## **Bride Valley News**

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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 £2.00 per journey). Because the service depends on the availability of volunteer drivers, clients are asked to give as much notice as possible – we are unlikely to be able to respond to requests within 48 hours of an appointment.

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

To book a journey please call our voluntary co-ordinator on **07393 607025 (note new number)**between Monday and Friday.
Calls cannot be taken at weekends.



## FROM THE RECTORY

God is interested in you ...As I look out of my study window I see squirrels harvesting away, taking food to hide away for the colder weather when food will be scarce. One has an apple so large it has to be put down half way across the lawn, presumably so that the squirrel can take a breath! Nature is stunning isn't it. It's Autumn, the clocks are going to be changed back, there is less light and the leaves are losing their vibrant green colour. Other colours are emerging; brown, yellow, orange, violet and red are visible and it's an amazing drama to watch happening around us.

I wonder if you have hidden colours beneath the surface. Beautiful things about you, just hidden secretly out of view.

In the next few days why not take the time to go outside, to pick up a leaf and hold it in your hand. There are so many, different shapes and sizes, feel the texture, smell the fragrance. I think it's awesome that God pays so much loving attention to something as small and delicate as a leaf. We can only stand back and marvel at his work. Marvel at God's creativity around and about us.

The fact that the same loving and caring God pays even more attention to us is mind-blowing. The Bible tells us that we are worth more than the leaves, the trees and even the birds that sit in them.

You are fearfully and wonderfully made, the Creator God who sets the stars in the sky and the planets in motion is interested in you, longs to have a loving relationship with you. God longs to see you develop, to unravel, to see you unfold and develop into all you can be, in the same way that a leaf is beautiful and testifies to God's creation. God wants the best for you too, he wants you to live life in all it's fullness.

Our Creator God who orchestrates the seasons wants you to reach your full potential. Whatever you are going through in your life right now, one thing is certain and that is things will change. There is a season for everything. May you find the time this Autumn to give thanks for the leaves, but also find the time to reflect on how your life demonstrates the immense but subtle beauty of God's creative love, and may the gifts he has set within you come to the surface, just like the colours in those Autumn leaves. With every blessing,

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley Churches)



# Remembrance in the Bride Valley 13th November 2022

BURTON BRADSTOCK
10.45AM
SHIPTON GORGE
10AM
LITTLEBREDY
10.50 AM
SWYRE
10.50AM
LITTON CHENEY
6:30PM (CHORAL EVENSONG)

FROM THE REGISTERS September

**Baptism** 

Annabel Laing Long Bredy 4<sup>th</sup> September

#### Bride Valley First Steps Play group.

At Litton Cheney Village Hall every Thursday 9.30 - 11 (term time only) For babies and young children aged 0-4. £2.50 per session. (£1 per additional child)

Will include, messy play, soft play, baby sensory, workshops, music and movement and so much more.

No need to book just Come and get involved in some good old play! @bridevalleyfirststeps

#### Christmas Greetings in the BVN.

As in past years we are giving an opportunity to send Christmas greetings to our local friends and neighbours via the BVN. Names will appear on a dedicated page under a collective heading. Please send your name(s), as you would like it/them to appear in the list with your donation.

Cheques (made payable to **Bride Valley News, not BVN),** or cash in clearly marked envelopes, can be handed to Churchwardens, left in the Rectory porch, or with Liz Orza (2 Bindbarrow, DT6 4RG). Donations can also be paid directly into the Benefice bank account: 30-91-21, 00074071. **It is essential however, that these payments are referenced 'XG', and that your name is included.** Please ensure that your instructions are received no later than **31st October**, in order to catch the December deadline.

Money raised from donations is to be shared between The Cupboard Love Food bank and the Bride Valley News.

Sorry for missing the above information off the October issue.

#### **Ediitor**

# Burton Bradstock Community Library Serving the Bride Valley

#### Extended Opening Times

The library is now OPEN on Monday & Saturday afternoons from 2.00pm until 4.00pm, and on Wednesdays from 10.30am until 12.30pm and 2.30pm until 4.30pm.

As a Community Managed Library we offer a full library service for the Bride Valley as part of Dorset Libraries. You can browse and borrow books and jigsaws, pick up reservations, and also return books which you have borrowed from any Dorset (or Libraries West) location, all without cost using your Dorset Libraries card (membership is free).

We offer a photocopying service, free Wi-Fi, and there are two public PCs available on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Don't forget that you can use your library card to manage your account from home or mobile device, including ordering and renewing books, and there are extensive free online resources available such as e-books, e-magazines, e-comics and e-newspapers.

We are also hosting drop-in sessions run by Citizens Advice, from 12.30pm until 2.00pm, on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, these having a special focus on the present cost-of-living crisis.

All information can be found on our website: <a href="www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk">www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk</a>, and you can telephone the library during opening hours on (01308) 897563.

Thank you for your continuing support.



#### THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



#### **October Review**

This month we read **Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid,** a first novel by a young black American writer which was long listed for the Booker Prize.

Emira is a young black college graduate working as a babysitter for Briar, daughter of Alix, who has a successful social media career and her husband who is a local news anchor. When an emergency at their house means she is asked to take the child late one night to a supermarket, Emira is stopped by the shop security guard and accused of kidnapping the child. In the wake of this incident, Alix sets out to make a project of Emira, becoming borderline obsessed. Her response is galvanised by the reappearance of someone from her past and a reminder of another racially charged incident.

At first some members found this book difficult to get into the African-American vernacular that Emira slips into with her girlfriends is not something we are familiar with and the book had a bit of a chick lit vibe.

However, persistence paid off and in fact this book is a subtle examination of racial, socio-economic and class bias, the 'white saviour' syndrome and liberal racism in America.

Emira is a charming and empathetic character and the story is told from a number of viewpoints, including Alix's. Briar is quite a character too and there's a satisfyingly apt ending. All in all it's a cracking first novel and a very different read for the group.

Michele Vassar









YOU JUST DON'T KNOW IT YET!

# Why not come to Burton Bradstock Short Mat Bowls Club and give it a try!

In Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Monday evenings from 6.45pm until 9.00pm
and Wednesday afternoons, from 2.15pm until 4.30pm



For further information please ring John Lewis on 01308 897304.



#### **Bride Valley Gardening Club**



Unfortunately, as with so many events booked originally for the day of the Queen's funeral, we had to change the date of our September meeting to a week later. This meant that some members missed Cyril Whitlock's Informative talk on dahlia cultivation, using a beautiful selection of his own flowers. He also offered everyone the opportunity to ask him questions based on his wide knowledge of plants and gardening generally.

#### Jobs to do in November

Divide congested hardy perennials such as asters and chrysanthemums.

Insulate vulnerable perennials from frost by mulching with a thick layer of garden compost and protect planted containers by wrapping them in bubble wrap or bring them into an unheated greenhouse or conservatory.

Similarly protect tender herbs either by bringing indoors or covering with fleece or cloches to keep them cropping well into winter.

Sow sweet peas individually into deep pots or root trainers.

Pot up lilies for next year.

Bring prepared bulbs such as hyacinths into a well-lit area for flowers at Christmas.

Sow broad beans and peas under cloches.

Plant new rows of summer raspberries.

Finish planting garlic cloves outside.

Before lighting bonfires check they are clear of sheltering wildlife; clean out bird boxes; regularly clean bird feeders and bird baths.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

#### Our Night Sky in November 2022

It will be getting dark by 1800, and Saturn will be clearly visible in the South, followed by Jupiter, brilliant in the South East. Mars will be rising in the North East by 1900, following the Pleiades and the Hyades. Orion makes a welcome reappearance by 2230 in the East. Venus remains hiding coyly behind the Sun.

Nasa launched its \$330m <u>Double Asteroid Redirection Test (Dart) probe,</u>in November 2021 to test the space agency's ability to alter an asteroid's trajectory with kinetic force. The plan is to crash a robot spacecraft into the moonlet Dimorphos at 15,000 mph and change its path just a fraction. If the mission is successful, it will mean that <u>Nasa</u> and other space agencies could deflect an asteroid heading towards Earth and avert an Armageddon-style impact. It will take 10 months to travel the 6.8m miles to Dimorphos and the collision will take place on September 26th- 2022.

