, though numbers will be limited due to Covid restrictions.

Bride Valley Films at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall.

We decided to delay any new film dates until the new year; and hopefully we will be able to resume very soon. We will try to ascertain what films people might have seen during Lockdown etc. so we can then confirm titles. Coming soon!

Seeing the Wood for the Trees

In November 2019 Dorset Council declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency, acknowledging that the Council must act on the causes and impacts of climate change. As well as being a national and global issue,

local communities can also play an important part.

One way is through planting more trees and hedging in our village. The Woodland Trust is offering free packs of trees to local communities. Thorners School is leading the way by planting more trees and laying hedging in The Discovery Area and the playing field. Smaller 'Urban Packs' are also available for people to plant in residential areas for the benefit of the whole community.

For more information on the packs, please look at The Woodland Trust website.

https://www.woodlandtrust.org.

Here are two more, free trees projects that people can be involved in.

- Free 3-yr-old oak saplings available for free for community planting, raised by a group of people who rescued them when they were surplus at a tree nursery.
- 2. Everyone can take part in a national micro-nursery raising native trees from seed at home you don't need a garden, a windowsill is fine.

The info is here:

https://fellowshipofthetrees.org/current-projects/

When hopefully things return to normal later this year, there will be a Village Cafe to share ideas and responses to the Climate and Ecology Emergency, with local solutions to care for the climate and restore the natural environment.

Litton Cheney Social Committee

Despite the weather we managed to erect, and decorate the tree with 600 twinkling bulbs.



Many thanks to John Salvetti, Neil and Jillie Blincrow and Pete Collis for their time and help.

We in turn thank the Litton Cheney Social Committee for providing the village Christmas tree every year, and to those who decorate and maintain the tree often in somewhat inclement weather.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to All from the SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Covid – Assistance is Available – You have only to say

Nowhere has it been more apparent that a tremendous community spirit exists in the Bride Valley than during Covid-19. Local residents requiring any form of assistance have been instantly attended to by willing neighbours, and other residents who perhaps up until that moment had been strangers.

We know that willingness to help continues to this day, and it may well be required as we head into winter, so the message to everyone is quite simply – if you need assistance, you have only to say. You can do that via the village website, village FB page or by calling one of the numbers on the PC letter found on notice boards and website or by contacting a neighbour.

As we enter 2021 we know that the worst is not yet over and we must remain as vigilant as ever. We do however remain hopeful that better times lie ahead but in the meantime, take care, stay safe and be mindful of others.



Christmas and New Year at The White Horse

Not quite knowing when the BVN will appear – before or after Christmas - we hope everyone has or had a lovely Christmas in these difficult circumstances.

In these times of uncertainty and currently being in Tier 2 we are unable to give you any news of what's planned for January as it all depends on what No10 has to say on the 16th December and whether or not they put us into Lockdown in January and February.

We will keep you posted as soon as we know what's happening via our Facebook page and the blackboards out the front.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Andy & Liz

Grateful thanks to Andy & Liz for going several extra miles for the benefit of the village over these torrid times. Christmas and New Year greetings to you both!



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St Michael and All Angels

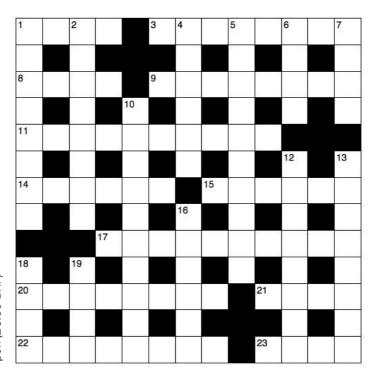
Well, the national news in December gives some hope that on the coronavirus front the light at the end of the tunnel may no longer be that of an approaching train.

Let us hope that the long-heralded vaccination programme will affect us all for the good in the not too distant future, and that 2021 will see a resumption of the neighbourly fellowship and hospitality which for so long has seemed a thing of the past.

One change in Littlebredy is that we have said farewell to Richard Wakely, who vacated No. 1 River View Cottage at the end of December, after more than 30 years in the village, these latter few as a widower following the tragic passing of Amanda. They raised their family here and it will seem the end of an era. We wish him well in the future.

A VERY HAPPY, TRANSFORMATIVE AND FULFILLING 2021 TO EVERYONE IN, OR CONNECTED WITH, LITTLEBREDY IN ANY WAY.

