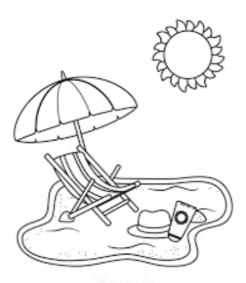
BRIDE VALLEY NEWS



August 2023

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September 2023 Issue deadlines: Articles, photographs, etc must be sent to the appropriate Village Correspondent (contact details at the head of each village section) by Friday 11th August for the September issue. Contributions from outside the Bride Valley should be emailed to bynburton@gmail.com. Handwritten or typed copy should be delivered to village correspondents well before the deadline please! Correspondents are asked to send copy to the Editor by 9.00am Monday 14th August please.

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Note: Contributors are asked to note that space in the BVN is strictly limited and the Editor reserves the right to edit submissions and cannot guarantee that items will be included.

> The Bride Valley News is delivered to every home in the valley and carries not only news of local church services but also our societies, activities, clubs and businesses, making sure we all know what is going on in the Valley. It is entirely produced and distributed by volunteers. Donations to help us continue to provide the magazine would be welcome and if you feel able to contribute please make a BACS payment to: Account: 'Bride Valley Churches Team Council', Sort code 30-91-21 Account number 00074071.....and quote BVN.

The Bride Valley Churches

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

Reader: James Webster (01308) 898657

To enquire about Baptism, Marriage and Funeral arrangements, please contact Helen Fry, Bride Valley Benefice Administrator on 01308 897260, or email BVchurchesTA@outlook.com

Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)

Within the Bride Valley Churches there is a small team of Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA's) who are available for anybody throughout our community. What do we do? We respond to any need, great or small, for pastoral care. In times of bereavement, loss, emotional or other trouble.

Lay Pastoral Assistants contacts

Cathryn Johnson 01308 897169 Pauline Woodford (Burton Bradstock only) 01308 898327 Jenny Malyon 01308 898768 Liz Orza 01308 897451

Pastoral Assistants & Prayers for The Sick

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

Church Floodlighting

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

From the Registers for May 2023:

Wedding:	Ritchie Drake and Ashleigh Robertson	
	Puncknowle 29th Ju	lly
Funerals:	Mary George Elizabeth Watts	Shipton Gorge 30 th June Long Bredy 14 th July

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. 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

We are fortunate to have some lovely bell-ringers across the Bride Valley and we thought you'd be interested in this letter:

My name is Brandon Joyce and I am 10 years old. I came to Dorset with my parents during the recent school half term holiday and was lucky enough to join the bell ringers at St Mary's Church in Burton Bradstock for their weekly practise on Thursday 1st June. My Dad arranged this for me after contacting Mr Piper, the tower captain of St Mary's Church.



Afterwards I was asked by the Rector, Rev'd Jane Williams, if I could write an article on 'my journey into bell ringing' for the parish magazine - so here it is.

On Sunday mornings I am a bell ringer at St Barnabas Church in Swanmore, Hampshire, where I have been ringing for over a year. I became interested in bell ringing because my school is opposite St Barnabas Church and because I enjoyed listening to the bells before the start of Sunday Club/School. Although the other bell ringers are much older than me, they are all very friendly and helpful. I can now ring rounds and 'plain hunt' with my favourite bell being the number 2 bell. At Swanmore we practise on Friday evenings. I sometimes have to start the round with the treble bell by saying "look to, trebles going, she's gone" after which all the adults follow me.

I also ring in a district youth group every two to three weeks which is fun because I get to ring at many other local churches with lots of other young ringers. The bells have an amazing history and I often get to climb up into the belfry to see them. My favourite bells are the ones at Burton Bradstock although at Hursley near Winchester there are 12 bells which make an amazing sound. I also like to see the old clocks in the church tower. At St Mary's I was lucky to be given the job to wind the clock mechanism. There is no better place to see how a mechanical clock works than by seeing the escapement mechanism tick back and forth to the rhythm of a large swinging pendulum in a church tower.

The most important part about learning to ring is having a good group of fellow bell ringers with you. The ringers at Burton Bradstock are all very friendly.

Brandon Joyce

Bride Valley Bring & Share Lunches

Our next Bride Valley Bring & Share Lunches will be on Sunday 3rd September in Burton Bradstock Village Hall. The hall will be open from 10.00am to drop off dishes or you can bring them with you to the lunch. We aim to sit down to eat at 12.30pm.

For those new to this event or the Bride Valley, the lunch is an open event, free of charge, and we ask you to bring something savoury or sweet (or both!) to share. It's very relaxed and informal and an excellent opportunity to get to know people better.

Help in setting up, arranging food, washing up and clearing away is most welcome. Please contact me if you can help or would like more information.

Carol Brown 01308 897273



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School

July has flown past in a flurry of trips, celebrations and sunshine (mostly)! At

the end of this term, we

say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils who are moving on to the next stage in their education. I know you will join me in wishing them well and I am



sure that we will, as we do with many previous pupils, see them back at Burton to let us know how they're getting on!

Over the Summer Solstice, our Year 5 and 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip to Magdalen Farm where they took part in a range of different activities. The low ropes and 'Survival in the Wild' were particular highlights, especially the mud slide which involved many children getting extremely muddy!

Our annual sports day took place at the end of June. There were more formal races and field events in the morning for our 'Beach Team' cup and then our fun sports in the afternoon. It was a great event - thank you to the Friends for providing refreshments for the children and adults.