Dimorphos is a football-field-sized asteroid that closely orbits a bigger asteroid, called Didymos. Neither pose a threat to Earth. Nasa is simply undertaking some target practice with the Didymos system because its relative proximity to Earth makes it ideal to observe the results of the impact. Before the crash, an Italian-made satellite called LICIACube will sensibly bail out from Dart and position itself nearby to send pictures and data back to Earth.

LICIACube's pictures and telescope observations from Earth should give some indication of whether Dimorphos's orbit round Didymos has been altered. The goal is only to move it a fraction of a percentage point. Observations from ground-based telescopes and radar will then measure how much the moonlet's orbit around Didymos changes.

If an asteroid were to actually threaten Earth, it would be a good idea to identify it early on and knock it off course, because the earlier that alteration to its trajectory can be made, the further away from Earth it will hopefully end up.

The key to avoiding a killer asteroid is to detect it well in advance and be ready with the means of changing its course. There are already a number of telescopes monitoring Near Earth Asteroids which might pose a threat to Earth one day, and it is sensible to see what methods might work to alter their orbits

There are lots of other ideas including running a spaceship alongside and using a laser, ion engine jet or other kind of beam device to exert a slight but significant-over-time effect. Or a robotic lander could mine and then eject material from the surface (mass-driver effect), using Newton's third law of action and reaction to change the course. Solar sails could be hoisted nearby to reflect enough sunlight on to the object to have an effect.

I will let you know the results of this exciting experiment when NASA releases them.

Bill Turnill

#### **Burton Bradstock Bridge Group**

We meet every Tuesday afternoon in Burton Bradstock Village Hall between 1.45 and 4.45. We are a very friendly club that plays duplicate bridge. If you are fairly new to this wonderful game this would be ideal for you or, if you have played in the past and are a little 'rusty' again this is for you.

For information please phone Kathy 485626

#### Things Children say which make you smile

#### **Purring**

Little George was visiting his aunt. He found the cat in a sunny window purring cheerfully. "Oh Auntie, come quick," cried George. "The cat has gone to sleep and left his engine running."

#### **Ouiet**

A Sunday School teacher asked her children: "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied helpfully: "Because people are sleeping."

#### What happens then?

A little boy was taken Christmas shopping by his mother. He watched the escalator going down for several minutes, and then asked with concern: "What happens when the ground floor gets full of steps?"



## **Bride Valley WI**



Our walking group have now changed their walks to Sundays as the evenings were getting too dark. This month's walk was on the ridge above Long Bredy and led by Charlotte. 11 ladies with 3 dogs met on a lovely morning and enjoyed a good walk. Thanks to Charlotte for arranging it.



Our meeting this month was a very interesting talk about bees and beekeeping from Nigel Arak-Newman and although not a good year for honey we were able to sample some of his honey from the Bride Valley. Many of the ladies brought along savoury and sweet items all made from honey for us to sample and enjoy. We also welcomed some new members. An excellent evening.

#### Nigel with some of our members

Our Skittles team didn't win the final of the County Skittles Tournament but had a very enjoyable evening playing against Shillingstone at the Three Compasses in Charminster.

Perhaps next time !!!!



Next month is our Christmas Crafts evening so if you would like to join us we meet on the third Thursday of every month in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7.30pm and if you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact on our email. A copy of our programme for the year can be emailed to you if requested.

Bridevalleywi@gmail

# Act early Cost of living help



Visit **dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help** for advice on money, food, housing, utilities and mental health, or contact your local Citizens Advice or Age UK (for over 55s) for free, independent, and confidential advice and support.

Citizens Advice | citizensadvicedorset.org.uk | 0800 1448848

Age UK (for over 55s) - North South and West Dorset ageuk.org.uk/northsouthwestdorset | 01305 269444

Age UK (for over 55s) - East Dorset ageuk.org.uk/bournemouthpooleeastdorset | 01202 530530











## SaveSafely this winter

With living costs rising all the time, everyone is looking for ways to save some money, so Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is highlighting some areas where a saving could be a false economy – and a fire risk.

The Service is asking people to #SaveSafely, and there is a wealth of information about staying safe at home and on the roads at <a href="https://www.dwfire.org.uk/save-safely">www.dwfire.org.uk/save-safely</a>. This includes energy saving tips, cooking safely advice, how to stay warm safely, staying safe when cutting costs, cutting the costs of driving, and signposting to financial help.

#### Some top tips include:

Pulling something like electric heaters or electric blankets out of the loft, that haven't been used for years, can be risky. Watch for signs of dangerous or loose wiring, such as scorch marks, hot plugs and sockets, fuses that often blow, or circuit breakers that trip for no obvious reasons.

If you're drying clothes indoors rather than use a tumble dryer, keep them well away from the heat source so they can't catch fire.

Air fryers and microwave ovens are great at saving energy when cooking, but please read the manufacturer's instructions and keep them clean between uses.

Getting chimneys swept when you have a woodburner or open fire is essential to reduce the risk of chimney fires.

Also be careful of what you burn; green (unseasoned) wood may seem cheap, but it doesn't create much heat and it creates a residue that can easily catch alight within the chimney.

Get your boiler serviced – a well maintained boiler is more efficient and reduces the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Only use the correct charger for mobile devices. Although it can be cheaper to buy imported and unofficial chargers, fake ones are often made with poor quality components that fail to meet UK safety regulations. This means they can cause injury, electric shocks and even fires.

Make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions when using wheat bags – don't heat them for too long, or at too high a temperature.

The Fire and Rescue Service offers free Safe & Well advice, which can include a home visit and the provision of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

To request this for yourself, a family member or a vulnerable person, please call 0800 038 2323 or visit <a href="https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits">www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits</a>

#### **Smile Lines**

#### Great invention

The boys had been up in the attic together helping with some cleaning. They uncovered an old manual typewriter and asked their mother what it was. She briefly explained, but they were still puzzled as to how it worked.

So the mother rolled some paper into the typewriter and began striking the keys, leaving black letters of print on the page.

"WOW!" they exclaimed, "That's really cool...but where do you plug it in?"

"There is no plug," she answered.

"Then where do you put the batteries?" they persisted.

"It doesn't need batteries either," she continued.

"Wow! This is so cool!" they exclaimed. "Someone should have invented this a long time ago!"

#### How well do you know your spouse?

At a seminar on Marriage, the minister was stressing how essential it is that couples discern what is important to their partner. He challenged the men: "Can you even name your wife's favourite flower?" Baffled silence followed, until one husband nudged his wife with a hopeful smile and hazarded: "It's MacDougall's Self-Raising, right?"

#### When I grow up

A small boy returned from Sunday School in floods of tears. When questioned by his mother about his distressed state, he sobbed: "We sang 'Jesus wants me for a sunbeam', but I want to be a train driver!"

#### Wanna do

When I was young my parents told me what to do. Now I am old, my children tell me what to do. When will I be able to do what I want to do?

#### God bless

A little girl saying her prayers: "God bless Mummy, God bless Daddy, God bless my brother Tommy, God bless Granny – and God look after Yourself, 'cos if anything happens to You, we've had it!"





#### **Burton Bradstock CE Primary School**



Autumn has definitely arrived in Burton. We have been enjoying getting out and about in the village, using the field for Football club, the church for our Harvest Festival and the surrounding countryside for our weekly welly walks and running club.

During the month of October, we have looked at Black History Month. Although diversity is a key part of our curriculum throughout the year, Black History Month gives us the chance to think about how we can be allies to help stop discrimination as well as finding out about influential black people.

As a Rights Respecting School, this links closely to the UNCRC and Article 2 which says that all children have rights, whatever their background and Article 30 which celebrates children from diverse backgrounds and helps to ensure that they have the right to follow their own religion and speak their own language.

Our recent harvest festival was extremely well attended and we were able to donate a large amount of food to the local foodbank, 'Cupboard Love'. The children all enjoyed sharing their poems, songs and prayers with their families.

The Open the Book team have continued to provide interesting and entertaining collective worships on a regular basis this half term. The children thoroughly enjoy these, especially when they get to take part! Thank you to the whole team who give up their time to do this, it really is appreciated.