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CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
- 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
- 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
- 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2-4) (8)
- 11 Loyally (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
- 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
- 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
- 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
- 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
- 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
- For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
- 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

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- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a -- (3,2,3)
- 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
- 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
- 5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
- 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
- 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
- 10 One of Graham Kendrick's bestknown songs, — King (3,7)
- 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
- 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
- 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
- 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
- 19 Pans (anag.) (4)

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SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Floodlight Sponsors

Who would have thought that this time last year, life could be so different? The year 2020 will certainly never be forgotten.

Hopefully, we can now, look ahead to 2021 with more optimism and appreciate all the things that we have always taken so much for granted.

Whilst the church building has been quiet for many months the floodlights have been shining throughout, thanks to our most generous sponsors.

Our January Sponsors are:

Doreen for all those Shipton Gorge birthdays in January .

Kate Kent for Joshua Kent's birthday

Harry and Lily Myers for their daughter Beverley

Ann Crowe in memory of her mum & dad, both departed a year ago.

Diane & John Bredemere

Verity Grisedale in memory of her mum

Hilary & Richard for their Wedding Anniversary on the 29th.

In loving memory of Gary Warren for his birthday on the 18th

Jo Boughton-White for her Mum Mary's birthday on the 3rd and her late Poppa, Arthur Boughton on the 16th Should you wish to sponsor the floodlights for any of the months ahead, for a memory or a special occasion, Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or if you are passing push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box.

A suggested donation of £5 is much appreciated (Please check the cut- off date on the inside page of the BVN if you would like your occasion mentioned in the magazine.)

Happy New Year

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST 'RIDE AND STRIDE'

This event took place on a hot Saturday in September 2020, and I visited seven churches in and around Bridport. My generous sponsors raised £455, and this will be divided between the Trust and St. Martin's church. Thank you so much everyone, and well done!

Janet Lane

SG 100 CLUB December 2020 Xmas Draw

1st £100 No 146 Lucy Dunstan Beasley

2nd £25 No 116 Val Dalton

3rd £20 No 126 Ann Jones

4th £15 No 123 David Greasby

5th £10 No 54 Robert Bradshaw

Congratulations to all the winners. Graham Garner

HELP

Further to last month's item asking for a volunteer/volunteers to take over the monthly task of being the Village Correspondent from Barbara who is hanging up her pen/computer for pastures new, our plea has not resulted in anyone even asking Barbara for details of what she does on a monthly basis.

It takes no more than two hours per month to check, collate and send to the Editor and I'm sure is a valuable help when it comes to advertising events in the village and keeping people up to date with events in the village.

Two or more people could job-share and it's working from home!!!!

Please do think about it and speak to Barbara.

LONG BREDY

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LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

November 2020 Draw

£30	no.73	D & R Cullingford
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£15 no.39 C Williams £5 no.142 D Andrews

Drawn on 27/11/202

At 11, The Gardens By Charlotte, Dave & Ruth

" Come Along Inn"

The Long Bredy monthly social / pop up pub.

Just to say hello to all our valued supporters and assure you all we are here ready and waiting to get the show on the road again when circumstances permit.

We would like to announce that in keeping with our constitution, where any surplus funds as a result of our activities will be distributed to charity, we are able to make some donations.

Despite Covid 19 curtailing our regular evenings and it being our first year we are left able to make substantial donations. So the following charities will be receiving £350 each.

- 1) Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance public funded service offering an air and road delivered critical care capability.
- 2) Dorset Mind supporting local people with mental health challenges.
- 3) Bridport Foodbank "Cupboard Love" supporting people who find themselves in need of emergency food supplies

These are our chosen charities for this year and obviously will vary in the future depending on circumstances and priorities. We feel despite unpredicted obstructions this is a wonderful effort and a huge thank you must go to all that have been involved.

Wishing everybody a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and above all "Stay Safe"

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Coffee Break

Although we had very few coffee mornings at the beginning of 2020, we have a residue of £300.00 after expenses. As we have had to cancel all the usual village fund-raising activities, the money will be shared equally between the Village Hall, Playing Field and St. Peter's church.

Thank you to everyone who made contributions at the coffee breaks we had; we hope they will re-commence sometime in 2021!

Village Advent Calendar

Thank you to everyone who contributed a window for the above. The effort and hard work was appreciated and enjoyed by many residents in the village.



BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Church

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Activity

At time of submitting this report the Hall has re-opened for permitted activities, such as exercise related activities, however when specific activities re-start is entirely up to the organiser and many have chosen to wait until the covid-19 situation improves. The Hall Trust has promised to protect regular user "slots" until Easter. We sincerely hope that by Easter some kind of normality is beginning to resume for Village activities, which play such a big part of normal Village life.