At the beginning of July, our drama club put on a wonderful performance of Alice in Wonderland. The audience were very impressed to see the culmination of all their hard work and there were some fantastic individual performances. We look forward to welcoming STAMP drama school back in

September. Kingfisher class enjoyed their end of term 'fun day!' The children stayed late after school and had pizzas and watched a film. During the day they visited the play area and learnt some new games at school.

Children in The Nest visited Foxdown Farm in the penultimate week of term. This was a trip for children from both preschool and reception and was a resounding success. They met lots of different animals, learnt how to feed and look after them and spent time exploring the farm. There were some very tired children on the bus ride back to school!



Robin class are looking forward to their trip to the Hive to learn about the smugglers of Burton Bradstock! Their topic, Movers and Shakers, is all about key people from history and the children have really enjoyed learning about some internationally and locally significant individuals.

Finally, a small group of our children were lucky enough to go and watch the first day of the County Championship test match between Somerset

and Hampshire. Although play was slightly delayed by rain, a great time was had by all.

Please follow our Facebook page for more pictures of all the things our children get up to.

I look forward to sharing our news after the break when our new classes have settled in.

Adam Gough Headteacher



Thorners CE VA School

Earlier this month I was invited to meet the Bishop of Salisbury. He kindly welcomed both myself and several other new headteachers from the diocese for a meeting and then we were kindly asked to be part of that day's evensong service in the cathedral. The Bishop spoke to us all at length about the largely rural nature of the diocese, how far apart we all were - but how we were linked through the work that all were undertaking in their schools and churches in villages across Dorset and beyond. Returning to school along the A35, it was not hard to see what he meant. Our catchment villages are dotted across the Valley landscape - each with its own church and character - but connected via a common history and long-term mission.

From our meeting, it was also obvious, from talking to other headteachers, that the fun and challenges that stem from working in small rural schools were very similar across all of our settings in our respective parts of the county. Likewise, was the common determination to ensure that our village schools thrive into the future. As I returned to school to be met by a whirlwind of activity (Bikeability, Poetry Slam, Creative Writing Workshop, Wear it Wild Day for Nature, Swimming Galas, Drama Productions and preparations for a church and school fete!) it was clear that this is very much the case at present. To me, it is clear that small schools demonstrate something really unique about our part of the world and offer a connection between village, school, church and child that I hope the children will come to appreciate as they move up through the school and beyond to secondary.

Soon we will be testing that theory, as our Yr. 6 Leavers get ready to move on to a variety of secondary schools (Sir John Colfox, Colyton Grammar, Thomas Hardye and the Studio School at Kingston Maurward). We wish them all the best and hope that they enjoy the new challenge of going up to 'Big School'. But we also hope that they miss us a little and perhaps, in time, appreciate the unique experience they have had in coming to a such a small, rural primary. We look forward to hearing how they have settled in next year and will be glad to see them return (as so many do) when they have an INSET day in year 7, which enables them to come back and see us all again. Up on the walls of the school house we have lots of photos of children who have left down the years and we will add some of this year's leavers as well. They will also each leave a small stone they have decorated along our path in the front garden - showing one of the things they have enjoyed most about Thorner's. They range from sailing to maths, forest school to swimming. We hope that they also leave us with a better understanding of what we mean by 'each of their small steps' (some of them started here as 3-year-olds in Fledglings!) 'building a path to their future'.

<u>Good luck Year 6</u> - you have been a brilliant year group and we will miss you all and even though you are leaving we hope you will still feel connected to Thorner's in the future.

Mike Sitch, Headmaster

Bride Valley Gardening Club Show Time

Stepping into LATCH for the Flower and Produce Show on Saturday 19th August will brighten your heart, even if by then some welcome rain has arrived. Buzz and chatter will fill the hall, at the spectacle of sumptuous produce and blooms – and the bonus of an art exhibition.



Flower and Produce 'SHOW' it says. Not for Bride Valley Gardening Club members the worry and trepidation that often comes for exhibitors when local shows are judged by people trained to ensure the RHS schedule is observed. I've seen the look of shock, disappointment and bewilderment on the faces of entrants who discover the dreaded letters 'NAS' (not as schedule) on their entry, meaning disqualification. This exacting and competitive form of showmanship can easily deter keen amateurs from exhibiting. As usual visitors to the show will vote for what they like best. It's this encouraging format that makes the BVGC show so popular and enjoyable, with entries open to all members without worry. Winners will be rewarded by knowing that their hard work has delighted visitors, making their hard work worthwhile. Quirky and unusual entries are welcome and very much in the spirit of 'show' and 'display'. This year, for the first time we are welcoming entries from children – of non-members as well as members. Do email the BVGC for the details of how children can enter a garden on a plate – bridevalleygc@gmail.com

Come and see for yourself – look, vote, enjoy tea and cake, the art, a raffle and a plant sale. You'll love it!

Dates for your diary:

Flower and Produce Show Saturday August 19th at LATCH, from 2.00pm (details below). Members: a reminder to submit your entries at LATCH 10.00am-11.30am. There is no club meeting in August but we meet again in LATCH on Monday September 18th at 7.30pm for a talk on 'Medicinal Herbs' by Sarah Furey, with wine and plant sales from 7.00pm. Visitors always very welcome.