After the half term break, we will be serving at the coffee stop in November, attending a service of remembrance at St Mary's Church, taking part in many different sporting events as well as many other things besides!

Visits to the school are welcomed, please do contact the school office if you would like to look round.

Adam Gough Headteacher

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1 - Owl class have enjoyed their Bikeability sessions this week. They have learnt how to be safe on the road and have completed their level 1 and level 2 awards.



2 - Year 1 and 2 took part in a Victorian Day. They all dressed up as Victorian school children and had lessons such as handwriting, reading from the Bible and chanting their times tables facts. They also enjoyed Victorian playground activities.



3 - Kingfisher class have created paintings by Henri Matisse by mixing primary and secondary colours.



4 - Wagtails with their Harvest wreath and crowns



#### Thorners CE VA School



#### **Litton Variety Show**

Many thanks to Patricia Gates (and all her wonderful helpers) who made the Variety Show a truly special night. The children loved performing to such an appreciative live audience and they sang beautifully to open the fundraising event. In particular, thank you to Miss Grindley (our Teaching Assistant in our Reception Class) who selected and rehearsed the songs with the children over many weeks and who has surely inspired the next generation of performers to step confidently into the spotlight! At the time of writing, we are waiting to hear about the amount raised from the evening, but it was wonderful to be able to enjoy ourselves, watch fantastic performances and generate funds for worthy causes all in one night.

#### Trips/Visits

The children have been on a range of trips recently linked to their topics in class.

**Eggardon** have been to Bovington Tank Museum to learn more about their World War One History topic and also to explore what roles animals and machines played in the conflict, often at such terrible cost. The trip culminated in a rendition of 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' which Ms Taylor played on the piano for us in the replica "Home Front" house set up in the museum. It was a lovely finish to a special trip.

In Bredy, the children have been to the New Barn Centre for a Stone Age Workshop where they were able to reimagine life as it was in the Neolithic and get hands on with a range of implements and stone age technology.

**Litton and Fledglings** were treated to a lovely visit from CG Fry from the village and learnt all about both the company and how they too could learn to be builders. The children finished off this session by constructing their own house with a huge pile of rubber bricks which are still standing as we head towards the half term holiday.

#### Harvest Festival

Parents, Fledglings and the whole school joined together to both celebrate Harvest Festival and to contribute towards the collection for the local food bank. The younger ones sang and made Harvest hats whilst the older children recited poems and sang All things Bright and Beautful. On this day we also harvested the bulk of our apples from Discovery Area with the children and created our own apple juice using the school apple press which the children enjoyed both making and drinking!

#### **Thanks**

Thank you lastly to John Vercoe who has recently stepped down as our Chair of Governors and to Nicole Forbes-Marshall who replaces him. John has been a Governor for over a decade and all at the school, both pupils and staff (past and present), thank him enormously for his hard work and commitment to everything the school has achieved in his time with us.

On a personal note, he has been a wonderful Chair to work for, especially during COVID, when his good sense and good humour helped me enormously as a new Head during such uncertain times. All the best JV.

Mike Sitch Headmaster



#### LITTON CHENEY

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#### St. Mary's Church

In addition to our customary services and activities, St Mary's will be holding two additional events during November.

#### Sunday 13th November at 6:30 pm - Choral Evensong

This is Remembrance Sunday, and the day will therefore have a special significance for many. Taking place as the day draws to a close, Evensong provides us with an opportunity to take a moment at the end of a busy day for reflection or meditation.

You are welcome to join us, whoever you are and whatever you believe. The Rector will guide us through the service, and we shall sing some well-known hymns. Or you can sit at the back of the church and just listen if you prefer.

## Monday 14th November - 10 am to 12 noon - Coffee Morning in Church

Please call by the Church for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or slice of cake during the course of the morning. This is an opportunity to relax and catch up with others from the local community and to spend a little time in our beautiful Grade 1 listed building. You can be assured of a warm welcome. Parents and carers with pre-school children will be particularly welcome.

If you need a lift to the church car park, that can be arranged. Please contact the Churchwarden (John Vercoe) on 07973 781019

#### BANK CARD GIVING DEVICE AT ST MARY'S

Contactless donations by bank cards can now be made to raise funds for the church as an alternative to cash. This is an electronic device which is simple to use. Gift Aid will automatically be added to any donation (no Declaration is required). The machine can be found by the font as you enter St Mary's and is simple to use.. A donation is made by choosing the amount then tapping your card on the machine, chip and pin is available if preferred. Why not try it out?

#### Dorset Historic Churches Trust ANNUAL RIDE & STRIDE

Another great year from our generous village sponsors. Thank you very much for raising the splendid sum of £622 half of which is returned by the Trust to help with caring for St Mary's Church. Thanks too to Diana Cheater and Philip Dyke who both rode to 12 churches over the hills and far away and Freddie Spicer who strode the 8 valley churches.

**Thank You** - Peter Strange would like to thank all the villagers who made the celebration of Liz's life such a joyous occasion.

#### **Carol Singing**

Start tuning up your voices, because as Christmas approaches it will soon be time to serenade the village with carols once again. Carol singing around the village will happen on **Thursday and Friday 15th & 16th December**. More details in December's BVN, village website and on FaceBook.

#### **Litton Cheney Parish Council**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room, LATCH. All welcome.

#### Warm Hubs

There has been considerable discussion of late both locally and nationally regarding "Warm Hubs" where people can go for warmth and company this winter. In Litton there is an ethos that neighbour will look after neighbour as happened during Lockdown, and needs will very quickly be identified, but it is hoped that during the winter months there will be a number of events such as village cafes at LATCH which will provide a hospitable environment and warmth. Please – look out for each other during these testing times.

#### **HELP WITH FUEL BILLS**

The purpose of The Litton Cheney Trust is to give financial help to Litton Cheney residents "who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress". This may be particularly relevant this winter so if you are struggling with your fuel bills do make contact with one of the Trustees who are the Rector Jane Williams, Penny Dewar, Lyn Lacey, Nick Bunting and Freddie Spicer (who is also the Secretary 01308 482617).

#### Wessex Water - Road Closures

During the month of November and December, Wessex Water will be carrying out extensive work in both Litton Cheney and Long Bredy requiring road closures. Individual households will receive letters from WW with more detail in advance of the closures and in due course more information will be displayed on the village website.

The Queen's Bench – Given the sad event of HM The Queen's demise, it has been decided that the proposed Jubilee bench will be redesignated and commemorate both the life and reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. There are now two splendid new benches from which to survey the beauty of our valley, and rest awhile at Pins Knoll, off Chalk Pit Lane, and the top of Bride Valley Vineyard, also accessed off Chalk Pit Lane. Both benches were made by Russell and Chris Randall and truly reflect their artisanal woodworking skills. If you would like to donate to the Parish Bench Fund please contact Clerk, Maggie Walsh – 01308 281561

#### Avian Bird Flu

Avian Bird Flu Restrictions are now in force throughout the UK, and it is a legal requirement that all domestic fowl and pet birds are kept <u>enclosed</u>, thereby preventing wild birds from interacting with them. Fines for non-compliance are high.

#### Village Website – www.littoncheney.org.uk

There is plenty more information relating to the village and its surroundings on the village website. Regular visits will keep you updated. The website is maintained in expert fashion by David Hearn, and has been for many years. It's easy to take David's efforts for granted as the months and years roll by but please offer grateful thanks to David for his dedication and expertise in keeping us well informed and on the ball. Bravo Zulu, David!



## Events at Litton and Thorner's Hall (LATCH) for November



#### Weekly:

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

16.45 - Short Mat Bowls (Ron Davidson 482661)

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

19.00 – Yoga with Anna Forrest (annaiyengaryoga@gmail.com) Thursdays: 09.30 – 11.00 First Steps Play Group (term time only)

#### Special:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Film Night - "Belfast" Film starts at 19.30

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Parish Council meeting 19.30 in meeting room

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – <u>Bingo Evening</u> – Doors open 18.30, eyes down 19.30. Great prizes, raffle and refreshments.