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

Film nights

Given current restrictions, the Trust has decided to delay all film night showings until after Easter in 2021, keep looking in the BVN for updated information. We hope to start with the films we planned to show this year.

Coffee Mornings

The Village Hall Trust successfully held its first Covid-19 secure coffee morning for Village residents in October. November and December were cancelled due to revised restrictions.

It is hoped to restart the Covid-19 secure "Village Resident Only" coffee mornings on Jan 20th run by the Village Hall Trust dedicated team. As usual, for the first event of the year Val's bacon rolls will be on the menu. Needless to say, this will be dependent on Government regulations at the time allowing it.

The Hall currently has the equipment to sanitise and check temperatures on entry and clean all equipment to be used (the new coffee tables are plastic topped for ease of cleaning). There will be table only service by volunteers, control of numbers in the Hall, no moving around the Hall and face coverings to be worn except when eating or drinking for it to be able to proceed. The Trust is keen to give Villagers the opportunity to attend if they feel it appropriate to do so.

For those with the Covid-19 app on their phone, the QR code for the Hall is displayed in several locations.

Richard Ferre

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club"

December 2020 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£71.20	No 156	Mr Tony Smith
2nd	£35.60	No 29	Mr Jim Thorpe
3rd	£17.80	No 67	Mrs Audrey Hayward

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the 2021 draws should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £12 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

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FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY (FBBL)

The Library Christmas card has become a firm favorite in the village, and we give our thanks to James Webster for his generous donation. This year with the restictions imposed by covid-19, the original painting will be won by one of the "Friends" of the Library. A big thank you also goes to John and Christine Lewis and Sandy Adderley for their imaginative decorations.

Opening hours

The library will reopen after the Christmas and New Year break on Wednesday 6th January 2021, and from then onward (subject to any new Government restrictions) the Library will be **OPEN** to browse and take out books, jigsaws, DVDs and obtain photocopying every Wednesday morning, from 9.30am – 12.30pm.

The library porch is open to collect pre-ordered reservations and drop off books ONLY, on Saturday afternoons 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Contact information:

T: 01308 897563; E: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk;

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library W: www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

Rosemary Daniels (On behalf of FBBL Trustees)

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancies on the Council

There are 2 vacancies on the Council. The PC meets on the first Wednesday of every month except August, currently via zoom. New Councillors would be welcomed to help promote the community projects that the Parish Council supports.

Please contact the Clerk for further information or sign in at the next meeting.

Traffic Calming

The Council are working on traffic calming measures for the village and hope to have costings for village gateways for the January meeting.

Draft Parish Plan review consultation extension

The Parish Council are extending the consultation period for the Parish Plan to the End of January 2021 - have a look at the draft Parish Plan and provide comments details can be found on the PC website.

Corncrake Consultation

The Parish Council have been consulting on the draft Corncrake Management plan this can be found on the PC website.

Budget and Precept

The Council have considered the budget and precept for 2021-22 and agreed not to increase the precept for the village this coming financial year

Your issues

If you would like to attend or raise issues of community concern at a future Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk or any Councillor. Contact details are on the PC website.

Resignation of the Clerk

The Council are seeking a new Clerk following the resignation of the Clerk Michele Harding, the Council would like to thank Michele for the 7 years she has been in post and wish her well for the future.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 7^{th} January 2021- 7.30pm via zoom, unless the guidance changes the PC will continue with Zoom meetings, see the PC website for full meeting details at least 3 clear days prior to the meeting. All welcome!

All the information and supporting documents for meetings are available on the Parish Council website prior to meetings

burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org/

We will aim to continue meeting on the dates publicised being the first Wednesday of each month except August and include any meetings to consider planning items.

To contact the Council please email the Clerk: theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

Website: www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

https://www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockparishcouncil



Burton Bradstock WI



First of all, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and hope the year ahead will be better and easier than the last. Let's hope that things are able to get back to some sort of normal soon and we can all pick up where we left off before Covid 19 took hold. It seems hard to think that this time last year we had no idea what lay ahead but hopefully we all managed to get through the year safely and successfully.

Hopefully too, everyone managed to have a good Christmas and succeeded in getting together with their families if they wished to do so, or had a peaceful and enjoyable time by themselves.

The WI have obviously missed doing all our usual Christmassy Activities, but one thing we did manage was to collect an amazing number of contributions for the Cupboard Love Food Bank in Bridport – more important than ever this time around!