Ali Halliday (balletboots@live.com)



Our Night Sky in August 2023

Saturn will be setting about dawn in the middle of the month, but will have accompanied Jupiter throughout the night. The latter will be the brightest object apart from the moon in the southern sky, rising in the east about 11pm. Venus is still too close to the sun to be visible, but Orion will be rising in the East before dawn, as the harbinger of our winter skies.

A water vapour plume from Saturn's moon Enceladus spanning more than 6,000 miles has been detected by researchers using NASA's James Webb Space Telescope. Not only is this the first time such a water emission has been seen over such a huge distance, but Webb is also giving scientists a direct look, for the first time, at how this emission feeds the water supply for the entire system of Saturn and its rings.

Enceladus, a world with an ocean, is about four percent the size of Earth, just 313 miles across, and is one of the most exciting scientific targets in our solar system in the search for life beyond Earth. Sandwiched between the moon's icy outer crust and its rocky core is a global reservoir of salty water. Geyser-like volcanoes spew jets of ice particles, water vapour, and organic chemicals out of crevices in the moon's surface informally called 'tiger stripes.'

The water plume extends far beyond its release region at the southern pole, and the length of the plume was not the only characteristic that intrigued researchers. The rate at which the water vapour is gushing out, about 79 gallons per second, is also particularly impressive. The Cassini orbiter spent over a decade exploring the Saturnian system, and not only imaged the plumes of Enceladus for the first time but flew directly through them and sampled what they were made of. While Cassini's position within the Saturnian system provided invaluable insights into this distant moon, Webb's unique view from one million miles from Earth, along with the remarkable sensitivity of its Near-Infrared Spectrograph Instrument, is offering a new context.

The orbit of Enceladus around Saturn is relatively quick, just 33 hours. As it whips around Saturn, the moon and its jets are basically spitting off water, leaving a halo in its wake. In the Webb observations, not only was the plume huge, but there was just water absolutely everywhere. Since, as far as we know, life cannot exist without water, the ocean under Enceladus' surface ice would be a prime target for future exploration to see if life in some form exists.

Bill Turnill

Can you Help Weldmar? Need for volunteers

Would you be interested in helping out at Weldmar Hospicecare's local charity shops?

Weldmar Hospicecare is an independent Dorset charity that provides specialist end of life care to people with a life limiting illness, and supports



their loved ones. All of our services are provided for free, but we need to raise £26,000 a day! In the Bride Valley area in 2022/23, Weldmar provided support to almost 400 local people, and our charity shops need you! Our local shops provide vital income to allow us to continue providing our services, and we couldn't do this without the help of volunteers. There is a range of tasks to provide variety and interest, such as serving at the till, making sure the windows and displays are eye catching, and sorting through items that have been donated. You can meet new people, be part of a friendly team, and know you are helping a great local cause. Please pop into our charity shop on East Street in Bridport to find out more, or call 01305 458158.

James O'Neill, Marketing and Communications Lead

The Bride Valley WI

The Bride Valley WI visited Lyme Regis lifeboat station for its June meeting. A very informative, interesting and amusing evening was spent looking at the lifeboat in detail and visiting the crew's changing room which was full of rubber outfits, furry onesies and fairly weighty life jackets. Petrina Muscroft did a great job explaining how the station was run and how these very brave volunteers help to keep us safe. Our June walk took place on a beautiful evening around a tranquil part of Dorset in the village of Netherbury. We walked along the River Brit and through Slape Manor, finishing at St Mary's Church which boasts one of the few Redwood Trees in Dorset. We continue to play skittles at the White Horse in Litton Cheney every second Tuesday to develop our skills ready for the WI skittles league 2023/24.

The Bride Valley WI has well over 30 members now who enjoy a varied range of monthly meetings. Please come along on 3rd Thursday of the month to Puncknowle Village Hall if you are interested in joining us.

Bride Valley Book Club Review Summerwater by Sarah Moss

There was a mixed response to this novel set amongst holiday chalets on a popular loch edge location in Scotland. The story follows various characters who inhabit these holiday lodges - it is quite an eclectic list and each individual is given their own "stream of consciousness" narrative voice. A heavy sense of foreboding floods the atmosphere of this rain sodden landscape. It seems that no-one is having a fun time - failing marriages, angry teenagers, early stages of dementia, lovers who are mismatched in their aspirations, disturbed children, stressed out young parents, a compulsive runner and an ex-military man living in a tent off grid - all contribute to a claustrophobic mood and a feeling of menace and impending disaster. A particular point of tension is noisy late-night partying coming from the lodge being rented by an East European family (their nationality is never established) who have a small daughter. Of all the characters who populate this book - the immigrant family have no voice at all and it is they who are the victims of a fire at the end of the novel. We did agree that there was some outstanding writing in "Summerwater"-Moss had really captured the minutiae of daily life trapped inside these holiday lodges in unrelentingly appalling Scottish weather. We found the constantly shifting cast of characters confusing and the ending of the novel was ambiguous. Some time was spent debating this and even then we were not clear about what exactly had happened! Also puzzling were the short "nature" commentaries which preceded each character's narrative - we were left feeling we had missed something.