All proceeds to MIND (Dorset)

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> – Yoga morning with Nadiya Wynn (nadiyasime@hotmail.com)

Coming Up: Thursday 1st December – Film Night "Elvis"

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

Hall Bookings: Wendy Firrell 01308 482532 wtlitton@gmail.com

#### VILLAGE CAFÉ IN AID OF THE SAMARITANS

May we just on behalf of the Weymouth branch of the Samaritans sincerely thank everyone who came along to support the recent Litton Cheney Village Cafe, including those who donated the generous raffle prizes, bric-a-brac, cakes, cookies and especially the myriad of wonderful helpers who kindly gave up their Saturday morning to help where ever needed! We are quite overwhelmed and happy to report that we made in excess of  $\underline{\pounds550}$  .... This will be so gratefully received by Weymouth Samaritans to help the branch keep open to callers 24/7.

Thank you Litton Cheney and surrounding villages for sharing your time, support and breakfast amongst friends and neighbours.

#### **Beverly & Pete Dennis.**

#### LITTON CHENEY TELEPHONE KIOSK EXCHANGE

Thank you for the continued kind donations of wonderful books and games in the exchange. Please enjoy them and do exchange back to keep the box looking fun and enticing to other users.

Please only place suitable items in the boxes and on the shelves if there is room and do leave it tidy. On that note, if anyone would be able to assist in the occasional upkeep of the box we would be extremely grateful.

Please contact Beverly for info and no obligation chat. Thank you. (b.dennis995@btinternet.com)

Happy Exchanging













## BRIDE VALLEY FILMS AT LITTON CHENEY VILLAGE HALL.



## Reminder - THURSDAY 3 November BELFAST 'one of this year's best films'

Written and directed by Academy Award® nominee **Kenneth Branagh**, Belfast is a poignant story of love, laughter and loss in one boy's childhood amid the music and social tumult of the late 1960s.

Buddy's family lives in a largely Protestant district with a few Catholic families, but one day his community and everything he thought he understood about life is suddenly turned upside down. Buddy's family gets caught in the mayhem and must decide to stay or leave the only place they have ever called home.

Through it all, his passionate parents (Caitríona Balfe and Jamie Dornan) and quick-witted grandparents (Academy Award® winner Judy Dench and Ciarán Hinds) keep the joy alive through music and the magic of movies in this feel-good story that reminds us that no matter how far you go, you never forget where you came from. Cert.12+ 1.5 hrs

## THURSDAY 1 December - ELVIS 'all the magnificence and the tragedy of Elvis Presley'

From Oscar-nominated visionary filmmaker Baz Luhrmann comes Warner Bros. Pictures' drama **ELVIS**, starring **Austin Butler** as Elvis and Oscar winner **Tom Hanks** as his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker.

The film explores the life and music of Elvis and delves into the complex dynamic between Presley and Parker spanning over 20 years, from Presley's rise to fame to his unprecedented stardom, against the backdrop of the evolving cultural landscape and loss of innocence in America. Central to that journey is one of the most significant and influential people in Elvis's life, Priscilla Presley (**Olivia DeJonge**).

Cert. TBA **2hrs 40" –**There will be an interval, but BRING A CUSHION!

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

Doors Open: 7.00 p.m. Film starts 7.30 p.m.

TICKETS: Price freeze! Still £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 will be sharing the licences for these films with Burton Bradstock who will show them the on the previous Fridays.



# UPDATE AND THANKS TO **EVERYBODY** WHO TOOK PART AND ALSO SUPPORTED THE 'SELL OUT' COMMUNITY CHARITY VARIETY SHOW

held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at LATCH In aid of the

'Closer to Home' Project for Dementia UK and Thorners School Association

From 17 entrants the winner of the PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION is Nick Gibbs for "Rolling Hills over Litton Cheney" and the runner up is Keith Whiting for his submission "The Duck Race"

A further THANK YOU to all those people who smoothly cleared and cleaned the Hall with us on Saturday evening and Sunday morning!

I am pleased to report that the total raised is £3,025.20

**Tricia Gates** 

#### The White Horse awaits - To horse!



Nice to be having some lovely weather in October, but that autumnal feel is all around and we are busy planning our winter activities.

Every Tuesday is now Pizza Night, Skittles have returned on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and we have already seen the return of "Pub Night" with the popular Meat and Cheese Draw on Friday evenings, Happy Hour at 6.30pm and Fish 'n Chips (takeaway or eat in). This will continue into November and December.

We aim to do a quiz in November (one Sunday afternoon) and will see the kick off of the World Cup 2022 later in the month. We will be showing all matches that fall within our opening times - not making any assumptions, but if you're not interested, ladies, and want a bit of peace and a no-football zone at home, we will be offering our usual husband sitting services during the tournament!

Christmas activities are being planned to not conflict with the football, so keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details as things firm up.

If you would like to hold your Christmas "do" here, please get in touch as, within reason, we can tailor the menu to suit you.

Looking forward to seeing everyone round the log-burner at some or all of the above.

Best wishes - Andy & Liz

## LITTLEBREDY

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#### St Michael & All Angels

Those who wondered if taxpayers' money was being wasted recently on closing and repairing one of Dorset's most insignificant roads – from the foot of White Hill past the cricket ground and Littlebredy Farm to the top of Basket Hill – can be reassured that the reason was actually to "underground" (which is apparently a verb in the jargon nowadays) the electricity infrastructure in and around the Valley of Stones.

A pittance compared with National Grid's massive project with the pylons in Winterbourne Abbas, but Phase 2 of that project will involve the removal before long of the poles and cables in the National Nature Reserve.

The "apple afternoon" organised by Tim and Angela Laycock outside the Walled Gardens Barn produced two presses, a home made mashing machine, a couple of dozen people and masses of apples, which were converted into juice in a congenial but hardworking atmosphere. Juice, not cider, but a good time was had by all anyway.

At the end of October we bade farewell to Mike and Mandy Luddington, who have lived in 2, Riverside Cottages since October 2009. They have been contributors to village life in the meanwhile, and now move to Hampshire, to be closer to Mandy's widowed mother. We wish them both well in their future there.







# PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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#### ST MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's welcomes everyone to join us in our services – visitors and locals will all receive a

very warm welcome and hopefully join us afterwards for coffee in the pub opposite.

First Sunday Holy Communion 9.30am
No service on the second Sunday
Third Sunday All Age Communion 11am
Fourth Sunday Puncknowle and Swyre Breakfast Church
9.30am in Puncknowle Village Hall
Any Fifth Sunday will be a United Service at one of the Churches in the Bride Valley.

## **Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council**

#### **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 30th November 2022.

For more 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

#### PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council need a new member for its team that represents the areas of Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington. As a councillor representing your community you would help to keep it a great place in which to live and work. You would be expected to undertake some training and should be comfortable working electronically.

Generally, councillors are elected by the public every four years. The next election is due in 2024 and we currently have a space for co-option in the interim period.

If you think you would like to know more, and are over 18, please call the Clerk on 01308 897987 or email puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk.

## The closing deadline for applications is 30th November 2022

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

#### LUNCH CLUB

PUNCKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL - 1.00pm

Please contact David Buckland, 01308 898492 for more details

**LUNCHES COST £6.00** 

#### <u>15th November 2022</u>

Beef Bourguinon, mashed potatoes, roast carrots and parsnips, Autumn fruits and custard. Biscuits and cheese. Tea/coffee

#### **Future dates:**

13 December Christmas Lunch

17th January 2023

We continue to follow current COVID rules

#### **Thursday Winter Club**

No. Not the Thursday Murder Club!

#### So what is the **Thursday Winter Club?**

It's a social event for local residents who are at home during the daytime in the winter months. The plan is to get together on alternate Thursday mornings for some **fun** and **friendship**. There will be various activities, discussion, refreshments and chat.

No entrance charge or membership subscription, just a voluntary donation pot to defray expenses.

So please do come, join in and enjoy. Or come, at least, to help and support us to get this new venture off the ground!

We start on Thursday 10th November 10.15 a.m in Puncknowle village hall. The second meeting will be on 24th November.