Well, looking back, our plans for last year, like everyone else's, did not really materialise but we are determined to make a fresh start this year!

We have managed to rebook most of our speakers so I'm sure they will be waiting and raring to go as soon as we get the word that we can start our meetings again – although I think the first one will be a big celebration and catch up (probably still socially distanced and with no hugging allowed!)

Nevertheless that will definitely be something to look forward to and we can certainly dream of the day when we can all reunite!

In the meantime.....we are going to try our best to keep our regular yearly activities going—starting with our photographic competition!

This is held every year at our January meeting and we always have a good number of entries. The theme for this year was set by the winner after last year's competition and the title is "Reflections".

Fingers crossed that members have remembered to take lots of photos, especially when out and about on their daily exercise walks during lockdown - there might even be some "reflections" on the situation over the past year!?

When we have collected all the entries they will be displayed in the windows of the Village Hall, so look out for them sometime during this month. We will publish the winning entry in next month's Bride Valley News.

Hopefully by then Covid will finally be diminishing and we will have more idea of when we can all get back together.

In the meantime, keep safe and well.

Happy New Year

Janet Pearson





Bikes for Africa

Prodigal Bikes is a charity based near Crewkerne that collects bikes that people

no longer need, refurbishes them and sends them to Africa.

Once there, they are distributed for use by schoolchildren and teachers to get to school and also for access to healthcare. More information about the charity can be found on their website (prodigalbikes.co.uk).

So, if you have a bike you no longer need that may be suitable for adults or children over eight to ride off-road



and you would like to donate it, please contact a local volunteer, Steve Carden, on 07811-453089 or steve.r.carden@gmail.com. He will then come and collect it at a time to suit you. It really will make a difference.

Prodigal Bikes is a charity that brings hope and changes lives in both Africa and the UK.

Why Prodigal Bikes? In the Bible, Luke Ch. 15 vs 11-32 is a story Jesus told about a father who welcomes his wayward (Prodigal) son back into his family, giving him a second chance in life.

In the UK we refurbish bikes donated to us, teaching engineering skills and giving work experience to those who need that second chance. These bikes are then shipped to Africa.

In Africa our bikes are used by patients to access healthcare, and by school children and teachers to get to schools. We also provide tools, spare parts and training to keep the bikes working.

Please browse our website to see what we do, who we help and how you can get involved.





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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

WELCOME TO OUR REGULAR SERVICES IN ST MARY'S

January 2021

First Sunday Holy Communion 9.30am
Second Sunday Evening Prayer 5pm
Third Sunday All Age Holy Communion 11am
Fourth Sunday Family Service 9.30am

The Church is kept closed all week to ensure that it is completely clear of any contamination by casual visitors.

All are very welcome though you will be asked to observe social distancing and to wear a facial covering.

INVITATION TO MAKE GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Council operates a S137 grant aid policy, under which certain groups may apply every year to be considered for a grant payment. The deadline for this year is 28 February 2021

For information please read the Council's Grant Award Policy which can be found on the Puncknowle.net website, or email the clerk for a copy: puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk or telephone 01308 897987.

This year PSPC is also able to consider the awarding of a grant using Community Infrastructure Levy funds. Applicants can also refer to the grant aid policy document if they wish to apply.

Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village Hall

On writing this the hall is closed due to tier 2 regulations, hopefully it won't be too long before we can start taking bookings and welcoming you all back.

The renovations are now complete, again a huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and to Gary Phillips and Eonne Sinclair from West Bexington who were our chosen contractors- they had quite a job, as with all old buildings you do one thing and it invariably uncovers other problems!

Happy new year to you all



The Crown Inn

There for the village and proudly supporting Puncknowle through lock-down with scrumptious take-away food.

Looking forward to a brighter New Year.

Open daily 12noon – 9pm – serving all day. Sunday Roasts 12noon - 7pm

Thank you to all our customers for supporting us in difficult times.

Lyn and Paul



Festive Events to Enjoy Online with Artsreach

We are thrilled to be able to share with you details of our special Christmas gift to audiences in Dorset; a series of performances available to enjoy online, from Christmas classics and comic theatre to a seasonal musical celebration with a truly Dorset twist!

These events can all be accessed by registering for a free e-ticket on the Artsreach website and will be available to view on a variety of devices.

Donations to our charity are welcomed.