Less opaque was our team victory at the recent Bridport Prize Literary Quiz - this was a fundraiser for a worthy cause - we upheld the reputation of our valley and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Liz Pinfield

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Church Service Times. Starting this month, the Church 1st Sunday of the month 9.30 a.m. Family Service (All-2nd ditto 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion 3rd ditto 11.00 a.m. Matins 4th ditto 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.) 5th Sunday Services will remain flexible, and in a relev (This January's 5th Sunday Service, on the 30th, will b The major change is the moving of the Family Service of **Speed Watch** – Since the 30mph limit has been operating in the village it appears that drivers are generally slowing down as they transit the village. If that was ever to change there would be an option to set up a speed watch team who would monitor the speed of the traffic coming though the village and pass their findings to the police who may write to offending individuals warning them that prosecution could follow if caught again. We remain hopeful of avoiding the creation of a Speed Watch Team which would of course require local residents to volunteer to point the speed gun.

The Queen's Bench

By the time you read this it is hoped the village map will have been added to the Queen's Bench installation. Designed by Philip Dyke with historical information provided by our resident historian, Paul Kingston, and technical know-how by Andy King, it quite literally tops off this project. Thank you to all involved – you have done Litton Cheney proud!

Events at Litton & Thorner's Community Hall for August

Weekly:

Tuesdays: 18.15 – Pilates (johanna@larkpilates.com 07920 421783) 1st and 8th only Wednesdays: 16.45 - Table Tennis (Ron Davidson 482661) 19.00 – Mindful Movement with Jane Hutchins (07882 527697)

Special:

Thursday 3rd: 10.30am – 12.30pm Artsreach workshop – fully booked - see below.

Thursday 10th: 11.00am – 1.00pm Artsreach workshop – details below Saturday 19th: 2.00pm Bride Valley Gardening Club Show

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

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

Don't miss out!

This year's family music at LATCH hosts award-winning *Frog and Henry*, with **New Orleans jazz led by Ewan Bleach**.

Friday 8th September-- doors open at 7.00pm with Cajun snacks and bar. Hear them on jazzascona.ch/en/frog-henrys and frogandhenry.com Tickets £10 or (under-16s) £5, text David Charlton 0748 764 0339 or email to D.Charlton@rhul.ac.uk

Artsreach Children's Summer Workshops at Latch

OOP'S WOW MESSY PLAY with JO BURLINGTON - I AM A BOOK OF FANTASTIC THINGS.

Photograph yourself, use collage & paint and create your own story-book. Dress for messy play.

Thurs. 3rd August 10.30am -12.30pm. 12 places only – <u>ALL BOOKED UP</u> – <u>Reserve List available.</u> 5yrs - 12yrs, £6. each.

<u>AFRICAN DRUMMING</u> - Join SENEGALESE CHEIKH DIOP TO LEARN & PLAY IN A DRUM CIRCLE: Djembes and dun-duns.

7 - 12 years and you may bring a parent/s or guardian. No unaccompanied adults. 25 places on Thurs 10th August 11.00am -1.00pm. ± 6.00 each or ± 15.00 for 1 adult, 2 children.

All tickets from Patricia on 01308 482514. Further information can be found on the Artsreach website.

The White Horse – Welcome!

Summer abounds and warm and friendly hospitality awaits you at our village hostelry. Events, information and headliners can be found on the pub's website https://www.whitehorseinnlittoncheney.co.uk/

The Litton Cheney Trust

The Trustees invite applications for a grant from students resident in Litton Cheney who will be proceeding to higher education and those leaving school or college who will be commencing full time employment or an apprenticeship. Please apply in writing giving brief details of your plans on leaving school. Those who have already received a grant from the Trust and are continuing with a second or subsequent year of study are invited to reapply for a further grant.

Letters of request should be sent or delivered to the Secretary to the Trustees Mr Freddie Spicer, 8 Garden Close by 31st August.



TAI CHI at LATCH

New beginners are welcome to join our next series of monthly Saturday-morning Tai Chi classes commencing on 23 September 2023.

With us you will learn traditional tai chi for the modern world, for the most part accessible to people of all ages and levels of physical fitness.

Our classes feature:

- traditional tai chi and qigong, deriving from authentic lineages;
- balanced and flexible training, whatever your aims;
- live, in-depth and time-efficient classes, supported by an increasing range of online material;
- a certified Instructor of the Tai Chi and Qigong Union of Great Britain and a highly experienced educator.

<u>Free</u> online taster lesson now available: please see our website for details: www.bamboogrovetaichi.co.uk and to book your space, contact Andrew at email bamboogtc@tutanota.com, mobile 07912 107950.

Important note to all contributors to the BVN

The BVN has to be produced to a very strict printer's deadline, and also within a limited number of pages. Please try to meet the monthly deadlines, which are set out on the inside front cover, and also keep your entries as succinct as possible. Your help on this will be appreciated by the Village Correspondents and the Editor! All Bride Valley Church Family Services are now at 9.30 a.m.

The Holy Communion Service on 2nd January will as usual follow. *Anthony Ashwell*

Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington

Village Correspondents: Elizabeth Slater (Puncknowle) Iiz@ruddle.org.uk Tel: 01308 897751 Jill Neill (Swyre & West Bexington) Jill.neill@live.co.uk Tel 01308 897479 Village website: https://puncknowle.net



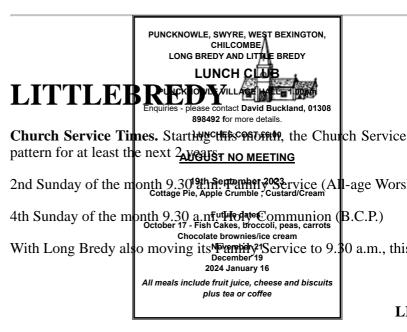
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A Happy New Year to you all!