Any questions, suggestions or offers of help (or if you need a lift) please call or text Marion Derbyshire on 07815 661973

#### Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Hall 100 club

I have been very useless at sorting this!! So you will be glad to know that I have a willing volunteer to take it over.

Our year end was end June 2022 and all prizes will be drawn and sorted until then. So I will start again a new 12 month year starting with a November draw and then the big Christmas draw in December and monthly until the end of October 2023. Previous members will be emailed but if you haven't taken part before and would like to - please contact me on jill.neill@live.co.uk.

All profits go towards the continuing upkeep of our lovely hall, thank you for your support

Jill

## **Swyre Speed Watch**

Would you be willing to join a small group in order to set up a speed watch team in Swyre?

Training would be provided once we have six people who are willing to take this forward.

Please contact the clerk at Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk Telephone 01308 897987

#### A Neighbourhood Plan for Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington

Are you interested in participating/supporting?
On Tuesday 8th November at Puncknowle Village hall representatives from Dorset Planning Department will be on hand to answer your questions. Please arrive 6.45pm for 7pm start.

The plan is about eliciting views from all community residents and business owners around questions such as:

What is good about the area?

What is bad about the area?

What are the neighbourhood qualities as a place to live and work?

What issues affect the area (now or in the future)?

What change would you like to see?

What is your experience of running a business in the area?

A survey will include similar questions, and the visions and aims of the Neighbourhood Plan will be developed from the responses.

If you would like to be actively involved in the process, please contact PSWNP1@outlook.com



## **VICTORIAN SWYRE**

Find out about our village in Victorian times. A presentation by Dr Peter Northover.

# Holy Trinity Church, Swyre 7pm, 19 November 2022

Tickets: £10 per person (children free)



Includes wine and nibbles



Tickets available at the door or in advance from: Sally Bowsher, Swyre Cross T: 01308 897987 Sue Taylor, 4 Green Barton T: 01308 898523

#### LONG BREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT: SUSAN DYER

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## St Peters Church

Long Bredy 100 Club September Draw

£30.00 No. 49 A. Bailey £15.00 No. 35 J. Peretz £5.00 No. 66 S. Dyer

Drawn on 23. 9. 2022 at 7, Bedford Terrace by Charlotte, Ruth and David

#### **The Tallest Sunflower Competition**

The October Coffee Break was to raise money for our 'Sunflowers for Ukraine' competition and to announce the winner of the tallest sunflower.

Sunflowers were grown for the competition throughout the Bride Valley, up and down the whole country and in Brittany. There were failures - resulting in some rotund slugs and snails but also plenty of successes. Although everyone purchased two 'Giant Single' seeds and there were some truly single giant heads, while some grew multiple flower heads - a real surprise.

We are pleased to announce the tallest sunflower at 9ft 1inch was grown in Burton Bradstock, by Annie Grantham. There was only 3 inches between the winner and second place, so well done to Annie and all the other contestants.

At the Coffee Break we raised £233 and so with the sale of seeds and earlier donations our grand total is £328 for the Ukraine Appeal.

Thank you everyone for joining in our competition and for the generosity in donations, all very much appreciated.

#### Sue and Gwen

#### Coffee Break / Bric a Brac

This will be on **November 12th** from **10.30 until 12.00** in the **Village Hall** with our usual excellent range of home-made cakes and savouries....eat in or take away. There will be a **HUGE** selection of bric a brac and all the proceeds from the morning will go towards the purchase of a 'Tommy' for the village.

#### Come Along Inn

November's 'Come Along Inn' will be on **Friday 18th** from **5.30 until 9.00** as usual in the **Village Hall.** See the posters for details of the evening.

#### Ride + Stride

Thank you very much to Rachel Maltby who rode on two wheels for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust this year and raised £500.00. Half of this amount will be allocated to St. Peter's Church, Long Bredy. Thank you to everyone who sponsored Rachel.

#### Thank You from Lucy Milne

We wish to thank everyone in Long Bredy who was involved in doing such a beautiful job of cleaning, preparing and decorating the church with flowers for our wedding on the 24th September. They truly did an amazing job, and my self and husband James are very grateful.

#### St Peter's Church

#### Harvest Festival

A joyful service was celebrated for Harvest with approximately thirty people attending.

The Church was beautifully decorated with flowers left from Lucy and James wedding and magnificent pumpkins that the 'Best Man' donated to the Church.

Bridport Food Bank will receive £167 donation and Dorchester Food Bank have received donated food items for which they are very grateful .

Thank you to all those who donated or helped in anyway.

# Christmas Grand Draw in aid of the Churchyard wall and GAP ( Gardens and People ) .

Hopefully you have all received the Draw tickets in the BVN and are able to sell them.

There are more tickets if you need them - contact Jackie Cain.

Please return them by the 4th December. Draw to be made at the Christmas Coffee Break on the 10th December.

Thank you for supporting this fundraising.

#### Remembrance Sunday 13th November

The Church will be decorated with displays of poppies so do visit as they are a tribute to those of our village who gave their lives and whose names are listed on the Plaque on the wall.

#### Our usual service is held at Littlebredy.

This is a moving service that starts at the memorial in the churchyard at 10.50, when the names of local residents who gave their lives are read out .The service then continues in the Church.

Do join any part of this service if you wish.

#### Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting, open to anyone in the village to attend, will be on **Monday November 28th** in the Village Hall at 7.00pm







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## Sudoku Easy

## Sudoku Medium

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#### **Crossword Clues**

#### Across

- 1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all \_, Lord of all \_, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy'(11,3)
- 9 Mosesí question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you \_ your fellow Hebrew?" (Exodus 2:13) (7)
- 10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline  $\_(2,3)$
- 11 'At even \_ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay'(3)
- 13 A descendant of Gad (xNumbers 26:16) (4)
- 16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but \_ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
- 17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
- 18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must \_God rather than men!'(Acts 5:29) (4)
- 20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, \_ Eareckson Tada (4)
- 21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
- 22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat \_ \_ '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
- 23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
- 25 Tree (3)
- 28 'No fear of me should \_ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you'(Job 33:7) (5)
- 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
- 30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

#### Down

- 2 'O Jerusalem \_ how \_I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)
- 3 Way out (4)
- 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
- 5 Done (anag.) (4)
- 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
- 7 Concerning the study of God (11)
- 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
- 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
- 14 Frozen (3)
- 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
- 19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
- 20 See 1 Across
- 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
- 25 Time (anag.) (4)
- 26 Lists choice of meals (4)
- 27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the \_ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord'(Romans 6:23) (4)

## SHIPTON GORGE

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## St Martin's Church.

Floodlight Sponsors for November

Myra & Colin

Ann Jones to light up the dark nights

The Epplestone Girls remembering Bee & John Epplestone on their wedding anniversary.

Doreen remembering Frank on his birthday on 23rd

Carolyn & Geoff for their 41st Wedding Anniversary

Lynn Sorrel as a thank you to the team who keep the church yard so tidy.

For Des Kelly's 61st birthday on 23rd

Thank you so much to our very generous sponsors. It is a joy to see the tower lit up for the whole village to enjoy during these dark nights. For a suggested donation of £5 you too, can light up the church for a special occasion or a memory. Please push a note through Cuckoo Cottage's letter box with your request or 'phone Phyl on 01308 898657.

### **Breakfast Church**

Breakfast Church will take place at 9.30 a.m. on 13<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall with craft activities and special prayers. Those who wish to, can join the service of remembrance in church at 10.00 a.m. or remain behind in the Hall to continue with the activities.

### Remembrance Service

There will be a Service of Remembrance on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 a.m. led by Janet and Vicky.

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If you find you have some spare time or perhaps when you walk the dog, we are looking for more volunteers to unlock and lock the church door, morning and evenings. There is a rota in the porch for you to add your name alongside the week you are free or telephone Phil on 897776 who will be most pleased to hear from you.



# Remembrance Service at Shipton Gorge 13th November 10am

(Breakfast Church @9.30 with an opportunity to join the church service at 10 or continue craft activities and have special prayers in the Village Hall.)

# SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE DIARY

## Welcome to our village diary

Just search for Shipton Gorge Diary or go directly to <a href="https://shiptongorgediary.co.uk/">https://shiptongorgediary.co.uk/</a>

You'll be able to find out all that's going on in the village from the Village Society,

the New Inn/ New Inn Support, the Village Hall, Shipton Gorge Heritage, the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council

## Fish and Chip quiz night Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov

The Village society are holding a Quiz night at the village hall **2<sup>nd</sup> November starting at 7pm.** Doors open from 6.30pm. Bring along your own alcoholic drinks and focus on winning a bottle of French Champagne. **Teams of 2-8.** 

Please book early to avoid disappointment and confirm your choice of fish/scampi and chips at the time.

You can contact either Sally on 897168 or Graham on 897357. We look forward to seeing you there.

Graham Garner Acting Chair of the VS

## The Odyssey

Saturday 12th November 2022, Shipton Gorge Village Hall, 7.30pm



The fabulous Dave Mynne brings to Shipton Gorge a tale of gods and monsters more exciting than excitement itself. A love story. The journey of all journeys. To Hell and back again. Meet a host of exciting and daft characters including a one-eyed Cyclops, Circe the sorceress and the terrifying sea god Poseidon. Based (very loosely!) on the epic poem by Homer, with all the boring bits removed. You'll be on the edge of your seats! Utterly compelling and laugh-out-loud funny.

**Tickets** £10, £5 (u18s), £25 (fam 4 – max 2 adults)
Tickets available online at <a href="https://www.artsreach.co.uk">www.artsreach.co.uk</a>
For enquiries, call 01308 897407
Recommended age 12+
Cash bar



The routine is the same as before - bring yourselves, a plate of food and something to drink ... and have fun.

Everyone is welcome – and if you are new to Shipton, come along and put some names to faces!

## October 2022 SG 100 Club Draw results

<b>1</b> st	£25	No 51	Sue Lock
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£10	No 84	Jo Warren
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£5	No 107	David Langbridge

Congratulations to all the winners.

**Graham Garner** 

#### PARISH COUNCIL

The CPR and Defibrillator training session went very well on 8<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks to Exe Training for again doing the training and to those who came along. Feedback from those attending was very positive so it's good to know we now have more residents who can potentially save lives if needed.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.** This is the meeting where we look at our budget for the year 2023/4 so do come along if you are interested in knowing how your parish council tax is spent, or anything else you'd like to bring to the council's attention.

Mary Boughton

#### SHIPTON GORGE HERITAGE

**Heritage Gin Club** – The winner of the October draw was David Newell – a bottle of Conker Navy Gin has been duly delivered.



Well done David – hope you enjoy it. Conker Spirits make a £5 donation to the RNLI for each sale, so there is even more to feel good about.

#### Saunders Richardson Wood

In September, a small team of volunteers helped to strim and clear nettles around the new saplings and trees planted – making it so much easier to access and tend to them. A couple of huge Puffball mushrooms were found in the wood – amazingly, these are edible, but we left them in situ. Lots of other fungi were making an appearance – the damp and the warm conditions being ideal.

Our next event in the wood will be on Saturday 5 November when we will be holding a Bonfire and Marshmallow party. Starting around 3.30pm – perhaps bring something warming in a flask and enjoy the company and the comforting glow of a roaring fire!

Members only, but we can sign you up on the day.

#### **Shipton Gorge Orchard**

By the time you read this, most of the apples in the Orchard will have been picked, with windfalls being left for wildlife. Considering that we thought the conditions during the summer were not at all favourable, it has been an amazing year for fruit production with the apples being even tastier than normal.

On 12 October a small team tackled one of the larger cider apple trees – even leaving about a quarter unpicked, we managed to box up approx. 100kg of apples which were taken to Dorset Nectar Cider Farm to be turned into juice and cider.

Another couple of sessions are planned as it is a shame to leave so many to rot away if they can be used. We are intending to do some maintenance of the lower border in the Orchard on **Thursday 24 November at 2pm** – so if anyone is feeling keen to help, you will be very welcome.

**Shipton Gorge Heritage AGM** – will be held on 16 November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

Details as usual on our website: http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/ Shipton Gorge Heritage 16417.aspx

and in the Shipton Gorge Diary <a href="https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk">https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk</a>

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK**

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Village website: http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org

## St Mary's Burton Bradstock

St Mary's Church 'Songs of Praise!'

Our Songs of Praise service this month will be on November 6th, All Saints Day, and it will be led by the Reverend Sue Linford. As usual there will be six hymns, several readings and a musical item. Starting at the convenient time of 10.30 am, and lasting just under one hour, this is a service to which all residents and visitors are warmly invited. Refreshments will be served after the service.

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Our next Songs of Praise service, on December 4th, will be on the theme of Advent and will be led by the Reverend Jane Williams.

Come and join us for these inspiring services!

# Dorset Historic Churches Trust Annual Ride & Stride, 10<sup>th</sup> September

The magnificent sum of £510.00 was raised, and thanks go to Jane Stubbs, Clare Viney and Liz Orza for taking part, to all those who so generously sponsored them, and those who helped on the day to welcome visitors to St Mary's.

Howard Bongers

#### Tots' Time

What have we been up to since the last news item? Leaf rubbings with wax crayons, chalk pictures on coloured paper and seeing how skilled the older tots are at spreading, using a child-safe knife, because we made MARMALADE SANDWICHES, which were devoured quite quickly, and coloured pictures of Paddington Bear.

This week we made 'telephones' so we could listen to each other, and thought about how important it is to really listen. The story of young Samuel in the Bible helped us all to think about this.

Do come and join us if you are a bump, a baby or a toddler or even quite grown-up like our four- year- olds! And please bring a parent/carer with you.

For further information:- Audrey 01308 897227, Heather 01308 897780 or Helen on BVchurchesTA@outlook.com

## Children's Society Boxes

It's the time of year for collection of these boxes. As far as I am aware, there are only between 10 & 12 still being held in the village (there used to be over 40). If you do have one please could you call me on 01308 898108 and I will pick it up.

That is one of the reasons I am winding this down, the others being: very few people have cash, especially loose change hanging around, the general cost of living has impacted on everyone, and, finally, there are more up to date ways of donating to Charity, principally through direct debit. I have discussed this with the Society.

Over the years, Burton Bradstock has been so very generous in supporting this wonderful Charity and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed. I have their account number and sort code should anyone wish to donate through that channel.

Having said all that, if anyone would like to take this on, please let me know, thank you.

Allegra Martin

## **Burton Bradstock Village Hall**

## Village Hall Bookings

Should you wish to use the Hall at any time, the booking officer can be contacted via email at <a href="mailto:bbvht.bookings@gmail.com">bbvht.bookings@gmail.com</a> or by phone on 01308897648.

#### **Coffee Mornings**

The popular monthly coffee mornings where you can get a sensibly priced coffee/tea and cake plus a chat with friends will be held on the dates below. They run from 10:00 to 12:00.

Wed 16th Nov Burton Bradstock School

Wed 14th Dec St Mary's Church



#### **Burton Bradstock Films**



**ELVIS,** on **Friday 25 November**, is our last blockbuster film before the Christmas break and could well take many of us back to our youth and the heady days of the rock era with the King of Rock n Roll.

Austin Butler, looks like Elvis and sings like Elvis, and the story seen through the eyes of his manager Colonel Tom Parker, played by Tom Hanks, looks at the complicated 20 years relationship that Elvis had with him and the significant and influential presence in his life of Priscilla Presley.

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.

All profits from Burton Bradstock Films go towards the costs of maintaining the Village Hall

(This film will be shown by Bride Valley Films on Thursday 1 December)

#### Christmas activities

The festive season approaches and the Hall Trust is organising the two regular activities which are very popular:

#### Christmas Market

The Christmas Market and coffee morning will be held on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Dec from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Following last year's successful format, half the Hall will be dedicated to a smaller number of market Tables selling Christmas related goodies, the other half will be laid out for coffee and cake with table service.

#### Entrance will be £1 for adults, children under 16 free.

If you wish to register interest for the market tables, which will cost £10 each, please contact the organiser, Richard Ferre via email at rwferre99@gmail.com or phone 897648.