View our Christmas Card here: https://online.flippingbook.com/view/609049/

A DORSET CHRISTMAS

The Ridgeway Singers and Band Online from Sun 20 Dec - Sun 3 Jan



The Ridgeway Singers and Band were created as part of a 2013 Artsreach project - 'Rooting Round the Ridgeway'. Every Christmas since, the group have performed West Gallery Carol concerts in churches and village halls across Dorset -

but sadly not this year. However, fear not! We are excited to announce that we have been working with The Ridgeway Singers and Band and Pageant Productions to capture an alternative festive offering on film that's truly inspired by Dorset!

With their roots in the South Dorset Ridgeway and inspired by the rich sources of locally collected folk songs and West Gallery carols, The Ridgeway Singers & Band led by Tim Laycock and Phil Humphries have once again tuned their fiddles and voices to present a joyous celebration of Christmas past and present for Artsreach this winter.

Traditionally sung by village choirs in English country churches from the 18th century onwards, West Gallery music's demise was brought about by changes in musical fashion and the innovations of the organ and harmonium. The accompanying musicians, usually performing from a gallery at the west end of the church, who played the fiddle, the cello and the serpent might have become no more than a footnote in history: but thanks to Thomas Hardy and his first novel, *Under the Greenwood Tree*, the carols that his grandfather and father played 'Going the Rounds', and the local traditional songs and dance tunes that they played so vigorously, have not only survived, but have been kept alive in grand style! The result is a joyful and toe-tapping musical celebration of the midwinter season.

Normally a church or village hall would accommodate the 50-strong members plus audience for the Ridgeway Singers and Band Christmas concerts; but this year, thanks to the miracles of modern technology, you can enjoy the programme in the comfort of your own home! With the aid and expertise of Pageant Productions, The Ridgeway Singers and Band have been able to tell the story of how our forebears celebrated Christmas in Dorset through music, song, story and dance, enhancing the experience with newly-filmed readings, archive photographs and other visual images from all over the county, contributed by members of the group.

The film will include works from Puddletown and Hinton St Mary manuscripts, new carols in the West Gallery tradition, and, thanks to the technical wizardy of Phil Humphries, a specially created virtual performance of 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night', as performed in Martinstown church circa 1820.

Interspersed with some sparkling instrumental pieces and midwinter stories, plus a few Ridgeway favourites, expect a heart-warming seasonal celebration of all things Dorset!

Suitable for all ages www.ridgewaysingersandband.org



Home-Start West Dorset

SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES:

HOME-START WEST DORSET PROVIDES SUPPORT TO FAMILIES ACROSS WEST DORSET, WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND



Home-Start West Dorset

Home-Start West Dorset have been there for families when they've needed support most. As part of a network of 180 Home-Starts across the country Home-Start West Dorset have adapted essential support services to continue to work with families through their team of trained volunteers – staying connected with families, providing emotional and practical support, and linking families into other community services that provide specialist services.

We have seen social distancing and isolation placing enormous strain on families and the impact of the last year is going to have a long-term impact.

Our volunteers help families with young children deal with the challenges they face. We support parents as they learn to cope, improve their confidence and build better lives for their children. Families struggling with post-natal depression, isolation, physical health problems, bereavement and many other issues receive the support of a volunteer who will spend around two hours a week in a family's home supporting them in the ways they need.

Over the duration of the pandemic Home-Start West Dorset has adapted its services to be able to offer four levels of support

- 1. Virtual support through telephone, text and video call
- Outside socially distanced face to face meetings such as going for a walk or to the park
- 3. COVID safe environments such as café or play area
- 4. Home visiting for exceptional circumstances

If you have parenting experience and 2-3 hours a week available to support a local family. Home-Start West Dorset is looking for volunteers to offer practical and emotional support to families with children under five.

All volunteers undertake 26 hours of training and are provided regular support and guidance through a dedicated member of staff including personal supervision every six weeks and ongoing training opportunities.

Helen Horsley, Manager, Home-Start West Dorset said:

"We have good and enthusiastic volunteers; they are very supportive of the families they are linked with but we are expecting more demand for a service in the coming months. Therefore we would like to recruit more volunteers so we don't have to turn any family away. I am personally very passionate about the support we give families but I know everyone who is involved in Home-Start feels the same. When a family says "I will always be grateful to my wonderful volunteer for patiently allowing me to find my confidence again and give me hope for the future", you know you are doing something right that is making a real difference." For more information contact: Helen Horsley, Manager, Home-Start West Dorset 07805 507161office@homestartwestdorset.co.uk

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