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Two welcomes to stress this month: firstly to young Edmund Sha last month's notes. Belatedly but cordially, therefore, we extend al

Secondly, welcome also to Simon and Siobhan Baxter, who, wi noticed lights ablaze as decorations get under way, and we wish the

100 Club Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington

By popular request and to support the ongoing upkeep of the village hall as a community venue, the 100 club is back! Over the years your engagement has helped support various necessary improvements with the hall now updated and looking splendid and for hire for those family, fun or group events! To continue supporting, for £18.00 a year, you could be in with a chance of winning £10 or £15 in our monthly draw. Our first draw after a short break will be in August.

For further details and registration please message me or email carolkennelly@btinternet.com. There are also registration forms at the hall, each village notice board and The Crown Inn. Thank you for your support!

Puncknowle Fete

The farmers had been praying for rain, and the Good Lord answered their prayers on Saturday 8th July......the day of the fete. Despite the rain, the fete was a great success and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Cakes and produce were sold, bottles and chocolate tombola, the Grand Draw was drawn, rats were splatted, coconuts shied, hoopla was hooped, skittles bowled, the Human Fruit Machine whirred, teas were drunk, strawberries and hot dogs eaten (not at the same time), whilst people bet on the Auction of Promises. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. The fete raised £ 3069.85p for Puncknowle Church, Swyre Church, and the Village Hall.

A huge THANK YOU to:

Sarah and Jim Wild for allowing us to use their beautiful garden for the fete The Crown Inn for all their support

Everyone who gave to and manned the stalls

Everyone who helped put up the stalls and who took them down again The car park attendants and to all those doing the myriad of jobs preparing for the fete.

Every contribution, large or small, contributed to a successful day. Thank you.

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JANUARY 1st 2000 After the ringing of St Martin's bells at 12 the refurbished churchyard gates will be dedicated.

The Village Notice Board has been re-positioned to its new site near

As in previous years there is to be a **PLANT SALE** held adjacent notice, those of you with green fingers will pot up stray plants, tal proceeds will be to our church funds and your support will be greatly

Shipton Gorge 100 Club Winners for the December Draw

£50 No:62 Liz Fulford

£20 No: 26 Lyn Grey

£10 Nos: 23, 67, 32 Bette Danby Joyce Crutchley Gary Warren

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Millennium Quiz

Match each character to the correct century from the first two mi

- (a) He defeated Harold at Hastings
- (b) He built a wall as a defence against the Picts and the Scots.
- (c) She mourned for her husband on the Isle of Wight.
- (d) He reputedly burnt some cakes.
- (e) The Magna Carta was signed in his reign.
- (f) King of Northumbria killed at Oswestry.
- (g) The writer of 34 plays wrote "What a piece of work man is.."

1st Sunday of the month 6.30 p.m. Evensong

3rd " " " 11.00 a.m. Parish Communion

Please note, however, that we begin by immediately make

Songs Of Praise. Instead of the 6.30 p.m. Evensong wh At this, we will be singing in (again?) the Millennium merry gentlemen" and "Good King Wenceslas". What a --CAROLS OF PRAISE---3.00 O'CLOCK

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As in previous years there is to be a **PLANT SALE** held adjacent to notice, those of you with green fingers will pot up stray plants, tak proceeds will be to our church funds and your support will be greatly

Shipton Gorge 100 Club Winners for the December Draw

£50 No:62 Liz Fulford

£20 No: 26 Lyn Grey

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Millennium Quiz

Match each character to the correct century from the first two mi

- (a) He defeated Harold at Hastings
- (b) He built a wall as a defence against the Picts and the Scots.
- (c) She mourned for her husband on the Isle of Wight.
- (d) He reputedly burnt some cakes.
- (e) The Magna Carta was signed in his reign.
- (f) King of Northumbria killed at Oswestry.
- (g) The writer of 34 plays wrote "What a piece of work man is.."
- (h) The city of Istanbul was originally named after him.
- (i) He roused his troops to an English victory at Agincourt.
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was allowed in the past, and I would like to express my appreciation to all of you who have invited and welcomed the stall over this time. The concept of Fair Trade is now widespread, and the pioneers from the early 1970s have achieved this.

Thank you and goodbye! Liz

Tots' Time

Rev'd Jane looked splendidly regal as she told the Bible story about brave Queen Esther (Star) with a tiara of multi-coloured stars on her head, made by Georgia. All the Tots made and wore crowns, tiaras or garlands made with stars.

Over the weeks Tots had made another 'stainedglass window'



(thanks to Quality Street wrappers), rather like the one in church, but with a photograph of all the children as the centre-piece. We hope



this will help Jane to not forget Tots too soon, when she moves on to her new situation. We shall all miss her very much and are grateful for all she has done here to help us. On July 14th we said 'good-bye' to Hattie and Georgia (see July BVN for photo), as they start 'big school' in September. We shall miss them, but they have promised to visit us in their new school uniforms on Fridays after school.



Thanks are due to the parents who brought in extra cakes, so we could party in style on the final two Fridays. The children made 'Friday Sundaes' for their adults, then for themselves. As one parent remarked "They will all end on a high"! And they did.

We say 'Good-bye' and 'God bless', to Rev'd Jane and to our leavers, and wish all the Tots a very happy summer holiday. See you again on SEPTEMBER 8TH at 2.00pm.