It is almost certain that not all who want one will be able to have a table, so please be understanding. Allocation will be on a first come first served basis.

#### **Christmas Quiz**

The hugely popular Christmas Quiz will be held on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, with Quiz prepared and run by Sue Moores and David Edwards. Doors will open at 6:45 for a 7:30 start. The ticket price of £10 per head will include a light supper, plus all the normal crackers, party poppers, balloons and odd Christmas carol that add to the festive fun. There will be a sensibly priced bar, raffle and prizes for winners and last place.

There will be teams of 6 per table to reduce crowding and the central aisle will be kept free.

Tickets for the teams will go on sale at the Post Office in blocks of 6 on Wed 23<sup>th</sup> Nov on a first come first served basis. Please purchase all 6 of your tickets at the same time. Once you have your team tickets contact Richard Ferre (details above) to confirm your table and dietary requirements.

Individuals or couples unable to make up a team but wanting to participate should contact Richard from Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Nov onwards (not before please). There will be places available for those people to be put into a team on a first come basis.

If history is a guide, tickets will sell out in a few hours, so put the dates in your diary now.

Please be warned that the ticket price will rise next year as all costs are going up rapidly.

Richard Ferre

## Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club"

#### October 2022 Draw

#### Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£39.20	No 28:	Mrs Helen Sinclair
2nd	£19.60	No 111:	Mr Terry Moreau
3rd	£9.80	No 154:	Ms Rosemary Daniels

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the November 2022 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have  $\pounds 2$  – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

## **Burton Bradstock Village Society**

#### The Speakers Programme

On Friday 14th October, the Village Society were informed and entertained by Martin Dawes, journalist, and ex BBC foreign correspondent in Africa, who gave a wonderful sense of the energy and creativity of Africa past and present. He told stories of amazing art and culture as well as war torn communities. Yes there is great need, as we are so often shown, but also amazing potential from a continent with tremendous resources and one of the youngest populations in the world. "Africa a "heart of darkness" or cradle of the next industrial revolution?"

Our next talk is on Friday, 18th November, entitled "A Year in the Life of Abbotsbury's Mute Swans" by Charlie Wheeler. Charlie, from Bridport, is the manager of the Abbotsbury Swannery, and warden of the Chesil Bank and Fleet Nature Reserve, and couples his passion for conservation and working in the great outdoors with his love of photography. At the Swannery and on the Reserve he is able to photograph birds in their natural habitat, as well as capturing other wildfowl and mammals.

Mask wearing is entirely voluntary. The sanitizer and temperature facility are there for attendees use. The raffle and bar will continue to be run as usual. It goes without saying that we would ask Members not to attend if they are unwell.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Roger Ashman on 01308 898442

Due to ever increasing speaker costs, and, for the time being at least, reduced numbers, we have reluctantly decided to increase the charge for the talks to £1.50 for members, and £5.00 for non-members.

#### **Christmas Tree**

Just a reminder about an event happening on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The Christmas Tree will be erected on the village green in the morning, and there will be a Switch on Ceremony at 4:30, followed by Mulled Wine and nibbles (soft drinks option) until around 6:30. For your information all 20 new tree decorations, that we announced in the October BVN, have now been sponsored, so many thanks to all those who responded so quickly, and commiserations to those of you that have missed out.

The December Village Society evening is on Friday  $2^{nd}$  Dec, and instead of the normal speaker we will be running a light hearted Bingo session. Entrance will be £1.50 a head as usual, but the normal speaker's fee will be spent on prizes for the bingo games. This will be accompanied by the usual mince pies and mulled wine at the interval and the bar will be open on arrival. Everything needed will be provided on what we hope will be a festive evening.

#### Membership

If you are not a member, maybe you are new to our lovely village, please consider joining our society, by contacting Roger Ashman on 01308 898442. Membership costs £5.00 per annum.

Alan Pankhurst

## The Local (60 plus) Ukraine Christmas Appeal

At the Christmas Fayre on 10<sup>th</sup> December, in Burton Bradstock Village Hall, there will be a stall to help the Ukrainians in this area enjoy their Christmas. The fund is run by the Rotary, Citizens Advice and Bridport Town Council. The Friends are supplying accommodation so they can learn English, and the day I visited there was a good gathering. Items already collected or promised for the stall include wine, woolly hats and fingerless mitts from Smith & Smith, cakes from the Egg Cup and Beppino and many other gifts. Please visit my stall, and in anticipation I thank you for your help and generosity. If a cheque is easier for you then it can be made out to Bridport Town Council.

#### **Artsreach in Burton Bradstock**

'Holy Cow!' performed by Emily Hennessey and Sheema Mukhurjee





Thursday 24th November, commencing at 7.30pm We are pleased to let you know that Artsreach is returning for the new season. Storyteller Emily Hennessey and acclaimed musician Sheema Mukhrejee will conjure fast-flowing worlds of cosmic creatures, celestial curses, wise women and gods behaving badly in Indian stories of liberation, love, life, truth and illusion. This will be performance storytelling & live music at its most vibrant and engaging, bursting with Indian dance, humour, ritual and playful energy.



You can book now online at <u>artsreach.co.uk/event/holy-cow</u>, where you can also view a short preview video of the show, or alternatively telephone (01308) 897421. Standard Tickets are £10, with under 18s £5 or a family ticket at £25. A bar will be available.

## Let's get behind our newly re-thatched Post Office/Farm Shop

The Friends of the Post Office/Farm Shop are delighted to see the smart new thatched roof at the Post Office – many thanks to the Parish Council and Village Society for funding this investment.

Thanks also to Gill, Pete and Laura, for all they do, not least for continuing to provide their weekly home delivery service on orders of £10 or more, delivered free.

So let's give them support in the quiet autumn period as Christmas approaches, especially with the new Christmas stamps and cards - and Christmas hampers, where *you* select what goes in, and *they* do both the packing and dispatching!

We'll be re-launching the 'Friends' in 2023, after these recent turbulent Lock-Down years nationally, and I'd welcome hearing from current Friends who would like to be in a Support Group to meet annually to see how we can continue to support.

Among all the villages in the UK Burton Bradstock is among a smallish minority to retain a Post Office/Farm Shop. It's a great village asset and service – let's use them during the long life of this new roof, ensuring generations in the future too retain this facility in Burton Bradstock! Many thanks for your support.

John Grantham

Co-ordinator, Friends of the Post Office/Farm Shop

## Social Supper Club

The November supper club will be held on Monday the 21st November Any enquiries please ring Mags Chue on 01308 897543

## Village Coffee Stop in October

The Burton Bradstock Village Coffee Stop in October was organised by the Short Mat Bowls Club, and was very well attended with an excellent selection of cakes to accompany the coffee and tea!

The Club had laid out one of its mats so that those who wished could 'have a go', and were encouraged to come along to the regular meetings in the Village Hall on Monday evenings and

Wednesday afternoons.

The photo shows a demonstration in action!





## **Burton Bradstock WI**



Great news to begin with - Congratulations must go to our quiz team who came joint second in the Dorset Federation Annual Quiz – beaten by just one point! If only we had put that answer we thought of which turned out to be right!! Well done Mary Ibbotson, Ali Page, Gay Sundt (and myself) It was a very enjoyable evening and from now on we shall always remember that a group of pandas is "an embarrassment" – or a cuddle! (Although we were close as we guessed at huddle!)

In September ten members enjoyed a visit to Haskins Garden Centre and Hobbycraft in Ferndown. After a coffee and chat on arrival we all set off to spend more than we possibly intended on some lovely plants, treats and early Christmas presents. The wool counter in Hobbycraft was slightly depleted by the time we'd finished too. After a tasty lunch and a final look round, we set off back home happily clutching our purchases.

At our October meeting we heard all about Beatrix Potter and her family plus her very important work on conservation. David Stocks' talk was very interesting and gave us an insight into her sometimes rather unhappy background and also as to the type of woman Beatrix was outside of her fame for writing those lovely Peter Rabbit books. She was certainly a very talented artist and eventually a well respected member of the farming community in Cumbria.

At our November meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> Derek March will be enlightening us on "The Life of the Honey Bee". Hopefully he will be bringing some samples of honey from his hives!