Any questions? Contact Audrey (01308 897227), Heather (01308 897780) or Helen on BVchurchesTA@outlook.co.uk

Pop-Up Afternoon Teas

We are back! On Tuesday 8th August and Thursday 24th August from 2.00pm to 4.30pm at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. All welcome to meet up for delicious cakes and tea. Please get in touch if you can help to bake for this event. (Carol 01308 897273)

Proceeds will be shared between the Church Mission Society (CMS) and the Sudan Medical Link.

Carol Brown 01308 897273

Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride, 9th September

You may have read in Source to Sea about this event which raises money by sponsorship to enable the Trust to make grants to assist with repairs and improvements, and keeping our church buildings sound and fit for purpose. Indeed, this church received a grant when the south transept window had to be removed for repair. Half of the money raised is returned to the church of your choice, the remaining half going to the Trust.

Here in Burton there are very few of us walking now, so new participants would be welcomed. Even if you are not a church member maybe you still value the presence of the building and feel the village would be a poorer place without it? So, if any of you feels fit and able and would like to take part, please contact Peter Broomhead (01308 897408) or a Church Warden.

New BVN Village Correspondent for Burton Bradstock

The BVN is delighted to welcome Pat Grafton as the new village correspondent for Burton Bradstock. This is an important voluntary role and we would ask all who provide items for the magazine to support her in the task and provide your submissions within the deadline. Pat's contact details are provided at the beginning of the Burton Bradstock section of the magazine.



Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Bookings

Should you wish to use the Hall at any time, the booking officer can be contacted via email at bbvht.bookings@gmail.com or by phone on 01308 897648.

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 10.00pm to 12.00noon and all are welcome.

Wed 13 th Sep	Organised by Friends of the Library
Wed 11 th Oct	Organised by the Bowls Club
	(please note, there is no coffee morning in August)

Burton Bradstock Films

Burton Bradstock Films take a break from May to August and resume showings in September. Look for details in the BVN nearer the time.

Replacement Shed

Work started in late July on the long-awaited replacement of the shed to the left of the Hall. In the past it has been damaged by fire and is showing its age, plus the Hall needs more storage space. The new shed will be similar in appearance, same overall height and width, but deeper and with improved roof space.

Once complete, any damaged tarmac will be rectified. Apologies to any Hall user impacted during this work.

Burton Bradstock 200 Club

Congratulations to the winners:

<u>1</u> st	£34.20	No 44:	Mrs Sue Brown
2^{nd}	£17.10	No 64:	Mrs Pat Broomhead
3 rd	£8.55	No 101:	Mr Sam Smith

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the August 2023 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have ± 5 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

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Burton Bradstock Village Society

One of the highlights of our year, The Flower and Produce Show, took place in the Village Hall on July 15th. Although the show was impacted by the windy and rainy weather, it was immaculately well organised, well attended and enjoyed by all. There were 187 entries and we awarded cups to 11 overall winners across 67 competition classes.



Congratulations go to:

Linda Ashman, winner of the Cracroft Challenge Cup for Flowers (Not Roses), and of the Cookery and Home Produce Trophy Gill Redford, winner of the Gordon Knight Cup for Pot Plants Jean Ayers, winner of the Flower Arranger Trophy and of the Knightsmith Trophy for Preserves

Tracey Green, winner of the Grove House Cup for Best Allotment Phil Huggins, winner of the Mallinson Cup for Handicrafts Steve Smith, winner of The David Barnikel Cup for Photography Irene Halsey, winner of the Millennium Trophy 2000 for Art Pat Broomhead, winner of the Bugler Cup for Roses

Richard Ferré, winner of the Louis/May Brown Cup for Fruit and Vegetables (pictured on the right)

Thank you to everyone who helped pull off this logistically-challenging show, including Christine Lewis who led the organisation, and who was supported by Roger Ashman, as well as a big team of volunteers and judges.

We have planned some more enjoyable events for



2023 and 2024 to celebrate our 50th anniversary. The series is kicked off by a fascinating talk on Friday 15th September at the Village Hall on 'A night at the music hall with stories' by Tim Laycock. As usual you can find out more about the Village Society on the village website and you can contact Roger Ashman (roger.ashman30@gmail.com) if you would like to become a member.

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

The Summer Reading Challenge for Children has been running for a month now and all children are encouraged to sign up (or be signed up!) to take part. The theme this year is 'Ready, Set, Read!' and hopes to get all our young people involved in books <u>and</u> sport. Children will be given a poster and stickers as they return their books to the library. When they have read 6 books they will receive a medal and in September a certificate will be awarded in school.

Young and old are invited to vote for their favourite sport, to play or watch, on our sports track on the children's noticeboard. There are some interesting trends so far but do join in and we will give the results in September.

We are holding children's activity mornings linked to the SRC: 8th August 10.00am-12.00noon Lego Morning – all are welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult 22nd August 10.00am-12.00noon Craft Activities on a sporting theme, as above

As usual the library provides all that Dorset Libraries offer – book loan from an everchanging stock, book orders from all of the Libraries West

stock, free Wi-Fi, public computers. If you haven't got your free library card, why not call in and we'll sign you up on the spot for these services and more! We have lots of jigsaws to borrow, cards and maps to buy, photocopying. You can book a session with our Digital Champion by calling the hotline on 01305 221048. He can come to Burton Library on Monday afternoons or Wednesday mornings.

The volunteer team looks forward to welcoming you on: Monday 2.00pm-4.00pm, Wednesday 10.00am-12noon, Thursday 2.00pm-4.00pm, Saturday 2.00pm-4.00pm

Contact information: tel: 01308 897563; email: burtonbradstocklibrary@gmail.com

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Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

Sue Brown Chair of Trustees Burton Bradstock WI

We have had two very interesting speakers at our recent meetings. In June Gordon Lewis told us about the history of Tyneham, going back to Mediaeval and Roman times and then went on to explain how the village was taken



over by the War Office during the Second World War in order for troops to practise their manoeuvres. It was hard to imagine the residents only having 33 days' notice to move out of their houses just before Christmas, never to return. It was interesting – but rather sad – to see photographs of the village then and now and to notice how it has fallen into a derelict reminder of those difficult times.

In July Hilary Green gave us a very informative talk entitled "A Year in the Life of a Beehive", accompanied by some beautiful photographs. Hilary was an extremely witty speaker and had us laughing throughout at some of her "asides". Thank you, Hilary, for cheering us up on an otherwise depressing day weatherwise!

Also, at our July meeting we held our annual art and craft competition at which we had a large variety of entries this year. Congratulations to Val Ellis who won the Watercolour section, Sheila Spencer-Smith the painting in any other medium, Joan Allan the knitting section and Sally Lloyd the craft section with a beautiful patchwork quilt.





All the entries were of an extremely high standard – what a talented lot of ladies we have in our group!

We actually left all of the items out on display as it was our turn to run the village coffee morning the following day. This was such a well-attended event that we had to quickly get some extra tables out! It was so nice to see such a full hall with everyone chatting away and enjoying the morning.

We do not have a meeting in August so I will close now by hoping that you all have a good Summer.

Janet Pearson 01308 898346

Burton Bradstock Festival of Music and Art – August 2023

A reminder that the 41st Burton Bradstock Festival of Music and Art takes place between 12th and 20th August. Concert tickets are now on sale via Bridport Tourist Information Centre.

The Festival opens on Saturday 12th August when the Village Hall becomes an art gallery for nine days. Original paintings, ceramics, glass and wood crafts will be exhibited by West Country artists and are on sale at affordable prices. Admission free!

A Festival Evensong will be held in St Mary's Church on Sunday 13th August following an afternoon Tea Party – with live music, of course – in the Rectory Gardens. Artistic Director David Juritz has once again assembled a wonderful line-up of musicians and the programme of concerts from Monday 14 August to the final Gala event on Friday 18 August includes something for everyone. From classic TV themes, led by their award-winning composer, to bluegrass, chamber music and more, all concerts are in St Mary's Church. There will be lunchtime performances, evening concerts and late-night recitals.

Tickets can be booked either in person, by telephone or post or by using the QR code on the right. See the full programme and find out more on the website at burtonbradstockfestival.com On behalf of the Festival Committee, thank you in anticipation of your support and I look forward to seeing old friends and new at the



Jenny Malyon, Chair, Festival Organising Committee

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

Festival!

The Parish Council held a lengthy meeting in July, as there were a number of items with regard to the upkeep of Council property that had to be discussed.

We are appealing for more volunteers

It really is not possible to stress enough how essential our team of volunteers is in helping to maintain not just Parish Council assets, but also the drains, lanes, litter, digging, mowing, strimming in all areas of our beautiful village. They are an extremely hard-working group of individuals and we applaud their efforts wholeheartedly. Might you consider joining them? There is no minimum time requirement, and you are free to work individually or in a group. Tools and materials are supplied.

Working Groups - Road Safety Group and a Parish Council Land and Amenities Working Group.

The above two areas of concern were highlighted by the community as priority for the coming year. We are seeking individuals to come forward to

work with council members on the above two groups. No experience necessary, just a keen interest in your home village and a willingness to help out within the groups with ideas, actions and a bit of time and commitment. Again, these are not open-ended groups and we would hope to set a time frame and set of actions without any long term commitment to allow you to give time, experience, etc on a flexible basis.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact me (Lisanne) on 07479 818551 or by email to Imealing@icloud.com

And finally.....

The bridge connecting Timber Bridge to Corncrake is going to be replaced. This means that it will be closed during the school holidays (around 26th July) for a period of 5 weeks potentially. Diversion signs will be put in place and whilst this is a huge inconvenience, we have no choice but to endure it as if this doesn't go ahead, the bridge would have to be closed for safety reasons. By mid to late-August we will be blessed with a wonderful new bridge that should last for many years to come.

Wishing you all happy holidays and we hope to see you at our meeting on 6th September at 7.30pm in the Reading Room on the High Street. The first 15 minutes are for public comments on Agenda items and then at the end, there is an opportunity to raise any other parish matter.

Lisanne Mealing, Chair

ps. We will shortly be advertising for the role of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for the council - please contact me if you might be interested in applying and I can supply more information.

Watercolour Painting at Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Tutored by artist Lynda Connolly, the Watercolour Painting Class at Burton Bradstock has now been running for more than 10 years. Not only attracting students from the village but also further afield, such as Litton Cheney, Bridport,



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Shipton Gorge

Village Correspondent: Richard Hewlett richard@c-m-sltd.co.uk Tel: 01308 897278 Village web-site: www.shiptongorge.org.uk were not frequent or regular. So has given me a fresh appreciation when entering school, especially friends it can be eased. I hope the of which there are quite a few. I that they have connections here who were willing to give help a pleased to say that they never of that I am now able to find my wa

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Tel (01308) 482269

Church Service Times Starting 9.30 a.m. We hope that this new

1st Sunday of the month 11.00 a

3rd Sunday 9.30 a.m.