Also in November we shall be hosting our annual "Early Christmas Market and Coffee Morning".

It will be on Saturday,  $12^{\text{th}}$  in the Village Hall from 10.00-12.00am. Apart from coffee and delicious cakes and mince pies there will be stalls selling Christmas crafts, gifts, books and puzzles as well as the inevitable cakes. There will also be a raffle so do come along for a sociable morning and get one step ahead with your Christmas shopping!

The end of November sees the 105<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Burton Bradstock WI and we are going to be celebrating with a special afternoon tea on the afternoon of the 23<sup>rd.</sup> We shall be looking back over the archives with interest to see how things have changed over the years and cutting a special celebration cake. It will be an afternoon to look forward to!

Our groups continue to flourish, including our Craft group (busily making items for our Christmas Market), the Book group and Mah Jong. The Kurling and Skittles groups are also beginning to get off the ground again.

And finally I am pleased to say that we have so far knitted 217 squares and I know that there are still more yet to be given in! An amazing effort! They will be taken to the Annual Meeting of the Dorset Federation at the end of October and made into blankets for people in Ukraine. Well done ladies!

#### Janet Pearson



## Early Christmas Market and Coffee Morning



Saturday, 12th November in Burton Bradstock Village Hall 10.00 - 12.00

£1 admission



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS GIFTS CAKES BOOKS&PUZZLES



#### Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

Thank you for continuing to support the "Friends of Burton Bradstock Library". Your membership subscriptions are an essential part of the funds needed to pay for any ongoing maintenance and all the running costs of the Library, along with fund raising events. The coffee Stop, and the recent book sale proved to be very popular and further dates will be considered.

In confirmation, our book of condolence for Queen Elizabeth II is being collated with others at Dorset History Centre and will form an important archive for the future.

I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of jigsaws which help to provide an enviable choice of puzzles to keep us all busy over the winter months, and for the equally generous donation of Lego. Puzzles are always welcome, but I think we have enough Lego for the moment.

#### CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

This autumn CAB open drop-in sessions are being held in the Library on Wednesday 2nd & 16th November and 7th December during the lunch time from 12.30 until 2.00pm. At the moment these sessions will be on a first come basis, so please have patience as we assess how popular these sessions might be.

#### **CARDS**

A selection of Christmas Cards from previous years and Tapestry notelets are available to purchase in the Library. All proceeds support the "Friends"

#### **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

The Christmas lights outside the Library will be switched on at 4.30pm on Saturday 26th November to coincide with the lighting of the village Christmas Tree.

#### OPENING HOURS

The Library is open: Monday 2.00pm to 4.00pm Wednesday 10.30am to 12.30pm and 2.30pm to 4.30pm Saturday 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Contact information: Tel: 01308 897563

email:fo@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk Friends of Burton Bradstock Library



#### **Burton Bradstock Christmas Activities!**





In December, Burton Bradstock church will be hosting a fun, 'Hide and Seek Rock' activity for Christmas with a star theme! Come along to Burton Bradstock church on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December between 2:45 and 5pm to decorate a rock: we will provide a little refreshment and all you need to take part! You can then hide your rock around Burton Bradstock or Shipton Gorge for someone else to discover. When a rock is discovered, take a picture, post it on the Bride Valley Churches Facebook page and then rehide – or maybe keep it! Bring rocks you find in this game to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm to help decorate the church!



#### Follow the Star this Christmas: a Christmas trail!

This year, businesses and homes are invited to take part in the Advent/Christmas trail – with a slight difference to previous years!

This year, numbered stars will be hidden around the village, in buildings, in businesses and in the windows or gardens of anybody who would like to join in. If you wish to take part in decorating your home/garden with the theme of 'Follow the Star' – just email <a href="mailto:bvchurchesta@outlook.com">bvchurchesta@outlook.com</a>

People will then be invited to discover these stars and note down the number of the star found on a trail sheet (available in Burton Bradstock church or at the Post Office). (We might drop hints in the form of photos on the Facebook page!)

Bring your completed trail sheets along to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm, where a small prize will be presented for the most correct stars found!



## Puncknowle Advent and Christmas Windows 2022

For the last few years, Puncknowle and Swyre residents have enjoyed taking part in a countdown to Christmas with decorated windows and it would be lovely to see the advent windows/front gardens again this year!

This year's theme is 'Follow the Star'. How you follow that theme is entirely up to you!

All you need to do is let the co-ordinator, Stella Oliver, know that you want to take part and she will chat with you to work out the date for your window to be revealed!

Her contact details are: e-mail: <a href="mailto:stella@bassetbedlam.co.uk">stella@bassetbedlam.co.uk</a>. She's also on Facebook and you can phone: 01308 897014 (leaving a message if she can't pick up in time).

## Warmth and companionship in the Bride Valley

We've all heard the news: huge fuel bills, millions in fuel poverty! But what can we do about that in the Bride Valley churches?

Our Breakfast Churches provide a warm space in the Village Halls, once a month (on the  $2^{nd}$  Sunday) in Shipton Gorge and once a month (on the  $4^{th}$  Sunday) at Puncknowle.

There's the added attraction of hot drinks, breakfast and great company! Also this month, there will be a coffee morning at St Mary's, Litton Cheney, on the 14<sup>th</sup> November, from 10-12. (It is hoped that this will become a regular monthly event.)

Finally, there is a monthly Holy Communion service at St Mary's, Burton Bradstock on the first Wednesday of the month, from 11:30, followed by a warm light lunch.

Everyone can be sure of a 'warm' welcome at all of these! If you need any help getting to church, just let us know.

## **CROSSWORD SOLUTION**

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Sudoku Easy Solution

**Sudoku Medium Solution** 

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# **DIARY NOVEMBER 2022**

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Wed	2nd	7PM	Fish and Chips Quiz Night	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Thurs	3rd	7.30pm	Film Night 'Belfast'	Latch , Litton Cheney
Tues	8th	7.30pm	Litton Cheney Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room at Latch
		7.00pm	Puncknowle Neighbourhood Plan meeting	Puncknowle Village Hall
Wed	9th	7.30pm	Shipton Gorge Parish Council Meeting	Shipton Gorge Village Hall
Thurs	10th	10.15am	Thursday Winter Club	Puncknowle Village Hall
Sat	12th	10.30–12 10.00–12 7.30pm	Coffee Break WI Early Christmas Market and Coffee Morning The Odyssey starring	Long Bredy Village Hall Burton Bradstock Village Hall Shipton Gorge
		7.00рт	Dave Mynne	Village Hall
Sun	13th	11am	Remembrance in the Valley	All Valley Churches
Tues	15th	1pm	Lunch Club	Puncknowle Village Hall
Wed	16th	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning run by Burton Bradstock School	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Fri	18th	5.30-9pm	Come Along Inn	Long Bredy Village Hall
Sat	19th	7pm	Victorian Swyre	Holy Trinity Church Swyre
Fri	25th	7.30pm	Bingo all proceeds to MIND	Latch , Litton Cheney
	_	7.30pm	Burton Film Night 'Elvis'	Burton Bradstock Village Hall
Mon	28th	7pm	Long Bredy Parish Council meeting	Long Bredy Village Hall

## SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES NOVEMBER 2022

NOVEMBER 2022	1st Sunday 6th November	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 13th November	3rd Sunday 20th November	4th Sunday 27th November
	Trinity 21	Remembrance Sunday	Christ the King	Advent Sunday
Burton	8.00	10.45	9.30	11.00
Bradstock	Holy Communion	Remembrance Service	Family Service	Holy Communion
	10:30 Songs of Praise	6.30 Holy Communion		
Shipton Gorge		9.30 Breakfast Church		11.00
		10.00 Remembrance		Holy Communion
		Service		
Swyre	3pm Evening Prayer	10.50 Remembrance	11.00 Morning Worship	9.30
		Service		Joint Breakfast Church
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion		11.00 All age	
			Holy Communion	
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	6:30 Choral Evensong	9.30 Holy Communion	4pm Darkness to Light
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship	
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Mid Week Holy Communion service at Burton Bradstock, Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 11:30

Weekly telephone service prepared by members of the Bride Valley team available on **01308 293062**