All Bride Valley Church Family

The Hely Communion Service

Jenny and Peter for good friends who have passed away recently. Always to be remembered

Thank you so much to our sponsors for this month. You saved the day! Earlier in the month we had no sponsors for August so your support is very much appreciated. If would like to keep the church lighting up the sky over the next few months, please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box. Maybe you have a special anniversary or a memory coming up. We would love to hear from you. (The suggested donation is £5.)

Shipton Gorge Fete: 5th August

Friends of St Martin's Church will once again be running the cake stall at the fete and would be really pleased if you could bake a cake for this event. Linda Buck is co-ordinating the stall but if anyone is available to help out on the day, that would be great!

Please get in touch with Linda (898278) to arrange delivery of cakes or Helen Fry (897260) to volunteer.

Breakfast Church is on holiday in August, but there will be Morning Worship in St Martins on the 2^{nd} Sunday instead.

Thank you to Ian and Phil and the team, who work so hard to keep the church yard looking so good, and especially to Geoff for providing the turf!

Wonderful to hear the bells of St Martin's ringing out – Thank you all. You are sounding really good!

Village Hall

July 2023 100 Club Draw results

1 st	155	£25 Lesley Windsor
2^{nd}	151	£10 Eleanor Evans
3 rd	95	£5 Martin Larner

Congratulations to all winners.

Graham Garner

Shipton Gorge Village Society

For this year's annual fete (Sat 5th Aug) the Village Society will be running the tombola stall. We would be grateful for any donation of wine, tins, sauces, cans, jars, bottled water, squash or beer. Should you wish to make a contribution, either Sally Parker or myself would be happy to collect or receive directly.

We thank you for your continued support.

Graham Garner Society Chairman

Parish Council

The Parish Council has a new Clerk to the Council, Lucy Dunstan-Beasley. Her email address remains the same and is: clerk@shiptongorge.org.uk

Wally Axford has been our Rights of Way/Footpaths Officer and point of contact. He has ensured that our rights of way were well maintained and sign posted and our paths have been extremely well looked after under his care, so thank you Wally. Regrettably Wally is unable to continue in this role due to personal circumstances. If any parishioner is keen to undertake this role and oversee our Rights of Way please contact the Clerk.

Hopefully when you receive the BVN, the playing field should have the new swings installed. Lottery funding allowed us to replace the swings. The basketball hoop should soon be back in action after the vandalism which will please some of our younger members of the community. Finally, there will be a maintenance day in the playing field in the autumn so watch out for the date.

Hilary Cunningham

Shipton Gorge Heritage

Heritage Gin Club – The winners of the July draw were Kate and John Kent. A bottle of Conker Gin has been delivered. Congratulations both of you, hope you enjoy it!



There might be a few tickets available for the year starting August - £10 each with twelve chances to win. If you are interested, please email annecrowe2016@hotmail.com.

Saunders Richardson Wood: There have been regular open days in July – a couple of paths have been diverted and we have made a concerted effort to clear the glades of nettles in preparation for a Teddy Bears Picnic on Friday 25 August from 12noon to 2.00pm. All ages welcome, just bring a picnic and your Teddy (or favourite toy) and we will supply cake! The nettle tea fertilizer is coming on nicely and should be available to purchase at the Village Fete on 5th August. There will be Open Wood sessions on Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th August 10.30am to 12.30pm. Please come along to either have a walk through or help out. Members only, however, it is free to join, and we can sign you up on the day.

Shipton Gorge Orchard: The insect friendly borders are looking good and the fruits are developing nicely. Will be having a bit of a tidy and thinning

out of the apples where needed on Wednesday 2nd August 10.30am-12.30pm. If you have a spare hour or so, please come along and help. Word has got out about the interesting grasses in the Orchard and we had a visit from some determined (and agile) cows from the next field! Much less worry this month about keeping the wildflower seedlings watered! A relief, no doubt, for gardeners and farmers alike!

Keep an eye out for signs in the Orchard illustrating certain bees which might be spotted out and about in the month.



If you are interested in supporting the charity in any way, please contact Anne Crowe on 07393 214635.

Details as usual on our website:

http://www.shiptongorge.org.uk/Shipton_Gorge_Heritage__16417.aspx and in the Shipton Gorge Diary https://www.shiptongorgediary.co.uk

(Editor's note: due to space issues the 'letter from Uncle Eustace' has been held over until the September BVN...it will be well worth waiting for!)

August	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4th Sunday
2023	6th August	13th August	20th Aug	27th Aug
	Trinity 9	Trinity 10	Trinity 11	Trinity 12
Burton Bradstock	11.00 Songs of Praise	11.00 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
		Festival Evensong 6:30pm	9.30 Café Church	
Chilcombe				6pm Evening Prayer
Shipton Gorge		9.30 Morning Worship		11am Holy Communion
Swyre	Songs of Praise	Songs of Praise	Songs of Praise	Songs of Praise
	Coronation celebration	In memory of Sue Linford	Birthday of the church	Pimms and Hymns
	6pm Cream teas from 5pm in churchyard	6pm	6pm	6pm (drinks and nibbles before and after)
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion		11.00 All age Holy Communion	11am Café Church
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	9.30 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship